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Area VI



*Happy Thanksgiving from
Area VI*



Hello to all Members of Area VI. It has been a long time since we have sent out an Area VI Newsletter. It is difficult to put one out when everyone is so busy. In our State we have had several events that our Auxiliary is a part of but we miss hearing from everyone in our area.

We hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for the much anticipated Holiday season. We thought now would be a great time to reach out to all our states and wish everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

As everyone is aware, we have new leadership at the national level and want to send out a special thank you to Ms. Angela Kennebeck. We will certainly miss her but we will get to see her as part of our Executive Council. We are excited to welcome Ms. Margie Holcomb to the position of Auxiliary President. She has been quite busy with us all as we work thru committee business and establishing certain ways we will do business. We also want to welcome Ms. Pam Adams as our Auxiliary Vice-President and Debra Campbell as our Treasurer. We have another awesome team to work with in the coming years.

We hope you enjoy this Holiday Edition of Area VI, We have included items of interest and some great pictures of our National Conference.



AUXILIARY HISTORY



The AUXILIARY, a non-profit organization was founded in 1974 by a group of spouses who recognized the need to form a national auxiliary to support EANGUS. The AUXILIARY is a grassroots organization that began with 11-chartered state auxiliaries. Through growth and prosperity, it now has 50-chartered states. The purpose of the AUXILIARY is to support THE ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES (EANGUS), in attaining goals and objectives, and to provide support and fellowship among National Guard families. Along with supporting the ENLISTED ASSOCIATION'S legislative efforts, the AUXILIARY is also concerned with family issues and provides scholarships for spouses and dependents.

The AUXILIARY supports and promotes EANGUS. Among the many support efforts, the AUXILIARY provides support of legislative efforts for the improvement and retention of benefits for members of the National Guard and their families, and assists with planning and preparations of the EANGUS and AUXILIARY Annual Conference .

WHO CAN JOIN THE AUXILIARY

Annual Member: A Spouse of active, retired, or former Guard member, who is a member of EANGUS and a member of a state Auxiliary chartered to the National AUXILIARY.

Life Member: A current annual member may apply for life membership by paying a onetime dues payment that is determined by current state and national dues that apply up to age 60. The applicant's spouse must be a Life member of their state association and EANGUS.

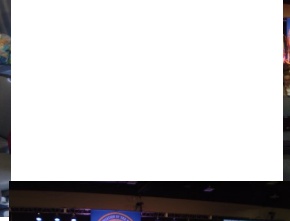
National Associate Member: An Individual who supports the objectives of the AUXILIARY but does not otherwise qualify for Annual or Lifetime membership.

National Life Associate Member: An Individual who supports the objectives of the AUXILIARY but does not otherwise qualify for Annual or Lifetime membership by paying a one-time payment of \$100.



2022 Conference Awards Banquet

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We want to take this opportunity to Thank Bryce Hendricks for the many pictures he shared. Most of us were so busy enjoying the conference and reuniting with old friends that we did not take a lot of pictures. If you have some you would like to share for our next newsletter, please do.





Financial Help is Available

Our Guard Family has had a tough year with hurricanes, flooding and fires just to mention a few. Know that our EANGUS has a few options in which our Guard members and their families can apply for a Grant to assist with some financial challenges. We have listed a few of those options that available to you. Please log in to:

www.eangus.org for further information and instructions.



Did you know that EANGUS offers a few financial opportunities to help our Guard Families ?

S.A.R.G.E. Grant

WCFA offers an opportunity to a current or former National Guard member in good standing who has experienced a catastrophic or financial hardship and/or personal property loss to apply for a Soldier & Airman Relief Grant for Emergencies (hereafter referred to as "SARGE").

Individuals who are an EANGUS dues paying member (Life or Annual) will be eligible for additional funds. Grants may be used for financial hardships related to events such as mobilization, natural disasters, fires, and other catastrophic losses. The grants are intended for otherwise non-reimbursable expenses (i.e., not covered by insurance) due to these events and include medical bills, utility bills, rent or mortgage payments, groceries, relocation, shelter due to loss of residence and funeral expenses. Other expenses, not listed here, may be deemed appropriate and approved by the committee.

Grants are typically \$500 and are transmitted electronically to the individual usually within 10 days after receipt of completed application.



