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# THE DOGWOOD BLOSSOM




Members & Friends: Hello May!

In our lifetime we have experienced unimaginable events at various levels. There is no doubt that our everyday lives have been upended and we have been left with a mark that cannot be removed or forgotten. Our new normal means embracing change and then learning how to handle that change. This way of life as we know is completely unprecedented and as always we shall remain prayerful and hopeful that there will be a resolve.


Our 2020 EANGUS Area II Mid-Winter Conference business session was held at Live! Lofts in Hanover, Maryland on March 14, 2020. We were small in physical numbers while the advances in technology afforded us the opportunity to reach out to other members and conduct business as usual. The Auxiliary supported the general session and then separated to conduct their meeting in the afternoon. Auxiliary Members represented the states of Delaware, Ohio and Virginia. Thanks to the Maryland Enlisted Association for all their hard work to the success of this conference!

We will continue to Pray for our Country; for families who are recovering from these troubling times; for our armed forces and their families, and for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. Remember 'Red Shirt Fridays' for our military, flashing lights of blue for our frontline warriors, and standing ovations to the essential workers all who unselfishly provide services for the every day needs of this Country! Stay safe, take care of yourselves and each other.

Enjoy the read... 

*Margie*  
Auxiliary President  
&  
Newsletter Editor




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**AUXILIARY OFFICERS**                      **ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

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

- ♦ CSM (R) Clifton White ~ President
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- ♦ 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

The struggle you're in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow.  
Don't give up!  
~Author Unknown

# 2020 EANGUS AREA II MID-WINTER CONFERENCE



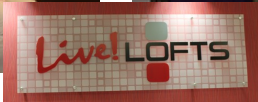
Virginia Delegation

Seated: Judy Wade, Janice Barnette, Margie Holcomb, Kim White  
 Standing: Cliff White, Robert Barnette, Carl Holcomb, Joe Wade



EANGUS Area II Auxiliary

L-R: Pauline Wyatt (DE), Judy Wade (VA), Janice Barnette (VA), Kim White (VA), Kim McGraw (OH), Susan Ford (OH), Margie Holcomb (VA)





# 2020 EANGUS AUXILIARY AREA II MID-WINTER CAUCUS AGENDA



EANGUS Auxiliary Area II Mid-Winter Caucus  
 Live! Lofts  
 7491 New Ridge Road  
 Hanover, Maryland 21076  
 March 14, 2020

## AGENDA

### WELCOME!!

Call to Order ~~~~~Auxiliary Area II Directors  
 Barbara Sizemore (WV)  
 Shelia Brookins (KY)

*(Meeting was conducted by Margie V Holcomb, VaAANGEA Auxiliary President)*

Invocation~~~~~Judy Wade (VA)

Pledge of Allegiance ~~~~~Acknowledged from opening General Session

Opening Remarks ~~~~~Margie V. Holcomb (VA)

~~Ice Breaker~~/Introductions ~~~~~Margie V. Holcomb (VA)

Acknowledgements ~~~~~Margie V. Holcomb (VA)

### ◆ State Roll Call

State	P	A	#Present	Names
Delaware	√		1	Pauline Wyatt
District of Columbia		X	0	
Kentucky		X	0	Shelia Brookins (Excused)
Maryland		X	0	
North Carolina		X	0	
Ohio	√		2	Kim McGraw, Susan Ford
Pennsylvania		X	0	Michele Johnson (Excused)
Title-10		X	0	
Virginia	√		4	Margie Holcomb, Judy Wade, Janice Barnette, Kim White
West Virginia		X	0	Barbara Sizemore (Excused)

### ◆ Minutes from 2019 Mid-Winter Caucus District of Columbia

*[Minutes were not available from 2019 Caucus; notes for the 2020 meeting were taken by Kim White (VA)]*

# 2020 EANGUS AUXILIARY AREA II MID-WINTER CAUCUS AGENDA

## ◆ Area II Auxiliary State Conference Dates

State	Date	Location
Delaware	TBD	TBD
District of Columbia	JUN 2020	TBD
Kentucky	26-27 SEP 2020	Lexington, KY
Maryland	TBD	TBD
North Carolina	27 MAR 2020	TBD
Ohio	14-15 FEB 2020	TBD
Pennsylvania	8-9 NOV 2020	Lancaster, PA
NGB Title-10	TBD	TBD
Virginia	28 FEB – 1 MAR 2020	Richmond, VA
West Virginia	TBD	TBD

## ◆ Memberships/Dues (Best Practices)

- Dues Structure by State
- Associate Life Membership
- On-line Membership New/Renewal
  - ◇ Retirees
  - ◇ Memberships
  - ◇ Ways of keeping them involved

## ◆ Time and Place Committee – EANGUS Conference Locations

- 2021 National Conference – Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 2022 National Conference – Rochester, Minnesota
- 2023 National Conference – TBA
- 2024 National Conference – TBA

## ◆ Area II Auxiliary Committee Assignments

### Shelia Brookins

- ◇ Constitution
- ◇ Credential & Rules
- ◇ Nominations
- ◇ Public Relations

### Barbara Sizemore

- ◇ Burden Bears
- ◇ Finance
- ◇ Membership/Life Associates
- ◇ Philanthropic
- ◇ Resolutions

