

EANGMT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

12 February 2009

Rosie's Missouri River Inn

OPENING ITEMS - 1800 12 February 2009

- Call to Order
- Roll Call of Members
 - Executive Members Present:*
 - President – CSM Ronda Scott
 - 1st Vice President – SFC Dennis Stoner
 - 2nd Vice President – TSgt Patti Hagan
 - Treasurer – SFC Jodi Nugent
 - Secretary – SPC April Ruckdaschel
 - Executive Member Army – MSG Dana Lahti
 - Executive Member Army – 1SG Risi Stewart
 - Executive Member Army – 1SG Tom Sanburg
 - Executive Member Air – TSgt Craig Barnes
 - Retired Member Air – CMSgt (Ret) Paul Heppner
 - Executive Members Not Present:*
 - Executive Member Air – SSgt Matt Giskaas
 - Executive Member Army – SGT Marcus McDowell
 - Retired Member Army – ~~SFC (Ret) Buck Buckmaster~~ John Bagley
- Motion made and carried to accept minutes from the board meeting on 28 October 2008.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Financial Report** – Motion made and carried to accept financial report as written.
2. **Scholarship Report** – There has been some changes to the scholarship application online. Motion made and carried for the scholarship report.
3. **Legislative Report** – Motion made and carried to accept legislative report as written.

4. **Membership Report** – Send out flyers to E-5's and E-6's. Motion was made and carried to except the membership report as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

- Roger Hagan was given a check for \$4,000.00 dollars to represent the Enlisted Association for this Legislative Session.
- Motion was made and carried Reimbursed Ronda Scott, 1SG Risi Stewart, MSG Dana Lahti, Dan Stewart, \$150.00 for expenses from the Mid Winter Cacus.
- Purple picture framed to give to the hotel at the end of the conference.
- Thrift store gave a 700.00 donation to the Enlisted Association.
- Motion was made and carried to give Roger Hagan \$1,987.00 for this legislative ~~Session~~. *Reception*
- President or representative will receive \$500.00 to attend President's workshop 29-31 May in Rochester. Motion was made and carried.
- State Annual Conference will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn with Family Programs as a joint conference if we are able to get a conference room. The second choice is the Hampton Inn. Motion was made and carried.
- Motion was made and carried to table the increase of membership dues until the State Annual Conference.

NEW BUSINESS

- SSG Michael Noyce-Marino will attend the State Annual Conference in April and has been chosen as the guest speaker for Saturday night's dinner.

- President will review policies annually. A new policy letter to determine how much money to reimburse delegates based on funds availability. Motion was made and carried to table this for the State Annual Conference.
- Entertainment for the conference will be limited to \$1,000.00.
- Money Maker ideas are to raffle off liquor baskets.
- Vote for a new Junior Enlisted Board Member to replace Marcus McDowell's while he is deployed. Motion was made and carried to table this until the State Annual Conference.
- ~~• If non-paying members attend the State Annual Conference their dues will be waived for two years.~~
- Motion was made and carried to reimburse Dan Stewart \$104.00 for memberships mailed to Harris.

Meeting Adjourned 2007

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Financial Report
2. Membership Report
3. Scholarship Report
4. Legislative Report
5. Retired Committee Report
6. Publications Report

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2009 State Conference
 - a. Flyer
 - b. Date
 - c. Location
2. Money Maker Ideas
3. Executive Director
4. Legislative Representative

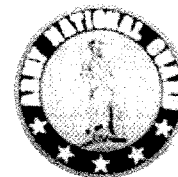
NEW BUSINESS

1. Mid Winter Caucus
2. Board member replacement – Marcus McDowell
3. Elections coming up



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ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD
OF MONTANA



February 12, 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Montana, ATTN: CSM Ronda Scott, President EANGMT, PO Box 4789, Ft. Harrison, MT 59636-4789

SUBJECT: Quarterly Legislative Report

1. Since our last Board meeting at Rosie's in October of 2008 and the advent of the 2009 Legislative Session it has been a little busy. Not long after our October meeting I learned of Secretary of Defense Robert Gates response to the final Report of the Commission on the Guard and Reserve. It was not good. I contacted Frank Yoakum, SGM (Ret.), at EANGUS concerning what was to be their response, such as issuing a Call or whatever. We never received a response or course of action on their part.
2. It must be noted that we in Montana did foresee the problem and addressed it in Resolution 08-03. This Resolution went to EANGUS Resolution Committee for consideration. It was determined by SFC Debbie Newton and her committee "not to be a real problem" as related to me by a member on the committee. It was further stated "no chance of Congress letting the Commission findings take effect, they wouldn't dare".
3. The Legislative Reception, January 15th, 2009 at Jorgenson's this year was both well attended and received. Much better than the previous one two years ago as I have been told. Many of these same Legislators were present on January 19th, 2009 during the hearing on HB 28 and HB 206 in the Taxation Committee.
4. HB 28 was presented first thing during the Committee meeting. The National Guard's friend in Representative Pat Ingraham reintroduced the bill to exempt National Guard and Reserve retired pay from taxation in Montana. The presentation by the different service organizations around the State was well received. I have a good feeling concerning the future of this one.
5. HB 206 on the other hand was not that well represented nor looked favorable upon. Representative Klock proposed exempting all Title 32 traditional and full time pay from taxation in Montana. This bill exceeds the amount that was called for in EANGMT Resolution 08-02 which requested exemption of the first \$15,000 from taxation.
6. On January 22-26, 2009 I attended the Area VI & VII Mid-Winter Conference at Las Vegas, NV. It was well attended from both Areas. Montana had 7 members representing the State.

7. For the last three weeks I have been assisting President Scott and members of the Auxiliary in coordinating with the State conference hotel for arrangements and preparing contacts with the vendors for conference.

8. Madame President, this concludes my report and I move for its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Dan R. Stewart, MSG, (Ret.)
Army National Guard
Legislative Chairman
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Montana