



The Signal

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Mark Your Calendar

Membership Workshop
October 9-13, 2008
CRTC, Gulfport, MS

See you there!

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EANGUS Auxiliary Conference

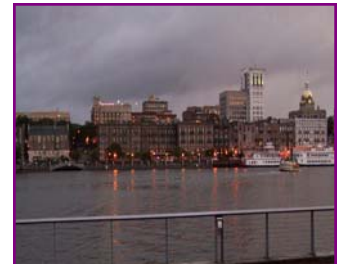
By President Vivian D. Taylor

The EANGUS and Auxiliary members enjoyed the hospitality of the Georgia folks in the historic city of Savannah. Highlights included worship on Sunday led by EANGUS Chaplain SFC Jeff Revette (MS); First Timers Meeting (we had about 20 first timers); committee meetings; welcome night beach party; Soldier of the Year luncheon; general membership meetings (special guest, James Rogers, sang the National Guard song for us); All Areas hospitality night; Auxiliary awards luncheon (Army Jazz Ensemble provided great music); and All States banquet. You notice we ate at every opportunity! President Sheila Bandy presided at the Auxiliary meetings. Members of the Auxiliary and EANGUS expressed thanks to Sheila for her leadership as president for 4 years and her work prior to service in that position.

Members found time on the free night to visit places like Lady and Sons Restaurant (Paula Deen and Sons), Tybee Island (The Crab Shack restaurant, among other places), and historic downtown Savannah. Most folks enjoyed taking the water taxi, too.

Jerry and I (and Hummer, our black cat with white accents) enjoyed in our spare minutes watching the big ships coming and going past our 14th story window at the Westin.

Our conference next year will be August 8-12 in Rochester, Minnesota, home to the famous Mayo clinic. More information in upcoming issues.



Historic Riverfront Savannah



Vivian and Jerry's Ships

Convention Center across the river from the Historic Riverfront area. Many of the delegates stayed in hotels across the river.

Officers, Area Directors Elected

President—Vivian Taylor
Vice-President—Jenny Laihart

Secretary—Pat Reed

Treasurer—Cora Sower
Past President—Sheila Bandy

Area 1—is vacant

Area 2—Ute Vance

Area 3—Dianne Williams

Area 3—Marie Brabham

Area 4—Cathy Morris

Area 4—Connie Myers

Area 5—Shelli Kasin

Area 5—Edna Steinberg

Area 6—Suzie Stewart

Area 6—Connie Smith

Area 7—Marsha Stark

Area 7—Doris O'Connell

Sincere thanks to Past President Dorothy Ingles for her "nutty" installation service!

Dorothy Ingles (CA) & LaDawn Cope (OK) having fun!



Four Emphases from the President

I have 4 emphases this year:

- Membership growth
- Legislative participation
- Communication
- Support for “We Care for America Foundation”

Membership growth is essential for every organization. It can be done. Each member can be a part of attaining this goal. Ask other EANGUS spouses if they are a member. Point out the benefits secured by membership (legislative successes, scholarships, personal growth).

Legislative participation—what the Auxiliary does so well. EANGUS—our spouses and families—depend on us to contact our legislators on their behalf. Every time I have visited on Capitol Hill, I’ve been asked how many folks we represent. I admit that I always use the EANGUS membership number. Numbers really do count.

Communication is a 2-way street. Of course you will hear from the national Auxiliary but we have to hear from you, too. Let us know when there are problems but suggest solu-

tions, too!

We Care for America Foundation is a way that EANGUS is helping our families. Let’s support it, personally and corporately.



TEAM Work is the key to the Association & the Auxiliary’s **SUCCESS!**



Water Taxi a relaxing way to travel!
A big Thank You Savan-

Please Let these Auxiliary members hear from you

Prayer Requests

- Minnie Sosa, NM—mother died August 24
- Shirley & Deryle Ritter, MS—Both have been very ill and Deryle was hospitalized while we were at conference.
- Lindsay, AL—Peggy & Glenn Schmidlkofer’s granddaughter is having more tests
- Marie Brabham, Area II Director—had surgery, facing weeks of recovery
- Joe Davis, MS—chemo after colon surgery
- Ann Hart, Sergeant at Arms—fell & broke her ankle & heart problems
- Brooks Marr, EANGUS Auxiliary Past President—upcoming surgery on September 22
- Florence Wright, MS Auxiliary President—has been tested for everything from A-Z; doctors think she has either Lyme Disease or a Viral Syndrome
- Cathy Morris, LA—fell while mowing lawn at her parents, but is okay



