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Schedule

Quarterly meetings (all meetings will be held at Bordentown Armory):

07 Feb 2023

25 Apr 2023

12 Sep 2023

Food served at 1800 hrs/
meeting starts at 1830 hours

Annual EANGNJ Conference:

20-22 Oct 2023 - Sheraton Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ (Enlisted Professional Development will be held during the conference)

Annual Area 1 Caucus Mtg:

Sheraton Convention Center, AC (meeting will be held during EANGNJ Annual Conference, date/time TBD)

2023 EANGNJ Scholarships:

Applications/information will be posted/open on EANGNJ website in Jan 2023

52nd EANGUS Conference:

Rochester, MN, 13-16 Aug 2023



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



SMSgt Kristopher Chiola. Our enlisted left the event with more tools in their personal and professional toolboxes!

EANGNJ, Enlisted Professional Development

We were very fortunate to have CMSgt Maurice Williams, ANG Command Chief to attend our Enlisted Professional Development during our annual conference on 29 Oct 2022. He is a great motivator and leader! We would be remiss if we did not mention the other excellent speakers – Josephine Grey, US Family Health, SGM Akeel M. Gaines, and

Area 1 Caucus

Members of the Executive Council attended the Area 1 mid-winter Caucus in Burlington, Vermont hosted by the Vermont National Guard Association. Members from each of our 8 states discussed important issues currently affecting our National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and Retirees. We kicked off our 8 States Strong Membership

campaign that runs from 1 Dec 2022 through 31 January 2023, hoping that this friendly competition will help draw new members to our Associations and build a stronger relationship within Area 1 and our National Office. New Jersey will be hosting our next Area 1 Caucus in October 2023!



AUSA/NGANJ Social Event

EANGNJ attended a social and networking event in Asbury Park on 18 Nov 22 sponsored by Association of the United States Army (AUSA) and National Guard Association of New Jersey (NGANJ). Many vendors were also in attendance. Great event, great information, and great networking! We were very happy to attend the event and look forward to working together with both organizations.



IMPORTANT LINKS

EANGNJ, new/renewal membership

<https://eangnj.org/membership-account/membership-levels/>

What can EANGNJ do for you?

This year we were fortune enough to purchase many information items and a brand new tent with our logo! Give us a chance to show off our new items! Reach out to any member of our executive board (info on back) and we will come to you!

Join one of our committees

Membership
Arrangements
Junior Enlisted Team (JET)
Publicity/Public Relations
Finance/Budget
Constitution/By-Laws
Corporate Sponsorship
Legislative
Scholarship
Awards
Insurance
Resolutions
Nominating
Webmaster



Membership

\$30 A YEAR (\$11.00
of the membership
fee goes to
EANGUS). Your
membership also
includes a
membership with
the Association of
the United States
Army.

EANGUS Enlisted
Association of the
National Guard of the US

Did you know?

Healthcare for Our Troops. Passing this critical legislation would address one of the most significant personnel challenges faced by National Guard and Reserve Component servicemembers. Congress currently has two bills that would address these issues and aid the currently serving servicemembers in accomplishing their mission:

- **H.R. 3512, the Healthcare for Our Troops Act**, would provide zero out-of-pocket medical and dental care for servicemembers eligible for TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS). Their family members would remain eligible to purchase premium-based TRS. H.R. 3512 also addresses Tricare for early pay-eligible retirees that qualify for retirement pay before age sixty. It would also make technicians and other government employees who are not eligible for TRS eligible for coverage under Tricare. While this legislation was not included in the early NDAA markup, EANGUS continues to advocate for this legislation.
- **5142, the Healthcare for Our Troops Act**, would provide premium-free, zero-cost-sharing medical coverage for Selected Reserve members eligible for TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) and address financial barriers to seeking mental health care. In addition to providing health insurance, the legislation would require a study on eliminating annual physicals during drills and replacing them with forms to be completed by civilian providers to assess medical readiness – giving commanders back valuable training days and saving over \$162 million annually in contracted medical assessments. The legislation would also incentivize employers to hire Guard and Reserve members by lessening the demand for employer-sponsored healthcare plans. Although S. 5142 would not cover dental or early pay eligible retirees, it would cover Technicians and other government employees who are not currently eligible to purchase TRS. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the EANGUS Legislative Director, Kevin Hollinger, at kevin@eangus.org or 202-670-1826.

We Care for America—They offer a 0% loan that you can apply for, it just has to be COVID related. The EANGUS We Care for America Foundation is a IRS 501(c)3 charity arm of EANGUS. It provides several opportunities: emergency financial grants; scholarships; and recognition awards. There are two types of emergency financial grants: individual and disaster. <https://eangus-wcfa.org/>

Amazon Smiles – gives \$\$ back to EANGUS. Open the Amazon app on your phone. Select the main menu (=) & tap on “amazonSmile” within Programs & Features. Select “EANGUS We Care For America Foundation Inc” as your charity. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app.

OPERATION VETCARE – was established in 2017 by EANGUS as a program designated to assist Military Service Members, Vets, and their families who face special issues or challenges associated with military service. Assistance includes gift cards for food, clothing, and other necessary items during a service-related crisis. For more information: [Operation VetCare | EANGUS](#)

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