

**EANGMT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
19 JULY 2008  
RONDA SCOTT'S HOME AT CANYON FERRY**

**OPENING ITEMS**

- Call to order
- Roll Call of Members

The meeting was called to order at 1340 by President Ronda Scott.

**Executive Members Present:**

President – CSM Ronda Scott

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – SFC Dennis Stoner

Executive Member Army – SSG Ed Salle

Executive Member Army – SGT Marcus McDowell

Executive Member Army – 1SG Tom Sanburg

Executive Member Army – SFC Nick Smith

Executive Member Air – TSgt Craig Barnes

Treasurer – Jodi Nugent

Retired Air – CMSgt (Ret) Paul Heppner

Retired Army – SFC (Ret) Buck Buckmaster (proxy for John Bagley)

Legislative Chairman – Dan Stewart

**Executive Members Not Present:**

Secretary – SPC April Ruckdaschel

Past President – SMSgt (Ret) Lisa Smith

Membership (Air) – MSgt Ruth Mortag

Legislative – CMSgt (Ret) Roger Hagan

Executive Member Air - SSgt Matt Giskaas

Executive Member Army – Risi Stewart

Executive Member Army – SFC Tim Sowa

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – TSgt Patti Hagan

- Minutes from the annual conference 24 – 25 April 2008 were not read and accepted due to the absence of the Secretary. They will be acted upon at the October meeting.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Financial Report – Presented by SFC Jodi Nugent.
2. Membership Report – CSM Ronda Scott – the new membership program from Nationals is not user friendly – will bring up at the National Conference. A new membership survey will be sent out in the 1SG packets. Information on the purple picture will also be included in the packet.
3. Scholarship Report – CSM Ronda Scott for 1SG Risi Stewart – two scholarships were awarded – (1 Army and 1Air) Two teachers looked at the applications (6) and selected

the winners. It was suggested that a letter of appreciation or a certificate be given to each teacher.

4. Legislative Reports – MSG (Ret) Dan Stewart: A proposed change to the Constitution was presented for second reading in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order – motion made and carried to accept. All resolutions that were passed at the EANGMT Annual Conference in April had been forwarded to the proper legislators with response from Governor Schweitzer and Senator Testers office.

5. Insurance Report - CMSgt (Ret) Paul Heppner – suggestion made to put an enlisted person on the board.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Not presented as we did not have the minutes from the previous meeting

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. National conference – It was noted that we will have 4 delegates at the National conference and 4 proxy votes. A motion was passed to give each delegate \$500.00. It was noted that a letter from each proxy would be needed.

2. Membership – A suggestion was made to construct a letter encouraging all Soldiers and Airmen to join the Enlisted Association. Then it was suggested that maybe two letters should be written. One letter signed by the President and one signed by the State CSM. Motion was tabled.

3. Executive Director – CSM Ronda Scott made a suggestion for the Association to hire an Executive Director. This person would handle all the day to day administrative areas for the Association. After discussion it was decided to wait until after the National EANGUS Conference in Savannah, GA and to look into what other states were doing in regards to the position of Executive Director

4. Fund Raiser – CSM Ronda Scott asked for suggestions for fund raisers for the Association. The money would be used for scholarships and donation requests from the Air and Army projects. A raffle was suggested. Framing a purple picture and raffling it off was also suggested. Tabled until next meeting for more ideas.

5. Junior Enlisted Counsel – Tabled until next meeting

6. Enlisted Membership Application – MSG (Ret) Dan Stewart suggested some changes be made to the membership application. The new program by Harris asked for information that is not on the membership form. A motion was made and seconded to change the form. Motion carried.

7. Outstanding bills – A motion was made to pay MSG (Ret) Dan Stewart for his legislative expenses. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2008 at the Missouri River Inn (Rosie's) at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1510.



