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Due in
June**



President Viv's Message

Well, I have added another "hat" to my repertoire! I have now worn a hobo's cap, tie, and clown nose. We had clowns, *Verily and Jubilee*, visit our church youth, children, and preschool mission groups (Acteens, RAs, GAs, and Mission Friends) and I was pressed into service as their assistant. We all had a great time and had some spiritual truths reinforced through this clown ministry.

try.

We had our Annual Homecoming...the church and family life center were beautiful, we had a bounty of food, and there was a large crowd present. Our Annual Autumn Celebration was a success, too and, as of November 8, we had raised over four thousand dollars for the SBC World Hunger Relief Fund.

I spent Veteran's Day with my veteran, Jerry. We were involved with our Wayne County Veteran's Day Program, which was excellent and well attended with special patriotic music provided by the school's choral group, *The Orange Sensations*, and speakers CW4 (Ret) Beverly Sharp and MSG (Ret) Robert Sharp. Kids and adults alike were enthralled with Bev & Bob; you could see them leaning forward to intently listen. Our EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director, Connie Myers, and EANGUS Parliamentarian, Ricky Myers, drove from their home in Newton to join us for the program. We have all been friends with Bev & Bob for several years and have worked with them in the MS NG Summer Youth Camp, Kids AT. Bev is also an associate member of the MS NG NCO Association Auxiliary and EANGUS Auxiliary. Jerry and I enjoyed an early dinner at Applebee's...they provided a choice of several items free for active duty military and veterans and we saw several friends and acquaintances there. Our Veteran's Day concluded with mid-week prayer service at church that began with the singing of *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*.

The EANGUS Executive Council, at the October meeting, approved a budget that will implement cuts in several areas of work. President Frank Lever sent a letter to the states regarding these measures. EANGUS will no longer be able to handle EANGUS Auxiliary memberships on-line.

We have states that are working to reorganize their Auxiliaries...cheer them on and do what you can to help.

Let's continue to work to make our EANGUS Auxiliary bouquet big, beautiful, and showy!!! We have about 4 more weeks to get in memberships to our state Auxiliaries so that the states can then send in national dues to EANGUS Auxiliary treasurer, Cora Sower. Please contact Cora at sowertuba@juno.com if you need any help with transmitting dues.

Remember you can reach me at the toll-free number (1-800-230-8221); phone me at work (601-735-9413); or e-mail me at vividean@aol.com.

These next few weeks will be hectic with various celebrations. Take time to reflect on the real meaning of the upcoming holidays and spend quality time with your family. Jerry and I wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving. God bless you all and God bless America.

Vivian

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WOW!

How Pumpkin Pie is really
MADE!

Enjoy your pumpkin pies this holiday
season!

Jenny Lainhart
Auxiliary Vice President



REMEMBER ALL:

The budget approved at Conference in Rochester to include \$25 for the one state, regardless of membership category, that has the largest increase in members for the 2010 year (that's the membership list you will submit by):
December 31 to national treasurer, Cora Sower
Get Busy find NEW Members!



Prayer and Praise



I thought I would update you on our sick folks from Mississippi:

- Pearleen Pearce and Adrian is doing real good. Please continue to pray for them. You can e-mail them at Inppearce@bellsouth.net I am sure they would love to hear from you.
- Paulette McLeod, had surgery at St. Dominic, and had Pearleen on the phone, too. They got to talk to each of other. Paulette is hoping to go home tomorrow. You can e-mail them at jpmcleod@mchsi.com I am sure she would love to hear from you.
- Paula Carrigan regarding Kristi Collins surgery. Kristi is at Paula and Charlie's recuperating letting Mamma take care of her. The only e-mail I have where you could reach Kristi is: PaulaCarrigan@aol.com I am sure she would love to hear from you.

Please remember these in your prayers.

