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Sit back and enjoy the Coastal Breeze!

Welcome to the 1st issue of the Coastal Breeze! I am your President Karen Solots and every month I will inform you of the happenings of the MS NCOA Auxiliary. I am married to MSGT Rick Solots who works Transient Alert at the CRTC in Gulfport. We live in Gulfport. We enjoy the guard family, traveling, NASCAR races, spending time with our Grandson Traven. Currently I keep myself busy as President of this great organization. My goals are communication, educating our members, legislative issues and membership. I have wonderful officers, directors, committee chairs and appointees that have the same goal. I look forward to reaching my goals and promoting the MS NG NCOA and Auxiliary.

The 41st annual NCOA Auxiliary general membership meeting was held in Jackson at the Hilton hotel on April 24th. I would like to make special mention of our 2009-2010 Awards, The Leola "Bugger" Coggin Supporter Award – Lisa Siegel, The Board of Directors' Award – Pat Burchfield, The Southern Belle Award – Ann Hart and Matt Martin, The President's Award Shirley Ritter Congratulations to you all!

I would like to thank Pat Bishop for all her hard work this past year. She set goals at her installation for membership, communication, and legislative issues. She reached her goals on membership, she kept in touch with her newsletter "Southern Belle", and she was awarded for her legislative efforts. Great Job Pat!

**MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD NCO ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY
BOARD MEETING Minutes April 23, 2010**

Call to Order and Welcome

President Pat Bishop called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. She welcomed members.

Prayer

Director Paulette Lafferty provided devotion based on Psalm 25:1 and spoke about worry being replaced by trust. She led members in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-President/President-Elect Karen Solots led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

Secretary Vivian Taylor called the roll.

Officers and Directors Present:

President Pat Bishop
Vice-President/President-Elect Karen Solots
Secretary Vivian Taylor
Treasurer Shirley Ritter
Director at Large Teresa White
Past President Florence Wright
District I Senior Director Pat Burchfield
District I Junior Director Willa Ales
District II Junior Director Paulette McLeod
District III Junior Director Donna Alford
District IV Senior Director Gloria Cooley
Gulfport Air Senior Director Pearleen Pearce
Meridian Air Junior Director Paulette Lafferty

Appointees Present:

Parliamentarian Billie Davis
Historian/Records Custodian Donna Alford
Sergeant at Arms Connie Myers

Committee Chairmen Present:

Finance Committee Chairman Shirley Ritter
Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chairman Billie Davis
Legislative Committee Chairman Vivian Taylor
Membership Committee Chairman Teresa White
Nominations Committee Co-Chairmen Ruth Ann Crawford and Willa Ales
Resolutions Committee Chairman Paulette McLeod
Scholarship Committee Chairman Pat Burchfield
Ways and Means Chairman Kitty McCleave
Family Readiness Committee Chairman Connie Myers
Awards Committee Chairman Pearleen Pearce
Conference Arrangements Chairman Connie Myers



Above: Past Auxiliary
Presidents

Below: Guests at
General Membership



Members Absent and Excused

Those who were absent: District IV Junior Director Kathy Tatum (absent); District V Senior Director Deborah Freeman (absent); Gulfport Air Junior Director Maria Kennedy (excused); Chaplain Danna Davis (excused).

Quorum

Secretary Taylor reported that there was a quorum present (13 of 16 Board members present; 3 appointees and 11 committee chairmen present).

Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2010 Board Meeting

Secretary Taylor had e-mailed and/or mailed the minutes of the January Board Meeting to the Board and to past presidents immediately following that Meeting. Copies were also available at the Board Meeting. No corrections were noted. Immediate Past President Wright moved the minutes be approved as printed; Director Burchfield seconded. Motion carried and minutes were approved as printed.

Financial Report Filed

Treasurer Ritter presented a printed financial report. The following is a summary of that report:

Balance Forward , two thousand nine hundred six dollars Sixty-nine cents	(\$2,906.69)
Revenues (Dues \$398.00; 2010 Conference Luncheon Tickets, \$620.00) one thousand eighteen dollars	(\$1,018.00)
Expenditures (January Board Meeting Travel, \$571.00; Postage, \$90.82; Engraving, \$15.00; Office Supplies, \$48.57; EANGUS Auxiliary Life Membership, \$25.00; MS NG NCO Assn. Scholarship Memorials, \$45.00; January Board Meeting Luncheon, \$72.66) eight hundred sixty-eight dollars five cents	(\$868.05)
Checking Account Balance , three thousand fifty-six dollars sixty four cents	(\$3,056.64)
Special Savings Account Balance , six thousand twenty-three dollars sixty-seven cents	(\$6,023.67)
Certificate of Deposit (CD) Balance , five thousand two hundred forty-five dollars nine cents (\$5,245.09)	
Total Auxiliary Net Worth , fourteen thousand three hundred twenty-five dollars forty cents	(\$14,325.40)
The financial report was filed for the record.	

