

**AREA IV MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI
18-20 JANUARY 2002**

Chairperson Deborah Ward called 17th Annual Area IV Mid-winter conference to order at 0830 on 19 Jan 02. The conference, hosted by the Mississippi Association, was held at the Air National Guard Training Center in Bldg 154 in Gulfport, MS.

Mrs. Vivian Taylor of Mississippi gave the invocation.

Pete Ledbetter and Skip Anthony of Boy Scouts of America lead the Flag presentation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Gulfport Major Ken Combs welcomed and addressed Area IV.

Role Call of the States

	Arkansas	Present
	Kansas	Present
	Louisiana	Present
	Mississippi	Present
	Missouri (Combined)	Present
	Missouri (Enlisted)	Present
	Oklahoma	Present
	Texas	Present

Motion made by Lloyd Enke, Missouri, to accept the midwinter minutes from the 16th Annual Mid-winter held in Oklahoma City, OK. Jim Knowles, Mississippi seconded. Motion Carried.

Recognition of Guests in Attendance:

- Delano Kirby, President of EANGUS
- Terry Dell, Vice President of EANGUS
- Dorothy Inglese, President of EANGUS Auxiliary
- Debra Campbell, Vice President of EANGUS Auxiliary
- Brooks Marr, Past President of EANGUS Auxiliary
- Ronnie Emerson, Area II Chairperson
- Jimmy Rains, Area III Chairperson
- Diane Cline, Editor of EANGUS
- Ed Brown, USAA Representative
- Debbie Freeman
- Pauline Pearce

Motion made by Charlie Hagerman, Arkansas, moved to deviate from the published agenda. Seconded by E. Lyons, Arkansas. Motion Carried.

CSM Adrian Pearce, Ret. was the conference Chairperson for Gulfport. The total number of registrations was ~150. 95 Members and 45 Auxiliary members.

Candidates seeking election at the 2002 EANGUS Conference to be held in Mobile, AL addressed the members.

- Candidates for EANGUS Vice President
 - Ronnie Emerson
 - Ed Brown
- Candidates for EANGUS President
 - Jimmy Rains
 - Terry Dell

Fun Time

- Announcement for Winners of the Friday Night Rapid Spoon.
- Green Bowl Award was given to Bill Powell.
- Announcement of the EANGUS IV winner for Free Registration to Mobile

Break

Dorothy Inglese, President of EANGUS Auxiliary, addressed the Area IV members. Some of her comments were:

- Resolution to make a commitment to communication.
- State Auxiliary Dues, LA-\$15, KS \$15, AR-\$7, OK-\$15, MO-\$10, MS-\$13.
- Motto: "Side By Side We Stand With Pride".
- Support EANGUS in its legislative endeavors.
- Activities: Legislative Conference, Membership Drives, Silent Auction, and Scholarships.
- Two way States earn points, Membership and Legislative letters.
- Challenge members attend the Auxiliary meetings.
- Auxiliary Video was shown.
- Auxiliary was excused.

Break

Chairperson Ward announced 10 First-timers in attendance. And announced the CMS and CSM that were in attendance:

- Mississippi – CSM Smith and CCMS Hammond
- Oklahoma – CSM Barbee and CCMS Cathey
- Louisiana – CCMS Bannon
- Arkansas – CSM Codwell

Fun Time

Committee Reports-

- **Airlift** – Richard Blanchard, Louisiana, Deployed to Germany at the moment.
 - Airlift has been put on hold.
 - Amtrak is offering specials for \$300.
 - Working on Commercial Tour Buses for EANGUS.
 - Look on www.eangus.org for specials on travel to EANGUS Conference.
- **Air National Guard** – CCMS Hammond, Mississippi State CCMS:
 - Need to solicit young NCO memberships. Future is recruiting young people. Encourage the young people.
 - Learned at Senior Leadership Conference ANG will go under Stop Lose by April 2002. Recruiting features down 52% less. Disqualified due to regulations.

- Letter on control grades, 569 to go to ANG.
- Instructional letter on EPP Program to come out on All States Letter that will give program guidelines.
- Other things mentioned, defense budget, states being deployed, all states need to brief airmen and soldier on the law protecting employment.
- **Enlisted Field Advisory Council (EFAC)** – CCMS Bannon, Louisiana State CCMS and Chairperson for EFAC:
 - Overview of Council makeup, communications, mission, objectives and membership.
 - Council is reviewing concerns and screening people, morale, and welfare issues.
 - There are six Regional Coordinators.
 - Communication system includes a network of State CCMS, Wing CMS, Regional Chairpersons, and Directors of the ANG.
 - Future ideas, What does EFAC not do, EFAC successes, New EFAC Form, Tech Training Initiatives, PME initiatives, CEM codes, medical readiness, SNCOA alternate delivery method.
 - President Kirby thanked CCMS Bannon for the initiatives to ask EANGUS to attend an EFAC meeting
- **Army National Guard** – CSM Smith, State CSM of Mississippi:
 - Title 10, Title 32 and state active duty.
 - Army transformations with the MRE, Camo Patterns, equipment, Berets, military bearing, military motto.

President Kirby addressed the members.