15 July, 2008

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 completion of our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Billings, MT our legislative concerns have been forwarded through the appropriate channels to be addressed. They were as follows:

a. Resolutions 08-02 Income Tax Exemption; 08-04 S.A.D. Medical Coverage; 08-05 NG License Plate Fee Exemption; 08-06 Employer Tax Incentive; 08-07 Tuition Waivers; 08-08 Continued Funding of SGLI Reimbursement. Copies of these Resolutions with cover letter from our Association were mailed to Governor Schweitzer as well as leadership of both parties in the state House and Senate.

b. Resolutions 08-03 Recommendations of Commission on Guard & Reserve and Resolution 08-09 Burial of Parents of Single Members in Veterans Cemeteries were forwarded to the Montana Congressional delegation in Washington D.C. as well as being re-formatted for EANGUS and forwarded to CSM Joe Fernandez, Area VI Director of EANGUS.

2. To date we have received replies from only Governor Schweitzer and Senator Tester. These were somewhat broad and uncommitted.

3. I attended a committee meeting of the State Administration and Veterans Affairs (S.A.V.A.) on 28 April 2008 with Chief Hagan. Subjects of interest for our Association were an update on PDHR and tax exemption on a portion of military retirement.

DAN R. STEWART, MSG, (Ret.)  
Legislative Chairman  
EANGMT

## **TALKING POINTS PAPER**

1. Upon completion of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of EANGMT in Billings, MT, where 9 Resolutions were passed.
2. Resolutions on Income Tax Exemption, S.A.D. Medical Coverage, NG License Plate Fee Exemption, Employer Tax Incentive, Tuition Waivers, and Continued Funding of SGLI Reimbursement were forwarded, under cover letter, to Governor Schweitzer as well as the leadership of both political parties in the state House and Senate.
3. Resolutions on Recommendations of the Commission on Guard & Reserve and Burial of Parents of Single Members in Veterans Cemeteries were forwarded, under cover letter, to the Montana Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C.
4. To date only two responses have been received. One from Governor Schweitzer's office concerning Income Tax Exemption and the other from Senator Tester's office on the burial of parents of single Veterans in Veteran's cemeteries.
5. EANGMT representatives have met twice with CPT Keith Kelly of the Officers Assn. to develop a brochure and a program involving our Associations jointly with local units in an open dialog with their local politicians.
6. Tentatively we have scheduled a Legislative Reception for January 2009.
7. Tentatively have scheduled a presentation ceremony for a plaque honoring Representative Pat Ingraham for her outstanding service to the Guard.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Close out - Transfer records from Dana Lahti to Jodi Nugent*

**Expenditures since 31 March 2008 :**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Beth Mortag	Website updates	\$273.75	7-Apr-08
EANGUS		\$387.00	21-Apr-08
Crown Trophy	MT plaque/coins	\$60.00	24-Apr-08
Patti Hagan	Newletter/framing	\$130.25	6-Mar-08
Crown Plaza	State conference	\$2,735.84	26-Apr-08
MTANG Booster Club	Donation	\$100.00	5-Jun-08
Kens Catering	Donation for College Fair	\$100.00	5-Jun-08
Ryan Halko	Scholarship	\$500.00	18-Jun-08
Kristine Heistuman	Scholarship	\$500.00	18-Jun-08
EANGUS	Memberships	\$387.00	21-Apr-08
		<b>\$5,173.84</b>	

**Deposits since 31 March 2008:**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
USAA	Scholarship donation	\$500.00	9-Apr-08
EANGMT	Memberships	\$690.00	21-Apr-08
State Conference		\$2,748.00	28-Apr-08
MTNGA	SSLI/AFBA Share	\$756.39	7-May-08
MTNGA	SSLI/AFBA Share	\$269.07	4-Jun-08
MTNGA	SSLI/AFBA Share	270.18	4-Jun-08
State Conference			
		<b>\$5,233.64</b>	

**Account Balance As of 27 June 2008**

Regular Shares	\$8,429.83
Certificate of Depoit-12 month	\$3,430.18
Other Share (SL1)-Deposits Toward Lifetime Membership	\$13,084.78
Checking Account	\$3,086.96
Certificate of Depoit-12 month	\$10,999.26
	<b>\$39,031.01</b>



As of 18 July 2008

**JODI R. NUGENT**