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Legislative Action Center

EANGUS State President and Legislative Workshops

1-7 February in Washington D.C.

Georgia Military Pension Fund

Major (R) Mark Thompson appointed by NGAGA and CSM (R) David Harper appointed by EANGGA to meet with Deputy Adjutant General Joe Ferrero. We are to meet and discuss increasing our State Pension (Georgia Military Pension Fund). We all feel this will assist as a strong retention tool and help us by keeping experienced soldiers and airmen in the Georgia National Guard.

Duty Status Reform and 10 U.S.C. 12304b Disparity

Support Reduction of National Guard and Reserve Duty Statuses & Solve 10 U.S.C. §12304b Duty Status Disparity

Recommendations:

- Reduce the number of Guard and Reserve Duty Statuses to four as recommended by the Department of Defense
- Fund all benefits currently not attributed to Guard and Reserve Service members deploying under 10 U.S.C. §12304b Duty Status

VA Guidelines Need Changed

The new guidelines at the Veterans Affairs allow Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs) to practice without supervision. VA officials view this as acceptable and believe it solves the shortage of physicians at the primary care level at the VA.

Recommendations:

Every Veteran has the right to see a Doctor. The VA should give patients the options to meet with a Doctor if that's what they want. Furthermore, patients have the right to know when their provider is not going to be a Doctor.

Expand TRICARE Reserve Select Coverage

Federal Employees eligible for TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) are forced to utilize more expensive healthcare offered on the Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan (FEHBP).

In addition to the discretionary savings associated with this request, EANGUS members believe that it is unfair to not allow service members their healthcare benefit because of their employment status. All other Reserve Component Service members are allowed to utilize TRS instead of their employer sponsored healthcare. Federal employees should not be treated differently.

Recommendations:

- Co-Sponsor S. 1086, to remove the prohibition on eligibility for TRS of members of the reserve components who are eligible to enroll in a health benefits plan under chapter 89 of title 5, U.S.C.
- Support reasonable mandatory spending offsets to cover the \$240 million increase

Student Veterans

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs, 730,000 veterans used the Post-9/11 GI Bill in Fiscal Year 2016. However, under today's accountability structure institutions are not adequately held responsible for academic quality and the overall cost of a degree. As a result student Veterans often suffer from massive student loan payments and a degree that has not effectively prepared them to achieve their goals in a chosen career.

Recommendations:

Design market-based accountability policies that realign and improve federal incentives so that all colleges and universities share in the risk of lending to student borrowers and prioritizing higher levels of student success and completion.

Rare Cancers Need Therapeutics

Veterans face a rare cancer diagnoses at a rate three times higher than the general population. Many of these cancers, including mesothelioma, cholangiocarcinoma, and Hodgkin's lymphoma, have no treatment. Currently 24 rare cancers disproportionately affect Veterans and only 8 have a targeted treatment.

Recommendations:

Each Fiscal Year Congress appropriates funding for the Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program under the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP) to address the cancer needs of veterans and those currently serving. The FY17 Defense Appropriations bill listed 14 cancers that would receive funding under the program, rare cancer was not among those listed. As rare cancers disproportionally effect those that have served it is imperative that they be eligible to receive research and development funding under a program created to study diseases that have a "particularly profound impact on the health and well-being of military members." Following a review of the rare cancer landscape, EANGUS has selected cholangiocarcinoma, mesothelioma, and angiosarcoma, for priority development on the basis of accessible targets, patient need, and more than a dozen other quantitative and qualitative metrics.

EANGGA Call for 2018 Nominations and Elections

In 2018 EANGGA will be conducting an election process for new officers. Each officer serves a term of two years from the time he/she is voted into office. The official election will take place and be announced at the annual association conference. The next annual conference will be held at the Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort in Stone Mountain, GA 1-3 June 2018.

EANGGA Open Officer Positions

1. President
2. Vice-President for Air
3. Vice-President for Army
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Membership Representative
7. Jr. Enlisted Representative for Air
8. Jr. Enlisted Representative for Army

The ballot process takes place every two years; nominations conclude one day prior to the annual association conference. Only members in good standing are permitted to vote. Nominees must be in good standings and present for the ballot process unless deployed. Good standing means individuals that are members of the association by December 31 of the previous year.

Nominations

Nominations can be made by any member in good standings. If you are nominating a member, please make an effort to confirm with him/her they are willing to run before returning the nomination information. The Nomination POC for EANGGA and any questions about the role of any officer position contact CSM (Ret) David Harper, csmharper@comcast.net, 478-644-9245.

All nominations to CSM (Ret) Harper must contain the following info.

1. Rank, First/Last Name of Person Nominating the Nominee
2. Candidate for what position or positions
3. Current/Retired Rank
4. First/Last Name
5. Cell Number
6. Personal Email Address
7. Military Status

Each nominee will be given five minutes to inform the membership why they are running for the position and if elected what he/she would do to enhance the association. The results will be announced during the enlisted breakout session and be sworn in during the formal Banquet on Saturday evening.



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<https://itunes.apple.com/app/id1137540996>

For Android

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.attendify.confsf6f3e>





This is the EANGGA Conference Pin design we used for the All States Night during the EANGUS National Conference!