- Candidates running for office
- Proud of the EANGUS team.
- Mentioned the purchase of a new office building.
- Legislative Workshop to be held 9-12 March 2002.
- National Conference to start on Sunday. A change from the past.
- Site visit scheduled for 14-16 Jun 2002.
- Thanked members for support and pledged to fight the fight up to the last day of office.

Chairperson Ward announced SSG James Heston, Oklahoma, as the person who responded first to EANGUS conference challenge.

Break for lunch

Committee Reports (cont.)-

- **Awards** – MSG Ward, Mississippi:
 - Rewording of SOP
 - Submit Airman/Soldier NCO, 1SG, and AGR's of the year by April 2002 on EANGUS homepage. Presidents and CSM and CMS will be sent reminders.
 - All awards are to go through State Presidents.
- **Bylaws** – MSG Gilroy, Kansas:
 - No new bylaw last year and none this year.
 - Bylaws are on the website.
 - Report is on file.
- **Continuity** – Earnest Guerra, Louisiana:
 - No funds to mail newsletter out. And need feedback on newsletter. Will put out another one if the board approves it.

- New section in the Patriot for Retirees. Need to keep information flowing in.
- Tri-care for life.
- Need to keep up with House Bill 848, Federal Retired Technicians, WEP and GPO. House Bill 1257.
- Report is on file.
- **Legislative** – SFC Marr, Mississippi was working. Chairperson Ward gave report.
- **Junior Enlisted** – SSGT Stacy Doughty, Oklahoma:
 - Upcoming events for EANGUS
 - Junior Enlisted Pin
 - Goals and mission.
 - Report is on file.
- **Publications** - Report was given:
 - Same SOP as last year
 - USAA continues to mail out the Patriot.
 - Diane Cline gets the news articles from the states. If there is a story send it to her.
 - Awards for publications. Need to send publications to the committee.
- **Resolutions** – No Report
- **Scholarship** – CSM Oakley Lollar, Ret.:
 - 1 July is the deadline to get the name turned in.
 - History of the scholarship program.
 - Give him a call if help is needed.
- **Membership** – MSG Ward
 - EANGUS Area IV memberships

State President Reports



Mississippi – President William Stephens

- 3625 members strong.
- Made over \$8,000 on the state fair project.
- Helped with Special Olympic – Over 800 athletes.
- Participated with the state family program on kids AT.
- Had 79 people attend EANGUS Conference in Mobile, AL.
- Activated over 700 Guardsmen to support Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom and 500 for other contingencies.
- Started working on the 2006 National Convention that will be held on the MS Gulf Coast.
- Preparing for the 34th Annual State Conference that will be held in Jackson, MS 12-14 Apr 02.
- www.ms/nco-asson.com
- Report is on file.



Kansas – President Max Miller

- State Tuition assistance going forward in State Senate.
- Changed format of State Conference using small groups.
- One year free membership for completion of first NCOES.
- Developed a coin.
- Developed a website hometown.aol.com/eangks.
- Accepting the USAA free membership for promotion from E-5 to E-6.
- State Conference is 21-23 Mar 03 at Olathe Holiday Junction.
- Report is on file.



Oklahoma – Vice President George Bouse

- Hired Debra Campbell as Office Administrator.
- Membership is down.
- Changing membership dates to the same as Officer due dates.
- Working on our membership database.
- Establishing our communication with a website and e-mails
- State Conference is 22-24 March 2002 in Tulsa, OK.



Louisiana – President Lloyd Baham

- Major Event for 2001:
 - Conference was held April 20-22, 2001.
 - Well represented at EANGUS.
 - Finished the year with same number of members.
 - Association donated \$5,000 to help replace a fire truck lost in the NY bombing.
- Major Events for 2002:
 - State Conference held in Alexandria on 26-28 April 2002.
 - Will attend National Conference.
 - Continue to increase membership.
- Will host Area IV Mid-winter next year.
 - 14-15 Feb 2003, Monroe, Louisiana
 - Holiday Inn
 - Welcome Night, Business Meeting, Shopping, Dinner Cruise
- Report is on File.



Texas – President

- Making Progress with membership.
- State Conference 21-23 March 2002 at Corpsi Christi, TX
- Party on Aircraft Carrier “Lexus”



Missouri (Enlisted) – Loyd Enke for President Art Schuermann

- Report is on file.



Missouri (Combined) – Leah Caldwell

- Website up and running. www.monga.org
- Newsletters going out regularly.
- Membership 840 combined. 500 are enlisted.
- State Conference 19-21 April 2002 in Joplin.



Arkansas – Don Johnson

- Ended 2001 with 2485 members
- Hired a part time secretary
- Lost Past President Don Johnson
- Have a better working relationship with the Officers Association.
- Combined Scholarship Committee
- Co-Chairing Resolution Committee
- Entered into financial agreement to generate more money.
- Annual State Conference 26-28 April 2002 in Jonesboro, AR.
- Report is on file.

Note from Chairperson Ward please make sure all delegates are members and remember flag etiquette.

Old Business

None

New Business

- 2006 National Conference.
- Area IV Hospitality at EANGUS – Bob Davis reported:
 - Hot Roast Beef on French Bread.
 - Need a POC from every state to coordinate efforts.
- Some discussion.

Motion made by Leah Caldwell, Missouri, to adjourn. Seconded by Loyd Baham, Louisiana.
Motion Carried.

Benediction was given by CCMS Hammond.