



AREA V AUXILIARY DIRECTORS
Christopher G Sower (WI)
Angela Kennebeck (IA)

January/February 2014

Please keep Cora and Chris in your thoughts and prayers! *Roxie Barwick*

Area V Auxiliary needs an Area V Point of Contact for the Legislative Committee. States set up a procedures on how they want to report legislative contacts to the Area V POC. Since there is no volunteer, your state's legislative contacts are not counted unless you send them directly to the National Auxiliary Legislative Chair. The new SOP was printed in the November 2011 THE SIGNAL. Anyone interested or have questions, you may want to contact Barbara Rains, EANGUS Auxiliary Legislative Chair, brains3@tampabay.rr.com

IN-STATE TUITION

■ In-state tuition
 ■ Pending legislation
 ■ No legislation

★ Indicates in-state tuition for some nonresident vets under certain circumstances

Wash. Ore. Idaho Nev. Utah Colo. Ariz. N.M. Texas Alaska
 Mont. Wyo. Neb. S.D. N.D. Minn. Wis. Mich. Ill. Ind. Ohio Pa. N.Y. Maine
 Calif. Kan. Okla. Ark. Miss. Tenn. N.C. S.C. Ga. Fla. Hawaii

N.H. Vt. Mass. R.I. Conn. N.J. Del. Md. D.C. W.Va.

SOURCE: STUDENTVETERANS.ORG

SCHOLARSHIPS – Check your State's website for Association and Auxiliary scholarships available and eligibility requirements. Check the EANGUS website for the various Association and Auxiliary scholarships and eligibility requirements.

Iowa – March 28-30, 2014
 Illinois – April 25-26, 2014
 Indiana – April 24-27, 2014
 Minnesota – April 25-26, 2014
 Michigan – May 30-31 – June 1, 2014
 Nebraska – April 25-26, 2014
 North Dakota – March 7-9, 2014
 South Dakota – April 25-26, 2014
 Wisconsin – April 25-27, 2014

EANGUS – CALL TO ACTION – 14-01

The Call 14-01: Back the Hunter/Walz Letter. Answer the call:

<http://www.capwiz.com/eangus/issues/alert/?alertid=63064171&type=CO>

Introduction: The Department of the Defense is planning to significantly change the Army's force structure, including the removal of significant aviation assets from the Army National Guard. The Issue: The Army is threatening the same type of arbitrary cuts as the U.S. Air Force tried in 2012 with the Air National Guard.

Background: EANGUS is voicing opposition to this, and Congress is making a number of moves to counter these cuts. The first was a letter sent by U.S. Representatives Duncan Hunter (R-CA) and Tim Walz (D-MN) to the U.S. Army Chief of Staff and the Chief of the National Guard Bureau on January 16th.

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States stands 100% in agreement with U.S. Representatives Duncan Hunter (R-CA) and Tim Walz (D-MN) with regard to their letter to General Raymond Odierno and Gen Frank Grass, dated January 16. We encourage every EANGUS member to respond to this Call to Action and send an instant letter of support to your U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative, alerting them to this issue and asking them to stand with EANGUS and U.S. Representatives Hunter and Walz. Duncan Hunter continues to serve as a U.S. Marine Corps Reserve officer. Tim Walz is a retired Command Sergeant Major from the Army National Guard. Together, they are the Co-Chairs of the House Guard & Reserve Caucus.

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 16, 2014

General Raymond Odierno
Chief of Staff, Army
200 Army Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20310

General Frank Grass
Chief, National Guard Bureau
111 S. George Mason Dr.
Arlington, VA 22204

Dear General Odierno and General Grass:

We are writing in response to recent statements made at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., regarding capabilities provided by the Reserve components. We all share a strong commitment to the men and women in the Active and Reserve components; however, it remains our belief that we must accurately characterize the critical capability that the Army Guard and Reserve forces bring to the global defense mission.

As the Army completes its force structure review, it is extremely important to note that final troops levels will be decided by Congress, and any proposal by the Army should be reviewed thoroughly to ensure that it does not in any way disparage or diminish the capabilities of one component over the other. We're not advocating for the Reserve component to take over the Active; however, there are certain truths in capabilities provided and costs saved with the Reserve components.

