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THE DOGWOOD BLOSSOM



One of the Happiest Moments ever; Is when you find the Courage; To Finally Let Go - of what you can't change.

~Lessons Learned in Life



Members & Friends: Happy March!

We began 2020 with the start of a new year. We are again turning a page to embark upon new journeys that are certain to bring a host of new ideas, challenges and endeavors. The ultimate sacrifice of turning the page is commitment.

For those of you who could not be with us, we had a wonderful state conference. The weekend started with the Friday morning Motorcycle Ride and Golf Outing and the Friday Night Family Event at the Thunderbolt Indoor Karting...fellowship, fun and food! You can't have a better combi-

nation! The Auxiliary introduced the Red Shirt Friday initiative ...REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED. I was elated to see all the supporters wearing their red shirts. Thank you!

Conference Highlights: Business meetings were conducted on Saturday, with Maj Gen Timothy Williams opening the Joint General Session, followed by the Enlisted Association Meeting, presentations of reports/awards, and the Auxiliary meeting and Silent Auction. The evening closed with the Annual Banquet (Military Ball). The weekend was rounded out on Sunday as we remembered those gone from our presence with a Joint Departed Members Memorial Service. Thank you to Area II Enlisted/Auxiliary for joining us: Michele Johnson (Mike), PA; Velda Scye, Pauline Wyatt and Donzella Johnson, DE.

Let us continue to Pray for our country; for persons who are recovering from the many troubling times; for our armed forces and their families, and for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. Remember 'Red Shirt Fridays' and we hope to see all of you in Norfolk next year! Enjoy the read...

Margie
Auxiliary President
&
Newsletter Editor



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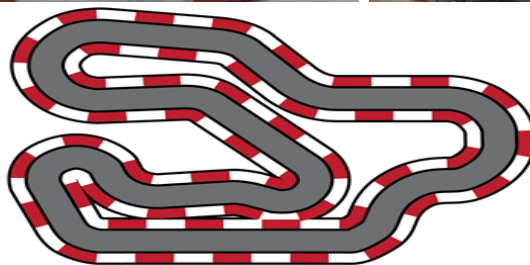
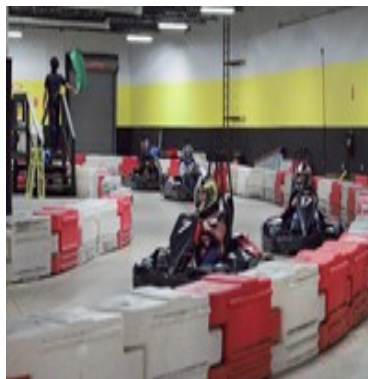
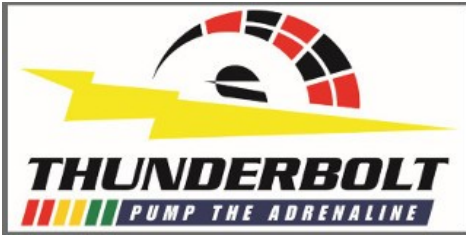
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- ♦ Margie Holcomb ~ President
- ♦ Cynthia Motley ~ Vice President
- ♦ Kim White ~ Treasurer
- ♦ Suzanne Emerson ~ Secretary
- ♦ Margie Holcomb ~ EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President
Area II Legislative POC
Resolutions Chair

- ♦ SGM (R) Clifton White ~ President
- ♦ CSM (R) Cheyenne Johnson ~ 1st VP
- ♦ CSM (R) Carl Holcomb ~ 2nd VP
- ♦ SSG Gavin McClung ~ 3rd VP
- ♦ CMSgt. Tanya Conrad ~ Secretary
- ♦ CSM (R) Tim White ~ Treasurer
- ♦ CMSgt (R) Robert Barnette ~ Area II Dir. (Air)

Quote of the Day
There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why...I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?
~Robert Francis

2020 VNGMG STATE CONFERENCE



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*VIRGINIA MILITARY BALL
2020*



2020 VNGMG STATE CONFERENCE



DEPARTED MEMBERS MEMORIAL SERVICE



“Nor Shall Their Stories Be Forgotten”

“We Remember”

2020 VNGMG AUXILIARY STATE CONFERENCE AGENDA



VAAANGEA AUXILIARY STATE CONFERENCE
 DoubleTree by Hilton Richmond-Midlothian
 1021 Koger Center Boulevard
 Midlothian, VA 23235
 February 29, 2020