EANGUS 46th & Auxiliary

Annual Conference Highlights

AUGUST 2017, RENO, NEVADA

There was a total of 132 Professional Development (PD) members in attendance this year, only 20% indicated they were contacted from their leadership or association before the conference. Georgia was on our game as all of our PDs received more information and communication than ever expected.

Georgia PDs in attendance: SGT Jason Acker, SSG Leah Price, SSG Antoine Slocum, TSgt Jessica Torres and MSgt Billy West. Each one of them learned more than they expected. Each one indicated their desire to get more involved and help the organization. MSgt Billy West volunteered to be an Area Director within the state!

- CSM (Ret) Don Wood (AL) voted as Army Director for Area III
- CCMSgt (Ret) Dean Widener (SC) voted as Air Director for Area III
- CSM (Ret) Don Mapes (TN) voted as Area III Chair

Received a short brief on the Phone App which can be purchased for EANGGA to communicate with everyone, cost is \$500 to \$1K a year. The best way for us to afford this option is to sell Sponsorship for ads on the app.

Received legislation and detailed briefs on upcoming Tricare changes, we have put updates on the EANGGA FB Page. Learned more on tools available on our website as there are many tools we have not yet used to the full capability it offers us.

Georgia raised and donated a total of \$500 to help the Texas Flood during the Junior Enlisted Night.

By-Laws Committee removed recommended verbiage to push a change for the Area Directors from 3 to 2 in order to have one Junior Enlisted Representative at the National Level. They did this to ensure the by-laws would pass to prevent another year with needed updates.

A few photos from the EANGUS 46th & Auxiliary Annual Conference



2018 Open Scholarships

It is that time of the year to be thinking about the available open scholarships for 2018. Your association POCs to address all questions about available scholarships and deadlines.

- ☐ CSM (Ret) David Harper, csmharper@comcast.net
- ☐ SGM (Ret) Jackie McKennie, jackiemckennie@bellsouth.net

Below is a list of available scholarships we are aware of at this time.

EANGGA/USAA

<https://eangga.com/eangga-scholarship/>

Georgia Guard Insurance Trust (GGIT)

<https://eangga.com/ggit-scholarship-recipients/>

CSM (Ret) Nelson

<https://eangga.com/csmr-james-nelson-jr-scholarship/>

Eston Markle

<https://eangga.com/eston-markle-scholarship/>

CSM Virgil R. Williams

<https://eangga.com/csm-virgil-r-williams-scholarship/>

EANGUS WyoTech

<https://eangga.com/wyotech-scholarship/>

Sonoran Desert Institute

<https://eangga.com/sonoran-desert-institute-sdi-scholarship/>

American Intercontinental University

<https://eangga.com/american-intercontinental-university/>

Grand Canyon University

<https://eangga.com/grand-canyon-university/>

American Public University System

<https://eangga.com/american-public-university-system/>

Grantham University

<https://eangga.com/grantham-university-scholarship/>

University of Phoenix Scholarship

<https://eangga.com/university-of-phoenix-scholarship/>

Scholarships





33rd EANGUS AREA III ANNUAL CAUCUS

"Alabama, Georgia, Florida,
Puerto Rico, South Carolina,
Tennessee, Virgin Islands"

May 18-19, 2018
Gatlinburg, TN

*Enlisted & Officer
National Guard Associations
Of Georgia*



**Combined NGAGA/EANGGA
Annual Conference**

June 1-3, 2018
Stone Mountain, GA



**47TH EANGUS
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

August 11-16, 2018
Charleston, WV



The EANGUS "We Care for America" Foundation, Inc. (WCFA) offers an opportunity to apply for an emergency grant (referred to hereafter as the "National Guard Soldier and Airman Emergency Relief Fund") **to a current or former National Guard member who is in good standing and is an EANGUS dues paying member (Life, Annual or Associate)** who has experienced a catastrophic financial hardship and/or personal property loss.

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Amazon will make a donation to WCFA!

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family that use Amazon!**



33rd EANGUS AREA III ANNUAL CAUCUS

“Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico,
South Carolina, Tennessee, Virgin Islands”

Glenstone Lodge, Gatlinburg, TN
May 18-19, 2018

www.eangtn.org/events

Registration will be \$25 and Lodging \$99 a Night
Registration Forms must be received by COB 27 April 2018
POC: Melissa Messina, melissa@eangtn.org with EANGTN

Click on Link below for PDF fill-in form
<https://eangga.com/area-iii-caucus-registration/>