Thanks, Ann

- Joe Davis called to let us know Danna's mom has been in St Dominick Hospital. Evidently she had a TIA but so far is doing well. Please keep her, as well as Joe and Danna in your prayers
- Kathy Serrahn's mother passed away on Saturday, October 24th.
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- Debra Campbell's Nephew Corey
- Praise for the healthy birth of Debra Campbell's new Grand Daughter, June Barrett.
- Praise and continued prayer for Marge Walsh, Lucretia's friend in Chicago still doing well but a constant battle with the Ovarian Cancer.
- **Praise:** Mandee Anderson Lucretia Barbee's daughter pregnant doing well but keep her in prayer.
- Ft. Hood Families and Friends
- Pray for all of our troops during this holiday season!
- Hi everyone,

Just a quick note to ask for prayers for Paulette Lafferty as she undergoes sinus surgery in Birmingham Thurs day. You may remember that this is second attempt at surgery, the doctors put it off the first time. Paulette's husband, Harold vows the doctors will do surgery this time or they will take Paulette home with them. So please remember Harold and Paulette. Connie Myers

- Russell David Leadbetter, of Tuscarawas Township/Dalton, Ohio, age 73, passed away at his home on November 11, 2009, Veteran's Day, He served as .past-president of the Ohio Enlisted Association and the Kentucky Enlisted Association; the purpose of these organizations was to provide College Tuition Assistance for future Guardsmen, in which his 4 children participated by serving in the Ohio Air National Guard and the Arizona Air National Guard.

Military Quote of the Week . . .

"For their service and sacrifice, warm words of thanks from a grateful nation are more than warranted, but they aren't nearly enough. We also owe our veterans the care they were promised and the benefits that they have earned. We have a sacred trust with those who wear the uniform of the United States of America. It's a commitment that begins at enlistment, and it must never end. But we know that for too long, we've fallen short of meeting that commitment. Too many wounded warriors go without the care that they need. Too many veterans don't receive the support that they've earned. Too many who once wore our nation's uniform now sleep in our nation's streets." -President Obama, March 19, 2009 Taken from the EANGUS Minuteman Update 13 Nov 09

Photos, Information and Tidbits from Across the States

MAIN MENU RECIPES Last CALL:

All recipes for the Main Dish Cookbook must be submitted to Vivian at vividean@aol.com or Sara at hendhaus@aol.com **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 7, 2009** to allow time for processing, proofing, and printing as part of the Cookbook to be ready for sale after January 1, 2010. Our current plan is to take the Main Dish Cookbooks to Area Meetings. Vivian & Sara will try to provide 15-20 Main Dish Cookbooks at each of the Area Meetings. They are producing the Cookbooks themselves; the quote from Staples indicated a 90% increase in cost which would have left the Auxiliary with only pennies profit per Cookbook at the current selling price of \$5.00 each. The goal is to print 150 Main Dish Cookbooks.



If anyone knows of someone who would like to take on this project at a reduced cost for the Auxiliary, PLEASE contact Vivian or Sara at the e-mails listed above. Maybe you have a printer friend or business person who would help...let us know.

Area V is Alive!

November is a time for remembering our Veterans and giving thanks to our forefathers for this Great Nation. Yet when we go to the stores now, Halloween items are on sale and Christmas items are taking over the shelves. Let us not follow the commercial ways and be sure and thank our Veterans and say "Happy Thanksgiving" to everyone! I am very happy and proud to serve this year as Area V Directorship with Margaret Greenfield. South Dakota Auxiliary Newsletter had a picture of us holding hands. To me it meant how we will stand together to support you and each other and I'm not alone as I had been the year before. Thank you that stepped up to take a place on National Committees. We need Area V membership will be ending in December for the year 2010. Please try and recruit at least one new member this month. Make plans now for the Area V Caucus in May and National Conference in St Louis. Dean and I have been retired since March 2008. We finally took that vacation of no time limit to be home. Cruised to Alaska, spent time on the Pacific Coast, Balloon Festival in New Mexico and came home by the way of Minnesota. Visited Uncle, brother, and daughters and the best part of the whole trip were spending time with the Grandchildren. Golf clubs (to cold) and winter clothes (nice weather) stayed in the car. Happy Thanksgiving

BURDEN BEAR RECIPIENT

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Linda House was a recipient of a "Burden Bear" during our National Conference in Rochester, MN. Linda broke her ankle and was unable to attend the conference. This is the first National Conference that she has missed in quite a few years!

SDNGEA Auxiliary October Dakota Messenger



Area V Directors
Margaret Greenfield &
Edna Steinberg



REMEMBER
Our troops who
want be home for
Thanksgiving!

GOD Bless each
and every one of
them!

