



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Executive Board Member Reports: printed in the conference book.
2. Scholarship Report – SMSgt Lisa Smith: accepted as printed in the conference book.
3. Financial Report – MSG Dana Lahti: accepted as printed in the conference book.
4. Audit Report – CMSgt Anne Maroney: accepted as printed in the conference book.
5. Membership Report – CSM Ronda Scott: be sure to fill out a USAA free membership application for any E5 or E6 and submit it. If USAA has not sponsored the person before then they will do the free one year membership. We currently have 836 E5s and E6s. The current Association membership is 553 out of 3049. This is 150 members less than this time last year. CCM Seibel will look into if we can put an article into the Big Sky Flyer about the Association and the conference. The report was accepted as printed in the conference book.
6. By-Laws/Constitution Report – 1SG Neil Young: no suggested changes at this time. Oral report accepted as given.
7. Insurance Report – CMSgt (Ret) Paul Heppner: gave a PowerPoint presentation. Copy of PowerPoint slides attached. Oral report accepted as given.
8. 2007 National Conference Report – SMSgt Lisa Smith: to be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 12-15 August 2007. The registration form is available on the EANGUS website. We have four voting delegate positions. Some Soldiers and Airmen are allowed to go for professional development and go to the conference on orders. Oral report accepted as given.
9. 2008 National Conference Report – SMSgt Lisa Smith: to be held in Savannah, Georgia, 10-13 August 2008.
10. Resolutions Report: Roger Hagan is at the legislature today. Five officers went with him and were introduced this morning. Keep contacting the Senators, Representatives and Governor.
11. Publications Report – SSgt Patti Hagan: newsletter articles are due 14 May 2007. Proposal to give the newsletter a new name. Report accepted as printed in the conference book.
12. Nomination Report – CSM Robert Bennett: the listing of the open positions are printed on the agenda in the conference book.
13. Legislative Report – CMSgt (Ret) Roger Hagan (was given after old business): on the national level a National Guard and Reserve Commission was chartered to study what is right and wrong with National Guard and Reserve and how they interact with active duty. It recommended that the Chief of the National Guard Bureau not be put on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. But recommended that it be elevated to a four star general position as the principle advisor for Guard issues to the Chief of the JCoS. Roger attended the EANGUS Membership Symposium. We will now be able to manage membership through the Internet with a new membership system. It will be available to all States and the Auxiliary at no cost. For state legislation there are 52 bills related to the military. We now have a \$50,000 death gratuity for anyone on state active duty. The Montana Military Relief Fund has been approved. The License Plate Fee Waiver was one of the Association's top five bills but trade offs had to happen and did not make the transmittal deadline. Because of SB 243, the half-price combination hunting/fishing license is now free and good for five years for anyone deployed to a contingent operation out of Montana for more than two months. SB 15, Prohibiting Picketing at Funerals, picketers must now stay back 1500 feet from anywhere there is a memorial service. The State Tax Incentive for National Guard and Reserve Employers and Self-Employed National Guard and Reserve Members was presented with a \$500.00 tax incentive but has been cut to \$250.00. This passed through the Senate but died in the House. A joint resolution was passed to rename the Lewistown Armory in honor of MSG Robbie McNary and now goes to the Department of Military Affairs. HB 637, State Tax Exemption on Military Pay, passed through the House but has not passed the Senate. Therefore, out of the top five bills two died, one passed, and two are not doing well. There are only five days

left for this legislative session. Everyone please contact the Governor, your Representative and Senator. Oral report accepted as given.

Major Unit Caucus – discussions in the Air caucus and the Army caucus.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Open Chairman Positions: the Association is looking for chairmen for Corporate Sponsors, Legislative, Ways and Means, and Resolutions. Tabled to next meeting.
- Purple Picture: TSgt Jason Johnson designed the picture. The prototype was shown, which will be given to the hotel. This print was donated and Lisa Smith had it framed at the Arts and Crafts center on Malmstrom AFB for \$60.00. Tabled to next meeting for a cost estimate and to decide how the Association is going to fund the pictures.
- Duties for Committee Chairs Update: MSgt Dorrie Hagan typed up some duties for the different committees. No additions or changes submitted. Get any changes to SSgt Patti Hagan by 14 May. Tabled to next meeting.
- Auxiliary Charter Date: CMSgt (Ret) Roger Hagan says he went through the old file cabinet and did not find the charter date. Motion to close this item was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted.
- Newsletter Membership Survey: would like to see the survey in the next newsletter. People were supposed to get out to guardsmen to fill out. Many people do not remember receiving the email. Suggestion to include another question: What do our soldiers and airmen want from us, the Association? The survey will be resent out through email and newsletter. Tabled to next meeting.
- EANGUS National Conference 2011 Bid: per CSM Ronda Scott, the paperwork was mailed off to the National Office this past week. Per CMSgt (Ret) Roger Hagan, because he already gave a verbal interest, as long as we have mailed off the paperwork we should be okay.
- Army Guard Report – presented by CSM Robert Bennett