Board of Directors
Award to Pat
Burchfield



Officers' Reports – Copies of printed reports are attached to the official minutes.

President Pat Bishop attended the change of command at JFH on February 7; attended the Chiefs' Conference at the CRTC in Gulfport February 19 & 20; attended the NCO Association Board Meeting at the Jackson Air Guard Base; attended a Yellow Ribbon at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson on March 6; attended the Retiree Luncheon at the Jackson Air Guard Base on April 7; attended the Flowood Flying Club Luncheon at the Jackson Air Guard Base on April 15; wrote newsletters for January, February, and March; and worked on Conference.

Vice-President/President-Elect Karen Solots attended the January Board Meeting; stayed in contact with President Bishop; worked on 2010-11 appointees and committee members; collected pop tabs; collected silent auction items; held Gulfport Air Auxiliary monthly meetings; sold hotdogs and nachos at the CRTC Super Bowl Party for Gulfport Air Auxiliary fundraiser; answered EANGUS CALLS; attended Area IV Mid-Winter in Baton Rouge; decorated Mardi Gras float with MS NG NCO Association Auxiliary banner and rode on float; sent sympathy card to Pearleen and Adrian Pearce and attended her brother's visitation in Harvey, LA; sent e-mails to members who have been ill or needed cheer; provided 7 items for silent auction; and provided door prizes.

Secretary Vivian Taylor attended the January Board Meeting and provided minutes the day after the Meeting; sent membership cards to 2010 annual members and associate members, which was about 250 cards, donating postage of about \$73.00, and envelopes, about \$12.00; assisted President Bishop and others as per requests; provided information to EANGUS Auxiliary leaders; assisted several Association/Auxiliary members with the legislative effort, sent e-mail reminders to answer CALLS, provided sample letters by e-mail, provided legislative information to members by e-mail, and answered all CALLS; recruited numerous members; collected pop tabs; worked at Kids AT and attended MS NG Family Program Workshop and Foundation Meetings where she obtained Auxiliary memberships—both new and renewal; worked with President Bishop and Treasurer Ritter on Auxiliary membership lists and membership recruitment; attended Areas VI & VII Meetings in Casa Grande, Arizona, Area IV Mid-Winter Meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Area II Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland; furnished silent auction items for Areas VI & VII and Area IV Meetings; attended visitation for Agnes Tupman in Hattiesburg; sent cards and/or packages to deployed Guardsmen/families; sent cards and/or made calls to those who had been sick and/or bereaved; provided door prizes; provided numerous items for the silent auction.

Treasurer Shirley Ritter attended the January Board Meeting; sent birthday and anniversary cards to members; prepared record of expenses and mailed to the finance committee members; prepared the proposed budget; prepared the financial statement; made and/or furnished items for silent auction and/or country store; furnished the Luncheon tickets; had the outgoing president's gift engraved and wrapped for presentation; mailed get well and sympathy cards; mailed checks to Executive Director Bishop for memorials to scholarship fund; received and deposited registrations for Auxiliary Luncheon; provided a count for Luncheon to Conference Arrangements Chairman; mailed a lifetime membership application on Carolyn Shook to EANGUS Auxiliary Lifetime Committee Chairman.

Director at Large Teresa White answered legislative CALLS; responded to prayer requests and concerns; sent membership e-mails; attended the Area IV Mid-Winter Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; volunteered at the Welcome Center, Camp Shelby, for 8 of 10 returning flights of the 155th Brigade Combat Team and provided Association and Auxiliary information, stressing the importance of belonging to the Association and Auxiliary; continued to work with the McComb FRG, Pike County Military Support Group, and the State Advisory Team.

Immediate Past President Florence Wright sent e-mails to Auxiliary members on prayer requests and get wells; answered the CALLS; mailed and hand-delivered applications for Auxiliary membership; mailed invitation to the past presidents for the Past Presidents' Breakfast at Conference; and provided decorations for tables for Past Presidents' Breakfast. Florence gave members her new e-mail address: wrightmom@rocketmail.com.



Pat Bishop presenting President Karen Solots the gavel

Directors' Reports

District I Senior Director Pat Burchfield mailed 10 applications for Auxiliary membership and was aware of at least one response; attended the Area IV Mid-Winter Meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where she furnished items for the silent auction; provided door prizes; provided silent auction items for Conference; mailed cards to members for get well, sympathy, thinking of you, congratulations; responded to the CALLS; and attended a welcome home event.