Call to Order ~~~~~	Margie V. Holcomb, President margie_holcomb@msn.com
Invocation ~~~~~	Judy Wade
Guest ~~~~~	Michele Johnson Pennsylvania Auxiliary President
Icebreaker ~~~~~	Cynthia Motley, Vice-President
Roll Call ~~~~~	Suzanne Emerson, Secretary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from last State Conference - April 27, 2019 	
Treasurer's Report ~~~~~	Kim White, Treasurer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Budget 2019-2020/Kim White, Treasurer • Budget Line Items 2019-2020/Kim White, Treasurer 	
Scholarship ~~~~~	Kim White, Treasurer
Family Affairs ~~~~~	Charlotte Kuykendall, Committee Chair
Philanthropic ~~~~~	Ronald McDonald House (TBD)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monetary Donation & Toiletries 	
Membership ~~~~~	Kim White, Treasurer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual/Associate Member Reporting • Life Member Reporting 	
Legislative Update ~~~~~	Margie V. Holcomb, President EANGUS Auxiliary Area II Legislative POC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support H.B. 1718 and S.B. 753 to Increase State Active Duty Pay • VA Redbook • EANGUS: Protect Veterans' Right to School Choice; Written on 1/15/2020, Daniel Elkins 	
Conference Information ~~~~~	Conference Delegates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synopsis of 2019 National Conference (De Moines, IA) • Update of 2020 National Conference (Little Rock, AR~August 9-12, 2020) 	
Old Business ~~~~~	Auxiliary Body
New Business ~~~~~	Margie V. Holcomb, President
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Mid-Winter Caucus: Live! Lofts; Hanover, MD (March 13-15, 2020) • 2020 National Conference Delegates Registration Reimbursement 	
Officer Elections ~~~~~	Auxiliary Body
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oath of Office ~~~~~ 	Janice Barnette
Benediction ~~~~~	Judy Wade
Adjournment ~~~~~	President Elect Margie V. Holcomb

CALLS TO ACTION - LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

**Answer EANGUS Legislative Alerts and Calls to Action!
Respond to the calls and stay involved!**

**EANGUS' Legislative Action Center
YouTube Channel: [EANGUS National Office](#)**

Need to know EANGUS alerts/actions, go to:
<http://eangus.org/legislative-action-center/>

Need to find legislation, go to:
<https://www.congress.gov>

Need to know your congressional members, go to:
<https://www.govtrack.us>

***2019 Calls to Action: 2019-1, 2019-2, 2019-3**

EANGUS Legislative Protect our right to transfer our benefits to our family!

Since 2009 the heroes that serve our country have been able to transfer the GI Bill benefits to their dependents or spouse. Over the past 10 years since this policy has been active over 1 million Veterans have chosen to give their benefits to their family. We believe this program honors the sacrifice that Servicemembers make to earn these benefits in the way that is best for them and their family who share in that sacrifice.

However, without your help, in January the Department of Defense plans to change this important policy making it impossible for some to transfer their benefits to their children. We believe that showing our gratitude to Veterans is giving Veterans more freedom of choice not less.

Please take a few minutes to reach out to your Representative and Senators to voice your concerns about restricting the GI Bill Transferability.

ANOTHER WAY TO STAY CONNECTED:

Download the VoterVoice phone app on your mobile device:



- iPhone App Store
- Google Play Store

Virginia Capitol Connections Virginia Redbook (Download app to iPhone & Android device home screen)

<https://www.virginiaredbook.com>



Legislative
Reception
January 30, 2020
Library of
Richmond



2020 CALLS TO ACTION - VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD

Support H.B. 1718 and S.B. 753 to Increase State Active Duty Pay

VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION·MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020·3 MINUTES

The Commonwealth of Virginia's General Assembly continues to process several bills within the House of Delegates and Senate during the 2020 General Session, several of which impact the Virginia National Guard.

The Virginia National Guard Association asks that the general public supports the Virginia National Guard by contacting their local elected representatives and asking for their support of House Bill 1718 and Senate Bill 753, "Virginia National Guard; state active duty for emergency response; pay and allowances for members." Please contact your representatives by visiting the "Who's My Legislator?" webpage and sending a short email advocating their support for H.B. 1718 and S.B. 753.

This bill closes the pay gap for Virginia National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and members of the Virginia Defense Force who willingly serve during emergencies with members of the Armed Forces, regardless of status; effectively equalizing the pay between the National Guard and the active component.