Awards

Distinguished Service Award

Paula Carrigan, MS

Meritorious Service Award

Ricky Myers, MS

Spouse of the Year Award

Charlie Hagerman, AR

Torch Award

Lorraine Miller, NM

President’s Award

Dianne Williams, GA

Bryan Birch, EANGUS

Area Director of the Year Award

Dianne Williams

Area 3

Outstanding State Awards

1-25 — Minnesota

26-75 — North Dakota and Georgia

76 + — Ohio

Lifetime Member Award

Mary Hensell, AZ

Ann Hart Smile Award

Pat Bishop, MS

Sara Hendricks, IA

Membership Recruiting Award

Marsha Stark, CA



Brooks Marr & Mama Jody

Past President Message

To Everyone

I could not go without saying THANK YOU. It was a bittersweet time in Savannah. As President of the Auxiliary for four years and knowing I was going to turn over that gavel to the incoming President, I felt good, but sad all at the same time. I am very proud and honored to have been your president and hope that you will continue to support this great organization. Thanks to all of the Auxiliary members who have stood beside me. It was a team effort and I could not have done it without you. I look forward to working with the new incoming officers and I know the auxiliary will continue to grow.

Thanks for the beautiful bracelet, to USAA for the kind words and memento but especially for supporting our scholarship program. Thanks to Dian and Mike Cline for the framed print of the Kentucky Derby cover. I appreciate their great leadership as well as their friendship. Last but not least, to EANGUS President Lever and Ellen, thanks for the awesome print "Back Home in a Year Dear". It will be cherished for years to come. As Life members of EANGUS and its AUXILIARY, Jay and I will continue to support both organizations and we really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Side by Side, We will always Stand With Pride.

God Bless, Sheila

Appointees/Committee Chairmen

Appointing members to serve as Appointees and Committee Chairmen is a **B I G** job and won't be completed this month. We have made a good start:

Awards—*Sheila Bandy* (will get awards from vendor); another person will co-chair

Conference Coordinator, EANGUS Auxiliary—*Sheila Bandy*

Conference Coordinator, Minnesota—*Karen Vicento*

Constitution Committee—

Credentials and Rules Committee—*Lorraine Miller*, Chair; *Charlotte Kuykendall*, Area II, *Ann Hart*, Area IV;

Family Affairs Committee—*Connie Smith*, Chair

Finance Committee—*Marsha Stark*, *Dorothy Inglese*, Co-Chairs;

Legislative Committee—*Connie Myers*, Chair; *Barbara Rains*;

Membership Committee—*Dianne Williams*, *Sheila Bandy* (also assisted with database entry by *Bryan Birch*, EANGUS)

Resolutions Committee—*Shirley Bogdan*, Chair

Scholarship Committee—*Marie Brabham*, Chair; *Gloria Cooley*, Area IV

Sergeants at Arms—*Ann Hart*, Chair; *Brooks Marr*; *Betty Hagerman*; *Sandy Morse*; *Teresa White*

Ways and Means Committee, Silent Auction—*Hazel Holt*, Chair

Web Master—*Dianne Williams*

"Thanks to each one of you who filled out a volunteer form. If you ran out of time to fill in your volunteer form, please give me a call and let me know where you want to serve. Thanks!" Vivian

Senior Corner

Past President Brooks Marr has done a great job keeping retired members informed through *The Senior Signal*. She was assisted by Ann and Dave Hart who provided mailing labels. Both Brooks and the Harts had computer crashes earlier in the year and lost the information they had worked so hard to gather. Brooks will be having surgery in September and she thought it was time to make a change. So, we are looking for someone to provide information for the Senior Corner of *The Signal*. We also need help with e-mail addresses or postal addresses when there is no e-mail address for our retiree members. You can help by sending your information and that of others of whom you are aware. Also let us know what you want in your corner. This is a work in progress so please be patient as we try to accomplish this directive.

If you are interested in writing the Senior Corner each month, or serving as the Continuity Chair, please e-mail Vivian at: vividean@aol.com

Brooks sent the following article for the "Signal" this month:

----- I PLAN TO HAVE THIS VACCINE WHILE I AM IN THE HOSPITAL HAVING MY KNEE REPLACEMENT IF THEY WILL GIVE IT TO ME THEN, IF NOT, I WILL HAVE IT AFTERWARD. I HAVE HAD SHINGLES AND IT IS NO FUN. THE PAIN IS AWFUL. I DO NOT WANT A RETURN OF IT. BROOKS

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Shingles vaccine available to Tricare beneficiaries 60 and older

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFRNS) -- Following a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Oct. 19 recommendation, Tricare now covers Zostavax, the vaccine designed to prevent shingles for beneficiaries 60 and older.

