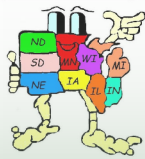


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Don't Forget!

Day Light Saving Time Begins 2:00 A.M.
March 13th – Set Your Clocks AHEAD
1 Hour

States should submit their newsletters to

Jim Hotaling
EANGUS Publications Chair
2409 SW 11th St
Battle Ground, WA 98604

&

Register to Attend:
Area V Caucus
National EANGUS Conference

President's Workshop/Pre-conference
Site Visit is May 13 -14, 2011,
Charleston, West Virginia



Hello Everyone!

I know this is a busy time for everyone. Please remember the Area V Caucus in Deadwood, SD on May 20-21. Also remember the National Conference is Charleston, West Virginia August 14-17.

I know you're getting ready for your State Conferences coming up soon. I hope the weather cooperates for everyone. I hope you all have a wonderful time and a great turn out for your conference. I know North Dakota had their State Conference March 3-6. The upcoming State Conferences are as follows: Iowa March - 25-27' South Dakota - April 15-16; Minnesota - April 29-30, and Wisconsin April 29-May 1. Please email Roxie pictures from your state conference so we can include in the upcoming Area V newsletters along with any information regarding your state.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Area V Caucus and National Conference! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on March 13. Be safe when traveling!

Here's to wonderful springtime weather!



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Legislative Corner

Bills of Interest:

- S. 260** Would repeal the deduction of VA survivor benefits from Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuities.
- S. 344** Would authorize full concurrent receipt of retired pay and veterans' disability compensation for all disabled military retirees.
- H.R. 687** Would offer employers a tax credit for hiring spouses of members of the Armed Forces on extended active duty for more than 90 days.

Congressman Dave Loebsack, Senator Daniel Akaka, Kate Fitzpatrick, and Meagan Linn were award winners at the EANGUS Legislative Reception held March 7th at the National Guard Memorial Building. Watch for the March Issue of **THE SIGNAL** regarding the EANGUS Legislative Workshop.

REMINDER!!!! EANGUS Publications Contest



State's should submit their Association and Auxiliary newsletters for the EANGUS Publications Contest. *Deadline is March 15th.*

For SOP and Form go to:

EANGUS.org>Resources>Forms & SOP>17. EANGUS PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE SOP.doc.

Submit to: **CMSgt James Hotaling, 2409 SW 11th St, Battle Ground, WA 98604**

james.hotaling@ang.af.mil

Spouses of National Guard and Reserve Service Members Are Invited To Nominate Their Employers For The Patriot Award

Online Patriot Award – Spouse Nominator:

http://esgr.org/newforms.asp?p=patriot_spouse

Spouses award your employer! Recognize your boss for his or her support of National Guard and Reserve members. Nominate him or her for a "Patriot Award". Your employer will receive a Department of Defense Certificate of Appreciation and a Patriot lapel pin. All spouses of members of the National Guard and Reserve are eligible to nominate their employers.

Please note: Certificates are printed with your employer's name, so please enter only one name per nomination. The standard turnaround time for the Patriot Award to reach the address provided is 30-45 days from the date of submission. Items preceded with an asterisk (*) are required. All fields are case sensitive. Also note that either a valid phone number or email address is required.

COLA for Social Security Recipients and Retirees for 2012?

The CPI has surpassed the level needed to trigger COLA payments for 2012. The relevant months for measurement are July, August, and September of this year and hopefully the level will be high enough to trigger a COLA!

GET THROUGH TO A HUMAN!!



Sometimes getting the information through the robotic operator is OK, but then again other times we want to speak to a human.

Check out the website <http://gethuman.com/>

Lists the exact numbers to press or words to say in order to reach an operator or customer service representative for more than 2,2000 companies.

(These sites have been verified, however if the company's phone menu options change, it is possible it may not work.)

Do You Know the Main Difference between http:// and https:// ?

The "S" in HTTPS indicates a secure site. If you visit a web site or web page, and look at the address in the web browser, it will likely begin with the following: http://. This means that the web site is talking to your browser using the regular 'unsecured' language. In other If you fill out a form on the web site, someone might see the information you send to that site. This is why you never ever enter your credit card number in an http web site! But if the web address begins with **https://**, your computer is talking to the web site in a secure code that no one can eavesdrop on.