## ◆ Auxiliary Initiatives

- Membership & Recruitment
- Philanthropic

## 2020 EANGUS AUXILIARY AREA II MID-WINTER CAUCUS AGENDA

- ◆ Scholarships
  - Members
  - Dependents
  - Grandchildren, Step-grandchildren
- ◆ Area II Auxiliary State Projects for FY 2020
  - Support Military Families
  - Community Activities
  - National Guard Family Programs
  - Social Causes (if applicable)
- ◆ Auxiliary Newsletters
  - Need one asap
- ◆ EANGUS APP
- ◆ Closing Remarks: Margie V. Holcomb, VaAANGEA Auxiliary President
- ◆ Email Addresses:

**Barbara Sizemore – [socermomuva@hotmail.com](mailto:socermomuva@hotmail.com)**

**Shelia Brookins – [eangky.brookins@gmail.com](mailto:eangky.brookins@gmail.com)**

**EANGUS Auxiliary:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Eangus-Auxiliary/228565090491612>**

**SIDE BY SIDE, WE STAND WITH PRIDE**

## CALLS TO ACTION - LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER



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>

**\* Ask representatives to support EANGUS  
legislative priorities**

### EANGUS Legislative

#### Help protect our right to transfer The Post 9/11 GI Bill

The Department of Defense has indicated they wish to further limit and deny servicemembers and veterans the right to transfer their education benefits to their families. The Post 9/11 GI Bill Transferability Entitlement Act (TEA Act) in the Senate and House has been introduced as a response to DoD's intention to limit education benefits, and will ensure that transferring education benefits becomes an entitlement for all military families.

Please join us reaching out to your Senate and member of Congress to vocalize your support for S. 2327 and HR. 5522, the Post 9/11 GI Bill Transferability Entitlement Act (TEA Act).

### 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.

## OTHER WAYS 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)



## 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 Airman 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](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](mailto: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](https://www.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**

**EANGUS & EANGUS AUXILIARY EVENTS**

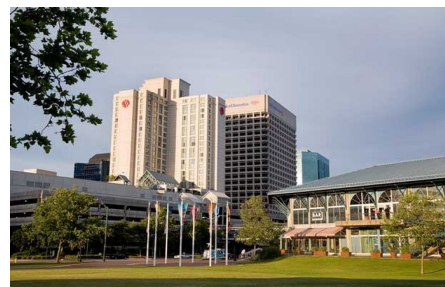
- ◆ 9-12 Aug 2020 ~ 2020 EANGUS National Conference; Little Rock, Arkansas  
**CANCELLED**

**UPDATES:**

- ◆ 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference ~ Albuquerque, New Mexico 2021
- ◆ 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference ~ Little Rock, Arkansas 2022 (August 7-10 or 14-18)
- ◆ 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference ~ Rochester, Minnesota 2023

**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](mailto: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**

\*Required fields if applying for Annual Membership

**Support  
Your State  
and  
National  
Auxiliary**

**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  
6310 Queens Lace Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111-4329  
Email: [margie\\_holcomb@msn.com](mailto:margie_holcomb@msn.com)**

**~ PRAYERS AND CARES ~**

*We send our healing prayers to:  
All Auxiliary Members, Enlisted Members  
& Service Members and anyone who may  
have misfortunes.  
Loretta Vest & Family ~ Loss of Son-in-  
Law Patrick Earnest*

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory.  
for ever and ever.  
Amen

**From the Sunshine Lady**

What's broken can be mended.  
What hurts can be healed.  
And no matter how dark  
it gets,  
the sun is going to rise  
again.

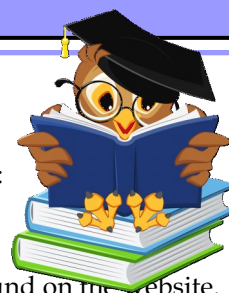


## SCHOLARSHIPS



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:scholarship@eangus.org)

Important  
Information

**The VaAANGEA Auxiliary Scholarship is processed through the VaAANGEA**  
**The deadline date for submitting applications will be**  
**December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.**



## 2020 EANGUS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

### EANGUS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

#### 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](mailto: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.)



## OBSERVANCES

### May 10<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day

Happy Mothers Day

to ALL the MOTHERS out there whether you are a Past, Present or Soon To be Moms. May your day be filled with love, joy and laughter..



### May 25<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day



### June 14<sup>th</sup> - Flag Day



*I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

### June 19<sup>th</sup> - Juneteenth



### June 21<sup>st</sup> - Father's Day



### July 4<sup>th</sup> - 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





## MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH



National Military Appreciation Month is celebrated every May and is a declaration that encourages U.S. citizens to observe the month in a symbol of unity.

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show their appreciation for troops past and present.

Not only do we pause on Memorial Day to remember the sacrifice and service of those who gave all, May was chosen because it has many individual days marked to note our military's achievements, including Loyalty Day, established in 1921, Victory in Europe (VE) Day commemorating the end of WWII in Europe in 1945, Children of Fallen Patriots Day, and the anniversary of the death of Osama bin Laden.

\*Information compiled from Military.com

SMILE 😊