Hosted By



EANGUS AREA III CAUCUS 18-20 MAY 2018 Glenstone Lodge 504 Historic Nature Trail Gatlinburg, TN 37738	
The 33rd Annual EANGUS Area III Caucus will be held in Gatlinburg, TN at the Glenstone Lodge, 504 Historic Nature Trail, Gatlinburg, TN 37738. Room rates are \$99.00 per night, plus tax. Please make lodging reservations as noted below. (The hotel will honor the \$99.00 rate from 15 May – 22 May 2018 if you would like to extend your stay.)	
Last Name: <input type="text"/> First Name: <input type="text"/>	
Rank: <input type="text"/> Spouse/Guest: <input type="text"/> Auxiliary Meeting: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address: <input type="text"/> City: <input type="text"/> State: <input type="text"/> Zip: <input type="text"/>	
E-Mail: <input type="text"/>	
Registration: 1300-1700, Friday, 18 May 2018 AND 0730-0900, Saturday, 19 May 2018	
Registration Fee: \$25.00 per person (make checks out to "EANGTN"). We also accept Master Card, Visa, or Discover debit/credit cards. (NOTE: We can NOT accept American Express)	
Card Type: MC <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> DISCOVER <input type="checkbox"/> Card #: <input type="text"/>	
Exp. Date: <input type="text"/> Three-digit Security Code (from back of card): <input type="text"/>	
Total Enclosed: <input type="text"/>	
ALL hotel reservations must be made on or before 27 April 2018. Reservation requests after this date will be subject to availability. A block of rooms has been reserved for our caucus. You may call the hotel directly, (800)362-9522 and Dial 1 for Individual Reservations. Make sure to mention our group block: Group Name: "Enlisted Association of the National Guard of TN," Group Code: "ENLISTED"	
Click the following Link for online reservations, www.glenstonelodge.com , click on: Rates/Reservations, enter dates, click on "Do you have a group code" and enter the group code: ENLISTED	
Friday Night Dinner Outing Meal Choices:	
Check ONE (1) dinner entrée choice for ATTENDEE: <input type="checkbox"/> Blackened Tilapia (or) <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Primavera (or) <input type="checkbox"/> Mac & Cheese Stuffed Chicken (or) <input type="checkbox"/> 10oz Sirloin (or) <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rib	
Check ONE (1) dinner entrée choice for GUEST (if applicable): <input type="checkbox"/> Blackened Tilapia (or) <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Primavera (or) <input type="checkbox"/> Mac & Cheese Stuffed Chicken (or) <input type="checkbox"/> 10oz Sirloin (or) <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rib	
Golf Outing: If you are interested in playing golf, please indicate. Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Please have all registration forms in by 27 April 2018 Mail registration forms with payment to: EANGTN ATTN: Melissa Messina 4332 Kenilwood Drive Nashville, TN 37122 *You may also scan and email this form with credit card information to: melissa@eangtn.org	

Fort Stewart Retiree Council
Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD)
and
Vietnam Veterans Recognition Ceremony
Saturday, February 24, 2018

The Venue at University of Central Florida
12777 Gemini Boulevard North, Orlando, Florida 32816-8041
(Located behind the UCF's CFE Arena)

Registration begins at 8:00 A.M.; **Presentations** begin at 9:00 A.M.

The following speakers will be addressing this year's RAD...

Mr. Mark E. Overberg, Department of Army Retirement Services,
CSM Michael L. Gragg, Office of the Army Surgeon General,
Mr. Timothy W. Liezert, Central Florida VA Medical Centers,
Mr. Shane G. Ostrom, Military Officers Association of America, and
MG (R) James B. Jackson, Vietnam War Commemoration Activities

Then meet representatives from following agencies during
...the RAD's Information Fair beginning at Noon...



Hosted by Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, GA - Retirement Services Office

 www.facebook.com/FtStewartRSO

Pre-Register by clicking on the following link:

<https://2018RetireeAppreciationDay.eventbrite.com>

Walk-in registration can be accomplished at the event – “We” want you there.

**Retirees from all service branches and their family members
are invited!**



ONCE A SOLDIER, ALWAYS A SOLDIER... A SOLDIER FOR LIFE



2018 FORT STEWART RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia will be conducting its annual Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) on Saturday, February 24, 2018, beginning at 9:00 A.M. (EST) at The Venue on the University of Central Florida campus (located behind the CFE Arena). All US Army retired Soldiers and families are invited to attend this great event which will provide the latest information on the current state of the Army, benefits and entitlements, and the future outlook for defense programs supporting retirees and pay. All Retired Airmen, Sailors and Marines and their families are also welcome.

At this year's RAD, there will be an update from the Office of the Army Surgeon General, a talk on the Florida VA Medical Centers, an address from the Department of Army Retirement Services, a discussion on Military and Veteran Legislative Benefits from the Military Officers Association of America, and a presentation on Vietnam War Commemoration Activities. Following these reports, there will be a formal ceremony to recognize all Vietnam era veterans.

We will also have ID card-making capabilities and the event will culminate with an "Information Fair" with designated representatives from Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), Army Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA), Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA), TRICARE, Delta Dental, and Fort Stewart Health Service (FSHS).

Where:

The 2018 Fort Stewart RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY will be held at the:

The Venue
(Located behind the CFE Arena)
University of Central Florida
12777 Gemini Boulevard North
Orlando, FL 32816-8041

When:

Pre-Register before Friday, February 23, 2018 by clicking on the following link:

<https://2018RetireeAppreciationDay.eventbrite.com>

Walk-in registration begins at 8:00 A.M. (EST) on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at UCF's The Venue.

The **Retiree Appreciation Day** presentations will start promptly at 9:00 A.M. (EST).