If a web site ever asks you to enter your credit card information, you should look to see if the web address begins with **https://**. If it doesn't, there's no way you're going to enter sensitive information like a credit card number!

**40th Annual EANGUS Conference
Charleston, West Virginia - August 14-17, 2011
Register On-Line Now at EANGUS.org**

YOU THINK ENGLISH IS EASY???

- 1) The bandage was **wound** around the **wound**.
- 2) The farm was used to **produce produce**.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to **refuse** more **refuse**.
- 4) We must **polish** the **Polish** furniture.
- 5) He could **lead** if he would get the **lead** out.
- 6) The soldier decided to **desert** his dessert in the **desert**.
- 7) Since there is no time like the **present**, he thought it was time to **present** the **present**,
- 8) A **bass** was painted on the head of the **bass** drum.
- 9) When shot at, the **dove dove** into the bushes.
- 10) I did not **object** to the **object**.
- 11) The insurance was **invalid** for the **invalid**.
- 12) There was a **row** among the oarsmen about how to **row**,
- 13) They were too **close** to the door to **close** it.
- 14) The buck **does** funny things when the **does** are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a **sewer** fell down into a **sewer** line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his **sow** to **sow**.
- 17) The **wind** was too strong to **wind** the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the **tear** in the painting I shed a **tear**.
- 19) I had to **subject** the **subject** to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I **intimate** this to my most **intimate** friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people not computers and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why when the stars are out they are visible but when the lights are out they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'?

Lovers of the English language might enjoy this.

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is 'UP'

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake **UP**? At a meeting, why does a topic come **UP**? Why do we speak **UP** and why are the officers **UP** for election and why is it **UP** to the secretary to write **UP** a report?

We call **UP** our friends. And we use it to brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver; we warm **UP** the leftovers and clean **UP** the kitchen. We lock **UP** the house and some guys fix **UP** the old car. At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite, and think **UP** excuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed **UP** is special.

And this **UP** is confusing: A drain must be opened **UP** because it is stopped **UP**. We open **UP** a store in the morning but we close it **UP** at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about **UP**! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of **UP**, look the word **UP** in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes **UP** almost 1/4th of the page and can add **UP** to about thirty definitions. If you are **UP** to it, you might try building **UP** a list of the many ways **UP** is used. It will take **UP** a lot of your time, but if you don't give **UP**, you may wind **UP** with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding **UP**. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing **UP**.

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP.

When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

**One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP,
for now my time is UP,
so.....it is time to shut UP!**

Area V Auxiliary Director's Report – Margaret Greenfield

January 15, 2011

President Jenny L Lainhart
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Madam President,

I am submitting my bi-annual report to you.

I was appointed as Area V Director at the EANGUS Auxiliary convention August 2009 in Savannah, Georgia to serve a two year term.

Edna Steinberg from South Dakota is my co-director and was appointed in 2010 to serve a two year term. We both have a set of Area V books and information.

Roxanna Barwick from Wisconsin is the Editor of the Area V Newsletter. Edna and I along with Roxanna have worked very closely to get the Area V Newsletter out every month. We also have been in telephone contact and thanks to unlimited calls and call area on my cell phone, there has been no expense.

I have several issues with my computer since August of 2010 so Edna has been sending out our newsletter for me. Since August of 2010 I have received and sent out 243 e-mails.

2011 Auxiliary membership for six of the nine Area V states is Annual Membership 89, Life Membership 148 and 4 Associate Membership.

I have contacted State Presidents of South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota by email for information for the newsletter, distribution of the Signal and the Area V Newsletter and

information from the EANGUS Auxiliary. Also have reminded Presidents of the due date of EANGUS Auxiliary yearly dues. We have received information of their State Auxiliary Annual Conference date and place and have published in our newsletter.

I have not had contact with Michigan, Indiana or Illinois. I have no information for contacts for these States.