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Schedule for Submissions:

December 7th Submit
OUT: Dec. 11th
January 15th Submit
OUT : Jan 22nd



"Each One Reach One" raise your hand and find a new Auxiliary Member for 2010! Together we CAN!



Volunteer & Child/Youth Program

www.jointservicesupport.org

Courtney's Book - Dealing with Deployment

is a short story written by Virginia 8th grader, Courtney Doss.

Courtney is 13 years old and her dad, MAJ Chris Doss is a member of the Virginia National Guard. He has been deployed twice; the first time to Iraq and is currently in Afghanistan.

Courtney decided to put on paper, how she felt when her dad left the first time, as well as a "looking back I would have done things differently" outlook that she is putting into action to help during this deployment. Her hope is that this will reach other children of deployed parents and will help them to deal with the deployment in the most positive way they can, until the return of their SP (special person).

If you are aware of a young person that might benefit from this, please feel free to pass it on.

To get a copy, log into www.jointservicesupport.org and



Volunteer Activity Tracking

Volunteer Activity Tracking makes it easy to

keep track of the hours volunteers have logged for such items as meetings, preparation, travel, and training.

Volunteers simply login on the JSS site and in can locate it in a few short clicks; click <TOOLS>, <Activity Tracking>.

Contact your State FRA &/or WFPC for more information and training available for National Guard Volunteers.

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National Guard offers Fort Hood condolences; Alabama Citizen-Soldier among the wounded

By Army Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill

National Guard Bureau

ARLINGTON, Va. (11/06/09) –

Fort Hood was uppermost in the minds of National Guardsmen today, especially with an Alabama Citizen-Soldier reportedly among the wounded after a deadly shooting rampage there.

“The thoughts and prayers of the National Guard are with Fort Hood Soldiers, their families and the local community today,” Gen. Craig McKinley, the chief of the National Guard Bureau, said in a Tweet. NGB held a moment of remembrance at noon today.

Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan is believed to be the lone shooter of some 43 people on Fort Hood, Texas, according to the American Forces Press Service. At least 12 people were dead and 31 were wounded, AFPS reported.

About 2,000 National Guard Soldiers from six states are currently stationed at Fort Hood, according to National Guard Bureau officials. One, from Alabama, was wounded in the Nov. 5 shootings, according to the Birmingham News. Fort Hood public affairs was unable to confirm this information.

“Our hearts go out to everyone there at Fort Hood and to the families,” said Army Lt. Col. Cynthia Bachus, public affairs officer for the Alabama National Guard. “Our concerns are with them. Our sympathies are with them.” About 350 Alabama Guardmembers from the 135th Expeditionary Sustainment Command arrived at Fort Hood on Monday, where they were preparing for a deployment to Afghanistan, according to NGB and Alabama National Guard officials. “We are in constant contact with the chain of command to ensure that our Soldiers’ wellbeing is taken care of,” Bachus said. “Any type of support that we can offer the families back here, we are offering them.”

Alabama residents rallied to support their mobilized troops, Bachus said. “We have a lot of good support,” she said. “The citizens of Alabama support the National Guard and all the military.”

Other states with Guardmembers at Fort Hood included Arizona, Michigan, Nebraska, New York and Texas, according to NGB officials. Numbers ranged from an individual augmentee from New York – a single Soldier on his way to join another unit in theater – to hundreds of deploying Soldiers from the Texas Army National Guard.

The Army Times reported a flood of support through social media as Thursday’s tragedy unfolded.

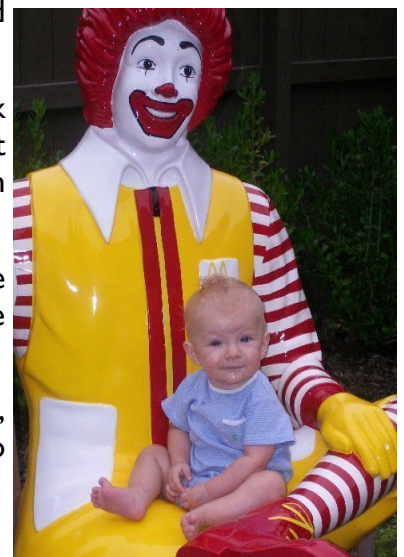
McKinley expressed his condolences through Twitter, as did Adm. Michael Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and his wife, Deborah, among many other leaders, servicemembers and civilians. Mrs. Mullen said in her Tweet that it was difficult for her to express how very sad she is at the “senseless” shooting and that she is praying for the victims, their families and their friends. “The thoughts and prayers of the National Guard are with Fort Hood Soldiers, their families and the local community today,” wrote Air Force Gen. Craig McKinley, the chief of the NGB.