This new bill seeks to amend Commonwealth of Virginia Code § 44-83 such that members of the Virginia National Guard (Army National Guard, Air National Guard and Virginia Defense Force) receive pay and allowances equal to their rank and years of service, as determined by the Department of Military Affairs. The bill further stipulates that the Adjutant General may increase state active duty pay on an annual basis by a rate not to exceed the most recent percentage increase in basic pay for members of the Armed Forces. Current law requires that state active duty pay is to be equal to one day's active duty basic pay as if the member were performing Annual Training.

Passing this important legislation would ensure that Virginia National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and members of the Virginia Defense Force are compensated equally to their active duty counterparts.

On January 8, 2020, Sen. Bryce Reeves, District 17, introduced Senate Bill 753 "Virginia National Guard; state active duty for emergency response; pay and allowances for members" as Chief Patron.

SENATE PATRONS

Bryce E. Reeves (chief patron)

John J. Bell

Amanda F. Chase

Mark J. Peake

Todd E. Pillion

Similarly, on January 17, 2020, Del. Nicholas Freitas, District 30, introduced House Bill 1718 "Virginia National Guard; state active duty for emergency response; pay and allowances for members" as Chief Patron. The language of H.B. 1718 is identical to S.B. 753.

Information Provided Courtesy of CMSgt (R) Jay Ellis

OPERATION HOMEFRONT-SERVING AMERICA'S MILITARY FAMILIES WE CARE FOR AMERICA FOUNDATION/AMAZON SMILE



Serving America's
Military Families

Critical Financial Assistance – OPERATION HOMEFRONT
**Disaster Recovery Assistance for Gulf Coast and
East Coast Military Families**

<https://www.operationhomefront.org/custompage?id=6364>

If you are in need of home repairs or are otherwise experiencing financial hardship because of Hurricane Florence or Hurricane Michael, you may be eligible for assistance and are encouraged to apply for help. Please call Operation Homefront directly at 877-264-3968, and a caseworker will assist you in making an emergency application for our Critical Financial Assistance program.

FAQs: <http://cms.operationhomefront.org/media/690314/cfa-fags.pdf>



The EANGUS "We Care for America" Foundation, Inc. (WCFA) offers an opportunity to apply for an emergency grant (referred to hereafter as the "National Guard Soldiers and Airmen Emergency Relief Fund") **to a current or former National Guard member who is in good standing and is an EANGUS dues paying member (Life, Annual or Associate)** who has experienced a catastrophic financial hardship and/or personal property loss.

WCFA SOP & Application

https://eangus.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/1/2015/02/WCFA_EMERGENCY_RELIEF_FUND_S.pdf

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) operates a 501(c)3 organization called "We Care for America" (WCFA) Foundation Inc. WCFA provides Scholarships, Awards, Patriotism Awareness, and Veterans Against Drugs Program. However, this foundation's primary purpose is to maintain and operate the National Guard Soldier and Airmen Emergency Relief Fund.

The National Guard Soldier and Airmen Relief Fund was created many years ago through a generous grant from a corporate partner. Over time, this fund has supported National Guard members faster than we have replenished the funds. Because of your generous donations, we are again accepting applications for the Emergency Relief Fund. Although funds are now available for distribution, the foundation does still need your help to prevent a future suspension of the program.

Everyone knows a neighbor, friend, or family member who is connected with the National Guard. We have been at war for 12 straight years, and there are many needs out there to be met. Please support your National Guard by giving just a few dollars today. The couple of seconds that it takes will make a difference in the lives of someone.

While many other support services exist, many of them have rules that limit their support only to Active Duty Service Members. This is the **ONLY** organization that exclusively supports the men and women of the National Guard. Please consider how you can help, no donation is too big or too small.

If you know someone that would like to help, please pass along our information. If you know a company that would like to partner with We Care for America, please email eangus@eangus.org or call 1-800-234-EANG (3264).

Click here to donate to We Care for America (<https://eangus.org/wcfa/>)

AMAZON SMILE



Smile.amazon.com has a program where they will donate to a non-profit organization after every purchase. It is the same as going to [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), it is the same pricing, same everything, except they make a donation. If you use Amazon this Holiday Season, use Amazon Smiles instead, and choose "We Care for America" as your charitable organization, and help EANGUS help National Guard Families. Whenever you shop Amazon, utilize this [LINK](#) and Amazon will make a donation to WCFA.

Update and stay connected with:

EANGUS MOBILE *New!!*



EANGUS Mobile
Enlisted Assn-National Guard
Enlisted Association of the
National Guard of the United
States

5.0, 1 Rating
Free

This app is only available on the App Store for iOS devices.



