



THE ENLISTED VOICE

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A Letter from the State Association President CMSGT (Ret) Thomas Quinn

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Meeting Dates
JFHQ Bldg, Fort Dix
21 Sep 2006

Websites

NJ Enlisted Association
www.eanq-nj.org

Enlisted National Guard
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www.eanqus.org

Other Useful Links

www.njesgr.org

The past two and a half years have certainly been busy and productive for both the National Guard Association and the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of New Jersey as well as our national organizations. Despite the obstacles of numerous mobilizations, deployments and State Active Duty commitments, we have stayed true to the reason we have an Association-to lobby for the very best for our soldiers and airman of the New Jersey National Guard.

Beginning at the Federal level we have finally seen legislation enacted that addresses affordable TRICARE healthcare for all soldiers and airman from date of assignment to date of departure, regardless of duty status to take effect in October of this year. This time last year we learned the impact of BRAC and quickly responded together with family and friends to generate over 30,000 letters urging our Congressional delegation to Save the Flying Mission of the 108th. We did it as a team; we made the difference! We preserved eight KC-135 Aircraft with engine upgrades.

At the State level, historically we urged the legislature to approve our requests for the \$100 per day minimum State Active Duty pay beginning the first day of duty; we have amended legislation this year for the continuation of free hunting and fishing licenses, state park passes and permission to purchase distinctive license plates for our retirees. In the past year, the National Guard and Enlisted Associations of New Jersey have joined together with the Executive Councils of the ESGR Committee and State Family Readiness Council in forming the Joint Legislative Committee to address common issues of the State and on National levels.

The Enlisted Associations' Annual Conference will be held again at the Clarion Hotel, Atlantic City West on the 6th through 8th of October 2006. We would like to invite all Soldiers, Airmen, and Officers to this outstanding weekend event. Our tradition dictates, the announcements of our Scholarship and Awards Program winners. This year's conference is special because it will be dedicated as a "Welcome Home Event" for all soldiers and airman who have returned from supporting the War on Terror. We will continue to support our soldiers and airman that remain in harms way.

**"The National Guard will protect our county;
the Association will protect our National Guard"**
--LTG H Steven Blum, Chief NGB

National Guard Association Area I includes the following:

- NJ, CT, RI, MA, NH, VT, ME
- Area I, Chairman - CSM John Helbert, MAARNG
- Area I, Director - MSG Frank Hotaling, VTARNG
- Area I, Director - CMSgt (Ret) Thomas J. Quinn

Upcoming Events

- **Aug** National Conference
- **Sep** Quarterly Meeting, Enlisted Awards Board
- **Oct** Annual Enlisted Conference

Annual Enlisted Conference

- The 33rd Annual Conference of the EANG-NJ is scheduled for 6-8 October 2006 at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center, 6821 Black Horse Pike, Atlantic City West, EHT, NJ.
- 2006 EANG-NJ Conference Letter and application are available at

www.eang-nj.org click on conference

- The 35th National Conference of the EANGUS is scheduled for 20-23 Aug 2006 in Salt Lake City, UT – More information available at www.eangus.org

Enlisted Awards Board

Nominations will be submitted by the following:

a. ARMY: Each battalion or separate command's Command Sergeant Major (1SG for Companies and detachments) must submit one nomination for each award to its Major Subordinate Command (MSC), Command Sergeant Major. MSC Command Sergeants Major will select the best-qualified nominee for each award from their command and submit those nominations to the awards chairman.

b. AIR: Each Command Chief Master Sergeant should submit one nomination for each award from the Joint Force Headquarters-Air Component, 108th ARW, and the 177th FW and submit those nominations to the awards chairman.

c. Send nominations to the Awards Chairman no later than (NLT) 28 August 2006.

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Constitution and By-Law changes

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution:

AMENDMENT # 1

Article VI – Elections, Section 3 – Succession in Office

AS NOW READS:

SECTION 3. SUCCESSION IN OFFICE.

- a. If the office of the President becomes vacant for reason other than expiration of his/her term, the First Vice President will become President, and will serve the unexpired term.
- b. If the office of the First Vice President becomes vacant, for reason other than the expiration of his/her term, the Second Vice President shall serve the unexpired term.
- c. If the office of the Second Vice President, either Secretary, or the office of the Treasurer becomes vacant, for reasons other than the expiration of their terms, the President will appoint an active member to the vacated positions to serve the unexpired terms.

AS PROPOSED READS:

- a. If the office of the President becomes vacant for reason other than expiration of his/her term, the Vice President from the same branch of service (Army or Air) will become President, and will serve the unexpired term.
- b. If the office of Vice President, opposite branch of service (Army or Air) to the President, shall become vacant, for reason other than the expiration of his/her term, the Executive Council, at the next scheduled meeting of same, shall elect a replacement.
- c. If the office of the Vice President, same branch of service as the President, either Secretary, or the office of the Treasurer becomes vacant, for reasons other than the expiration of their terms, the President will appoint a qualified, active member to the vacated position(s) to serve the unexpired term(s).