BE Advised that at Conference we voted to sell pop tabs at home and take receipt and money to next Conference.

Also, states that would like to make a donation should send their check to national treasurer, Cora Sower, NLT June 2010 so that we can list their contribution in the July issue of *The Signal* and, space permitting, in the Conference Book.

At Conference we will take donations on Tuesday and then Cora will be able to tally all on Tuesday evening and have one check ready for the Ronald McDonald rep on Wednesday morning.

NEVER Forget what Ronald McDonald House can do for those in need, who can forget Nathan in his lap! This smile should make the donation to Ronald McDonald on our minds all year!



If you or your loved one is an active service member in any of the US Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine Corps), this program is for **you**.

As a veteran of Desert Shield and Desert Storm, I know how important it is to stay in touch with your family. That is why we developed the "Computers for Soldiers" program. Our goal is to provide an affordable computer to the families of troops so they can communicate with their loved ones. But not just any computer -- one that someone would actually want!

We have a couple retail computer stores in Phoenix, AZ and buy tons of off-lease computers and laptops. As a result,



The owner during the first gulf war

we can afford to put together a full computer package for only \$150 - a price that is significantly below wholesale. This system includes:



Off Lease 15" LCD Monitor

Off Lease Keyboard & Mouse

PLUS!

New iMicro Speakers

New iMicro Webcam with Microphone

Intel P4 1.7ghz computer with 512MB RAM, 40GB HD, Windows XP, keyboard, mouse, powered speakers, 15" LCD monitor, webcam, internal 56k modem, and a mouse pad.

We believe that every military family deserves a low cost way to communicate and this program is NOT limited to low income families - any military family is able to purchase a computer through this program.

Every system comes ready to use and preloaded with MS Windows XP, office productivity software (word processor, spreadsheet, etc) and anti-virus software. Check out our Complete Computer Systems for pricing and options including off lease laptops.

UPDATE: This offer was initially limited to the families of deploying troops, but based on feedback from multiple sources, we have opened it up to **ALL** soldiers.

Tell a Friend: Do you know someone who would be interested in our Computers for Soldiers program? Print out one of our .pdf flyer for your local bulletin board and let them know about these great computers! Computer for Soldiers Flyer



November is Military Family Appreciation Month President Obama proclaimed November 2009 as Military Family Appreciation Month. In his proclamation, the President stated: "No one pays a higher price for our freedom than members of our Nation's military and their Families. As sons and daughters, husbands and wives, and mothers and fathers are deployed, military Families endure with exceptional resilience and courage. They provide our troops with invaluable encouragement and love, and serve our Nation in their own right. During Military Family Month, we honor the Families of our Armed Forces and thank them for their dedication to our country....I call on all Americans to honor military Families through private actions and public service for the tremendous contributions they make in the support of our service members and our Nation." To read the entire proclamation, go to <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/11/MilitaryFamilyAppreciationMonth>.

A Message from Lifetime Membership Chair: Sara Hendricks

Lifetime Membership thru November 05, 2009

Lifetime Membership is happy to report that applications have been steady all year and to date there are 27 members in the Class of 2009. We still have seven weeks to go before we end the 2009 year and we encourage as many of you as possible to get your applications in before the December 31, 2009 date.

At National Conference in Rochester, Minnesota it was voted and approved that the amount of monies submitted by applicants sixty (60) and over would increase to twenty five dollars (\$25.00) on January 01, 2010. That is a ten dollar (\$10.00) increase over what is being paid today. Respond quickly and get you Lifetime Membership in place before the rate hike takes place.

Lifetime Membership will submit a new application form, to be included in the December Signal, with updated information. This new form will be in place until such time as additional information/money changes become necessary.

Sara Hendricks, Chairman
Lifetime Membership Committee
EANGUS Auxiliary

JUST FYI Articles from November Family News—Great Resource to receive contact: FamilyNews@myarmyonesource.com Thanks Connie Myers WFPC Mississippi Area IV director for sharing this information and more all month.