Google Play for Android Devices



Your Virginia Auxiliary is now on Facebook! A Public Group page has been set up for the Virginia Army and Air National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary. You should be able to search and find us:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/543932755937671/>

We will use the page to get Auxiliary and military family information to our members AND prospective members. Invitations to the page were sent to members where we have an email address. Please check out the page and watch for information. There is also a page for the Virginia Army and Air National Guard Enlisted Association that posts relevant information.

Invite someone to become a new member and help us grow and support the Enlisted Association!

Courtesy of Kim White, Virginia Auxiliary Treasurer

Protecting America's Consumers




Effective September 21st, per new federal law credit freezes will not only be FREE but will last continuously "freeze" it. Freezing your credit helps prevent identify thieves from opening fraudulent accounts in your name. For more information visit:

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

2020 EANGUS & AREA II EVENTS

- ◆ **March 13-15, 2020 Maryland Live! Loft**
7491 New Ridge Road
Hanover, MD 21076 
- ◆ **9-12 Aug 2020 ~ 2020 EANGUS National Conference; Little Rock, Arkansas**
Register at www.eangus.org
- ◆ **Area II Hotel Assignment**
Courtyard by Marriott Downtown
521 President Clinton Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72201



DATES OF IMPORTANCE

- ◆ **Next Executive Council Meeting ~ TBD**
- ◆ **2021 VaAANGEA Annual Conference**
22 - 25 April 2021
Norfolk Waterside Marriott
235 E Main Street
Norfolk, VA 23510-1668
Registration: TBD



VAA/ANGEA AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

HISTORY OF THE AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary began in 1973 when a group of spouses gathered together to discuss the possibility of forming a national auxiliary to EANGUS. The next year the organization was officially formed with the creation of the organization that began with eleven chartered state auxiliaries and has spread and grown through the years, and now has chartered 40 state auxiliaries and two territories.

PURPOSE OF THE AUXILIARY

The purpose of the Auxiliary is to support the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS), in attaining goals and objectives, and to provide support and fellowship among National Guard families. Along with supporting the Enlisted Association's legislative efforts, the Auxiliary is also concerned with family issues and provides scholarships for spouses and dependents.

WHAT THE AUXILIARY DOES FOR EANGUS!

The Auxiliary supports and promotes EANGUS. It provides support of its legislative efforts for the improvement and retention of benefits for members of the National Guard. It assists with planning and preparations of the Association and Auxiliary Joint Annual Conference.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Annual Member: Any spouse of active, retired, or former Guard Member, who is a member of EANGUS and the VaAANGEA.

Associate Member: Any person who does not qualify as an annual member, but supports the objectives of the Auxiliary.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

BY CHECK: VAAANGEA AUXILIARY

SEND TO: auxiliaryva@gmail.com to use
PAYPAL AND VENMO

**“SIDE-BY-SIDE
WE STAND WITH PRIDE”**

VAA/ANGEA AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual Dues: \$15.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Spouse: _____

Rank: _____

Unit: _____

Unit Location: _____

Annual Member New Member

Associate Member Renewal

Signature _____

Mail completed form with payment to:

Kim White, Treasurer

VaA/ANGEA-Auxiliary

1 Anderson Highway

Powhatan, VA 23139- 5439

***Support
Your State
and
National
Auxiliary***

2019 VIRGINIA HISTORY

Virginia

State Conference – The 45th Annual Conference of the Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association & Auxiliary was held 26 April - 28 April, 2019 at the Newport News Marriott at Center City; Newport News, VA. Auxiliary President Margie V. Holcomb opened the meeting with the following members present: Cynthia D. Motley (Vice-President), Suzanne T. Emerson (Secretary), Kimberly White (Treasurer), Judy Wade, Janice Barnette, Barbara Webb, Charlotte Kuykendall, and Loretta Vest; Associate Members; Shonté A. Holcomb and Shelia Martin; one guest, EANGUS Auxiliary President Angela Kennebeck (IA). This year marked the third joint session of the Virginia National Guard Enlisted and Officer Associations with the Margie V. Holcomb, Auxiliary President leading the Pledge of Allegiance and opening remarks by MG Timothy Williams. The Auxiliary joined the Enlisted Association for opening ceremonies conducted by CSM Clifton White, Enlisted Association President with guest speaker EANGUS Vice President CSM (Ret) Dean Kennebeck (IA). VaAANGEA Auxiliary President presented the 2018 Virginia Auxiliary Report and introduced EANGUS Auxiliary President Angela Kennebeck (IA). The Auxiliary business meeting was opened by President Margie V. Holcomb and prayer from Judy Wade. The minutes and treasurer's reports from the 2018 state conference were read and approved by the Auxiliary body as presented by Suzanne Emerson, Secretary and Kimberly White, Treasurer. Agenda topics of discussion included recruitment efforts, silent auction (state and national), scholarship, recruitment initiatives/efforts/challenges, and philanthropic support. EANGUS Auxiliary President Angela Kennebeck reported on the EANGUS Auxiliary National Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. The Auxiliary provided note cards that were personalized for the 529th CSSB who were deployed. Cards were collected and mailed to the Unit. The VA Auxiliary presented EANGUS Auxiliary President Angela Kennebeck with a cutting board etched with the State of Virginia (places to visit). The Auxiliary also attended the Memorial Service at the end of the conference.