This amendment establishes the current titles of officers within the Succession of Officers.

AMENDMENT # 2

ARTICLE III Membership and Meetings, Section 2 Meetings

AS NOW READS:

- d. QUORUM. The members present at the General Membership or Special Meetings shall constitute a quorum. A majority of the Executive Council shall constitute its quorum.

AS PROPOSED READS:

- d. QUORUM. The members present at the General Membership or Special Meetings shall constitute a quorum. A majority of active Executive Council members shall constitute its quorum.

This amendment specifies that only active members of the Executive Council are to be counted for determination of a quorum.

AMENDMENT # 3

ARTICLE V, Section 1

AS NOW READS:

There shall be an Executive Council of the Association consisting of the Officers of the Association; the Immediate Past President and eighteen (18) representatives from the Army Guard and ten (10) representatives from the Air Guard. Representatives to be confirmed during the annual general membership meeting IAW ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4, this Constitution.

AS PROPOSED READS:

There shall be an Executive Council of the Association consisting of the Officers of the Association; the Immediate Past President and representatives from Army Guard Units and Air Guard Units, to include retirees. Representatives to be confirmed during the annual general membership meeting IAW ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4, this Constitution.

AMENDMENT # 4

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4 – REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AS NOW READS:

SECTION 4. REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

- a. Representative Members shall be elected from the following major commands or groups:

- 1.) HQS STARC
- 2.) 57th Troop Command (5 Representatives)
- 3.) 50th BDE (6 Representatives)
- 4.) 42nd DISCOM (4 Representatives)
- 5.) McGuire Air Guard (4 Representatives)
- 6.) Atlantic City Air Guard (4 Representatives)
- 7.) Retired Army Guard (2 Representatives)
- 8.) Retired Air Guard (2 Representatives)

The senior NCO, either CSM or CMSGT, in each unit shall certify, in writing to the President of the Association, the election of the Representative Member. This certification shall indicate the results of the balloting within the Command or Group, indicating all candidates nominated and the number of votes each has received. Only members of this Association are eligible to vote.

- b. Each Representative Member of the Executive Council shall be elected to serve for a term of three (3) years, except for the initial election which shall be as follows:

One (1) Representative from the Air Guard (Atlantic City) and two (2) Representatives from the Army Guard (50th BDE) for a period of one (1) year.

One (1) Representative from the Air Guard (McGuire) and three (3) Representatives from the Army Guard (HQS STARC; 57TH Troop Command) for a period of two (2) years.

Three (3) Representatives from the Air Guard (McGuire, Atlantic City, Retired Air Guard) and three (3) Representatives from Army Guard (DISCOM; Retired Army Guard) for a period of three (3) years.

Thereafter, all terms will be for a three (3) year period.

c. Any Representative Member that misses two (2) Executive Council meetings without cause in their term of office will be automatically terminated from office and provisions of ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4, Sub-Section c. of this Constitution will be invoked.
AS PROPOSED READS:

SECTION 4. REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

a. One Representative Member shall be elected from the following major commands or groups:

- (1) Joint Force Headquarters
- (2) 57th Troop Command
- (3) 50th Brigade
- (4) 42nd Division Support Command
- (5) McGuire Air Guard
- (6) Atlantic City Air Guard
- (7) Retired Army Guard
- (8) Retired Air Guard

The senior NCO, either CSM or CMSgt, in each unit shall certify, in writing to the President of the Association, the election of the Representative Member thirty (30) days prior to the annual General Membership meeting. The selected Representatives will be installed during the annual General Membership business meeting. If no representatives are elected from any of the Major Commands, Installations, or Retired Members listed above, any member in good standing can be nominated and elected at the annual General Membership meeting to serve as a Representative.

b. Each Representative Member of the Executive Council shall be elected to serve for a term of three (3) years, except for the initial election which shall be as follows:

Representative from the Atlantic City Air Guard, 50th BDE, and JTF HQS for a period of one (1) year.

Representative from the McGuire Air Guard, 57th Troop Command, and Retired Air Guard for a period of two (2) years.

Representative from the 42nd DISCOM, and Retired Army Guard for a period of three (3) years.

Thereafter, all terms will be for a three (3) year period.

c. Any Representative Member that misses two (2) Executive Council meetings without cause in their term of office will be automatically terminated from office, and the position shall be declared inactive in accord with ARTICLE III, SECTION 3, Sub-Section d and not counted against a quorum call. Inactive positions shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4, Sub-Section d. of this Constitution.