Apply For Retroactive Stop-Loss Payments Now Soldiers, retirees and veterans who think they may be eligible for retroactive stop-loss pay have 12 months to apply for the special \$500 per month entitlement authorized by Congress earlier this year. The retroactive compensation will be paid in a lump sum for the months served in stop-loss status. Payments are retroactive to September 11, 2001, and cover involuntary service performed through September 30, 2009. For further information, go to <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/11/StopLossPay>.

Enlistment Bonuses for 2010 Range to \$40,000 More than 100 combat arms, combat support and combat service support specialties are included in the fiscal 2010 Enlistment Bonus Program the Army launched October 1. If you're willing to dismantle bombs in the war zone, the Army will pay as much as \$20,000 to sign up. Army policy caps bonus payments at \$20,000 for a three-year enlistment, \$25,000 for four years, \$30,000 for five years and \$40,000 for six years. These totals are achieved by combination bonuses. To learn more, go to <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/11/EnlistBonus>.

TRICARE Waives Referrals and Authorization for HINI Vaccine The Department of Defense's TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) announced they will waive all referral and authorization requirements for the HINI flu vaccine. TMA suspended the requirement for TRICARE Prime enrollees to have a referral and authorization from their Primary Care Manager (PCM) to receive the HINI vaccine from a non-network provider. This allows TRICARE Prime enrollees to receive the HINI vaccine from any TRICARE-authorized provider without being subject to point-of-service charges for visiting a non-network provider. This action ensures TRICARE Prime enrollees will receive the HINI vaccine as quickly as possible. It is important to note that the HINI vaccine must be administered in a doctor's office to be covered by TRICARE. Flu vaccines administered in a civilian pharmacy, drugstore, or other location are not covered by TRICARE. TMA suspended the referral and authorization requirement from October 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010. To learn more, see <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/11/HINIVaccine>.

Holiday Mailing Deadlines to Military Post Offices The holiday mailing deadlines are now available on the Military Postal Service Agency website. Express Mail Military Service is available to selected military post offices. Check with your local post office to determine if this service is available to your APO/FPO address. PAL is a service that provided air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. SAM parcels are paid at parcel post postage rate with maximum weight and size limits of 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined. For more information, contact your local post office or go to <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/11/HolidayMailing>.

Crunchy Sweet Potato

Casserole Recipe

Ingredients

2 cups mashed sweet potatoes
 1/2 cup butter, melted
 1/4 cup sugar
 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
 2 eggs, lightly beaten
 1/2 cup milk
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

TOPPING:

1 cup crushed cornflakes
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
 1/4 cup butter

Directions

In a large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients. Spoon into a greased 1-1/2-qt. baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 375° for 20 minutes or until a thermometer reads 160°. Combine topping ingredients; sprinkle over potatoes. Bake 5-10 minutes longer or until the topping is lightly browned. Yield: 6 servings

RECIPE from Area V

Cathy Morris
 & Connie Myers
 Area IV Directors
 At Mid-Winter
 Area IV conference.



Oklahoma Troops
 Home Safely!

IMPORTANT: Don't receive Legislative Alerts or Minuteman Updates?

You are NOT registered on EANGUS website. If you are registered on the EANGUS website, you will receive the *EANGUS Minuteman Updates* (if you are registered and don't receive the email then you should check your profile to make sure your profile has current email address). Otherwise, go to EANGUS.org and click on "NEWS" and click on "Minuteman Update" and it will be downloaded.

Have you taken time to answer the legislative alerts, it is vitally important!

Thanks to all contacts, emails and letters to congress, TriCare increase will not be carried out this year. First there was to be an increase then there wasn't and at last the minute it was back in—this is why it is important to make contacts—now there won't be an increase THIS YEAR. You know this issue will be back again next year.

November Trivia

Answers in December Issue

1. This 1955 comedy followed a scheming sergeant at a small Army base in Kansas.
2. This 1962 drama tracked a frontline American infantry squad as they battled their way across Europe.
3. This 1966 series chronicled the World War II adventures of a four-man commando team that wreaked havoc with Field Marshall Irwin Rommel's Afrika Korps.
4. Filled with practical jokes and tragedy of war, this 1972 series about doctors and nurses in the Korean War actually lasted longer than the war itself.
5. This 1987 unflinching look at the Vietnam War examined one Army platoon's combat against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese.

