

ENLISTED ASSOCIATION of the ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD
Building 8100, 8th Street and Arkansas Avenue
Camp Joseph T. Robinson, North Little Rock, AR 72199-9600

MEMORANDUM FOR Enlisted Association of the Arkansas National Guard, Building 8100, Camp Robinson, North Little Rock, AR 72199-9600

SUBJECT: General Assembly Annual Meeting Minutes, 26 April 2014 at the Holiday Inn Fort Smith, AR.

1. **Call to Order.** The General Assembly was called to order at 0830. MSG Dishoughn White gave the invocation and was presented a special bible on behalf of the Association for his time as the EAANG Chaplain.
2. **Roll Call.** The Secretary called the roll in order to establish a quorum. The following were the results:

Present:

President	MSG Jennifer Broach
2 nd Vice President	SFC James Howard
Treasurer	SSG Stephanie Hernandez
Secretary	SFC Chris Baker
Dist 1 / 39 th IBCT	
Dist 2 / 142 nd FiB	
Dist 3 / 77 th AV	
Dist 4 / 87 th TRP CMD	
Dist 5 / JFHQ	
Dist 6 / 189 th AW MSgt	
Dist 7 / 188 th FW	
Dist 8 / AF at Large	
Dist 9 / 123 rd	
Dist 10 / AFHQ, GSU	
Dist 11 / Retired Air	
Dist 12 / Retired Army	
Past President	SFC Jeffrey James Frisby

Board Members Absent:

1 st Vice President	VACANT
Parliamentarian	VACANT

A quorum was present.

Special Guests included: MG William Wofford, BG Patricia Anslow, BG Dwight Balch, BG Mark Berry, Mrs. Judith Putnam-Area IV Auxiliary President, several retiree's, several family members, and all of our Corporate Sponsors and vendors.

3. A motion was made to deviate from the printed agenda by Charlie Hagerman. The motion received a 2nd by CSM Norris Cate, there was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Previous Meeting Minutes.** Minutes from 2013 conference was presented by Secretary Chris Baker. The motion to accept them as written was made by CW Wood, 2nd by 1SG Fosler. There was no discussion, the motion passed.

5. **Guest Speakers.**

a. MG Wofford was introduced as a guest speaker, presented a video and spoke on the importance of the Guard in an era of war and the threat of war. MG Wofford also announced his pending retirement. He spoke of the affects that the budget, the Association, Congress, Family, and employers will have on the future of the Guard. CSM Veazey was called up to be presented the ESGR Employer award. The video "Mission Ready" was presented to the General Assembly. We [Guardsmen] are cost effective, we are Arkansans (part of the community but military cut backs will affect all of us in Arkansas), we are warriors, and the Guard needs us [EAANG] to be part of the solution for the future.

b. Two guests were announced, CMSgt Carter and CSM Veazey. Both were introduced and brought to the podium to address the General Assembly.

i. CMSgt Carter spoke of the business of the Guard on the Air Force side. He spoke of how the Air Guard is changing to meet future requirements to support the future of the Arkansas Guard. This is a battle for funding. EAANG/EANGUS is important to conduct the business for the future existence and support from Congress.

ii. CSM Veazey spoke of how we are in the fight of our lives and that the Army and Air must join as brothers in arms to survive. He then updated the General Assembly on the status of CSM Collins and her husband's health. He thanked BG Anslow for her support to the Enlisted Assc. "We are in the eye of the storm. The battleground has shifted on us (it is now the budget). It will take more focus, more dedication, better qualified Soldiers/Airmen. The standard has to be met to justify our Soldiers existence. Personal Readiness is paramount. Family, Community and Employer is the three legged stool that supports all of us. Membership in the Assc is important." He explained why and let them know how it affects their/our future. Bring new/young members to the conference and introduce them the business of the Assc. Get them excited about joining and participating in the Assc.

c. Questions for the Senior Enlisted Panel:

i. CSM Johnson suggested letting Soldiers attend the business meeting in a split drill status as part of NCODP and at a minimum having units use NCODP to brief Soldiers during drill. BG Anslow answered that Soldiers cannot be in a paid status to attend the ASSC meeting by NGB Guidance but she highly emphasizes the value of being part of the organization.

ii. CSM Rankin is mad that DOD has placed incentives and benefits out there as a way to entice recruits to join and now they are pulling several of those benefits back, ie. TA. This association has to hit that head on and make a difference in those programs being affected for those it was already promised to.

iii. CSM Rankin asked if membership decreased due to the way we conduct business, ie, online memberships? Jeff Frisby stated that membership is higher at this point in time as compared to last year. CSM Rankin stated that even though social media and online registration is great, leadership has to get involved instead of leaving it up to the SM to join on their own. The largest group (E5 and below) needs to be the focus on driving membership.

