

**EANGUS AREA IV CAUCUS**  
**August 19-20, 2002**  
**Niagara Falls, New York**  
**Convention Center Pub Room**

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**Monday August 19, 2002**

Chairperson Deborah Ward-MS called area IV Caucus to order at 0705. Brooks Marr - MS gave invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence followed.

Chairperson Deborah Ward introduced the secretary, Lavonda Barnhart.

**Role call of the states was conducted**

<b>Arkansas</b> - President Stephanie Hall	<b>Missouri</b> (Enlisted Association) – President Art Schuermann
<b>Kansas</b> - President John Ryan	<b>Oklahoma</b> – Enlisted Vice President George Bouse
<b>Louisiana</b> - President Loyd Baham	<b>Texas</b> – President James DiGiovanni
<b>Mississippi</b> – President James “Rob” Dettor	
<b>Missouri</b> (Combined Associations) – President Leah Caldwell	

Chairperson Ward - MS introduced the attending State Adjutant Generals, Command Chief Master Sergeants, Command Sergeant Majors and VIP's.

**Arkansas**

Adjutant General MG Don Morrow, Wife Linda  
CCM Normal Gilchrest  
CSM Jack Caldwell

**Kansas**

Adjutant General MG Greg Gardener  
CCM Roger Wilson  
CSM Steve Rodina

**Louisiana**

CCM Michael Bannon  
CSM Johnny Morrow

**Mississippi**

CCM Jeremiah Hammond  
CSM Robert (Butch) Smith

**Missouri**

Adjutant General BG Dennis Shull  
CCM Graham Burnley  
CSM Roger Green

**Oklahoma**

Adjutant General MG Stephen Cortright  
CCM Drate Cathey  
CSM Marvin Barbee

**Texas**

CSM Harold Higgins  
CSM Clyde Worrell

**VIP's**

Debra Campbell, EANGUS Aux Vice Pres.  
Former Area Directors/Chairs

Chairperson Ward welcomed the 1<sup>st</sup> timers.

Area IV Fun Time – Chairperson Ward presented several of the members with items from Pandora's Box.

Area IV held a selection process to determine which two Junior Enlisted members (1 Army and 1 Air) would attend LG Russell Davis breakfast on Wednesday morning. The Junior Enlisted members from each state present to Area IV about “What the one question they would ask LG Davis”. PFC September Wallace – MS and SRA Melissa Villerra-AR was selected.

Bob Davis-LA gave the Hospitality Report. Seafood theme with the traditional fruit punch will be served for the Hospitality Night.

**State Presidents Reports**

- Arkansas** – President Stephanie Hall filed and reported:
- Members in attendance 52 and recognized special guests
  - Current membership 2483
  - Previous State Conference 26-27 April in Jonesboro, AR
  - Upcoming State Conference 25-26 April 2003, Fort Smith, AR

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- Significant Events/Accomplishments – Sponsored Airman of the Year to attend the EANGUS Conference. Offered to NCO of the Year but was unable to attend.
- ☑ **Kansas** – President John Ryan filed and reported:
  - Membership for 2002 – 645.
  - Auxiliary members – 20
  - Previous State Conference – 22-24 March 2002
  - Upcoming State Conference - 14-16 March 2003, Salina, KS.
- ☑ **Louisiana** – President Loyd Baham filed and reported:
  - 24 people in attendance with 2700 members in state association.
  - Previous State Conference – 19-21 April 2002 Alexandria, LA
  - Upcoming State Conference – 11-13 April 2003, Alexandria, LA
  - Hired a new Executive Director, Chief Mike Bannon.
  - Preparing to host 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Area IV Midwinter in 15-19 February 2003. Registration form attached.
- ☑ **Mississippi** – President James Dettor filed and reported:
  - Special Guests First Timers 7
  - Members in attendance 80
  - Membership 2002 – 4,212
  - Previous – 12-14 Apr 2002, Jackson, MS
  - Upcoming State Conferences – 11-13 Apr 2003, CRTC, Gulfport, MS
  - EANGUS Conference 20-23 August 2006, Gulfport/Biloxi, MS
  - Website for MSNG NCO [www.ms-ncoassn.com](http://www.ms-ncoassn.com)
  - Issues and concerns- Resolution to Jump Pay for National Guard.
- ☑ **Missouri** – (Combined) – President Leah Caldwell filed and reported:
  - Website [www.monga.org](http://www.monga.org)
  - Working on issues of communication with in state.
  - State Conference - 10-12 Apr 02, Springfield, MO.
  - Significant events - President Elect is Enlisted.
- ☑ **Missouri** – (Enlisted) – President Art Schuermann filed and reported:
  - First Annual Conference September 2001, Jefferson City, MO.
  - Sponsored the Award Banquet for Soldier of the Year.
  - Biggest task is building membership support.
  - Attendance 28 people
- ☑ **Oklahoma** – Enlisted Vice President George Bouse filed and reported:
  - Members in attendance 103 and Special Guests.
  - Change in Membership dates to Calendar Year.
  - Upcoming State Conferences – 28-29 March 2003, OKC, OK
  - Significant events – Junior Enlisted Committee now a standing Committee.
  - Website in development
  - Developing a New Newsletter.
- ☑ **Texas** – President James DiGiovanni filed and reported:
  - 11 Members and 8 Spouses in attendance
  - Current State membership 224
  - Upcoming State Conferences – 23-26 March 2002, Corpus Christi, TX
  - Events - Organization was analyzed. Currently going through Audit. Executive Director to retire soon.
  - Website: [www.ngat.org](http://www.ngat.org)

