

***EANGMT Executive Board Meeting
27 August 2005, 2:00 p.m.
Ronda Scott's Cabin, Canyon Ferry, MT***

OPENING ITEMS

- Call to Order
- Roll Call of Members

Executive Members Present:

President – MSG Jim Gustafson

1st Vice President – SMSgt Lisa Smith

2nd Vice President – CSM Ronda Scott

Treasurer – SFC Dana Lahti

Secretary – SSgt Patti Hagan

Executive Member Air – CCM Steve Lyczewski

Executive Member Army – MSG Neil Young

Executive Member Army – SFC Risi Stewart

Executive Member Army – SFC Nick Conway

Executive Member Army – SGT Cynthia Marshall

Others Present:

MSgt Steve Hagan MSgt Blue Manzanares

Executive Members Not Present:

Executive Member Army – SFC Tim Sowa

Executive Member Air – SMSgt Mark Giskaas

Retired Member Air – MSgt (Ret) John Haffner

Executive Member Army – SFC Dave Polansky

Retired Member Army – Vacant

Past President – MSgt Ruth Mortag

- Minutes of the last quarterly meeting, 16 April 2005, were accepted as written.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Scholarship Report – MSG Jim Gustafson forwarded three scholarship applications for the CSM Virgil R. Williams National Scholarship. Unfortunately none of them were chosen. MSgt Jeff Wheeler is supposed to be the scholarship chairman but no one has heard from him lately. Lisa Smith or Steve Lyczewski will contact him to see if he is still interested in being the chairman.
2. Financial Report – SFC Dana Lahti: a CD of the associations matured in July. Dana intends to roll it over for another year. Discussed the audit report done by George Warn, Civilian, Internal Review Evaluator USPFO for Montana Helena Armed Forces Reserve Center. He recommends the books be audited by a place downtown. Also a few little administrative items need to be done to help run smoother. Verbal and attached written reports accepted as given.
3. Membership Report Army – CSM Ronda Scott has not been to work for three weeks. Going to visit units again next month, therefore, membership should go up again. Verbal report accepted as given.
4. Membership Report Air – CCM Steve Lyczewski will take over looking after the Air memberships with SSgt Patti Hagan helping with getting more USAA sponsored memberships submitted. Verbal report accepted as given.
5. Legislative Report – no report submitted.
6. By-Laws/Constitution Report – per SSgt Patti Hagan, SSgt Christy Bringard needs to be replaced as she is PCSing along with her husband soon. Suggested that TSgt Jeff Stagg or SSgt Angela Laden be asked to step into the position. There are no changes submitted at this time.

7. EANGUS National Conference 2005 Report – the 34th annual conference was held in Orlando, Florida, 21-24 August 2005. The state of Montana was allowed five delegates: Jim Gustafson, Lisa Smith, Patti Hagan, Steve Hagan, and Roger Hagan. States are now allowed to bring a certain amount of E-5 or E-6s to attend the conference on orders in which all travel expenses are paid. Montana was allowed three to attend but due to last minute notice only two people were able to attend: TSgt Jeff Stagg and SSgt Angela Laden. Next year we need to be prepared to find people to include our Soldier and Airmen of the Year recipients. These attendees were required to attend all the professional development classes scheduled. It was brought up to remind States to sign up their soldiers and airmen for the USAA sponsored memberships for newly promoted E-5s and E-6s. The reports and conference book are available to look at from the Secretary, SSgt Patti Hagan. MSG Jim Gustafson is going to look into why the State of Montana did not get an award for being over 100% on the building fund requirement. Area VI had a hospitality room again. There were over 100 exhibitors at the conference. Also, there were a numerous amount of impressive speakers. The all states hospitality night was sponsored by Anheuser-Busch and was fun. During the last day of meetings the resolutions report caused a disagreement. There was a resolution proposed for Congress to fund abortions in the case of incest and rape. Under new business there was a motion proposed that EANGUS not be allowed to make any resolutions on subjects concerning abortion, stem cell research, assisted suicide and the death penalty. After a voice vote, a stand up vote, and a call of States vote the motion was finally accepted. The veteran association's memberships are diminishing and it was asked to remember them when we lobby. At the formal banquet they had a memorial of all the names of guardsmen who have died in the last year. Reminded that members need to write and re-write their congressmen regarding the issues. If you wrote a year or two ago regarding the lowering the retirement age, another letter should be sent to remind the congressmen that you want this issue considered and passed. The newsletter did not win in the Publications contest. Overall it was good but a feedback was given as to where it could be improved. MSgt Dorrie Hagan let it be known that Montana was interested in bidding for the 2011 National Conference. Next years conference will be in Biloxi, Mississippi. For the Area VI caucus, CMSgt Roger Hagan was elected as the Chairman. The Area VI mid-winter caucus will be 20-21 January 2006, at Circus Circus, Reno, Nevada. Verbal reports given by MSG Jim Gustafson, SMSgt Lisa Smith and SSgt Patti Hagan accepted as given.
8. State Conference 2006 Report – per MSgt Blue Manzanares choices for the conference are Grouse Mountain or The Lodge both in Whitefish or the West Coast Center in Kalispell connected to the mall. Grouse Mountain will offer a buffet while The Lodge will not. Need to decide how much to spend on entertainment. Maybe have a mystery dinner and build it off of the cartoon character theme. Verbal report accepted as given.
9. Retirees Report – if you are unable to attend the meeting and have a report due, be sure to send the report to the 1st Vice President in order for it to be presented at the meeting. MSG (Ret) Denny Eickert has resigned as the Retired Member Army. At this time the position will be considered as vacant until filled.