For instance, it is extremely disingenuous to say that Guard and Reserve units only train for 39 days out of the year while the Active component trains full-time. From our own personal experiences, we know for a fact that while 39 days may be the minimum that individuals will train, there are significant other training activities that take place that put the total number of training days upwards of 90 to 100 days in some cases. Conversely, we know that Active components are not training full-time all year round, but actually train closer to 200 days or so a year.

In fact, when also looking at the cost savings versus capability, studies show that the Army's annual cost to maintain readiness for an Active component infantry brigade combat team in dwell time is \$277 million. The cost to prepare this unit for deployment is \$8 million for a total cost of \$285 million. Meanwhile, the annual cost to maintain readiness for a National Guard infantry brigade combat team is \$66 million. The cost to prepare this unit to deploy is \$97 million, for a total cost of \$163 million. The total cost to maintain one Active component infantry brigade combat team is about twice that of the reserve component.

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Again, this is not to advocate one component over the other, but it is important for the services and Congress to have an open and honest dialogue on the force structure of the Armed Forces. It is irresponsible to suggest that the Army National Guard and Reserve forces are not interchangeable and less capable to accomplish our national security objectives abroad.

As we continue this conversation heading into the fiscal year 2015 debate, we look forward to addressing these important matters with you.

Sincerely,


Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress


Tim Walz
Member of Congress

Cc: Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel
Cc: Secretary of the Army John McHugh

EANGUS – CALL TO ACTION – 14-02

Introduction: The Department of the Defense is planning to significantly change the Army's force structure. These changes have the potential to negatively impact the National Guard.

The Issue: These cuts would force an additional reduction of National Guard members below pre-9/11 numbers as well as eliminate all Apaches from the Army National Guard.

Background: The Fiscal Year 2015 Army budget proposal will be sent to Congress in the near future. The proposed budget should ensure the force structure and proposed end strength of Army National Guard maintains it as operational reserve.

The final troop levels of this proposal will be decided by Congress, not the Department of Defense. Over the past decade, Congress and the Department of Defense have made significant monetary investments into the Army National Guard. To allow these investments to be wasted would be fiscally irresponsible and negatively impact 50 states, three territories and the District of Columbia.

The National Guard is tasked with two very distinct missions. The first is to act as a reserve component to the active forces during a time of war. The second mission is to homeland response during domestic emergencies. It is imperative that both of these missions are taken into account during any revised force structure planning.

Recently, Representatives Joe Wilson (R-SC), Nick Rahall (D-WV), Vicky Hartzler (R-MO), and Candice Miller (R-MI) introduced H.R. 3930, a bill that would establish a National Commission on the Structure of the Army. This legislation will create a National Commission on the Structure of the Army and prohibit the Army from using FY15 funds to divest, retire, or transfer any aircraft out of the Army National Guard. Additionally, it will prohibit the Army from using FY15 funds to reduce personnel below the authorized end strength levels of 350,000 for the Army National Guard.

Take Action: Please [CLICK HERE](#) to contact your Members of Congress to encourage them to co-sponsor and pass this legislation. By using the "Write to Congress" feature on the EANGUS Web site at www.eangus.org, you can IMMEDIATELY write or e-mail your elected officials.

January Minuteman Updates:

7 Jan: EANGUS Legislative Workshop

9 Jan: EANGUS Congratulates SGM Richard Erickson on prevailing on his 14-year long USERRA lawsuit

13 Jan: AF Commission to release findings on 30 JAN 2014

14 Jan: EANGUS Future Phoenix Scholarship Application Period is OPEN

23 Jan: EANGUS announces Congressional Award Recipients

29 Jan: Army, veterans group focus on reintegration for Soldiers, (Seth in article and photo)

30 Jan: Special report on release of National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force

31 Jan: Winter New Patriot available to members on line

How many US members of Congress are leaving office BEFORE November? 41

MILITARY DISCOUNTS:

SeaWorld/Busch Gardens/Sesame Place: "Here's to the Heroes" is an Anheuser-Busch tribute to the men and women of our armed forces. Active duty and reserve soldiers, airmen, Marines, sailors and Coast Guardsmen, as well as foreign military personnel serving with U.S. units, qualify.

Each service member receives a single free admission to any one SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park or Sesame Place for himself/herself and one each for as many as three direct dependents. The offer is valid for one park and one visit only from JANUARY 1- DECEMBER 31, 2014.

