



Area V Is Alive!

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Greetings from the editors:

Happy New Year! Happy Ground Hog Day! Happy Valentines Day! Happy Presidents Day!
Whew, time flies, doesn't it? Winter seems to be blowing snow from the North and depositing it to the East of Area V. The pictures of Boston are incredible. The National Guard has been called out to help remove the mountains of snow that is making travel impossible.



If you have news or pictures of interest from your state, please forward them to:

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We will do our best at keeping the outstanding **AREA V is ALIVE** newsletter packed full of information.

National Survey of National Guard Service Members

Dear National Guard Service Members,

NGAUS & the Company Grade Committee is conducting a National Survey of National Guard Service Members. This survey canvasses Service Member thoughts/attitudes on their service in the National Guard. The results will be briefed to GEN Grass, National Guard Leadership, and the NGAUS BOARD in March.

Please click this link for the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2JHWSW6>

Thank you for your participation.

2015 Area V State Conferences

Illinois – April 17-18, 2015
President Abraham Lincoln Hotel
Springfield, IL

Indiana – April 23-26, 2015
French Lick, IN

Iowa - March 27-29, 2015

Michigan – June 18-21, 2015
Amway Grand Plaza
Grand Rapids, MI

Minnesota – April 24-25, 2015
Kahler Grand Hotel
Rochester, MN

Nebraska – April 24-25 2015

North Dakota – March 20-22, 2015
Ramkota
Bismarck, ND

South Dakota - April 17-18, 2015
Watertown Readiness Center
Watertown, SD

Wisconsin – April 24-26, 2015
Chula Vista Resort
Wisconsin Dells, WI



Area V Caucus will be in Merrillville, Indiana on May 2, 2015 See page 9

NEEDED: Committee members to serve at 2015 EANGUS Aux conference. Contact President Judy Wood to serve as Area V representative on any standing committee. Your voice and participation is what helps this organization move forward and keep pace with our busy times. No experience necessary. Must be willing to attend EANGUS Auxiliary conference in Indianapolis, IN- August 9-13, 2015.

Children of Deployed 950th Soldiers Send Their Hearts Overseas on Valentine's Day



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Valentine's Day is about spending time with those you love, but the children of soldiers deployed with the Wisconsin Army National Guard's 950th Engineer Company were sending their love overseas today.

Butch Liebaert and his wife Cheryl along with members of the Lake Superior Chapter 119 TREA put together a party for the 35 children to celebrate their deployed parents.

As a special surprise for the children, the Liebaerts created a special story detailing the adventures of several "Daddy Bears," which they purchased for the children at Build A Bear Workshop. The story told the bears' tale of making their way to the children.

The kids then searched the Superior Armory for the bears and stuffed a plush heart inside to show their special soldiers were always with them.

Organizers say there were several fundraisers throughout the year that helped make this event possible.



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EANGUS Auxiliary: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Eangus-Auxiliary/228565090491612>

Dear EANGUS and EANGUS Auxiliary members;

EANGUS, the EANGUS Auxiliary, and The Pennsylvania National Guard Enlisted Association (PNGEA) would like to express our condolences to Irene Pinter and the Pinter Family. First Sergeant (U.S. Army Retired) Richard Pinter was a life member of EANGUS and the Pennsylvania National Guard Enlisted Association, and he passed away February 6th, 2015. He was a stalwart supporter of the Associations, ensuring that TAPS be named the National Song of Remembrance, and it was his drive and determination that ensured legislation was enacted. First Sergeant Pinter has proven that one man truly can make a difference.



First Sergeant Pinter was a big part of the EANGUS family. He could always be seen at our National Conferences and for many years playing TAPS to honor those that have come before us. This past year was his final performance and it truly was amazing. Not only did he play TAPS, but he always wanted to tell you the story of how TAPS began, ensuring that his comrades understood and respected the meaning of this powerful twenty-four note song.

Amazing. That is one of the best words to describe our brother, Dick Pinter, and he will be remembered by us all as a true friend, leader, and selfless patriot.