EANGUS Conference—Virginia Auxiliary members in attendance 4-7 August 2019 for the 48th Annual EANGUS Auxiliary (46th) Conference in Des Moines, Iowa were: Margie V. Holcomb, President; Suzanne T. Emerson, Secretary; Kimberly White, Treasurer; Charlotte Kuykendall, Judy Wade, and Janice Barnette. Margie Holcomb continues to serve as the EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President and selected for the following committees representing the Area II Auxiliary: Legislative, Burden Bears, Philanthropic, and Resolutions.

Newsletter—*The Dogwood Blossom* newsletter was published four times during FY-2019 and received First Place Award, Category 6 – State Auxiliary Newsletter at the EANGUS Auxiliary National Conference.

Communication—Disseminated *The Signal, Area II Auxiliary "Cadence" Newsletter, The Dogwood Blossom, the New Patriot and EANGUS Minuteman Updates* to Auxiliary Members and Enlisted Association Members; corresponded with Virginia Auxiliary Treasurer Kimberly White concerning line items for the Treasurer's Report to be presented and voted on at the 2020 Annual State Conference; 2020 Auxiliary Dues Transmittal submission and any other business related to the Virginia Auxiliary. Disseminated information to Auxiliary members concerning the death of Associate Auxiliary Member SFC (Ret) Jimmy Joe St. Clair; email to Auxiliary members concerning the 2020 membership dues deadline; Judy Wade (LTM #640) sent postcards to Virginia Auxiliary lifetime members advising of payment of membership dues and reporting requirements to EANGUS Auxiliary along with scholarship information updates as suggested during the Executive Council Meeting (another year of positive responses); communicated with Shelia Brookins (KY) and Barbara Sizemore (WV), Auxiliary Area II Directors, providing continued support.

2019 VIRGINIA HISTORY~CONT'D

Scholarship—The VaAANGEA Auxiliary Scholarship will be issued based on proceeds from the Silent Auction and set at increments of \$500, \$700, \$1,000. Scholarship recipient awards are made in conjunction with the Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association and is presented at each State Conference. The \$1,000 Virginia Auxiliary Scholarship recipient for 2019 was Noah Whitby who is attending James Madison University; Harrisonburg, VA.

Deceased Lifetime Member—Juaneta P. (Phillips) McLaughlin, LTM #368; April 26, 2019

Philanthropic—The Virginia Auxiliary supports area Ronald McDonald houses with a monetary donation and toiletries donated to the Ronald McDonald House closest to the State Conference location. It was voted by the Auxiliary body that the 2019 donations be presented to the Ronald McDonald House in the Charlottesville, Virginia.

Projects/Participations – Virginia Auxiliary Members President Margie V. Holcomb, Vice-President Cynthia D. Motley, Rebekah McClung; Associate Members CSM (Ret) Carl A. Holcomb, Shelia Martin, and Shaia McClung attended the Virginia Army National Guard Volunteer Recognition and Training Workshop in Williamsburg, VA. The National Extra Mile Award was presented to CSM (Ret) Carl A. Holcomb-VaAANGEA 2nd Vice President and VaAANGEA Auxiliary Associate Member. Virginia Auxiliary Members President Margie Holcomb, Vice-President Cynthia Motley, Rebekah McClung, and Associate Auxiliary Members CSM(R) Carl Holcomb, Shelia Martin, and Shaia McClung participated in the 14th Annual National Guard Youth Summer Camp held at SMR Camp Pendleton, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Margie serves as a mentor and leader to the Purple Group (age 13) and Teen Counselors (age 14 to 17) who participated in the Leaders in Training Program. Feedback from this program was provided to Child and Youth Coordinators-Joe Duerksen and Shae Weyant, Virginia National Guard Family Programs. Cynthia, Carl, Rebekah and Shelia served as mentors and Adult Group Leaders for teen counselors and campers; Shaia served as a teen counselor for campers. Feedback during and after camp was provided to the Virginia National Guard Family Programs group from adult mentors and teen counselors.