Shingles is a painful viral disease that affects more than 1 million Americans every year. More than half of those cases happen in people age 60 or older. The CDC recommends a single dose of shingles vaccine for everyone within this age range.

In a shingles prevention study done by the Veterans Administration Cooperative Trial, run by Dr. Michael Oxman of the University of California in San Diego, Zostavax was more than 50 percent effective in reducing the incidence of shingles and more than 60 percent effective in reducing some of its associated symptoms. Even in people who suffer from the disease, most of those who were vaccinated experienced less pain.

Shingles is caused by the varicella-zoster virus, the same virus that causes chickenpox in children. It remains in the body for decades, sleeping in nerve cells along the spinal column. A shingles rash usually appears on one side of the face or body and lasts between two and four weeks. It is painful and can be accompanied by fever, headache, chills and upset stomach, said Tricare officials.

"We cover all immunizations recommended by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and formally endorsed and adopted by the CDC," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of the Tricare Management Activity.

Monthly Spotlight Member Roxana Barwick, Wisconsin.

She has served as WI Auxiliary Secretary since 1984; she compiled and published history pamphlet of WI Auxiliary; creates & prints state conference book yearly; watchdog for website; works with city of Milwaukee; finds donations for items for troops and, at her own expense, mails to them all around the world; currently heading committee that collects and dispenses items to veteran's centers throughout WI; involved in Books for Soldiers, contacting authors directly to secure donations of books; supports and contacts soldiers who do not have families with whom to correspond; and works with legislative chairs of both the WINGEA & Auxiliary. Our hats are off to you, Roxie, for the marvelous work you do on behalf of military members and families.

EANGUS AUXILIARY

The EANGUS Auxiliary was formed in 1973 by a group of 44 ladies, representing 16 states, meeting at the Hotel Fort Des Moines in Des Moines, Iowa. The purpose of the Auxiliary is to support EANGUS in its endeavors. One of the primary ways we assist EANGUS is with the legislative work we accomplish. If you're not helping in that area, please start today. You can find legislative information on www.eangus.org. Your legislative chairman, Connie Myers, can help you with your questions. Her e-mail is constance.myers@ang.af.mil (note the change in e-mail address).

Lucretia Barbee, *The Signal* Editor

Lucretia has been Area IV Director and Area IV Newsletter editor. She also served as Past-President, President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Legislative Chair and Newsletter Chair in Oklahoma. She has experience with newsletters and has thankfully, agreed to help with editing/publishing of *The Signal*.

Lucretia and State CSM Marvin Barbee (Ret) have been married for 38 years. They have two daughters and a son, Mande and Trey are currently deployed with the 45th IBCT in Iraq. Lauri their oldest is the mother of their two grandchildren, (Joys of their life) Wil (10) and Marlee (2), they also have a son-in-law Shannon and a daughter-in-law Deighton. Lucretia retired 4 years ago after being an Elementary teacher for 29 years. Since retirement she worked as a contractor traveling across the US presenting workshops to NG Families, and developing curriculum. She is now the Oklahoma Rep for "Connect and Join" a communication web based tool for deployed families. The Barbee's have been members of Fitzhugh Baptist church for 38 years and live in Roff, Oklahoma. They both are active in their community and state and especially enjoy working with NG families.

I want to express my sincerest thanks to Lucretia for her work on *The Signal*. You'll enjoy her creative flair this year as we work together to communicate with you through the newsletter. Please help us make this the most effective tool it can be. Please send any items of interest or pictures **directly** to Lucretia ibarbee@cableone.net by the **15th of each month**, she will use as much information as possible each month. We need to hear from you with news from your state & area. Thanks! Vivian

Pat Reed Secretary

PAT REED—

Pat & I share a birth month & year (I'm 2 weeks older!). Pat has been married to SSG (Ret) Sidney Reed for 11 years and between them they have children, Chandler, Scott, & Carly and fantastic grandson, Ben. The Reeds are members of Cross Roads Baptist Church where Pat has served as secretary. Pat is retired from BellSouth after 31 years & now works Oct.-Mar. at AmeriGas Propane. Sidney is active in the American Legion and is GA Area Director. Pat is VP of the GA Auxiliary. I am looking forward



Remember to Vote
November 4.

to working with Pat and the other board members, each of whom will have a turn to be introduced. Vivian

Photos, Information and Tidbits from Across the States



Charlie Hagerman
"Spouse of the Year"

Thanks all of you for awarding Charlie "Spouse of the Year". He's still floating on cloud nine! He's even fixed breakfast for me a few times since the conference and I need to mention that he's washed the dishes several times, also. What a man!