-- reprinted from *The Salute*

IF you know the answers send them to ibarbee@cableone.net and I will publish your name in the December "Signal" if you get

Senior Corner: Brooks Marr Senior Contributor

A NEW WAY TO ABDUCT A FEMALE--VERY SCARY!!!

A new way to abduct a female. This is very scary! Please pass on to all the ladies you know. Just to be on the safe side. Please be aware and pass it on anyone you think this will help.



Sunday afternoon around 5 PM I headed into the Target in Philadelphia, Pa. where crime is VERY RARE and mostly it is with bikes being stolen!! It was still light outside and I parked fairly close to the entrance. As I got out of my car and began walking towards Target, an older lady shouted to me from the passenger seat of a car about 30 feet away from me.

"Ma'am you must help me, help me please, help me Ma'am!"

I looked at her in the eyes and started to walk towards her when all of a sudden I remembered an email my Mom had sent me a week or two ago about rapists and abductions using 2 elderly people to lure women in.. I paused, memorized the license plate and immediately headed into Target to get a manager to come help this lady, just in case something was up.

While the woman manager headed out there, I kept a close watch just because I was curious what was wrong with the lady and wanted to be sure nothing happened. As the Target lady walked up towards the car and got very close to the old woman in order to help her, the back door of the car flies open and a large man with stocking cap on, jumps out and sticks a gun to the lady's stomach as he shoves her into the back of the car.

I yelled out "call 911" several times and just as I was saying that, a policeman who happened to be on the other side of the parking lot and who, luckily, had seen the entire thing happen, raced over to the car! He was able to stop the car and arrest the male as well as the old lady, who was involved in the scheme.

By God's grace everyone was all right, including myself, although I think we were both shaken up. Like many of you, I would not in a million years have left an elderly person who was yelling for help if it weren't for the e-mail I had read last week. So, I wanted to pass this along so you all can be aware and remember that you really can't trust anyone these days. You just never know when something like this could happen. I would have never dreamed it to happen to me especially on a Sunday afternoon at a Target in a safe area! It definitely was not a coincidence that my Mom sent that Email just a few days before this all happened.

Please, be careful and always be aware of your surroundings. Just because you individually don't go over to help someone doesn't mean you have to leave them in trouble, but don't go ALONE, you really don't know what might be going on.

This was checked with Snopes.com [http:// snopes.com/](http://snopes.com/) [<http://snopes.com/>](http://snopes.com/) [<http://snopes.com/>](http://snopes.com/) - This is true - and they also use children to lure the victims.

Information I wanted to share!

Brooks

JUST FYI Cont>

No Retroactive Early Retirement for Reserves Congressional negotiators blamed themselves for leaving intact a reserve retirement formula that treats the 600,000 National Guard and Reserve members who mobilized before Jan. 28, 2008, differently from those who mobilized later. Negotiators who prepared the final version of the 2010 defense authorization bill rejected a Senate-passed provision that would have made retroactive to Sept. 11, 2001, a retirement formula that allows Reservists to begin drawing military retired pay 90 days earlier for every 90 days of mobilization. That 90-for-90 rule, which allows Guard and Reserve members to receive retirement before age 60 — when benefits begin for most reservists — was left out of the final defense bill because lawmakers said they could not find a way to pay for the benefits under congressional budget rules. In their report accompanying the defense bill, negotiators said they “would support the provision provided that acceptable offsets are identified consistent with budgetary requirements of both the Senate and the House of Representatives.” Under congressional budget rules, if lawmakers want to increase military retirement benefits, they must either reduce spending on other federal entitlements or make a decision at the start of the budget cycle to set aside more entitlement money for the Defense Department. To read more, go to <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/11/ReserveRetirement>.