<http://www.ftuckermwr.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Seaworld-Special-2014-1.pdf>

Walt Disney World: Specially priced theme park military tickets for US military at Walt Disney World Report. Walt Disney World Resort is saluting U.S. military personnel by offering Disney 4-Day Military Promotional Tickets for just \$169 each, plus tax. The Park Hopper Option is included, so you can come and go as you please through all 4 theme parks each day of your ticket!

Purchase through September 24, 2014 and receive admission on any 4 days from September 29, 2013 through September 27, 2014, with the exception of the following admission blackout dates and locations:

December 20 to December 31, 2013: Not valid at any theme parks or gated attractions

April 13 to April 20, 2014: Not valid at any theme parks or gated attractions

July 4, 2014: Not valid at Magic Kingdom park

And if you're looking for a little extra magic, add the Water Park Fun & More option for just \$29 more, plus tax.

<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/special-offers/military-4-day-tickets/>

EANGUS Minuteman Update – January 28, 2014 EANGUS Announces Congressional Award Recipients

2014 EAGLE & MILITIA AWARDS FOR THE U.S. SENATE

WASHINGTON D.C. (Jan. 17, 2014) – The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) is pleased to announce that U.S. Senators John Boozman (R-AR) and Mark Pryor (D-AR) have been selected to receive the 2014 G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Eagle Award. The award is given to members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives who have contributed outstanding and exceptional service to the National Guard.

As members of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee in 2013, Senators Boozman and Pryor introduced S-629, the Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act, which gives National Guard and Reserve Retirees with 20+ years of service the honor of being called a veteran. Historically, National Guard and Reserve members have not been recognized as veterans if they did not serve 180 days or more on federal active duty, even if they served 20-30 years or more.

EANGUS President John Helbert stated, "The positive actions of Senators Pryor and Boozman have capped three years of legislative advocacy to correct this oversight in the law. But each of these senators did so much more than that, battling on a number of key issues for the National Guard. For their tireless support, EANGUS is proud to award them the 2014 G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Eagle Award."

Senator Boozman worked to introduce or support the GI Tuition Fairness Act of 2013; the Servicemembers' Choice in Transition Act of 2013; the Careers for Veterans Act; and fought to ensure that National Guardsmen, dual-status military technicians, and other key reserve component personnel were put back to work and paid during the government shutdown.

Senator Pryor worked to hold the U.S. Air Force accountable regarding their questionable justifications for eliminating National Guard flying missions; introduced legislation to improve the airport security screening process for disabled service members and veterans; and worked to correct the inequity in the budget agreement to ensure that military retirees receive their full retirement benefits.

The Militia Award for most valuable U.S. Senate staff contributions will be presented to Steve Robertson, Staff Director of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. His award reflects three years of diligence and guidance to usher S-629 to passage and ensure all National Guard retirees are properly recognized as veterans.

The Eagle Awards and associated Militia Awards for congressional staff will be presented at the EANGUS Congressional Awards Reception on Monday, February 3, 2014 at the Phoenix Park Hotel, located at 520 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20001. The reception starts at 6PM with the awards presented at 7PM.

2014 EAGLE & MILITIA AWARDS FOR THE U.S. HOUSE

WASHINGTON D.C. (Jan. 17, 2014) – The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) is pleased to announce that U.S. Representative Steven Palazzo (R-MS) has been selected to receive the G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Eagle Award. The award is given to members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives who have contributed outstanding and exceptional service to the National Guard.

U.S. Representative Steven Palazzo is the only member of Congress concurrently serving as an enlisted member of the National Guard and has worked tirelessly to support his fellow National Guardsmen. In 2013, Representative Palazzo fought to protect dual-status military technicians furlough; worked to ensure that the National Guard Lakota helicopter program was not cut from the President's budget; held the Air Force accountable for their lack of foresight in a fiscally constrained environment when they attempted to arbitrarily move National Guard flying missions without considering the costs associated with the move; and introduced bipartisan legislation to expand the National Guard's cyber capabilities.

EANGUS President John Helbert stated, "Congressman Palazzo's support for the National Guard is second to none. I am pleased to acknowledge Representative Palazzo's hard work on behalf of members of the National Guard by awarding her the 2014 G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Eagle Award. It is even more significant, since Sonny Montgomery served as both Adjutant General and U.S. Senator for the great state of Mississippi."

