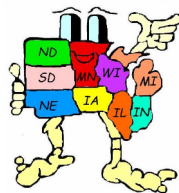


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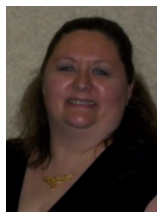
Happy Holidays Everyone!

If you haven't paid your membership for the year, please remember to get it in by December 31st to be able to have yourself, your spouse, children or grandchildren qualify for the state or national scholarships. Please try to get those applications out there for the state and national scholarships. Make sure those that have high school seniors or college undergraduates put their applications in.

Also remember if you are sending packages to your soldiers or airmen to get those in the mail soon so they will receive them for the holidays.

If you are traveling or your family is traveling to you for the holidays please be safe. May God keep us all safe this holiday season and bring our loved ones home safe and sound!

May God Bless You All!



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Michael P. Cline
Mike & Diana, thank you for your dedication to EANGUS and the Auxiliary. Best Wishes on your Retirement!



Legislative Corner



Answer The CALL

Calls Issued Since November issue of Area V Newsletter:

The Call 10-17: Passage of the FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Act Needed

The Issue: Senate Needs to Take Immediate Action to Pass the FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Act (S 3454)

The Call 10-18: Allow Space-A Travel for National Guard Members/Retirees

The Issue: Authorizing Space Available Travel on Department of Defense Aircraft for National Guard and Reserve Members and Gray Area Retirees on the Same Basis as the Active Component Short Timeline - Immediate Action Required: Contact your Senators and ask them to support S. 3995, introduced by Sen. Mark Begich (D-Alaska), that would authorize space available travel on Department of Defense aircraft for National Guard and Reserve members and Gray Area retirees on the same basis as the Active Component

AREA V STATE TREASURERS

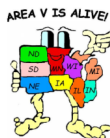
All State Treasurers: Submit your state's membership dues to EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer. Postmark date of your submission must be 31 December 2010.

Cora Sower
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SAVE THE DATES

<p>40th EANGUS Conference Charleston, West Virginia August 14-17, 2011 (Golf Tournament August 13th)</p>	<p>41st EANGUS Conference Long Beach, California August 25-30, 2012</p>
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What's Happening In Area V!



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(Send your Area Directors info so your state's information can be included in Area V Is Alive! newsletters— would be nice to have CURRENT state scholarship information/applications to include with newsletters.)



**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
MILITARY CHILDREN**
2011 PROGRAM OPENS DECEMBER 7th

If mother or father is **active** duty, reserve/guard, or **retired** military personnel or is a survivor of a deceased member, and you have a military dependent I.D. card and you are under the age of 23, you can apply! You must be planning to attend a college or university on a full-time basis. Download your Application at: www.militaryscholar.org/ You must print it out and hand-carry or mail it to your

local commissary. Applications may not be emailed or faxed. Applicants may apply at only one commissary, submitting to more than one will disqualify applicant from consideration for a scholarship. It is the applicants' sole responsibility to ensure that their complete application package is received at a commissary by the close of business on date on application.

Free Respite Child Care for Deployed Soldiers

The United States Army Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) is making Respite Child Care services available for you. Give Army Parents a Break Respite Child Care will provide your family with 8 to 16 hours* of free child care** each month for each of your eligible children. You can use this time to run errands, attend appointments, or just take some well-deserved time out for yourself. NACCRRRA will reimburse your provider for eligible care at the Army approved hourly rate.

The Army recognizes the challenges and extraordinary amounts of stress you and your family may experience when a Family member is deployed. The Army wants to help support you in meeting your unique child care needs.

Eligibility Requirements: To take advantage of the Give Army Parents a Break, you or your spouse need only be a Member in one of the following categories:

Mission Level 1 and 2—Eligible for 16 hours/child /month

- Deployed - (for 30 days prior and 90 days after return)

- Temporary Change of Station
- Permanent Change of Station
- TDY (90-129 days)
- Wounded, Ill, Injured
- Survivors of Fallen Warriors

Mission Level 3 – Eligible for 8 hours/child/month

- Recruiters and Drill Sergeants
- Cadet Command
- Rear Detachment Cadre – only May-September

Participation Requirements: To participate, you only need to fill out and submit a short application and choose a state-licensed child care provider. You can download an application at www.naccrra.org. To find a provider who meets the requirements to serve your family, you can Contact Child Care Aware® at [1-800-424-2246](tel:1-800-424-2246) for a personal consultation or search online for providers already pre-qualified to serve Army Families in your area. Take some time out for yourself. Take advantage of this opportunity to receive 8-16 hours of free respite child care* each month. Submit your application today!

Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act

The new Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009 features a \$6,500 tax credit for long-term homeowner with a signed purchase agreement before April 30, 2011 and was a veteran who served overseas between Jan. 1 2009 and April 30, 2010. Transaction must be signed by April 30, 2011 and close before June 30, 2011.

The new Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009 extends an \$8,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers with a signed purchase agreement before April 30, 2011 and was a veteran who served overseas between Jan. 1 2009 and April 30, 2010. Transaction must signed by April 30, 2011 and close before June 30, 2011.

*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*

*Excerpts from MMU December 5***Panel Suggests Cuts To Military, Vets**

President Obama's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, which is looking for ways to balance the national budget, released a 58-page initial plan, which includes several military pay-and-benefit-related proposals.

The 18-member commission is proposing that military pay be frozen for three years and out-of-pocket medical costs should be increased to cut the federal budget deficit by \$200 billion a year by 2015. The group's final report on ways to tackle the U.S. debt crisis is due next month.

A three-year military and civilian federal pay freeze tops the list and would affect basic pay and basic housing allowance, along with the elimination of the 20-year military retirement. The retirement proposal calls for replacing the current 20-year system with a plan that would allow retirement at 10 years but delay payment until age 60, presumably affecting future military entrants. The panel also suggests making the military retirement/annuitant and disability compensation annual cost-of-living adjustments formula reflect consumer shopping options, essentially reducing the annual increase.

Of concern to veterans is a proposed increase in TRICARE premiums and co-pays, which would climb for working-age military retirees. Enrollment fees and co-pays would be applied to all three TRICARE options, including fee-for-service coverage under TRICARE Standard and the preferred provider network using TRICARE Extra. In addition, employers would have to reimburse the government for any military retiree who opts to use TRICARE over employer-offered programs.

Doctors Would Cut Patients if Medicare/TRICARE Reduced

Health care providers are watching closely after Congress recently enacted a one-month delay on a decision to cut Medicare payments. The cut would mean about 23 percent less in reimbursements to physicians, creating less financial incentive for them to treat Medicare and Tricare patients.

"We follow this closely because as a general rule, the rates that Tricare pays to doctors are tied by statute to the rate that Medicare pays," said Austin Comacho, Tricare chief public affairs officer.

Comacho said Tricare patients attending civilian medical facilities could face challenges if health care providers begin to opt out of providing service. The changes should not affect its service to patients using military treatment facilities.

There are about 9.6 million people with Tricare, he added. As of 2009, there were about 43 million people covered by Medicare, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

TRICARE Makes Holiday Travel Easy

The holiday season is here, which means travel time for many TRICARE beneficiaries. Holidays are a time to relax and enjoy, not worrying about a sudden illness or accident. From minor stomach aches to potentially life-threatening allergic reactions, there is a whole range of illnesses that can dampen holiday travels. Beneficiaries traveling during the holidays should know they have the same comprehensive TRICARE benefits while traveling as they do at home.

To reduce the chance of health care problems while traveling, beneficiaries should see their doctor to take care of any regular office visits or treatment for ongoing conditions before leaving town. TRICARE Prime beneficiaries get routine care from their primary care manager (PCM), while TRICARE Standard beneficiaries can go to any TRICARE-authorized provider. Regardless of the TRICARE plan, it's a good idea to get routine care before leaving home.

For urgent care while traveling, beneficiaries should contact their PCM for a referral or call their regional health care contractor for assistance before receiving care. For Prime beneficiaries, failure to obtain a referral may cause care to be covered under the point-of-service option, which means higher costs. When using TRICARE Standard, beneficiaries can see any TRICARE-authorized provider.

If beneficiaries need emergency care while away from home, they should seek treatment immediately by calling 911 or going to the nearest hospital emergency room. Prime beneficiaries do not need prior authorization for emergency care, but they should notify their PCM within 24 hours or on the next business day so follow-up care can be coordinated. TRICARE Standard beneficiaries have no follow-up requirements after receiving emergency care.

Before traveling, TRICARE beneficiaries should make sure their Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) information is accurate. For more information about DEERS and how to update DEERS records go to www.tricare.mil/DEERS or call 1-800-538-9552.

Go to EANGUS website for complete Minuteman Updates

Tax Debate Is Continuing

Senate OKs Bill Seeking Reports on Management of Arlington National Cemetery

Stopgap Spending Measure Cleared

Preview of 2011 Power Plays- Senate at Standstill

F-35 Engine Program – Dead or Alive?

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with not only our Soldiers
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