Margie V. Holcomb (VaAANGEA Auxiliary President/EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President) attended the EANGKY State Conference/GRO Gala, 27-28 September 2019, Lexington Griffin Gate Marriott Resort & Spa; Lexington, KY.

Membership – The Virginia Auxiliary reported six (6) annual members, thirteen (13) lifetime members, and fourteen (14) associate members for 2019.

EANGUS Area II Caucus – The EANGUS Area II Caucus was held March 2, 2019 at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square in Lancaster, PA. The Auxiliary meeting was conducted by EANGUS Auxiliary Area II Directors Barbara Sizemore (WV) and Shelia Brookins (KY). Virginia Auxiliary Members in attendance Margie Holcomb, Suzanne Emerson, Kimberly White, Judy Wade, Charlotte Kuykendall, and Janice Barnette. Topics of discussion included information from membership recruiting efforts, state conferences and silent auction planning for State Chapters and the National Conference.

Legislative Reception (Workshop): Virginia Auxiliary President Margie V. Holcomb attended the Virginia National Guard's Legislative Reception-January 16, 2019 at the Library of Virginia-Richmond, VA. Associate Members in attendance were, CSM (Ret) Carl A. Holcomb, CSM Henry Motley, and SGM Cliff White.

Executive Council Meeting – Auxiliary members attended additional EC meetings conducted January 26, 2019 at JFHQ-DSCR, Richmond, VA; July 27, 2019 at JFHQ-DSCR (via phone with Auxiliary), November 16, 2019 at JFHQ-DSCR, Richmond, VA.

2019 VIRGINIA HISTORY~CONT'D

News Release: News release referencing the attendance at the EANGUS Auxiliary National Conference submitted for publication to “The Mechanicsville Local”-Mechanicsville, VA by Virginia Auxiliary President and EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President Margie V. Holcomb.

Innovation: The VaAANGEA Auxiliary continues to use Facebook as a means of providing information about the VaAANGEA, Auxiliary, EANGUS, EANGUS Auxiliary, and VA Family Programs. Kimberly White, VaAANGEA Auxiliary Treasurer continues to manage and post information. Kim has posted all Virginia EC meetings, information from the Virginia National Guard Family Programs, notices from the Virginia National Guard, Newsletters to include the *Signal*, *Area II Auxiliary Cadence*, the *Virginia National Guard Management Group (VNGMG)*, and the *Dogwood Blossom*.



**IS YOUR VAA/ANGEA AUXILIARY
MEMBERSHIP CURRENT?**

**Has your Auxiliary membership
expired, please use the membership
application in this newsletter to renew
and mail right away. YOUR AUXILIARY
NEEDS YOU!**

It is important that our Auxiliary retain the largest membership of annual, associate, and life members as possible. The membership numbers of EANGUS and Auxiliary members do make a difference when lobbying on Capitol Hill. Please renew your membership by sending a check for \$15 (annual or associate) or \$9 (life) to VaA/ANGEA Auxiliary, mail to: Kim White - 1 Anderson Highway, Powhatan VA 23139-5439. Many of us sign up our spouses as associate members as EANGUS encourages them to do so to show support for the Auxiliary. PLEASE HELP US RETAIN OUR STRENGTH.

**Questions,
comments or
concerns, please
contact:**



**Virginia Amy/Air National Guard
Enlisted Association -
(VaA/ANGEA) - AUXILIARY**

**Margie Holcomb
Auxiliary President**

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Mechanicsville, VA 23111-4329

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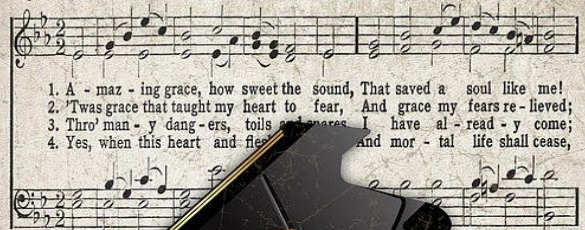
~ PRAYERS AND CARES ~

*We send our healing prayers to:
All Auxiliary Members, Enlisted Members
& Service Members who may have
misfortunes.
Shelia Martin (Associate Member) &
Family*

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

John Newton, 1779

Samuel Stanley, 1767-1822



From The Sunshine Lady

Happiness

keeps you sweet, sorrows keep you human,

Life

keeps you humble,

Success

**keeps you glowing,
but only**

God

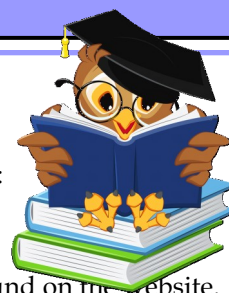
keeps you going.