TEAM EFFORT

With thousands of National Guard members and their families facing financial hardships as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the United Services Automobile Association (USAA), the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) We Care for America Foundation and the American Red Cross are teaming up to help National Guard members and families in need.

Have you been hit by an unexpected expense?

The EANGUS We Care for America Foundation may be able to help with a zero interest loan. Loans are available in amounts from \$500 to \$2,000. Repayment terms based on loan amount.

Eligibility

- Currently Serving members of the National Guard
 - Retired members of the National Guard (includes grey area retirees)
 - Prior members of the National Guard who received an honorable discharge
- Surviving spouses who have not remarried of Soldiers who died while serving in the National Guard or died after reaching retirement eli-



Special thanks to USAA for their support, assistance and partnership. Without your support we would not be able to accomplish the many things we do.

THANK YOU

2023 Scholarship Update



On behalf of our scholarship committees, we wanted to give everyone a heads up on the Auxiliary Scholarships that will be available in 2023.

Just recently our scholarship committee reviewed a new scholarship application and criteria to apply. All documents have been worked on and are now on the desk of our President—Ms. Margie. Please look for the new application and criteria in the January Signal. Deadline will be 30 June 2023. Our Scholarship Committee consists of new members and a co chair. Our new committee will make every effort to get the word out on what Scholarships are available. We ask, please help us get the word out. We only awarded two scholarships this year. In years past, we have received well over 10 applications for consideration.

Additionally, our EANGUS Association has several scholarships available as well. No information has been posted yet as to when application forms will be available. But we believe everything will be ready in January 2023. During your meetings and get togethers, Scholarships should always be a part of your agenda.

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order to the following students who were awarded scholarships during the 2022 National Conference:

Andrew Lane USAA \$3,000 West Virginia

*Coley S. Riley EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship
\$1,500 Florida*



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AND THE NEW MEXICO TEAM FOR ASSISTING IN THE SELECTION PROCESS.





ATTENTION IN THE AREA



Over the course of the year, we receive various "Calls to Action". Many members do not really understand what they are or what they mean. Our Auxiliary plays a vital role in "answering The Call". We are asked to reach out to our State Legislatures and request that they consider supporting our "Calls". These "Calls" pertain to our Soldiers, Airmen and their families. They are sometimes benefits that may get reduced, pay raises or even medical coverage that will effect our Guardsmen and Women. It is up to our Auxiliary to assist our Legislative Team with EANGUS to get the word out to our legislators to reconsider an action.

Please take a few moments to log into pur EANGUS.ORG website and become familiar with what our legislative team is fighting for.

For more information regarding this issue or any other National Guard issues, please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Hollinger, Legislative Director, at kevin@eangus.org or contact him directly at (202) 670-1826

Please join us by reaching out to your Senator and member of

Congress to vocalize your support

go to:

<https://eangus.org/legislative-calls-to-action-2/>

and respond

Truth or Turkey

Thanksgiving Trivia

Circle Truth if you think the 'fact' is true,
or Turkey if you think it's a crock!

Answers on page two.

1. The tallest balloon to ever float in the Macy's Thanksgiving day parade was a three hundred foot Mickey Mouse created by Walt Disney.

Truth or Turkey

2. At the first Thanksgiving, it would have been thought rude to spit in the floor.

Truth or Turkey

3. Thanksgiving is always celebrated on thursdays because this was the Pilgrims' time for prayer.

Truth or Turkey

4. Pumpkin pie was the first dessert to grace the table of the Pilgrims. That's why it has become such a staple in our traditions.

Truth or Turkey

5. In the early 1620's, Thanksgiving was but one of the settler's seasonal holidays. They also celebrated a "day of humiliation."

Truth or Turkey

6. Marshmallow and Yam were two turkeys pardoned by President George W. Bush who accidentally ended up being the dog's dinner when they got loose.