The Militia Award for most valuable U.S. House staff contributions will be presented to Chad Sydnor, Military Legislative Assistant U.S. Representative Joe Wilson (R-SC). Chad's tireless efforts in coordinating responses on the Capitol Hill ensured the National Guard was properly represented during any force structure recommendations.

The "Eagle Awards" and associated "Militia Awards" for congressional staff will be presented at the EANGUS Congressional Awards Reception on Monday, February 3, 2014 at the Phoenix Park Hotel located at 520 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20001. The reception starts at 6PM with the awards presented at 7PM.

CHANGES ON THE HORIZON? Some programs that may be recommended for elimination or reduced when the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission makes their recommendations: change the 20-year military retirement plan to resemble civilian plans; means-testing TRICARE fees and establishing TRICARE For Life/TRICARE Standard enrollment fees; increase pharmaceutical fees for military families and retirees; eliminate presumptive service-connected conditions for disabled and ill veterans; end government subsidies to military commissaries; eliminate DOD tuition assistance programs for service members, and lower or freeze military pay.

EANGUS Membership Update – Maintain Contact –Update Your Profile!

EANGUS has 65,400 active and inactive member profiles in their database.

There are 43,310 members EANGUS cannot reach due to .mil or nonusable emails.

Make sure your mailing and email addresses are current.

See Page 3 of the Winter 2014 NEW PATRIOT

January 2014 THE SIGNAL Highlights: Message from Auxiliary President, Concerns & Prayer Requests, EANGUS Minuteman Update, 2012-2014 Officers and Committees, Auxiliary Brochure, Life Membership Form, Associate Life Membership Form, National Scholarship Information.



THE SIGNAL

SIDE BY SIDE WE STAND WITH PRIDE
NEWSLETTER OF THE ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE
NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY

Didn't receive a copy of THE SIGNAL or want to print out a copy, go to <http://www.eangus.org/?page=AuxPublications>. Past issues of The SIGNALS are available.



US Daylight Saving Time 2014

begins at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 9 (Spring Ahead)
and ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 2 (Fall Back)

**MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION
MNGEA**



**Invites you to attend the 2014 Area V Caucus
MAY 30-31, 2014**

*Kahler Hotel, 20 SW 2nd Street
Rochester, MN 55902*

For Reservations Call: (800) 533-1655 (Area V Rate: \$101.00)



Registration
\$35.00 / Person

*Registration includes Hospitality room Friday & Saturday and a
buffet lunch on Saturday Afternoon.*

- **Hospitality room opens at 1500 on Friday, 30 May 2014**
 - *Reopens after the close of business on Saturday Afternoon*
- **First Business session begins at 0900 on Saturday, 31 May 2014**
- **If you are not pre-registered, you may register in the hospitality room on Friday**

Provide an email address below to receive updates prior to conference.

Make checks payable to MNGEA
Mail Registration Forms to:
Bob Metcalf, 632 West 3rd Street, Hastings, MN 55033

NAME: _____ GUEST: _____
Print names clearly to ensure accurate Name Badge(s).

ADDRESS: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
Please provide an accurate email address to receive special updates prior to Caucus

PHONE: (____) _____ - _____

64th Annual WINGA/WNGEA Conference

Chula Vista Resort - Wisconsin Dells, WI

www.ChulaVistaResort.com

2501 River Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

April 25-27, 2014

Name (Last, First)	Rank:	Army/Air	Active/Retired	(Circle: Branch, Status and Association)
WINGA / WNGEA				
Home Address:				
Street	City	Zip Code		
Home Phone:	Work Phone:			
Guest Name:	Organization/Unit:			

For Chula Vista room reservations call 1-877-770-9143

Please refer to the Wisconsin National Guard Association (WINGA) Conference when making reservations. Tower

Jr Suite - Single \$89, Double \$119, Double Condo (3 Bedroom) - \$329, El Grande Condo (2 Bedroom) - \$219