OLD BUSINESS

- Audit Report Status: a new audit committee needs to be assigned in order to have the books audited for the next conference. Suggested to ask SMSgt Wayne Losing to help with this committee. Treasurer SFC Dana Lahti will ask and find a committee. Motion to not hire a CPA from downtown to audit the books since they have been audited by George Warn. The motion was 2nd and accepted.
- Purple Picture: CSM Ronda Scott was asked to get a hold of Denny Eickert and have him turn in anything he has on this issue to President MSG Jim Gustafson. Tabled to next meeting.

- Donation Limit – a proposal is still needed to decide what our association's position will be on donations each year. A position paper will be worked on by President MSG Jim Gustafson with inputs from Treasurer SFC Dana Lahti and MSgt Steve Hagan. There was a short discussion on ideas of what the association should consider. Not only look at how much to spend but also look at what the association will get back from making the donation. Tabled until next meeting.
- Support for Military Organizations: per CCM Lyczewski the letter is signed by MG Mosley. He will get a copy to Secretary SSgt Patti Hagan for the association's files.
- State Conference 2006: at this time a bill was presented to the Treasurer for paying for the website domain. For one year it is \$25.00, for two years it is \$40.00, or for five years it is \$85.00. Motion was made to pay for five years at \$85.00. The motion was 2nd and accepted. Per MSgt Blue Manzanaras, Grouse Mountain will cost about \$35.00 per couple for food and \$75.00 for the room. West Coast Center in Kalispell will cost about \$70.00 for a room and \$25.00 for catered dinner. The Lodge will cost about \$35.00 for food and room will be about \$75.00. Show of hands was asked to vote for Whitefish or Kalispell. Majority raised their hands for Whitefish. Show of hands asked to vote for The Lodge or Grouse Mountain. Majority raised their hands for The Lodge. There was a concern raised about getting younger attendees and the cost. If this becomes an issue, it was suggested the association try to sponsor or help with costs for new attendees. Discussion was made on the conference date, it was voted by voice vote, and accepted to hold the conference the last weekend of April 2006. Suggestion for entertainment was for a DJ. Motion was made to spend up to \$1000.00 for entertainment for the conference. It was 2nd and accepted. Question was asked by MSgt Steve Hagan if the association was going to try and incorporate some professional development at the state conference as done at the national conference. If done then we could put some individuals on orders to attend our conference. President MSG Jim Gustafson will look into this possibility with the powers that be.

NEW BUSINESS

- USAA Membership: per MSG Jim Gustafson's request, someone in the J1 shop needs to get a listing of newly promoted E-5s and E-6s in order to try and sign them up for the free one year EANGUS membership sponsored by USAA. CSM Ronda Scott and MSG Jim Gustafson will get together to insure that this is accomplished.
- Replace Committee Members: MSG Jim Gustafson will talk to Jim Lantz to see if he would be interested in holding the Retired Member Army position.
- Items to Troops Overseas: SMSgt Lisa Smith brought this up by asking if anything was decided on or sent overseas. MSG Jim Gustafson was supposed to ask MSgt Dorrie Hagan about this issue and will work on this issue. SGT Cynthia Marshall emailed a couple of units over there but never received a response back.
- Next Quarterly Meeting Date: decided to meet at Osterman's Missouri River Inn on 29 November 2005.
- The \$500.00 Scholarship check from USAA was received and given to Treasurer SFC Dana Lahti. This money will be deposited into the associations account and earmarked for the EANGMT scholarship of \$250.00 a piece, one for Air and one for Army.

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