NMFA Names 2009 Military Families of the Year The National Military Family Association (NMFA) announced the seven 2009 Military Families of the Year. The NMFA Military Family Award Program recognizes strong military Families who embrace their service to the Nation, are role models in their community, and understand that together they are stronger. There were nominations from: active duty, Reserve Component, and retiree Families of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) or the Public Health Service, as well as Families of Fallen Soldiers. The overall NMFA Military Family of the Year is the SGT Dennis Leanes Family from Camp Lejeune, NC. Following is a list of 2009 NMFA Families of the Year. Congratulations to all these outstanding Families: Army - CSM Kevin Nolan and Family, Fort Riley, KS; Navy - LTJG Joshua Caldwell and Family, Kailua, HI; Marine Corps - SGT Dennis Leanes and Family, Camp Lejeune, NC; Air Force - MSgt Wayne and TSgt Thane Ojala and Family, Las Vegas, NV; Coast Guard - BMI Aaron Udland and Family, Juneau, AK; NOAA - CDR Shep Smith and Family, Norfolk, VA; Public Health Service - CDR Dana Hall and the Horesh Family, Overland Park, KS. For more information on the seven 2009 Military Families of the Year, visit the NMFA website at this link: <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/11/NMFA>.

VA Continues to Struggle with New GI Bill Claims Load Mandatory overtime has been ordered for Veterans Affairs (VA) Department claims processors working on Post 9/11 GI Bill certifications as the VA digs out from an avalanche of more than 277,000 claims. More people also have been added to answer the VA's GI Bill hotline, which students complain often has a wait of an hour or longer. While more than 277,000 Post 9/11 GI Bill claims have been received, most are requests to certify eligibility of a service member, veteran, or the spouse or child of a service member. Only about 28,000 enrollment certifications have been filed for students actually attending school. For further information, go to: <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/11/GIBillClaims>.

GI Bill Delays Frustrate Student Vets

Frustrations caused by delays in Post-9/11 GI Bill payments are on the rise as veterans who expected the new education program to fully cover their college costs are now wondering what happened to the money. The head of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, a group that played a major role in getting the Post-9/11 GI Bill enacted, said delayed payments are hurting veterans. Veterans Affairs Department officials say the delays are the result of two things: the complex two-step procedure of approving veterans first for eligibility and then for enrollment, and because the program is new for both claims processors and the school admissions and financial officials who help file claims. To learn more, go to <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/11/GIBillDelays>.

Sesame Street Tours Bases

Elmo, Cookie Monster and their buddies are taking their Sesame Street message to military children at bases in Europe, Alaska and Hawaii. The Muppet USO tour started September 8 at RAF Mildenhall in the United Kingdom. Military children are being treated to Muppet performances and giveaways from the Sesame Workshop and the USO. Each installation will determine the procedures for admission to the shows. For more information, go to <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/11/SesameStreet>.

Gulf States Manufacturer make 6' Minutemen to donate across Mississippi!



Braving windy and chilly conditions, hundreds of people gathered to observe and take part in a formal dedication ceremony for 100 steel Minutemen, destined for National Guard armories around the state of Mississippi. The company "Nucor" which manufactures metal buildings has a practice of no layoffs going back over 40 years, Bob Lowe, vice president and president of the Nucor Buildings Group said earlier this week so when times are slower company officials look for ways to serve Nucor communities. Gulf States' passion is patriotism, Low has said. "What you see here is what can happen with the American worker when you empower him, Coggins said, "The best workers in the world are right here."

Seen in the picture is Lt. General William Freeman, adjutant general of Mississippi, as he pauses for a brief moment after laying a wreath at the base of the Gold Star mothers flag in front of the steel Armed Forces display erected in front of the Gulf States Manufacturing plant in Starkville, MS as members of the Mississippi Gold Star Mothers—all of whom have lost a military son or daughter in war—join him.

Article copied from the Starkville Daily News
If you have a special employer in your state and would like to share their information or what they do to help better the National Guard please send to lbarbee@cablone.net for submission to the "Signal".

TRICARE Retiree Dental Premium Increase

The first annual TRDP premium rate change took effect on October 1, 2009 for the second contract year, October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. Subsequent changes for the third and fourth contract years will be effective October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 and October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012, respectively. This annual premium adjustment is automatic and will be reflected in the allotment from your retired pay or, if you are billed directly, in your payment coupons or EFT (electronic funds transfer) debit applicable to your October 1 payment. To find out the new premium rates for your region, use the [online premium search](#).