Fairway Villa - \$129 ALL plus tax. Hotel Registration Deadline: March 28, 2014

In order to provide accuracy with your lodging, please indicate funding method by entering P or G in the boxes below.				
P = Personal Payment		G = Government Funded (Reimbursed)		
	Thursday Night 24 April 2014		Friday Night 25 April 2014	
				Saturday Night 26 April 2014
	Event	Time	# Attending	Price
	Total			
	Registration Fee: Includes Wisconsin Badger Bottle Cooler			\$10.00 ea
	Friday, 25 April 2014			
	Chula Vista Golf Course	Registration 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM		\$55.00 ea
	Golfers: 1) _____			Includes two
	2) _____			drink tickets
	3) _____	Shotgun Start 1:00 PM		
	4) _____			
	Sporting Challenge: North Bristol Sportsman's Club	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM		\$30.00
	Competitive: Sporting Clays, 22 Rifle, 3-D Archery Open Shoot:			
	Pistols, Rifles, Muzzle Loaders. www.shootatnbsc.com			
	WNGEA Meeting: Laguna Room	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM		Free
	WNGEA Auxiliary Meeting: Aztec Room	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM		Free
	Exhibits: Grand Ballroom Lobby	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM		Free
	No Host Reception: Grand Ball Room	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM		Free
	Sponsored by WINGA/WNGEA & Promoted Officers			Cash Bar
	Includes hors d'oeuvres, beer, soda and cash bar			
	Saturday, 26 April 2014			
	Welcome - General Officer/Senior Enlisted Briefings	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM		Free
	Grand Ballroom			
	WINGA Retiree Caucus: Laguna Room	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM		Free
	WINGA Company Grade Caucus: Aztec Room	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM		Free
	WINGA Warrant Officer Caucus: Executive Board Room	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM		Free
	Exhibits: Grand Ballroom Lobby	11:00 PM - 5:00 PM		Free
	WNGEA Meeting: Laguna Room	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM		Free
	WNGEA Auxiliary Meeting: Aztec Room	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM		Free
	WINGA Business Meeting: Rooms A - D	2:00 PM - 3:30 PM		Free
	WINGA/WNGEA Formal Banquet & Entertainment	Reception/Social hour 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM		Cash Bar
	Grand Ballroom Lobby - Formal Military, Social Hour: Cash Bar			
	Formal Dinner	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM		\$45.00 ea
	Check your and your guest's dinner choice:			
	[] Chicken with Smoked Tomato Cream			
	[] Sauce Beef Medallions Mondovi			
	[] Atlantic Cod Asiago Provencal			
	Dinner includes house salad, artisan rolls, tea, and milk, Desert is			
	New York Cheesecake with cherry sauce			
	Sunday, 27 April 2014			
	Religious Service:	7:00 AM - 8:00 PM		Free
	WNGEA Meeting: Laguna Room	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM		Free
	WNGEA Auxiliary Meeting: Aztec Room	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM		Free
	VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION (to cover Conference Costs)			
	TOTAL:			

Please make checks payable to 64th Annual WINGA/WNGEA Conference and send to:

32d IBCT, ATTN: MAJ Paul Gellerup, 1 Williams Street, Building 2, Camp Williams, WI 54618

MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION
MNGEA

2014 General Membership Conference

APRIL 25-26, 2014

Holiday Inn of New Ulm

New Ulm, MN

For Reservations Call: (507) 359-5300 (MNGEA Rate: \$80.00)



Registration

\$45.00 / Person

Meetings only: \$10.00

You are cordially invited to join your fellow enlisted Soldiers and Airmen of the Minnesota National Guard for the 45th Annual MNGEA Conference.

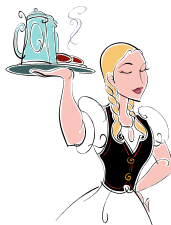
The First Business Session Begins at 1330 on Friday with Committee Breakouts immediately after. The 2nd (Main) Session begins at 0900 on Saturday.
Full agendas & updates will be emailed to all registered guests.

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FRIDAY APRIL 25th

➤ **“German Pub” Social** (*New Ulm Armory*)

- Shuttle service
- *Schell's* Brewery Tour (*Tentative*)
- German Buffet
- Beer Wagon
- Pub Games & Blind Poker



SATURDAY APRIL 26th

➤ **Formal Military Banquet** (*Holiday Inn*)

- Awards Ceremony
- Guest Speaker
- Hospitality Night



Make checks payable to MNGEA 2014 Conference & Mail Registration Forms to:
MNGEA 2014 Conference, 7830 110th Street South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016

NAME: _____ GUEST: _____

Print names clearly to ensure accurate Name Badge(s).