District I Junior Director Willa Ales attended January Board Meeting; worked on membership at north Mississippi armories; collected membership dues; sent e-mails and cards to sick members; visited a sick member's family in hospital; sent sympathy cards; collected pop tabs; answered CALLS; and provided a door prize.

District II Junior Director Paulette McLeod made attempts to work on membership with limited success; answered some CALLS; collected pop tabs; provided numerous items for the silent auction; provided gifts for Past Presidents' Breakfast and secured a get-away package from Lake Tiak O'Khata in Louisville for a door prize at the Retirees' Breakfast as well as a second gift or door prize; sent out cards and spoke by phone to numerous members; and prepared a memorial service for those members who had died during the year.

District III Junior Director Donna Alford worked on membership; worked with veterans and American Legion; provided door prize; and provided item for silent auction.

District IV Senior Director Gloria Cooley attended the January Board Meeting; worked on membership by e-mail and mail; attended Yellow Ribbon Programs with husband to promote the organization; stayed in touch with the President and Vice-President for updates and changes; sent e-mails, happy notes, and get well notes; challenged members at October Board Meeting to contact a military family to work on membership by giving Board members a 30-minute phone card; responded to CALLS; provided door prizes; provided silent auction items; attended homecomings, deployments throughout the state; and recruited one lifetime member, Renee Miller.

Gulfport Air Senior Director Pearleen Pearce attended the January Board Meeting, provided door prize and food items; attended Local Auxiliary Meeting in April; collected pop tabs. Pearleen noted that her efforts during the quarter had been limited due to the continued recovery of her husband from health issues.

Meridian Air Senior Director Paulette Lafferty reported that she had responded to the CALLS; worked on membership; and communicated with members.

Committee Chairmen Reports

Legislative Chairman Vivian Taylor provided a printed report, which showed the following legislative activity totals for members, reported to the Chairman, for the period since the 2009 Conference:

Willa Ales	55	Donna Alford	5
Pat & Jim Bishop	259	Pat & Jerry Burchfield	70
Rhonda & Thomas Cason	33	Lynn & Scotty Cole	51
Gloria Cooley	104	Billie Davis	103
Danna & Joe Davis	208	Deborah Freeman	44
Kathi Goodwin	43	Harry Kelner	2
Maria & Allen Kennedy	58	Paulette & Harold Lafferty	102
Brooks Marr	48	Patte & Matt Martin	96
Paulette & Johnny McLeod	31	Ron Munden	2
Connie & Ricky Myers	52	Pearleen Pearce	13
Shirley & Deryle Ritter	7	Karen & Rick Solots	101
Kathy Tatum	17	Robert Walker	8
Jody Ward	97	Teresa & Nickie White	99
Florence Wright	32	Vivian & Jerry Taylor	411

Totals showed: 62 letters; 1,746 e-mails; 343 responses; for a grand total of 2, 151. Chairman Taylor answered questions and encouraged continued and increased legislative activity.

Membership Committee Chairman Teresa White encouraged members to work on membership and addressed the different dues year for Association and Auxiliary. There was extensive discussion from several members. No resolution of issue was noted.

President Bishop provided the following list of totals for those who had recruited members during the year:

Willa Ales	4	Donna Alford	7
Pat Bishop	85	Pat Burchfield	4
Paula Carrigan	4	Ruth Ann Crawford	1
Danna Davis	2	Deborah Freeman	3
Kathi Goodwin	1	Ann Hart	2
Melanie Kelly	1	Maria Kennedy	3
Paulette Lafferty	1	Paulette McLeod	12
Cynthia Mote	4	Connie Myers	62
Kelli Odom	17	Pearleen Pearce	1
Shirley Ritter	5	Karen Solots	4
Vivian Taylor	37	Teresa White	22
Florence Wright	3		

Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chairman Billie Davis reported that no amendments had been presented to the Committee to date. **Awards Committee Chairman Pearleen Pearce** noted she had been working with President Bishop on Awards and had spent a modest amount from the budget for the Awards for 2010.

Resolutions Committee Chairman reported that there had been no suggestions submitted for resolutions for this year.

Ways and Means Committee Co-Chairman Kitty McCleave noted that it would be after 1:00 p.m. before the area set aside for the silent auction would be ready.

Nominations Committee Co-Chairman Ruth Ann Crawford presented the following names for the positions noted: President—Karen Solots; Vice-President—open with probability of nomination of Pat Burchfield from the floor; Secretary—Vivian Taylor; Treasurer—Shirley Ritter; Director at Large—Connie Myers withdrew her name and Teresa White agreed for her name to be added to the list of nominees.

Scholarship Committee Chairman Pat Burchfield and **President Bishop** noted that they had not had a list of NCO Association alternates from the Association Scholarship Committee Chairman, Deborah Fielder. They would continue to attempt to contact Chairman Fielder.