I will not be able to attend the workshop of the Legislative Workshop March 2011.

Area V Director of EANGUS Auxiliary
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Area Directors' SOP: Submit Area Director reports bi-annually to the EANGUS Auxiliary President. The report will be submitted for receipt on 15 January and 15 July of each year.

Every year there is an election for Area Directors at National and also there are currently vacant Executive Board positions at National. Info and criteria for Area Director is below followed by nomination forms.

AREA DIRECTORS PURPOSE: To establish procedure, consistency and continuity for Area Directors in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.

PROCEDURE: The Area Directors will:

- Be a liaison between the Auxiliary and the States in their Area.
- Attend the EANGUS Auxiliary Annual Conference, special conferences, Executive Board meetings (unless excused), Area Caucus and/or Mini/Mid-Winter Conference.
- Coordinate with the other Area Director in your Area the agenda for your Area Caucus and/or Mini/Mid-Winter Conference. Submit agenda and any other necessary information to the States' Presidents and/or designee before to the meeting.
- Serve as a voting member of the EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Board.
- Submit Area Director reports bi-annually to the EANGUS Auxiliary President. The reports will be submitted for receipt on 15 January and 15 July of each year.
- Prepare at least quarterly Area newsletters for distribution to the State Auxiliary Presidents and EANGUS Auxiliary Officers. The two Directors should share this responsibility.
- Communicate/coordinate with State Presidents, Legislative Chairs, State Legislative Persons of Contact for the dissemination of the EANGUS Legislative *THE CALL* and the recommended action to be taken. Submit written quarterly reports to the EANGUS Auxiliary Legislative Committee Chair.
- Provide information and/or advice to the States in their Area on EANGUS and EANGUS Auxiliary matters. Communicate quarterly with the State Presidents to determine the needs of the state auxiliaries and offer assistance and/or advice when necessary.
- Maintain contact with the EANGUS Auxiliary President as necessary, but not less than quarterly. Inform the President of pertinent information to include awards, promotions, illnesses, deaths, etc. within the Area.
- Maintain frequent communication with the other Area Director to ensure consistency of responsibilities as well as to share and compile information for distribution to the states in your area.
- The EANGUS Auxiliary Budget authorizes a line item for each Area Director. The Area Director will submit an expense voucher for all expenses within the current budget. The voucher, with supporting receipts will be mailed to the EANGUS Auxiliary President. The final voucher for the year should be sent to the President no later than one month after conference.



TO: EANGUS Auxiliary Nominating Committee

DATE:

FROM:

SUBJECT: Personal Application for Nomination

I, _____, hereby submit my name for consideration for the position of _____ of the EANGUS Auxiliary.

I declare that I am a member in good standing with the state auxiliary of _____ and with the EANGUS Auxiliary.

My mailing address is:

My home telephone is:

My work telephone is:

My e-mail address is:

If elected to the above position of authority, I will serve to the best of my ability.

(Signature of Applicant)

ENDORSED BY: _____ **CERTIFIED BY:** _____
(State President or Rep.) (Date) (EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer or Rep.) (Date)

RECEIVED BY: _____ **DATE:** _____
(Nominating Committee Rep.)

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FROM: _____

SUBJECT: State Nomination Application

The state auxiliary of _____ is pleased to submit the following person as a nominee for the position of _____.

The nominee is a member in good standing with the state auxiliary of _____ and with the EANGUS Auxiliary.

The nominee has the following qualifications for consideration for selection as a candidate for the above office:

The nominee's mailing address is:

The nominee's home telephone is:

The nominee's work telephone is:

The nominee's e-mail address is:

If elected to the above position of authority, I will serve to the best of my ability

(Signature of nominee)

ENDORSED BY: _____ CERTIFIED BY: _____
(State president or rep.) (date) (EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer or rep.) (date)

RECEIVED BY: _____ DATE: _____
(Nominating committee rep.)

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with not only our Soldiers
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on the EANGUS website:

www.eangus.org>About Auxiliary>Publications



Continue to keep all our Soldiers and Airmen
along with their families
in your thoughts and prayers and pray for the
protection and safe return of all those now serving
in harm's way