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Nominations: President ~ CSM Ronda Scott (Army), 1 year term  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President ~ SMSgt Mark Giskaas (Air), 1 year term  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President ~ SFC Dennis Stoner (Army), 1 year term  
Executive Member Army ~ PFC Tyler Matthews, 2 year term  
Executive Member Army ~ SGT Brian Benz, 2 year term  
Executive Member Army ~ 1SG Neil Young, 2 year term  
Executive Member Army ~ SSG Ed Salle, 1 year term  
Executive Member Air ~ SSgt Matt Giskaas, 2 year term
- 2007-08 Budget – MSG Dana Lahti: the budget runs from 1 April 2007 through 31 March 2008. The Thrift Store donated \$500.00 towards our conference. Lisa Smith will send a thank you. MSG (Ret) Ted Lott donated \$100.00 to the conference and received a verbal thank you from everyone in the room. Motion to accept the budget was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted.
- Time & Place 2008: FRG is okay with Billings during the proposed weekend of 25-27 April 2008. Motion to hold the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference in Billings was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted. Motion made to hold the conference 25-27 April 2008. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted.

### **LUNCHEON**

- Host Hotel Appreciation: Purple Picture given to Mr. John Boyle, General Manager of Park Plaza Hotel.
- Nominations reopened for any other nominations before voting. Motion to close nominations, 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted. Motion was made to vote for all the candidates at once. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted.
- Lifetime Membership – CSM Ronda Scott: there was a person who paid for a lifetime membership in 2002. When Ronda took over and got the membership database, he showed up on the database but when compared to the EANGUS National office database, he was not on their database. She contacted the EANGUS National office and they do not show a lifetime membership was ever paid for this person. Ronda has received a copy of the cancelled check showing proof of payment to our Association. Therefore, EANGMT will need to send a payment to the EANGUS office for his National lifetime membership. Motion was made to pay the lifetime membership, 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted.
- Thank you card read from Kayla Carter for receiving the EANGMT/USAA scholarship.
- Donation Request for MTANG 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Col Fairhurst, 120<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Mission Support Group Commander, sent an email request to Lisa Smith asking for a donation of \$250.00 for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to be held 9 June 2007. Currently the Association donation policy is to give only \$100.00. Discussion on the donation policy regarding the deadline date. Voted last August to have a deadline date of 31 March. Donation Request tabled until after discussion of the donation policy, 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted.
- Donation Limit: discussion to have a set date, or quarterly submission dates, or accept donation requests as they come in. Motion made to leave the deadline date as 31 March but that after the conference it will be first come, first serve on any remaining money that we have to spend on donations. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted. A separate webpage will be set up on the EANGMT website for donation requests that will have the form and the donation policy for anyone to access.
- Donation Request for MTANG 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: motion made to donate \$100.00 to the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted.
- Newsletter Name – SSgt Patti Hagan: motion made to change the newsletter name to the Montana Enlisted Voice. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted.
- The theme for next year's State Conference will be "Heritage – Country of Origin." Dress in your own heritage for the evening banquet.
- Next Quarterly Meeting: the next meeting will be on 25 August 2007 at 1300 hours. This will be the annual picnic/meeting held at Ronda Scott's cabin. Motion made to spend up to \$150.00 for the picnic. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted.
- National Conference Pins: motion made to spend up to \$500.00 to have the trading pins made for the people attending the National Conference. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted.
- Air Guard Report – presented by CCM Steve Lyczewski
- Moment of Silence for all our fallen members.

## **BANQUET**

- A wonderful banquet was held at the Kleffner Ranch in East Helena. Carriage rides were available and a live band played for people to dance.
- Lisa Smith presented Certificate of Appreciations to Ronda Scott, Blue Manzanares, and Patti Hagan.
- Oath given to the newly elected officers.

## **ADJOURNED**