

EANGUS AREA IV CAUCUS
August 17-20, 2003
Toledo, Ohio
Seagate Convention Center Room 302-308

Monday August 18, 2003

Chair Deborah Ward-MS called Area IV Caucus to order at 0700. She introduced Army Director Richard Blanchard.

Chair Ward introduced Charlie Hagerman-AR as Area IV Parliamentarian. As requested, at Mid-winter he explained the procedures of Area IV throughout the caucuses.

National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence were conducted.

CCM Jeremiah Hammond-MS gave invocation.

Lavonda Barnhart-OK was introduced as Area IV secretary.

Charlie Hagerman-AR, Past Area IV Chairman for 8 years, explained why we do the Roll Call of the states. Area IV is made of 7 states. If a state wants something voted on at EANGUS the issue is brought to Area IV. Each state will have 1 Army and 1 Air representative that will vote for or against issues and elections. Discussion, questions and caucus are welcome before voting.

Role call of the states was conducted

Arkansas - President Alan Davis
Kansas - President John Ryan
Louisiana - President Mike Matherne
Mississippi – President Greg Dickens
Missouri (Combined Associations) –
President Leah Caldwell

Oklahoma –
Representative James Heston
Texas –
Past President Bill Maginot

Chair Ward - MS recognized 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
New CSM Deborah Collins

Kansas
Adjutant General MG Greg Gardner
CCM Roger Wilson
CSM Steve Rodina

Louisiana
CCM Glen Kirby
CSM Johnny Morrow

Mississippi
CCM Jeremiah Hammond
CSM Thomas Darius

Missouri
CSM Roger Green
CCM Graham Brumley

Oklahoma
CCM Drate Cathey
New CCM selectee Jim Beller
CSM David Keating

Texas
CSM Harold Higgins
CSM Clyde Worrell
Assistant AG for Air

VIP's
First Timers were welcomed
First time Junior Enlisted
Bobby Dempsey-OK, EANGUS Past President
Charlie Hagerman-AR, Past Area IV Chairman
Debra Campbell-OK, EANGUS Aux President
Pearline Pearce-, Senior Aux Area IV Director
Cherry Moseley-OK, Junior Aux Area IV Director
Everyone in attendance

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Chair Ward-MS entertained a motion for Approval of 2002 EANGUS Area IV Caucus minutes. Greg Dickens- MS made the motion and CSM Don Strickland-TX Second. Motion Carried and is on file.

Charlie Hagerman-AR explained the Directors and Chairperson election and tenure.

- Even years an At-Large Director is elected. They can be Army or Air.
- Odd years 1 Army and 1 Air Director is elected.
- From the 3 Directors a Chairperson will be elected.
- The Directors elected will serve 2 years. The Chairperson is elected yearly.
- Nominations will come from the floor and a secret ballot will be conducted.

Chair Ward opened the floor for Nominations to Area IV Air Director

- Rusty Anderson-MS motioned to “nominated Leah Caldwell-MO for Area IV Air Director.”
- Greg Dickens-MS seconded. Motion on file.
- Chair Ward asked for discussion.
- Ronnie Taylor-AR motioned “Nominations cease, Leah Caldwell be elected by acclamation.”
- Richard Blanchard seconded. Motion on file.
- Chair Ward asked for discussion.
- Motion carried.

Chair Ward explained that Stacy Ferrell, past Air Area IV Director, had moved out of Area IV to Georgia. She will be missed.

Chair Ward opened the floor for Nominations to Area IV Army Director

- Drate Cathey-OK motioned to “nominated Sgt First Class David Burford for Director Area IV Army.”
- David Keating-OK seconded. Motion on file.
- Charlie Hagerman-AR motioned to “nominated William C. Wood, Army Director Area IV.”
- Ron Taylor-AR seconded. Motion on file.
- Mike Matirne-LA motioned to “nominated Richard Blanchard for Area IV Army Director.”
- Dean Matherne-LA seconded. Motion on file.
- Chair Ward asked the three candidates to give a speech limited to three minutes.
- Ballot will be done on Wednesday 20 Aug 03.
- David Burford-OK, William C. Wood-AR, and Richard Blanchard-LA addressed the caucus members.
- Chair Ward explained that members should let the States Army and Air President/Representative for each state know whom they want to vote for as Director.