SCHOLARSHIPS



2020 EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarships

You may download scholarship applications from the Auxiliary Website:
<https://eangusauxiliary.org>.



Copies of the criteria and applications will be included in "The Signal" and may also be found on the website.

If you have any questions, contact: Liz Bryant
EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Chair
labrab0704@gmail.com



2020 EANGUS SCHOLARSHIPS

EANGUS provides scholarships for members of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States and their dependents.

For scholarship descriptions please visit: <https://eangus.org>

For more information on scholarships, contact: Rosie Marsten
EANGUS Scholarship Chair
scholarship@eangus.org

**NOTE: The VaAANGEA Auxiliary Scholarship is processed through the VaAANGEA
The Auxiliary Scholarship Recipient for 2020—Anna Lambert
College Attending: Blue Ridge Community College (Weyers Cave, VA)**



2020 EANGUS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

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EANGUS Auxiliary 2020 Scholarships

- One (1) USAA Auxiliary scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 (three thousand dollars)
- One (1) EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 (two thousand dollars)
- One (1) EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars)
- Two (2) EANGUS Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars)

Criteria/Application can be downloaded at <https://eangusauxiliary.org> **Scholarship** tab, or in *The Signal*.
Deadline for submitting scholarship application is 30 June 2020

Liz Bryant, EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Chair
labrab0704@gmail.com

Note: Auxiliary scholarship sponsors need to ask your State's Auxiliary National Scholarship Chair what is the state deadline date. This allows the State Scholarship Chair/Committee to review applications and forward eligible applications to Liz Bryant, EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Chair by postmark date of 30 June 2020. (South Dakota and Wisconsin have deadline date of June 1, 2020.)

EANGUS SCHOLARSHIP REMINDERS



EANGUS Scholarships

The EANGUS Scholarship Program is not only for you...our members, but many scholarships are also available to your spouse and dependents. Each week we will spotlight one of the scholarship programs being offered to EANGUS members by our partnering educational institutions. Please take a moment to review this information and pass it on to other enlisted National Guard members!

CSM Virgil R. Williams Scholarship

A scholarship of \$2,000 will be awarded to EANGUS members or dependents. Total number of scholarships will be based on contributions to the program. This scholarship is for an undergraduate degree. Money is paid directly to the school you are attending and goes towards tuition expenses. Previous winners may not re-apply.

Sponsored by:

Patriot Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee is proud to present this \$1,000 scholarship that is derived from contributions from individuals, not corporate donations. The number of scholarships will be based on contributions. Money is paid directly to the school you are attending and goes towards tuition expenses. Previous winners may not re-apply.

Deadline to apply is 1 May 2020

To view all scholarships available through EANGUS, and complete an application go to:

eangus.org/we-care-for-America/scholarship-information/

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NOTE:

The VaAANGEA Auxiliary Scholarship is processed through the VaAANGEA

The deadline date for submitting applications will be December 31st of each year.

MARCH 8TH

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS



MARCH 17TH

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



APRIL - MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

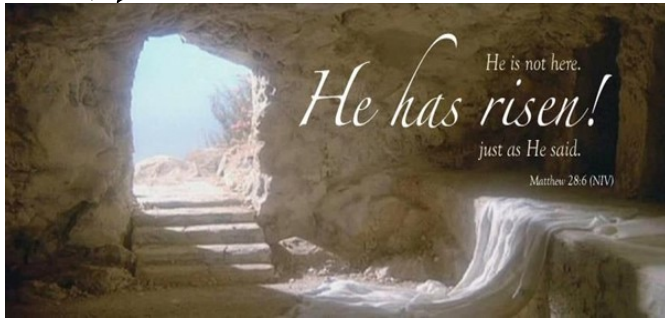


“The official flower of the military child is the dandelion. Why? The plant puts down roots almost anywhere, and it’s almost impossible to destroy. It’s an unpretentious plant, yet good looking. It’s a survivor in a broad range of climates. Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them. They are hardy and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the military, planted swiftly and surely. They’re ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends.”