AMENDMENT # 5

BY-LAWS ARTICLE 1, Duties and Powers of the Officers, SECTION 1 - President

AS NOW READS:

He/She shall have responsibility for a Petty Cash fund of \$500.00, which shall be reimbursed at the Annual General Membership meeting, and he/she shall have authority to approve such incidental expenses, not to exceed \$100.00 for each Executive Council Meeting and \$250.00 for each General Membership meeting. As may be necessary.

AS PROPOSED READS:

He/She shall have responsibility for a Petty Cash fund of \$500.00, which shall be reimbursed at the Annual General Membership meeting, and he/she shall have authority to approve such incidental expenses, not to exceed \$100.00 for each Executive Council Meeting and \$250.00 for each General Membership meeting, as may be necessary.

This Amendment corrects a punctuation error.

AMENDMENT # 6

BY-LAWS, ARTICLE II - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AS NOW READS:

The Executive Council shall consist of the President, Vice President - Army, Vice President – Air, Immediate Past President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and up to Twenty-eight (28) representatives from the Army and Air Guard Active and Retired members.

AS PROPOSED READS:

The Executive Council shall consist of the President, Vice President - Army, Vice President – Air, Immediate Past President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and representatives from the Army and Air Guard Active and Retired members.

AMENDMENT # 7

BY-LAWS, ARTICLE II – EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AS NOW READS:

The Executive Council will select the delegates to the annual conference of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the U.S. (EANGUS) from the following list in the indicated priority: President, Vice President (same branch as the President), Treasurer, Representative Members (in order by the percentage of members represented), Vice President (opposite branch of the President), Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Active Members.

AS PROPOSED READS:

The Executive Council will select the delegates to the annual conference of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the U.S. (EANGUS) from the following list in the indicated priority: President, Vice President (same branch as the President), Treasurer, remaining members of the Executive Council and Active Members.

This Amendment allows the Executive Council greater latitude in the selection of the delegates to the Annual Conference of EANGUS.

AMENDMENT # 8

BY-LAWS, ARTICLE II – EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AS NOW READS:

Members of the Executive Council are expected to attend every meeting. When a member of the Executive Council, without prior notification, is absent from two consecutive Executive Council meetings, the President shall declare the position vacant, unless Article VI, Section 3 of the Constitution applies. The vacant position shall not count against the quorum specified in the Constitution, Article III, Section 2, Sub-Section d. Any remaining vacant positions shall be filled at the next annual General Membership meeting.

AS PROPOSED READS:

Members of the Executive Council are expected to attend every meeting. When a member of the Executive Council, without prior notification, is absent from two consecutive Executive Council meetings, the President shall declare the position vacant, unless Article VI, Section 3 of the Constitution applies. As provided in Article III, Section 2, Sub-Section d of the Constitution, this vacant position shall not count against the quorum. All vacant positions, on the Executive Council, shall be filled at the next annual General Membership meeting, in accordance with Article VI, Section 4, Sub-Section a of the Constitution.

Legislative Initiatives

Federal

- Reduce Retirement to age 55
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Proposed Army Cuts
- Retirement Points for 9-11 while on State Active Duty. (approved)
- Affordable Tricare Dental and Health for all

State

- A2726 Establish Commission on Women Veterans
- S1550 Increase Tuition Free Credits for National Guard Members and Families

Arrangements Committee News

Friday night at the conference will be a Hawaiian luau with a roasted pig with your pacific favorites and all the trimmings. A Hawaiian show will follow dinner then the ARMY via AIR in the Hawaiian first annual games. In between all this learn how to do the hula with our own Hawaiian dancers. Prizes and gift to be had. Come and have fun with us.

Our Junior Enlisted are sponsoring a luncheon (see Junior Enlisted below). Come support them. They are our future.

Saturday evening will be a salute to our Airmen and Soldiers that supported the war on terrier. This will be a night you will not forget soon. We will have the 63rd Army band, USO Show and our DJ to make this night and event to talk about for quite a while. The dinners have changed and we now are offering Surf and Turf.

Next Year Valley Forge Sheraton Convention Center 5-7 October (Columbus day weekend)

Junior Enlisted

"Attention Race Fans!" It's a race like no other. The Junior Enlisted Team is hosting a "NASCAR" themed luncheon at this year's Annual Enlisted Association Conference in Atlantic City. Free lunch for all Junior Enlisted soldiers, a special guest speaker, fun, games, prizes.....and of course, a fantastic race. JET is also looking for junior enlisted soldiers interested in joining their team. For more information, please contact SSG Beth Lapoint at 609-562-0660 or beth.lapoint@us.army.mil.

Feedback

This is the first issue of the Enlisted Voice after several years of a gap in its publication. The bulletin was developed to provide current and retired National Guardsmen valuable information about their organizational community and benefits. Please provide any feedback on the Voice to MSgt Barbara Alcott at Barbara.alcott@nj.ngb.army.mil.