

*33<sup>rd</sup> Annual EANGMT State Conference  
22 January 2005, Fort Harrison, Helena, MT  
0900 General Business Session Minutes*

**Executive Members Present:**

President – MSG Ruth Mortag	Executive Member Air – CCM Steve Lyczewski
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President – MSG Jim Gustafson	Executive Member Air – TSG Jeff Mortag
Treasurer – MSG Steve Hagan	Executive Member Army – SFC Tim Sowa
Secretary – SSG Patti Hagan	Executive Member Army – CSM Ronda Scott
Executive Member Army – SGT Ed Salle (for Herrin)	Executive Member Army – MSG Neil Young
Retired Member Army – MSG (Ret) Denny Eickert	

**Others Present:**

CCM Larry Seibel	CMS (Ret) Paul Heppner	CMS Dennis Heppner	CMS Mary Bates
TSG Blue Manzanares	SMS Mark Giskaas	SRA Matt Giskaas	A1C Eric Giskaas
LTC (Ret) Doug Remick	(Ret) Buck Buckmaster		

**Executive Members Not Present:**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President – SMS Lisa Smith	Executive Member Army – SFC Nick Conway
Executive Member Army – SGT Cynthia Marshall	Retired Member Air – MSG (Ret) John Haffner
Past President – SGM Jim Lantz	

**OPENING ITEMS**

- Opening Remarks made by the TAG – Major General Randy Mosley.
- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
- Appointment of Sergeant at Arms:  
Army – SFC Tim Sowa                      Air – CCM Steve Lyczewski
- Minutes of Last Quarterly Meeting, 10 November 2004: minutes were accepted as written.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Executive Board Member Reports: accepted as printed in the conference booklet.
2. Scholarship Report – three Air applications were received but none received for the Army side. Oral report accepted as submitted by MSG Ruth Mortag.
3. Financial Report – MSG Steve Hagan: accepted as printed in the conference booklet.
4. Audit Report – MSG Dave Lewis: no report submitted as a professional should audit the books and take care of any tax documents because of all the money made this past year.
5. Membership Report – MSG Jim Robertson: accepted as printed in the conference booklet.
6. Legislative Report – CMS Roger Hagan: there are fifteen issues being brought forward during this legislative session. The legislative reception Thursday night went well. Report attached and accepted as submitted.

7. Insurance Report – LTC (Ret) Doug Remick: switched insurance companies from American Equity to ING/Shuey Corp. A check in the amount of \$5,711.51 was presented to the EANGMT. The officer's association also owes us \$541.86 and another \$1187.50 that was sent to them. Everyone in the Guard is eligible for a free \$1000.00 life insurance. Report attached and accepted as submitted.
8. 2004 National Conference Report – CCM Paul Heppner: oral report accepted as submitted.
9. 2005 National Conference Report – CCM Paul Heppner: conference is scheduled for 21-24 August 2005 in Orlando, Florida. Oral report accepted as submitted.
10. Resolutions Report – no report.
11. Publications Report – SSG Patti Hagan: Legislative updates will be updated on our website weekly during this legislative session. Report accepted as printed in the conference booklet.
12. Nomination Report – MSG Ruth Mortag: oral report given with a follow up in New Business.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Corporate Memberships: the association still needs to have plaques made for a couple of businesses. Suggested by Blue Manzaneres to sell corporate memberships during the summertime each year and get it away from conference time as this is already a busy time. The Association also needs someone to track the memberships and when they expire.
- “Purple” Picture: a concept was brought up by MSG (Ret) Denny Eickert. A humvee and/or helicopter will depict the Army Guardsmen, an F-16 to depict the Air Guardsmen, and a Minuteman for the National Guard as a whole. Also would like some kind of quotation to put on the picture and something to depict the firefighting the Guard has been involved in.
- Insurance Program: need someone to follow up on getting some of the insurance money that was collectively given to the officers association. We are entitled to \$541.86 for administrative fees along with another \$1,187.50.
- Representation for Units/Squadrons: executive board members were to be working on selecting people to help go out and sell the Association. No further discussion at this time.
- Support for Military Organizations: the letter still needs to be signed by MG Mosley. CCM Lyczewski will follow up on the letter.
- Membership Ideas: accolades given to Ronda Scott for selling many memberships recently. A goal this year is to get 100% membership out of the Top 3. It was suggested that the senior enlisted should sponsor a junior enlisted each year. Idea brought up to hire someone to sell memberships along with corporate memberships.
- Ribbon Sales: we still have 750 to 1000 ribbons left to sell. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted to sell the ribbons now at 2 for \$5.00 in order to get rid of them. There are no businesses selling them for us anymore downtown.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Military Ball Donation Request of \$1500.00 was moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted by a majority vote with two stipulations: one that an EANGMT banner be displayed and two that our name be mentioned for donating money at some point during the Military Ball. It was also asked that if they happen to make a profit on the Military Ball to ask for that money to be disbursed back to the donators. Ronda Scott was appointed to make sure that a banner is present at the Ball. It was brought up again as in the last meeting that we should spend the money on sponsoring enlisted personnel to attend our annual conference instead.