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Chairperson Ward turned the meeting over to Army Director Blanchard - LA for election of Area Director (two year term). Floor was opened for Nominations for Area IV Director-

- Greg Dickens – MS nominated Deborah Ward-MS, Stacy Doughty-OK seconded.
- Charlie Haggerman - AR move for the nominations to cease, George Bouse seconded.
- Deborah Ward was selected by acclamation. CSM Cowley seconded.

Chairperson Ward asked Area IV for 2 Junior Enlisted members to sale t-shirts for the Ways and Means fundraiser and also identify a Junior Enlisted Representative for the Area IV.

Fun Time, Chairperson Deborah Ward

Meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, August 20, 2002. Chief Holifield gave benediction.

**Tuesday, August 20, 2002**

Chairperson Deborah Ward-MS -MS called area IV Caucus to order at 0700. Chief Hollifield-MS gave invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Chairperson Ward invited Candidate Bob Rawlinson for EANGUS Treasurer to address the caucus. Also Candidate Ed Brown for EANGUS Vice President and Candidate Jim Rains for EANGUS President addressed the caucus. Candidate Terry Dell for EANGUS President and Candidate Ronnie Emerson for Vice President followed.

Claudette Davis briefed on the 2004 Toledo, Ohio Conference.

Chairperson Ward announced the times for the Ways and Means fundraiser the Junior Enlisted members were to sale t-shirts and also thank them for their service.

Chairperson Ward asked Bob Davis-LA to give the Hospitality report. Total Cost \$400.67. Next year will be talked about at Midwinter.

Greg Gilroy-KS gave the Bylaws Committee Report – No new bylaws were submitted.

Committee Reports will be given on 21 August 2002.

Chairperson Ward explained the voting process on Block voting. Delegate votes for the Areas, Area I-29, Area II – 40, Area III – 58, Area IV – 66, Area V – 58, Area VI – 23, Area VII – 25. Every 200 members of a state give that state 1 delegate vote.

Floor was opened for Nominations for Area IV Chairman-

- Charlie Haggerman – AR nominated Deborah Ward – MS, George Bouse Seconded.
- Ernie Guerra Nominated Richard Blanchard – LA, Eugene Montz Seconded.
- Chairperson Ward turned the meeting over to Stacey Doughty – OK.
- It was decided the vote would be on paper.
- Greg Gilroy – KS motioned for the Nominations to cease, seconded by Rob Dettor – MS.
- Chairperson Ward gave 5 minutes for caucus
- Deborah Ward was appointed Chairperson.
- Motion by Ricky Myers – MS to destroy the votes, seconded by Charlie Brown-AR.
- Motion Passed. Paper votes were destroyed.
- Air Director Stacey Doughty turned the meeting back to Chairperson Ward - MS

Caucus Adjourned until 21 August 2002.

**Wednesday, August 21, 2002**

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Chairperson Ward asked Bob Davis-LA to give the Hospitality report. Bob thanked everyone for all the help.

Chairperson Ward asked Stephanie Hall-AR to address the caucus on the 2004 Midwinter Conference. Will be held at Hot Springs, AR at the Majestic Hotel, on 16-18 January 2004. Registration forms will be given out at the 2003 Midwinter Conference. Rooms are \$70.00.

Loyd Baham addressed the 2003 Midwinter Conference. Registration \$25.00 and Rooms are \$60.00 at the Holiday Inn. 14-16 February. Valentines Dance.

New Business –

Charlie Brown – AR Gave appreciation to New York for giving a great conference.

Loyd Baham - LA polled the caucus on how the states planed to vote.

The states caucused and the results were Terry Dell for EANGUS President and Ed Brown for Vice President.

Chairperson Ward – MS commented that Area IV is a strong Area and has great Communication. She also reminded the members that we need to be writing letters to our Congressmen and make sure you send the State President or Auxiliary a copy to get our numbers counted.

Chairperson Ward – MS announced the Legislative Conference would be 7-12 March 2003 in Alexandria, VA t the Hampton Hotel. Information will be posted on the website not later than February.

Rob Dettor - MS moved to Adjourn, Loyd Baham-LA seconded. Motion passed.

Chief Holifield-MS Gave the Benediction.

*Yours in Service,*

*Lavonda R. Barnhart*  
*Oklahoma*