<https://www.military.com/spousebuzz/blog/2008/04/month-of-the-military-child.html>

OBSERVANCES

April 12th - Easter



May 10th - Mother's Day



May 25th - Memorial Day



June 14th - Flag Day



June 19th - Juneteenth



June 21st - Father's Day



July 4th - Independence Day

And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred Honor.

-from the Declaration of Independence
July 4, 1776



DID YOU KNOW?

Disabled Veterans Can Now Fly Space-A



Space-available passengers board a C-17 at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, bound for Andersen AFB, Guam. (U.S. Air Force/Cohen A. Young)

Military.com | By [Jim Absher](#)

Many disabled veterans are now eligible to fly Space-A on military aircraft.

The 2019 National Defense Authorization Act allows veterans with a permanent and total service-connected [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) disability rating to travel space available on military aircraft.

Veterans will be assigned a travel priority of Category 6, the lowest priority available, along with retirees and their dependents.

Dependents of disabled veterans are not eligible for Space-A travel.

Authorized disabled veterans can travel in the continental United States (CONUS) or directly between CONUS and Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa.

Disabled veterans must have a DD Form 2765, Defense Department ID Card (Tan), in order to fly Space-A.

The Space Available Program

Space available flights, better known as Space-A or military hops, allow eligible passengers to fill unused seats on DoD-owned or -controlled aircraft. Space-A passengers can fly only after all the space-required passengers and cargo have been accommodated. Space-A passengers are then loaded in priority groups, with emergency leave being the top priority and retirees and disabled veterans rating the lowest priority.

DID YOU KNOW?~CONT'D

For a Full breakdown of all the categories go to: military.com/travel/space-available-flight-eligibility.html

Space-A passengers can take up to two pieces of luggage at 70 pounds each; pets are not allowed.

Not all Space-A flights originate from military bases. Commercial airports such as Baltimore-Washington Marshall International and Seattle-Tacoma International also offer Space-A flights.

Long gone are the days of having to show up in person at the passenger terminal to register for a flight. Now, Air Mobility Command, which runs the Space-A program, lets you register for flights via email, and all Space-A terminals have Facebook pages where you can see what flights are coming up and how many seats are available.

Check out AMC's page for details on how to find your local Space-A terminal and instructions on how to register for a flight. Go to: amc.af.mil/Home/AMC-Travel-Site/

4 Tips for Flying Space-A

What is Space A? Space Available travel is when military planes or charters have empty seats and offer them to waiting eligible passengers. Eligible means they did their homework, have the right paperwork, and -- really -- just got lucky.

1. Know your category. Space-A is only available for service members, their dependents, military retirees and some disabled veterans. Active duty service members on emergency leave (Category I), or EML (Category II) get highest priority. Service members and any family with them traveling on leave get next priority, along with dependents of service members stationed overseas (Category III). After that comes dependents whose service member is currently deployed 120 days or more (Category IV), students whose sponsor is stationed OCONUS (Category V), and retirees and reservists and their dependents (Category VI). In 2019 service connected 100 percent disabled veterans were also added to Category VI, although they are not permitted to fly with dependents.
2. Know where you are going. Flights are tentatively announced 72 hours ahead of time, even for regularly scheduled flights. Download the Take-a-Hop app on your smartphone (\$6.99), which lists all AMC terminals and their contact information.

Then, start calling the information lines of any terminals you plan to fly out of. Interested in Asia? Look into the Patriot Express, a regular shuttle from the West Coast. Europe more your style? Check flight times on the Rotator from the East Coast. Or skip the jet lag and try to hop a flight to Key West!

3. Do you have all your paperwork? You must have your military ID card. You must have a copy of leave orders or EML orders. You must have a passport if you are traveling overseas. You must have a letter from your command verifying eligibility from the service member's command if you are in Category IV. You must have DD Form 1853 if you are a reservist.

If you're heading out of the country, consider getting an international driver's license (\$25 from AAA) before leaving home, since an American license won't always allow you to rent a car overseas.

4. Be flexible. The more flexible you can be, the more fun you'll have. The simpler and more direct your itinerary, the more successful you may be. Expect planes to get delayed or rerouted. Bring food, books and games for the airport. Pack lighter than light, bring lots of money, and expect to end up somewhere unexpected. Be prepared to rent cars, purchase flights home, and rent hotel rooms.

If you're going to spend money on a vacation anyway, and enjoy a little mystery in life, Space A might be just the ticket!