6. **Reports.**

a. **Treasury Report.** Presented by Stephanie Hernandez. Motion to accept as written. 2nd by 1SG Holm. No discussion. Motion carried to accept as written.

b. **Legislative Report.** Jeff Frisby presented the Legislative report for Ryan Worcester. No written report, presented verbally. Arkansas EAANG legislative team was involved in several legislative issues that resulted in being presented and approved by Congress. This is an informational report only, no action is required, it is submitted for record only.

c. **Area IV Directors Report.** Presented by Jeff Frisby. Motion for acceptance as verbally presented. This is an informational report only, no action is required, it is submitted for record only.

d. **Membership Report.** James Howard presented the membership report. This is an informational report only, no action is required, it is submitted for record only. After the report was given, the 100% membership streamers were passed out to the unit Chiefs and 1SG's.

e. **Scholarship Report.** Mike Lenahan gave the scholarship report on behalf of Paul Wilkerson. This is an informational report only, no action is required, it is submitted for record only. After the report was presented, USAA presented PFC Robert Ball with a \$1000 scholarship for being the overall winner for Arkansas.

f. **Resolutions Report.** Presented by James Howard. Motion to accept the report as written after voting on resolutions. This is an informational report only, no action is required, it is submitted for record only.

i. Resolution AR1401: Motion for acceptance; 2nd by MSG White. Motion carried.

ii. Resolution AR1402: Motion for acceptance; 2nd by Joey Reisz. Motion carried.

iii. Resolution AR1403: Motion for acceptance; 2nd by SGM Castle. Motion carried.

iv. Resolution AR1404: Motion for acceptance; 2nd by MSG White. Motion carried.

v. Motion made by CSM Johnson to take Resolution AR1403 & AR1404 to the National Conference for EANGUS support. 2nd by Jamie Williams. Motion carried.

g. **Junior Enlisted Report.** Presented by Joey Reisz. This is an informational report only, no action is required, it is submitted for record only.

h. **Ways and Means Report.** Presented by Jeff Frisby. This is an informational report only, no action is required, it is submitted for record only. CSM Rankin discussed how he always sees the same volunteers at events and really wants MACOM's to get behind the support of the EAANG fund raising efforts. He will work within the 233 RTI to see if they can host one of the upcoming Baseball Games. CSM Johnson also asked about seeing if EAANG can be included in the Combined Federal Campaign. This is an informational report only, no action is required, it is submitted for record only.

i. **Time and Place Report.** Presented by James Howard. This is an informational report only, no action is required, it is submitted for record only.

i. Of the listed places for a possible 2018 Conference location, Russellville and Texarkana were added to the consideration list.

ii. Jamie Williams made a motion to cease nominations. Joey Reisz seconded the motion, there was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

iii. Results for the vote were as follows:

Little Rock: 7
Hot Springs: 12
Jonesboro: 0
Springdale: 27
Benton: 12
Russellville: 2
Texarkana: 1

iv. Springdale was selected as the site for the 2018 EAANG State Conference.

j. **National Conference Report.** Presented by Jamie Williams. This is an informational report only, no action is required, it is submitted for record only. The floor was then opened up for nominations to fill the last National Conference delegate position. Two nominations were received, one for Caleb Sutterfield and one for Kendra Norman. Charlie Hagerman made a motion to cease nominations, it was 2nd by MSG Castle. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously. James Howard made a motion to make the first nomination the primary and the second as an alternate. The motion was 2nd by Nate Maness, there was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

k. **Nominations Report.** Presented by Jamie Williams. This is an informational report only, no action is required, it is submitted for record only. The floor was then open to nominations and elections of the new Executive Board positions.

i. Secretary: There were no nominations from the floor. WC Woods made a motion to cease nominations and accept Mike Ellis by acclamation. The motion was 2nd by Joey Reisz, there was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

ii. Treasurer: There were no nominations from the floor. Charlie Hagerman made a motion to cease nominations and accept Mike Lenahan by acclamation. The motion was 2nd by Joey Reisz, there was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

iii. 2nd Vice President: There were no nominations from the floor. Charlie Hagerman made a motion to cease nominations and accept Michelle Malone by acclamation. The motion was 2nd by MSG Castle, there was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

iv. 1st Vice President: There were no nominations from the floor. Charlie Hagerman made a motion to cease nominations and accept James Howard by acclamation. The motion was 2nd by MSG Castle, there was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

v. President: There were no Air Guard nominations for the position of President. The only at large nomination made was for Jeff Frisby. Charlie Hagerman made a motion to cease nominations and accept Jeff Frisby by acclamation. The motion was 2nd by Joey Reisz, there was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

l. **Presidents Report.** Jennifer Broach relinquished the gavel to 1st Vice President Elect James Howard. James Howard then called upon President Jennifer Broach for her Presidents report. After updating the General Assembly on the past year and the future of the organization, the gavel was given back to James Howard to accept the report for the record. This is an informational report only, no action is required, it is submitted for record only. There were no questions or discussion. James Howard then relinquished the gavel back to the President.

7. **Old Business.** No old business was presented to the General Assembly for discussion.

8. **New Business.**

a. **Swearing in of new Executive Board.** The following elected officers were brought forward and sworn into their new positions on the Executive Board:

James Howard	1 st Vice President
Michelle Malone	2 nd Vice President
Mike Lenahan	Treasurer
Mike Ellis	Secretary

Jeff Frisby will be sworn in as the new Association President at the Banquet following the close of the business session.

b. **Swearing in of new District Representatives.** With the election of Mike Ellis to the Secretary position, the District 1, 39 IBCT, Representative position was left vacant. CSM Philip Johnson appointed Jamie Williams to fill the vacancy. He was then brought forward and sworn into his new position.

9. **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn the General Assembly meeting for 2014 was made by Stephanie Hernandez, 2nd by Brian Mays. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 1330.

JENNIFER BROACH
MSG
President