Truth or Turkey



7. You wouldn't have found spoons on the table of the first Thanksgiving Pilgrims.

Truth or Turkey

8. If you are deep frying a turkey and a grease fire erupts, you should immediately pour water on it.

Truth or Turkey

9. If a male turkey wanted to attract himself a hot turkey babe, he would give off a pleasant scent to woo her his way.

Truth or Turkey

10. The Greek goddess of corn is Demeter.

Truth or Turkey

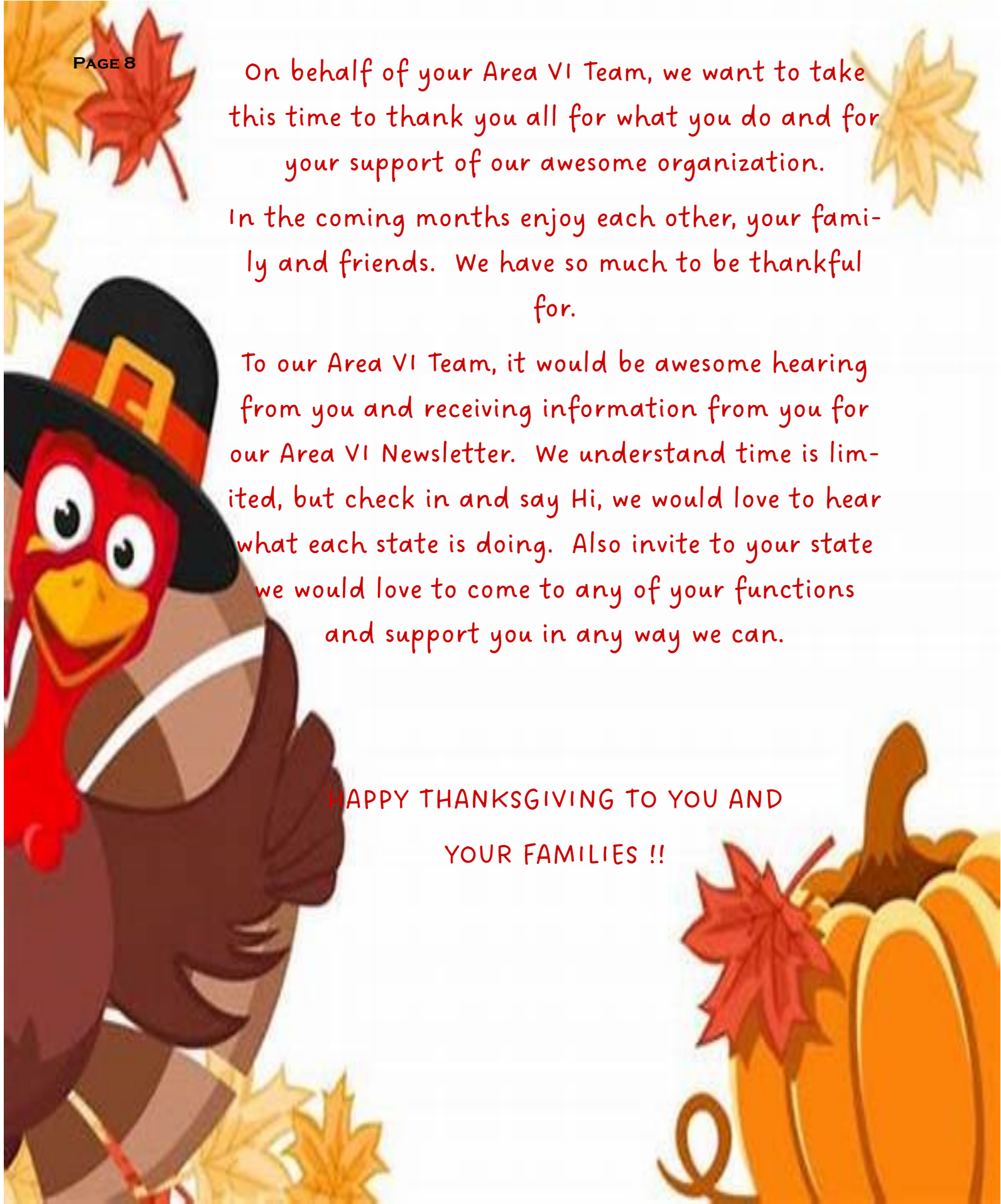


On behalf of your Area VI Team, we want to take this time to thank you all for what you do and for your support of our awesome organization.

In the coming months enjoy each other, your family and friends. We have so much to be thankful for.

To our Area VI Team, it would be awesome hearing from you and receiving information from you for our Area VI Newsletter. We understand time is limited, but check in and say Hi, we would love to hear what each state is doing. Also invite to your state we would love to come to any of your functions and support you in any way we can.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND
YOUR FAMILIES !!



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**KEEP CALM
AND JOIN YOUR
AUXILIARY**