Historical Military Photograph Collection

This Veterans Day, VetFriends.com, the largest website for reuniting U.S. veterans invites you to enjoy and appreciate an authentic collection of military photos that honor the many brave men and women who served. [More](#)



Mandee Anderson daughter of Marvin & Lucretia Barbee OK promotion ceremony to Major. Her Dad got to pin her, he was pretty proud as you can see. Nov 2009



Fun at Area IV Mid-Winter



Debra & Gary Campbell OK new Grandbaby June and her big sister Ella Barrett

**ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD
OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY**

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Home Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone _____ Birth Date _____

Social Security Number _____

Male _____ Female _____ Single _____ Married _____

Name, Rank, Address, Phone and Unit of Parent, Spouse or Sponsor who is a National Guard Member: _____

Expiration Date of Enlistment _____

Current Status of Applicant (check one):

High School _____ College _____ Business/Trade _____ Working _____

If in school or college, fill in the following information:

Name and Address of School or College and Grade or Term _____

Number of brothers, sisters and their ages (if living at home): _____

Fill in the following information if applicable: _____

Spouse's Occupation _____

Your Occupation: _____

Number of Children and their ages (if living at home): _____

List name and address of College, University, Trade or Business School that you plan to attend: _____

List activities to which you have participated (school, church, community):

List offices to which you have been elected in any organization:

List honors (school, athletic, citizenship, etc.) which you have been awarded:

What career are you planning to pursue and why? _____

While attending college, will you work part-time _____ or during the summer _____

Persons eligible to apply are: EANGUS Auxiliary members, their spouse, their unmarried dependent sons or daughters.

State Enlisted Association Auxiliary

Relationship to you

and EANGUS Auxiliary Member:

(Father, Mother, Spouse, Self):

I have answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief:

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR SPOUSE: _____

If granted a scholarship and I fail to complete the school for reasons other than sickness or physical injury, I agree to return any scholarship money I received to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

All applications must be accompanied by:

1. A transcript of high school credits and/or college credits for applicants already enrolled in institutions of higher learning.
2. Letter from applicant with specific goals to continue his/her education and why financial aid is required.
3. Three **signed** Letters of Recommendation verifying the application and giving personal traits. These may be from high school principal, counselor, dean, professor, minister, employer, etc.
4. A Letter of Recommendation and transmittal from State Auxiliary President, Scholarship Chairperson or Designee.

IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, YOU MAY USE SEPARATE SHEETS AND ATTACH.

(Deadline postmark date for submission to the National Scholarship Chairperson is 30 June.)



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October 31, 2009

State Auxiliary Presidents, Scholarship Chairperson,
National Officers and Directors

Reference: Scholarship Rules

The Scholarship Committee of EANGUS Auxiliary is accepting applications for the school year 2010-2011. If funds are available, one scholarship in the amount of \$1250.00 will be awarded to the number one ranked applicant and three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each will be awarded, one being the scholarship donated by USAA.

1. Please read materials carefully before giving any applications to candidates. Be prepared to give assistance if needed. No previous recipients are allowed to apply again.
2. In order for each application to be considered, it MUST contain the following documentation – NO EXCEPTIONS.
 - a. High School/College Transcripts.
 - b. Three signed Letters of Recommendation
 - c. Letter from Applicant containing future goals and need for assistance.
 - d. A Letter of Recommendation and Transmittal from the State Auxiliary President, Scholarship Chairperson or Designee.
3. EANGUS Auxiliary sponsor must have dues paid to National Auxiliary no later than December 31, 2009.
4. For applicants to be eligible, sponsor's State Auxiliary must make a donation to the EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Fund for the current and prior year. (Suggested donation is \$2.00 per member annually payable by December 31.)

It will be the responsibility of each State to make the information available to their membership. You may copy the application, however, DO NOT reduce it. Each State is to designate a Scholarship Chairperson and the applications returned to that person by a specific date. The application should then be reviewed to ensure all requirements have been met. Any incorrect applications received by the National Committee will be considered ineligible.

Each scholarship application to be considered by the National Committee must be mailed to Marie Brabham, 3329 Aspen Forest Drive, Middleburg, Florida 32068-4253. If there are any questions, I can be reached at (904) 291-6778. Packets must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2010 in order to be considered.

Marie Brabham

H. Marie Brabham

Auxiliary National Scholarship Chairperson