ADDRESS: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
Please provide an accurate email address to receive special updates and reminders on the conference

UNIT NAME: _____ CHAPTER # : _____

MEAL SELECTION: Prime Rib ____ Stuffed Chicken Breast ____ Broiled Walleye ____
(Indicate number of meals)

Credit Card Payment Only: VISA / MASTERCARD (*Circle One*) Expiration Date: ____/____

Card Number: _____ Signature: _____

LEGENDS WILL COME TO LIFE!

*The 2014 Enlisted Conference
25-26 April 2014
The Lodge
Deadwood, South Dakota*

Registration Form

Name: _____ Rank/Title: _____

Address: _____

Unit: _____ Guest(s): _____

<u>Event</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
Registration - \$50/person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Registration after 1 April will be \$60/person			

Cost includes breaks, hospitality room and cost of the meal at the Legendary Banquet. Request that all personnel dress accordingly in the costume of their favorite legend. Ideas include gangster, flapper, explorer, inventor, sports figure – any historical legend that you feel like acting like for the evening!

Special Events – all monies will be collected at Conference Registration Table

Wine tasting tour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$26.00 per person
Deadwood City Tour (included old Chinatown, Boot Hill, etc. with expert, colorful guide)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	TBD based on pax
ATV Poker Run	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	TBD at registration
Golf – (2 person team/9 holes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$30.00 per person
Gulches of Fun day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pay at location

I DO want day care___ / children's age? ____ ____ ____ ____

Many other things to do in the Deadwood area include visiting Mt. Moriah Cemetary (Boot Hill), Nelson's Garage & Car Museum, Deadwood Tour, the Adams House & Museum, Broken Boot Gold Mine and the Chubby Chipmunk Chocolate Shop.

For reservations at the conference rate, contact The Lodge at (605) 584-4800 and ask for Enlisted Conference block of rooms. Block will be released 25 March, so make your reservations early!!!

Send registration with checks payable to Enlisted Conference to SFC Rich Harming, PO Box 549, Sturgis, SD 57785. Questions can be directed to 1SG Reeder at shelley.d.reeder.mil@mail.mil or SFC Kinslow at eric.w.kinslow.mil@mail.mil.

ND Guard Associations State Combined Conference

7-9 March 2014

Fargo, North Dakota

Register for the 2014 State Combined Conference. Make meal selections and register on-line payments at
<http://www.ndngea.org/>

TRICARE Service Center Walk-In Service Ending

Walk-in service is ending at TRICARE Service Centers in the U.S. by April 1, 2014.

TRICARE Service Centers are customer service outlets that are operated by our regional contractors.

They are usually located in military hospitals and clinics.

Because our overseas areas are unique, walk-in service at [TRICARE Service Centers in all overseas areas](#) will continue.

To get your questions answered in the U.S., you'll no longer walk-in during limited hours. Instead:

Go online, anytime—learn about your [online customer service options](#)

[Call](#) toll-free

Try our mobile apps

View News Article: "[TRICARE Ends Walk-in Admin Services at 189 Facilities](#)"

This change does not affect any TRICARE benefits or health care services.

Why the Change?

Since the first TRICARE Service Center opened in the mid 1990's, we've seen a shift in how you get information. With today's technology, anything you can do at a TRICARE Service Center can be done online or over the phone.

Our goal is to improve the services that you prefer to use. This change in walk-in service will save an estimated \$250 million over the next five years, letting us invest in the services you want instead of those you don't use.

TRICARE Customer Service is Available Online and On the Phone

TRICARE offers multiple, convenient online and telephone customer service options for beneficiaries who have questions about their health care benefit and, if necessary, help them reach out to the regional contractors for assistance.

On the TRICARE website beneficiaries can:

Fill out a profile to get customized and immediate benefit information

Check frequently asked questions (FAQs) to get answers to a question without calling in; and

Email TRICARE to ask a specific benefit question

Beneficiaries can also find numbers to reach the North, South and West regional contractors for customer service at www.tricare.mil/CallUs. Health care services for beneficiaries in the North Region are managed by Health Net Federal Services, LLC. Help is available at www.hnfs.com or 1-877-874-2273. Beneficiaries in the South Region can reach out to Humana Military at www.humana-military.com or 1-800-444-5445. UnitedHealthcare Military & Veterans manages health care services for the West Region. The web address is www.uhcmilitarywest.com and the toll-free number is 1-877-988-WEST (9378). Overseas beneficiaries can visit www.tricare-overseas.com/ContactUs and choose the region and country where they're located for country-specific toll-free numbers.