Patriot. Dick was the person who vigorously supported his country and was always prepared to defend it against enemies or detractors. His blood ran red, white and blue.

Valor. Dick faced his leukemia just like he would have done if he had been on the battle field with great courage and bravery. His desire to beat this dragon was never ever feared and I am sure to his last breath he knew he had his Lord and Savior on his side.

We will always remember the calm sound of TAPS that he performed during memorial days. Our Sergeant is now with those who he honored with his music, and we will miss him.

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Legislative News



EANGUS speaks with your US Representatives in the House and Senate on a daily basis. Our agenda focuses on you - members of the Army and Air National Guard.

However, we can't do it all alone. *We need you* to contact your respective Congressmen and Senators to voice your opinions and concerns on issues that affect your National Guard careers and benefits.

This legislative section of our website offers you an insight into topics that we are currently pursuing, and it alerts you to actions you can take to help us while we help you in these efforts.

National Guard Caucus Announces Palazzo and Walz as Co-Chairmen

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For Immediate Release -

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Washington, D.C.—The House National Guard and Reserve Components Caucus today announced its bipartisan leadership for the 114th Congress. Congressman Steven Palazzo (R-MS) and Congressman Tim Walz (D-MN), both National Guardsmen, will serve as the Co-Chairmen.

“I am proud to serve as a Co-Chair of the National Guard and Reserve Caucus alongside my fellow chair Congressman Walz,” said Congressman Palazzo. “As the only active, enlisted Guardsman in Congress, this responsibility has personal significance for me, and I share in each service member’s concern. Our mandate is to ensure our National Guard and Reserve components are provided with the right funding, equipment and

training to defend our shores and to be ready to respond when crisis strikes. We are here to be the Congressional voice and advocate for the National Guard.”

“I’m proud to continue my role as Co-Chair of the National Guard and Reserve Components Caucus with Congressman Palazzo,” said Rep. Walz, a 24-year veteran of the Army National Guard. “As we move forward in the new Congress, we must ensure our National Guard and Reservists have a strong voice on Capitol Hill. Congressman Palazzo and I pledge to be that voice; to make certain our Guard and Reservists are provided with the proper funding to maintain a 21st century fighting force.”

“Representative Palazzo is great choice to join Congressman Walz as co-chairmen of this important caucus,” said retired Maj. Gen. Gus Hargett, the president of the National Guard Association of the United States. “He knows what it’s like to serve in these challenging times. He is fluent in the bigger issues that confront our forces. And he is respected by senior defense leaders. We look forward to working with both Congressman Palazzo and Congressman Walz.”

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) stated, “As the 114th Congress kicks off, members of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States are excited about the formation of the House Guard and Reserves Components Caucus. The association has a strong tradition of working closely with the Caucus and it's Co-Chairs, Representative Palazzo and Representative Walz, who are well known advocates of the warfighter and our nation's veterans. EANGUS members are encouraged by the caucus members willingness to work together, in bipartisan fashion, to ensure that no Enlisted Guardsmen is adversely affected by spending cuts, in this austere environment.”

Formed in 1996, the House National Guard and Reserve Components Caucus was created to ensure that our National Guard and Reserve components are sufficiently resourced to do their job both at home and abroad. Its mission is to ensure the Guard and Reserve have proper inputs on policy, procurement, force structure and utilization within the Department of Defense and Big Army.

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Rooms: Rooms will be \$92.00 plus 12% tax per night and are blocked under EANGUS Area 5. All rooms are available at the listed rate for 01, 02, and 03 MAY 2015. Rooms must be scheduled no later than 10 APR 2015 to guarantee the rate.

Registration: \$40.00 per person sent to Kevin Hollinger @ 2605 Lexington Blvd, Mishawaka IN. 46544

Schedule: Saturday schedule will be announced prior to event

Lunch: will be provide on Saturday 02 MAY 2015

RSVP: to Kevin Hollinger @ kholl418@yahoo.com or call at (574) 326-9900 please feel free to contact me will any questions or concerns.



**The EANGUS 2015 INDY PIT CREW and the NGAI
look forward to hosting all of you.
We can't wait to see you there.**



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