- Membership: the idea to hire someone to travel and promote the EANGMT was further discussed. Denny Eickert and Paul Heppner maybe interested. Blue Manzanaras is to head getting information and costs for this person to travel around the state. Tabled until next executive board meeting in April.
- Newsletters sent overseas: does the Association want to send the newsletters to our deployed troops? One suggestion was to mail them to the troop commands and have the newsletter put in the orderly room instead of mailing to each member individually. On the other hand it doesn't cost anything extra to mail overseas and any mail for a soldier is appreciated. It was decided that the twenty extra December newsletters will be mailed overseas at this time.
- Retirement Point Letter: Army National Guardsmen can earn a retirement point for attending an Association meeting. Ten points per year may be earned but the form must be filled out prior to the meeting and you must be in a non-paid status. Command Chief Lyczewski was asked to look into seeing if the Air National Guardsmen are also allowed this benefit.
- Cap on Donations: motion made to set a monetary cap of \$500.00 per request from organizations with an amendment that the budget must be considered at the time. The association will decide at that time whether to give the full amount or some of the amount or not to donate at all. The motion was accepted by a majority vote. Another motion made to make it so donations cannot exceed a certain percentage of our gross projected budget for any given fiscal year. A third motion made to appoint a one time fiscal committee to determine what we should do with our money; how we base our donations, what we do for a savings plan and how we budget for conferences and other things. The incoming President will be in charge of appointing this committee. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted.
- Website: it was moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted to hire MSG Ruth Mortag at \$15.00 per hour to do maintenance on the website. SRA Matt Giskaas will still be used for more advanced maintenance when needed to be done. Requirement for both of them to submit invoices with the amount of time spent and what was accomplished.
- Time and Place 2006 was discussed with a motion for Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish as the primary location and the Yogo Inn in Lewistown as the alternate location. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted. Trying to keep the costs low has not helped in our attendance numbers for the conference. It was suggested that we also move the conference back to April instead of in January with an executive board meeting to be scheduled during the time of the Legislative Reception instead of the conference. Idea brought up again to spend some money on getting the younger enlisted personnel at the conference. This will need to be researched by the conference committee chairman.
- Elections:
  - President ~ MSG Jim Gustafson (Army), 1 year term
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President ~ SMS Lisa Smith (Air), 1 year term
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President ~ CSM Ronda Scott (Army), 1 year term
  - Treasurer ~ SFC Dana Lahti (Army), 3 year term
  - Executive Member Army ~ MSG Neil Young, 2 year term
  - Executive Member Army ~ SFC Marissa Stewart, 2 year term
  - Executive Member Army ~ SFC Dave Polansky, 2 year term
  - Executive Member Air ~ SMS Mark Giskaas, 2 year term
- Insurance bond drawing was held and went to Ronda Scott.

**BREAK FOR LUNCHEON**

- CCM Lyczewski presented “Eye on the Guard” as the Air report during the luncheon. There was no Army report submitted.
- Steve Hagan, Blue Manzanares and Patti Hagan will be receiving President Awards; however they are not finished yet.
- Per Steve Hagan and relayed to Ruth Mortag, please do not feel crunched about the Grouse Mountain being too expensive as we have funds in the conference account that has been building up for the past couple of years due to the fact that we have not overspent on the conferences. You can ask him to clarify that information.
- We need to be thinking about what we are doing for the deployed members. Right now, we aren’t doing anything and it has been in two of MG Mosley’s speeches and I think we will be tasked about this soon. Mark Giskaas talked about how when he was in PSAB, they had gotten letters from different schools asking about what they were doing and if they would write back. He thought that might be an idea. He also stated that when they were in Balad, Iraq, a Boy Scout troop sent them tiny folded American flags.
- Scholarships: there were no applicants from the Army side and three from the Air side. A motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted that the money will be split between the three Air side applicants. Ronda Scott brought up that “It was our fault that we didn’t get the word out, so the money might as well be used by those who put in.”
- Moment of Silence for all our fallen members and all who are not here with us as well as all those who are defending freedom.

### **ADJOURNED UNTIL BANQUET**

BG (Ret) Hal Stearns gave a great talk during the banquet about Lewis and Clark and affiliated it with the military. Then the UM-Western Polynesian Dance Club performed.

### **ADJOURN**