TRICARE also provides a downloadable contact wallet card beneficiaries can print and keep with them to have an instant reference to TRICARE health plan information worldwide. To download this form, visit www.tricare.mil/CallUs and click on "TRICARE Contact Wallet Card."

Did You Know? If your wallet is stolen with your credit cards, you call the issuing credit card company. However, did you know you should call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. These are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, if it has been stolen:

- 1) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- 2) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- 3) Trans Union : 1-800-680 7289
- 4) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271



Enlisted Association National Guard of the United States 43rd Annual Conference We've Got Your Back in Arizona!

~ 2014 ~
Phoenix, Arizona
August 10 - 13, 2014



★★ EACH INDIVIDUAL MUST COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM ★★

Registration Information					
Title/Rank	First Name	MI	Last Name	Guard State	
Address		City	State	Zip	E-Mail
Home Phone () -	Work () -	Fax () -	Cell () -		
Military Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired	<input type="checkbox"/> Civilian		
<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional Guard Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Active Guard/Reserve		<input type="checkbox"/> Military Technician		
EANGUS Membership Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Life <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate					
Registration Status (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Attendee <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitor <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Prof. Dev. <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Guest/VIP					
Name to be printed on Badge:			Title/Position Held:		

Cost/Function List		
Payment for these events must be included with this registration!	Cost	Cost Total
Registering for Inclusive functions after 21 August 2013 but before 1 July 2014:	\$175.00	_____
Registering as an Exhibitor (Platinum Partner includes three complimentary full conference registrations)	\$ 0.00	_____
Registering as an Exhibitor (Gold/Silver Partner/Commercial/University includes two complimentary full conference registrations)	\$ 0.00	_____
Registering as an Exhibitor (Government/Military/Non-Profit includes one complimentary full conference registration)	\$ 0.00	_____
Registering as an Exhibitor (Exceeded # of complimentary registrations)	\$175.00	_____
Registering for Inclusive functions after 30 June 2014:	\$200.00	_____
Banquet for non-registered Guest:	\$ 80.00	_____
EANGUS Auxiliary Luncheon:	\$ 40.00	_____
NO REFUND AFTER 1 JULY 2014	TOTAL	_____

Inclusive Functions:		
Registration includes admission to the inclusive functions listed below.		
Welcome Night (Sunday)	All Area Hospitality Night (Tuesday)	All States Awards and Recognition Banquet (Wednesday)

All States Awards and Recognition Banquet (Wednesday)					
All States Banquet Wednesday Night:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes I will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> No will not attend	<input type="checkbox"/> I require Vegetarian		
Payment Information - Make checks and or money orders payable to EANGUS; Enter Credit Card information					
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Check #	<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA	3 digit security code	Expires
<input type="checkbox"/> Money Order	<input type="checkbox"/> American Exp	<input type="checkbox"/> Discover			M M Yr

Special Needs	
Do you require Handicap Transportation? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Do you require a Wheel Chair? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Mailing address for registration submission is: EANGUS, 3133 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22305

Email address: eangus@eangus.org (credit card information must be included for electronic registration to be processed).

On line registration is also available at – www.eangus.org and click on National Conference

"2013 EANGUS Conference Attendance Information"

"The Department of Defense/National Guard Bureau has found this event meets the minimum regulatory standards for attendance by DoD employees. This finding does not constitute a blanket approval or endorsement for attendance. Individual DoD Component commands or organizations are responsible for approving attendance of its DoD employees based on mission requirements and DoD regulations. The Department of Defense has no legal objection to individual DoD Component commands or organizations approving the attendance or participation of its DoD employees at this Annual Membership Meeting. DoD Component commands or organizations may also approve the acceptance of reduced fees or free attendance by their employees in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 1353, Acceptance of Travel and Related Expenses from Non-Federal Sources. This determination for official attendance by DoD personnel is not extended to the EANGUS golf tournament. If DoD personnel want to attend the EANGUS golf tournament, in a personal capacity, on off-duty time and at their own cost, they may do so.

"No Federal endorsement is intended" by any approval for official DoD participation in this event."



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