

AREA IV MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
Monroe, Louisiana
14-16 FEBRUARY 2003

Chair Deborah Ward called 18th Annual Area IV Mid-winter conference to order at 0830 on 15 Feb 03. The conference, hosted by the Louisiana Enlisted Association, was held at Monroe, Louisiana.

Deborah introduced the Area Directors, Stacy Doughty, OK, Air Director and Richard Blanchard, LA, Army Director

Mrs. Vivian Taylor, MS gave the invocation. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special presentation in remembrance of the astronauts lost in the Space Shuttle accident.

Role Call of the States

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

Robbie Nutt, LA gave an update for the Hospitality events for the weekend.

Recognition of Guests in Attendance:

- Terry Dell, President of EANGUS
- Debra Campbell, President of EANGUS Auxiliary
- Peggy Campbell, Secretary of EANGUS Auxiliary
- Cherry Moseley, Auxiliary Area IV Director
- Pauline Pearce, Auxiliary Area IV Director
- Brooks Marr, Past President of EANGUS Auxiliary
- All States Presidents in Attendance

Debra Campbell, President of EANGUS Auxiliary, gave a brief update on the EANGUS Auxiliary.

Pauline Peace and Cherry Moseley, Auxiliary Area IV Directors, gave and Area IV update.

Chair Ward mentioned several retirements that include the following:

- MG Stephen Cortright, TAG of OK
- CCMST Mike Bannon, Cmd Chief of LA
- Greg Gilroy, KS
- CSM Caldwell, TX

Fun Time

- Presentation of Retirement Gifts.

The Auxiliary was dismissed to conduct their meetings.

Announcements/Break

President Dell, EANGUS President, addressed the members.

- Major issues with deployments.
- We Care For America foundation Emergency Relief Fund
- Membership and Website
- Legislative issues
- Process of selling the Old Bldg.
- Legislative Workshop and New Building Dedication
- Presidents workshop is 1st week in June.
- Honored Deborah Ward, MS, Stephanie Hall, AR, and Rob Detter, MS with EANGUS President Coin.
- National Conference update

Charlie Carrigan, MS asked what the proper procedures were to utilize the Emergency Relief Fund. President Dell advise the procedures could be found on the EANGUS website. Some basic procedures are:

- Fill out the application, send by e-mail or Fax
- Must have a vendor to pay.
- Approval usually takes one day.
- Maximum of \$500 can be approved without committee approval.

Army and Air Breakouts were conducted. The meeting was brought back to order and the following reports were given.

Retirees Breakout-By ??

- Survivors Benefits Bill in Congress. Call reps.
- Continue to send letters.
- Get permission for supervisors before asking people to sign letters.
- Make sure the state associations know that the letters have been signed. Mail them a copy.
- Suggested creating a list of Representatives of the committees Area IV is represented.

Air Breakout – By Drate Cathey, OK

- Gave an update of EFAC
- Report is on file

Army Breakout - By Stephanie Hall, AR

- MOS Qualification
- CAD Changes
- NCOES
- State CSM upgrade GS-13
- Beret available for issue, Proper wearing
- Weapon qualification program
- CSM's attended attrition workshop at Camp Robison
- Short notice mobilization

Breakout for Membership, Legislative, State Presidents and Junior Enlisted/Hospitality.

Announcements/Break/Lunch.

State President Reports



Kansas – President John Ryan

- 20% Kansas National Guard Deployed.
- Membership as of 31 Jan 03, 392 annual, 187 life, 64 associate.
- Annual Conference 14-16 March 2003 Salina Kansas at the Holidome.
- Developed a website hometown.aol.com/eangks.
- Report is on file.



Louisiana – President Lloyd Baham

- LANGEA Office open at Jackson Barracks Phone (504) 278-8711
- Website: www.la.ngb.army.mil/laea/langea
- Current membership: 3200
- Upcoming State Conference held in Alexandria on 11-13 April 2003.
- 11 major deployments
- Report is on File



Mississippi – President William Stephens

- Current membership 3475 members, 290 life members and 38 members present
- Made \$9,000.00 on the state fair project
- Helped with Special Olympics
- Continue working on the 2006 National Convention that will be held in Gulfport.
- Preparing for the 35th Annual State Conference that will be held in Gulfport, MS 11-13 Apr 03
- Participated in the Leadership Symposium
- Report is on file



Missouri (Combined) – Leah Caldwell

- Website up and running. www.monga.org
- State Conference 11-13 April 2003
- Report is on file



Missouri (Enlisted) – President Art Schuermann

- 14 members in attendance
- Support give to the Soldier/NCO of the Year
- Conference to be held at Lake of the Ozarks 10-11 Oct 03
- Area IV 2005 Mid-winter Conference to be at Lake of the Ozarks
- Report is on file.



Oklahoma – Vice President George Bouse

- Change of Command. New TAG and CSM.
- 14 members in attendance
- State Conference is 27-28 March 2003 in OKC, OK.
- Website: www.ngaok.com
- Membership has changed to the regular calendar year
- 103 members attend Niagara Falls
- Report is on file



Texas – Rep

- 4 members present
- 609 total membership
- New TAG MG Wayne Marty



Arkansas –

- Membership 2491
- 609 total membership
- 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.

Chair Ward entertained a motion to accept the 2002 Mid-winter Minutes. Rob Detter, MS made motion the motion. Drate Cathey, OK seconded.

Fun Time

- Green Bowl Award was given to Lavonda Barnhart

Stephanie Hall, AR gave a report on the 2004 Area IV Midwinter Conference

- Held in Hot Springs, AR at the Majestic Hotel
- 16-18 Jan 04
- Registration form to be given out at EANGUS

Hospitality Issues-

- Chair Ward reported the balance of the Area IV Hospitality bank account. Chair Ward addressed the issue that she was the only one that could write checks for the account and that Area IV should authorize another person to sign checks. Loyd Baham suggested that Regina Powell, AR should be that person being the Hospitality Chair for Area VI.
- Issue with Missouri having two associations. Do both associations pay the Area IV fee?
- Richard Blanchard, LA motioned to “Leave the amount in the mid-winter checking. When it is reduced to \$5,000.0 then start reimbursing the account.” Seconded by Dean Matherne, LA. Motion was defeated and on file.
- Ricky Myers, MS motioned “To change from states to chartered organization when referring to matters concerning Area IV.” Seconded by Celeste Young, MS. Motion was defeated and on file.
- Dean Matherne, LA motioned “All states required to pay through 2002. Any paid over is refunded. Then correct back to the \$5,000 restock fund passed in 2001 in Oklahoma.” Seconded by Richard Blanchard, LA. Motion passed.

Ricky Myers, MS gave a report of the 2006 EANGUS Conference that will be held in Gulfport, MS. Report is on File.

Max Miller, KS reported on the Membership Breakout

- Would like to change law to have payroll deduction for membership dues.

- Have a generic Resolution for all states to approach State legislator's on the Fee Waiver.

Announcements

Motion made by Leah Caldwell, MO, to adjourn. Seconded by Loyd Baham, LA. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lavonda Cathey