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Special points of interest:

- Total Enlisted members of the Utah National guard: **5895**
- Total members of EANGUT:
Air: 216
Army: 838
Total: **1054**
That's 4841 enlisted that are not members!
We have a lot of work to do!
- Next EANGUT Meeting: 1600 September 2, 2009 at the 640th RTI conference room.

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2009 EANGUS Conference

The National EANGUS Conference was held this year in Rochester, Minnesota from August 8-12. Utah had 30 EANGUT members attend this year! The breakdown was as follows:

3-Voting Delegates

9- Professional Development

2- Area Directors

3- EANGUT Auxiliary Members

13- Conference Support

Of the 30 attendees, only the three voting delegates were sent from EANGUT funds. Everyone else was either paid from a different source, on orders, or

paid their own way.

EANGUT would like to thank MG Tarbet and CSM Summers for supporting the professional development piece of the conference and making it possible for the nine Soldiers to attend in that capacity. All of the attendee's learned a lot and had a great time at the conference.

The conference kicked off with a parade through the middle of Rochester featuring Soldiers from almost every state. Utah Soldiers carried the state flag and each of the MACOM colors.

Some of the distinguished guest speakers at the conference included: Chief, NGB Gen-

eral Craig R. McKinley; Sergeant Major of the Army, SMA Kenneth O. Preston; Chief Master Sergeant of the Air force, Chief James A. Roy and many others.



Utah Soldiers marching in the EANGUS Parade in Rochester, MN August 9, 2009

25 resolutions were passed by the state delegates during the conference. Some of the more notable were: TRICARE for "Grey Area" retirees;

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UTAH Soldier wins "Best Warrior Competition"

We would like to congratulate SPC Guy Mellor from the 1-145th Field Artillery, UTANG, for winning the BEST WARRIOR COMPETITION in Ft. Benning, Georgia. The results of the completion were announced at the EANGUS Conference in Rochester, Minnesota.



SPC Mellor on the obstacle course

SPC Mellor won the Soldier of the Year Competition all the way up through the state level and then went on to win the regional completion last May which was held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

SSG Dennis Boorman from the 640th RTI was the NCO of the Year from Utah and also won the regional competition at the same time.



SSG Boorman and SPC Mellor at the

Both Utah Soldiers went on to the National level in Ft. Benning which is known as the "Best Warrior Competition". The winners of each of the seven regions competed in a rigorous series of events over

the course of three days. This competition is extremely rigorous and closely resembles the Best Ranger Competition. Events included 2.5 mile ruck run; 12 mile ruck march; APFT; combatives; APFT and much more.

Both SSG Boorman and SPC Mellor did an outstanding job representing our state in the event. SPC Mellor will now go on to compete in the "All Army Competition" next month in Ft. Lee, Virginia. I'm sure he will do a great job as the Soldier of the Year for the entire Army National Guard!

Start getting ready for next years state competition. The winners will compete in the regional board which will be held in Hawaii!

by CSM Derek Dimond



CSM Victor Angry and CSM Derek Dimond at "all states night".

"Can I afford NOT to be a member of EANGUT/EANGUS?"



Beautiful Rochester Minnesota

2009 EANGUS Conference (cont from page 1)

Elimination of BAH II; tax credits for employers of National Guard Members; compensation for distance learning; concurrent pay of military and disability pay; reduction of age for retirement; military technician enlistment bonuses; extended space A travel for guardsman; among others.

There was a proposed by-laws change bringing the annual national dues up from \$9.00 per year to \$15.00 per year. Although there has been no increase in national dues in eight years, the proposal was not passed. Any by-laws changes requires a 2/3's vote

in order to pass. The final vote tally was 131 for and 129 against. This was the topic of some very heated debates and I'm sure it will be brought back to the floor next year.

Utah participated in the "All States Night" and traded pins with each of the other states. This years EANGUT pin proved to be very popular.



2009 EANGUT Pin

Utah took the reigns and ran the Area 6 hospitality room for

the entire conference. We had guests from all over the United States drop by including acting Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard, CSM Victor Angry and past Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard CSM John Gipe.

by CSM Derek Dimond

Can I afford NOT to be a member of EANGUT/EANGUS?

In 2008 the President requested a 3.4% pay raise. EANGUS, along with the Military Coalition lobbied for and successfully pushed another .5% increase. This brought the pay raise to a total of 3.9%.

What difference does .5% make?

An E-4 with 4 years of service gained an additional:
M-Day \$11.00 per MUTA 4; AGR \$80.00 per month

An E-6 with 12 years of service gained an additional:
M-Day \$16.00 per MUTA 4; AGR \$121.00

An E-9 with 25 years of service gained and additional:
M-Day \$27.00 per MUTA4 AGR \$198.00 per month

So...thanks to EANGUS, in one drill weekend an M-Day E-1through E-4 makes enough extra to pay for the cost of an entire years membership in EANGUT/EANGUS. The .5% provides E-5 through E-9's all but about a buck for the same membership. AGR's... you could pay for a lifetime membership with the extra in only a few months.

Legislation like this gets passed because of the number of members in the association. Some states have 100% membership. There is absolutely no reason for not being a member.

Important Upcoming Events

Governors Day is coming up on September 19th at the University of Utah Stadium. Come visit us at the EANGUT booth to renew your membership or just to say hello. Bring a buddy with and get them signed up as well!

The Senior Enlisted Conference is also coming up September 25-27 at Snow Bird. We will have a booth there as well. Additionally we are looking at setting up a hospitality room on Friday and Saturday night. More to follow...

What has EANGUS done for me lately?

2008 EANGUS Accomplishments:

- Pay raise of 3.9%, 0.5% over what the President asked
- Tuition assistance for spouses for portable careers
- *Increased full time support positions*
- Recalculation (lowering) of TRICARE Reserve Select fees
- *No TRICARE fee or pharmacy increases(3rd year in a row)*
- Waiver of copayments for preventive health services for those under 65
- Health risk management demonstration project
- *Smoking cessation programs with Rx at no cost and 24 hr quit line*
- Presumption of service connection for retirement eligibility (medical issues)



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