

20th ANNUAL AREA IV MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
Lake Ozark, Missouri
14-16 JANUARY 2005








Chair Deborah Ward-MS called 19th Annual Area IV Mid-winter conference to order at 0907 on 15 Jan 05 in the Conference Room of the Country Club Hotel & Spa in Lake Ozark, Missouri. The Missouri National Guard Association hosted the conference.

Chair Ward asked Vivian Taylor-MS to give the invocation. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and short Memorial was played in remembrance of those who have lost their lives fighting for our country.

LTC William Johnson, MONGA President welcomed the members to the conference.

Special Guests, Shelia & Jay Bandy, EANGUS Auxiliary President, Vivian Taylor, Auxiliary Secretary, Hope Troy, Area IV Junior Director, Shirley Inke – MO Auxiliary President. All CSMs and CMSs were recognized from all the states.

Lavonda Cathey-OK conducted the Role Call of the States:

	Arkansas	Present with 19
	Kansas	Present with 9
	Louisiana	Present with 4
	Mississippi	Present with 15
	Missouri	Present with 6
	Oklahoma	Present with 13
	Texas	Present with 1

There were 7 First timers at the conference.

Conference Chair Jamie Turner- MO and the Assistant General Manager Mr. Mike Parker from the Hotel addressed the members and hoped we had a pleasant stay.

Fun Time we Play Battle of the Sexes in which our Auxiliary beat the Army/Air in the competition.

EANGUS Auxiliary President Shelia Bundy gave a report. She addressed the members on issues such as Teamwork, Recruiting, 222 Auxiliary Members, Area Directors, SIGNAL Newsletter, 16k plus contacts have been made to congress, Charters, presented Hope Troy with a gift, and encouraged all to attend the legislative conference. She also reminded everyone about the Silent Auction they were having.

Chair Ward present gifts to Shelia and Hope for all their hard work.

Fun Time – Pandora’s Box some recipients were, Connie Myers, Lucretia Barbee, Jim Crosby, and Leah Caldwell.

Chair Ward dismissed the Auxiliary to conduct their meetings and a break was called.

After reconvening the Army and Air conducted breakouts. Chairs were CSM Taylor – MO and CMS Brumlee – MO for the breakouts.

CSM Taylor's Report addressed Legislative Updates, equipment issues, MOS structures and bonuses, NGB possible pulling MOS specific individuals, and Rotation of equipment overseas.

CMS Brumlee's Report addressed retention, New ANG Chief, EFAC, Age 55 retirement, resolutions.

Joe Davis-LA gave the Retiree/Continuity report. He discussed issues on Tricare information, Tricare for life, VA benefits for survivors, cemetery plots, and paid transportation, individuals should apply 6-9 months before they reach eligible age. He also addressed Airforce- After burner program and Orlando – Shades of Green, Military Travel Housing, must call in advance. Visits www.eangus.org, www.areaiv.org, www.military.com; www.va.gov; www.myhealth.va.gov for more information

Chair Ward updated members on upcoming 2005 State and National Conferences website:

- 2005 State Conferences:
 - Apr 15-17 - Tulsa, OK Mar 17-20 - Houston, TX
 - Apr 8-10 – Lafayette, LA Mar 18-20 - Colby, KS
 - Apr 15-17 - Tupelo, MS Apr 21-24 - Columbia, MO
 - Apr 22-24 - Eureka Springs, AR
- Legislative Workshop held in Alexandria, VA Mar 6-9, 05 at the Hampton Inn.
- 2005 EANGUS Site Visit 19-21 May 05.
- National Conference
 - 21-24 Aug 2005 – Orlando, FL 20-24 Aug 2006 – Gulfport/Biloxi, MS
 - 11-15 Aug 2007 – Oklahoma City, OK

Chair Ward recessed from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for lunch.

Reconvened at 1:05 pm Announcement that Silent Auction Closes at 3:00 pm.

Director Leah Caldwell gave a presentation on the legislative updates. Presentation was posted on the Area IV website.

Chair Ward entertained a motion for the approval of Mid-Winter Minutes 2004. Charles Brown – AR moved to accept 2004 Mid-Winter Minutes. Jay Wells -MS seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Ward called a 30 Minute Army/Air Breakout.

State President Reports

All States Presidents reports were filed see attachment.

Old Business:

Standing Rules – Drate Cathey- OK Moved to Bring “Standing Rules” of the table, Joseph Davis – MS seconded, motion carried.

Jay Wells-MS Moved to accept the Standing Rules, seconded by David Culwell-AR. Motion defeated.

Delano Kirby – MS Recommend that a checklist be put together of procedures.

New Business –

Chair Ward announced the 2006 Midwinter would be held in Austin, TX and 2007 Midwinter in Lawrence, KS.

2005 Area IV Hospitality report was given by Max Miller-KS and AJ Jones-LA will get with individual states to set up hospitality night and e-mail out.

2004 Hospitality night cost \$772.55 leaving a balance of \$5,657.68 in Area IV bank account.

Jay Wells-MS moved to lower the minimum amount (*of bank account*) to \$1500.00 and utilize existing moneis until reaching that point. Bob Fried, seconded, motion was defeated.

Rickey Myers-MS gave a report on 2006 Conference scheduled in Gulfport/Biloxi, MS.

Chair Ward reminded everyone about deadlines for the National Conference. And spoke about the Humanitarian & Hero Awards and Scholarships.

EANGUS Webpage on the move to be redone.

Issues on the Finance Committee – President Brown has made new policy for spending money. Harder to get support for the Areas. Directors can only attend State conferences by invitation only.

Greg Gillroy-KS discussed Webpage issues, changes in links, need 1 rep from each state, set up retiree page and resolutions.

Charlie Haggerman – MS discussed procedures of Air/Army Director Election of 2005.

Directors (Air) Leah Caldwell and (Army) David Burford plan on running again.

All states need to make efforts to recognize EANGUS Directors when in attendance at State Conferences.

Benediction was given by Dennis Taylor.

Motion was made by Drate Cathey-OK, to adjourn. Seconded by Paul Campbell - OK. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lavonda Cathey