EANGUS Auxiliary President Debra Campbell addressed the members of the caucus.

Chair Ward announced that the States Presidents Reports will be move to Wednesday 20 Aug 03.

Junior Area IV Auxiliary Director Cherry Moseley addressed the members of the caucus.

- Legislative Report – 16347 contacts across the nation, Area IV made 13874 of them.
- Over 80% of the contacts.
- E-mail Network is a very effective.
- Open communication with Erin Harding has been a tremendous help.

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Chair Ward announced that President Dell has changed things to help everyone be more involved. Tuesday 19 Aug 03 will be a meeting with State Presidents and anyone that wants to talk about Hospitality next year and Mid-Winter. No one was required to attend caucus.

Fun Time

- President John Ryan-KS joke about coffee
- Pandora's Box-
- CSM Collins-AR, CSM Keating-OK, and CCMSt Glen Kirby-LA New Chief and CSM in Area IV.
- Gary Campbell-OK considered the "Lion King".
- Loyd Baham-LA wanted room service but was not there to receive it. And got Bagel and Strawberry preserves.
- Past CSM Pete Morris-AR, New glasses so that he could see well.
- Past President Rob Detter-MS, received a sign of inspiration and his B.S. Degree.
- First Timer received a Quarter for the instructions of the Quarter Game the previous evening.
- Candy has been provided from the Auxiliary and the Directors.
- Marriage of Drate Cathey and Lavonda Barnhart. (Thanks Area IV we will remember it forever.)
- President Greg Dickens gave a jacket to Gary Campbell.

Loyd Baham-LA brought two issues to the table

- Issue 1: Changing the dates for the EANGUS 2007 Conference in Oklahoma. Most of the time the conference is the 1st week of school for attendees. Recommend to the Time and Place Committee meeting the Conference dates be changed to accommodate this issue, if it is an issue for Area IV.
- Chair Ward gave a brief history; issues have been brought to the floor that Conferences have been a problem for College kids, teachers, and first time school kids. It was in the old contract that certain dates like July 15, August 15 was to be scheduled. The issue is, and can be asked again, if you move the conferences back you get into AT's, Mississippi for example was going to have it after the Labor Day weekends and on the Gulf Coast because room rates could be drastically reduced. The idea was shot down. Area IV may ask again, however if it is moved it up you still have kids in school and if moved back you get in to all AT's.
- Loyd Baham-LA recommended that it might be easier for people to attend the conference if it was scheduled later after kids have started to school instead of the week they start to school.
- Issue 2: Loyd Baham-LA Commended Area IV for explaining the Parliamentary instructions as the meeting proceeded. Recommended that Area IV should form a committee to develop Standing Rules for Committees, Mid-winter and Caucuses. These Standing Rule would make an easier transition for new presidents and directors. Loyd Baham-LA was appointed as the chair to develop the Standing Rules for Area IV.

Announcements

- Reminder that Tuesday, 19 Aug 03 at 0700 will be a meeting for Directors, State Presidents and all that want to volunteer and be involved with Mid-winter, Committees and Hospitality.

Meeting adjourned until Wednesday 20 Aug 03.

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Wednesday, August 20, 2003

Chair Ward-MS called Area IV Caucus to order at 0700. Chief Holifield-MS gave invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Reports of State Presidents were given:

State Presidents Reports

- Arkansas** – President Alan Davis filed and reported:
 - Members in attendance 44 and recognized special guests
 - Current membership 2668
 - Previous State Conference 25-27 April 2004 in Fort Smith, AR
 - Upcoming State Conference 23-25 April 2004 Eureka Springs, AR
 - Significant Events/Accomplishments – Sponsored Airman of the Year to attend the EANGUS Conference.
- Kansas** – President John Ryan filed and reported:
 - Membership for 2003 – 678 and increase of 35 from Mid-winter.
 - Previous State Conference – 14-16 March 2003, Salina, KS
 - CCM Roger Wilson will retire.
 - Members in attendance 26, 5 first timers, and 7 Auxiliary.
 - Upcoming conference will be combined with the Officer Association held in Topeka KS 16-18 April 2004.
- Louisiana** – President Mike Matirne filed and reported:
 - Members in attendance 17 (3 Newcomers) and recognized special guests.
 - Current membership is 2853 in state association.
 - 2038 Soldiers and 70 Airmen currently Deployed
 - Previous State Conference – 11-13 April 2003, Alexandria, LA
 - Hosted 18th Annual Area IV Midwinter in 14-15 February 2003 in Monroe, LA.
 - Upcoming State Conference – 26-27 March 2004, New Orleans, LA.
 - Made several accomplishments in 2002.
 - Website www.la.ngb.army.mil/laea/lanega
- Mississippi** – President Greg Dickens reported:
 - Members in attendance 58 and recognized special guests
 - Russell Anderson is the President elect
 - Current Membership – 3978
 - Upcoming State Conferences – 16-18 Apr 2004, Jackson, MS
- Missouri** – (Combined) – President Leah Caldwell filed and reported:
 - Total in attendance 15 and recognized special guests
 - Membership is down
 - Senior Airmen of the Year was Present
 - Working on issues of communication with in state.
 - State Conference – 22-25 Apr 04, Columbia, MO.
- Missouri** – (Enlisted) – No report:
- Oklahoma** – Enlisted Representative James Heston–
 - President not currently present.
 - Has implemented new website and newsletter.
 - Membership calendar has changed.
- Texas** – No report

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Chair Ward briefed the financial report - Begin the year with \$7,176.85
Expense 2003 \$ 746.53
Balance \$6,430.23

The correct amount of the expense will be noted in the minutes that will be prepared and sent out 30 to 45 days from the conference.

Chair Ward asked Stephanie Hall - AR to give a report on the 2004 Midwinter Conference.

- Held in Hot Springs, AR at the Majestic Hotel, on 16-18 January 2004.
- Registration forms will be given and e-mailed to each president and executive director.
- Rooms are \$70.00.
- Registration is \$30 a person BEFORE 1 January 04 and \$50 a person after 1 January.
- Hotel offers special rates for Golf, Spa, and Belle Hot Springs.
- Friday will be hospitality night with special tours.
- Saturday night will be 60's theme
- Questions call (501) 212-5007 or e-mail Stephanie.Hall@ar.ngb.army.mil
- Report is attached.

Chair Ward gave a 5 minutes break for states to caucus on the election of Army Area IV Director.

The meeting was called back to order. The following State Air and Army Representatives voted:

ARMY	State	AIR
Ellis	TX	Maginot
Max Miller	KS	Morris
Matherne	LA	Matirne
Taylor	AR	Culwell
Vogel	MO	Caldwell
Anderson	MS	Dickens
Heston	OK	Beller

A secret ballot was held for the election of Army Director from the nominations made on 18 Aug 03.

- Nominees are Richard Blanchard-LA, WC Woods-AR, David Burford-OK.
- David Burford- OK was elected Army Director.
- John Ryan-KS motion to destroy the ballots. Max Miller-KS seconded. Motion Carried
- Motion is on file.

Floor was opened for Nominations for Area IV Chairperson-

- Leah Caldwell – MO nominated Deborah Ward – MS, Stephanie Hall-AR Seconded.
- Rob Detter – MS motioned for the Nomination for Chair to cease and be elected by acclamation, seconded by Greg Dickens – MS.
- Motion Passed and Deborah Ward was appointed Chairperson.

Chair Deborah Ward said she appreciated everyone's confidence. She wishes she could set down and tell everyone how much work her job is. There are good things and bad things that go with the job. She always tries to do what is right in her heart.

Chair Ward made some announcements.

Unfinished Business – None

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New Business

- Loyd Baham-LA made a motion to establish the "Standing Rules Committee"
- Seconded by Michael Matirne. Motion passed.
- Loyd Baham-LA made a motion to establish the "Hospitality Committee"
- Seconded by Michael Matirne. Motion passed.
- Motions are on file.

Stephanie Hall-AR announced to the caucus she would be running for EANGUS Vice President. She asked for Area IV support. She has work as a past president, currently the Co-chair on the Membership Committee. She has worked in the areas of Membership and Legislative extensively. She has the energy, experience and skills to do the job. She is very proud to be representing Arkansas and Area IV.

David Culwell-AR motioned to Adjourn. Mike Matirne-LA seconded. Motion passed and is on file.

Chair Deborah Ward ended the meeting by quoting the old Irish prayer "Until I see you again may God hold you in the palm of his hand". She went on to say, let her know if she can do anything for you.

Yours in Service,

Lavonda R. Cathey
Oklahoma