Thanks Again,
Betty Hagerman

California State Conference
September 27 in Sacramento

Statue of the Olympic Torch in honor of the "Atlanta Olympic" water competitions held on the river. Statue sits along the river walk.



News from Utah:

- Brad Howell is the new Area Director Chair for Area VI.
- Gov. (Governor?) Day in Utah is Sept 13; Utah hopes to increase membership.
- Senior Enlisted Conference is September 26 in Park City, Utah



Having Fun at the All-Area Night! Lots of good food, drink and a great time to make new friends and trade state pins!



All-States Banquet! Time to dress up!

From Past President Dorothy Inglese

Thank you once again Immediate Past President Sheila Bandy for all you've done for the Auxiliary these past four years. One of Sheila's duties as Immediate Past President will be to plan the Past Presidents' Social at National Conference in 2009.

Even with her hectic schedule she hosted our Past Presidents' Social **this year** in Savannah, GA. We are very grateful--it was a very nice lunch!

Thanks to all the members who gave me state pins for the shadow box, who bought and sold the tickets. We made \$855 and if I receive enough state pins I will do another shadow box for 2009.

Congratulations to our new officers! We're all here to support you!

Special Offer from SEARS

In this season of giving, Sears is enabling America to thank you for all of the sacrifices that you make for our country by fulfilling the wishes of your family this holiday season. Sears created the Heroes at Home Wish RegistrySM so that the American public can help make your family's wishes come true during this holiday season. The idea is simple. Sears will feature the wish lists of selected military families and will allow American to fulfill those wishes by purchasing and donating Sears gift cards. It's easy for you to be included. Simply go to www.sears.com/wish and provide the basic information requested between **August 27th and September 17, 2008**. Sears will review your information and verify you meet eligibility requirements.

Take the citizenship test Very interesting questions. How well would you do if you took the citizenship test. Try this out - educational and fun. 24 out of 30 is considered a passing grade. Supposedly 96% of all High School seniors FAILED this test...
<http://games.toast.net/independence/>
AND if that's not bad enough, 50+% of all individuals over 50 did too!!, and we WONDER why America 's in the shape she's in? Have Fun! Brooks

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EANGUS Auxiliary

Side by Side We Stand With Pride

Minutes from Conference

The Secretary has 30 days after conference to submit the minutes. The minutes from conference will be shared in upcoming issues of *The Signal*.

Family Affairs Corner: Chair Connie Smith

Being prepared for an emergency way in advance is a comforting thing. You don't have to run to the store at the last minute and hope to be able to find the supplies that you need. Having them ahead of time is well worth the small effort it takes to gather them together. A 72 hour kit is very easy and most of the items are already in the home...you just have to find a container and gather the necessary items together. You need to have it in a convenient place that is easy to grab in a hurry. You should have an emergency car kit in each of your vehicles and at the workplace as well.

Water is the most important emergency commodity to store. I have a lot of information on how to store, how much to store and where to store water. It is important to have at least one gallon per person per day in storage.



Just for fun I am also attaching pictures of my little "grocery store" I have in the basement. I sleep very well at night knowing my family will be taken care of in the event of an emergency.

I have been working with the Family Programs people for several years now trying to get emergency preparedness information to our guard families. If there is an emergency and the service member gets called away to help out which leaves the family in the same emergency situation. It is logical to me guard families need to be trained and prepared for whatever emergency is possible in their area. I'm working with our State CSM Hudson to try and get something started in this area. If others are interested contact me Connie Smith connie@chaffetz.com



I also included a picture that greatly impacted me when I saw it. It is the dome in New Orleans and the misery and filth those people experienced because they were not prepared. There are many great information websites about preparing for a hurricane here is one of my favorites. <http://www.hhs.gov/news/facts/hurricane.html>
Be safe and know our prayers are always with those in the paths of hurricanes and other major disasters, and for our service members which work these disasters.

God Bless, Connie