Family Readiness Chairman Connie Myers reported on the collection of pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House (RMH) by CSM Jim Crosby, Kansas National Guard, while he was deployed to Afghanistan. Chairman Myers summarized how one e-mail following the use of the RMH by Gloria Cooley's family during grandson Nathan's surgery led to contact with CSM Crosby and his decision to collect pop tabs in theatre. CSM Crosby had sent 2 boxes of tabs, which sold for twelve dollars. Connie had other tabs given to her for the project, which sold for twenty-two dollars. Chairman Myers asked members to assist with raising the amount that would be presented to CSM Crosby at EANGUS Conference that he could present as his donation to RMH in Kansas. CSM Crosby had enlisted other entities to continue the collection of pop tabs for RMH.

Immediate Past President Wright moved that the Auxiliary, from its treasury, add an additional one hundred dollars to the amount that Chairman Myers had. Director McLeod seconded motion. During discussion members stated preference that funds come from individuals rather than the Mississippi Auxiliary treasury. The motion was defeated.

Director Ales moved that members make cash donations for RMH for CSM Crosby; Director White seconded. Motion carried. Members gave Connie donations to add to the total to be presented to CSM Crosby.

Conference Arrangements Chairman Connie Myers reported that 35 had paid for Luncheon. The Luncheon would be in the Penthouse on Saturday. The Fish Fry on Friday evening would be at the 172nd Dining Facility at 6:00 p.m.

Appointees' Reports

Parliamentarian Billie Davis reported that she had responded to the CALLs and "kept the peace".

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was addressed.

New Business

- **Director McLeod** stated that there might be the need for appointment of a lifetime membership chairman for the Mississippi Auxiliary. President Solots would be at liberty to make such an appointment if deemed necessary.
- **President Bishop** noted that the Board needed to select nominees for the EANGUS Auxiliary awards. **Secretary Taylor** read the awards, criteria, selection method, and deadline for each award: Vice-President Solots nominated Pearleen Pearce for the Distinguished Service Award; Director McLeod seconded nomination. There were no further nominations. **Pearleen Pearce would be the Mississippi Auxiliary nominee for the EANGUS Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award.** Director Burchfield nominated Don Cooley for the Meritorious Service Award. Director McLeod seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. **Don Cooley would be the Mississippi Auxiliary nominee for the EANGUS Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award.** Director White nominated Matt Martin for the Spouse of the Year Award. Treasurer Shirley Ritter seconded. There were no further nominations. **Matt Martin would be the Mississippi Auxiliary nominee for the EANGUS Auxiliary Spouse of the Year Award.**
- **President Bishop** presented 3 nominees for the Board of Directors Award: Gloria Cooley, Paulette McLeod, and Pat Burchfield. Board members voted by secret ballot. The Award winner would be announced at the Auxiliary Luncheon on Saturday.
- **EANGUS Auxiliary President Taylor** promoted the EANGUS Auxiliary and thanked EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Directors Connie Myers (for e-mail communications) and Pat Burchfield (for monthly cards of encouragement). President Taylor also noted two fundraisers for EANGUS Auxiliary, the Main Dish Cookbook and donations on tickets for the amethyst and diamond tennis bracelet.
- **President Bishop** expressed thanks to Past President Wright for sharing the floral arrangements from the Past Presidents' Breakfast with members at the Board Meeting.
- **Motion to destroy ballots**—Director Pearce moved that the ballots from the Board of Directors Award be destroyed. Director Cooley seconded. Motion carried and ballots were destroyed.
- **Items for Payment**—Director Paulette McLeod moved that the Auxiliary pay submitted expenses. Director Pat Burchfield seconded. Motion carried.

Prayer

Paulette Lafferty led in prayer.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Vivian D. Taylor, Secretary

"The essential question is not, "How busy are you?", but "What are you busy at?"

-Oprah Winfrey

*MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD NONCOMMISSIONED
OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Minutes April 24, 2010*

Call to Order

President Pat Bishop called the forty-first annual general membership meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

Devotion and Invocation

Director Paulette Lafferty provided devotional thoughts on “being in one accord” from Acts 2:1. Director Lafferty led in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Vice-President/President-Elect Karen Solots led members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

Secretary Vivian Taylor called the roll. All Officers were present; all District Directors except Kathy Tatum, Deborah Freeman, and Maria Kennedy were present; all Committee Chairmen were present; and all Appointees except Chaplain Danna Davis were present. Those present constituted a quorum.

First Timers Introduced

Three First Timers introduced themselves: Geri Hill—spouse member of the 172nd; Renee Miller—spouse member of the 185th; Cheryl Young—spouse at Joint Forces Headquarters.

Introduction of Guests

Vice-President/President-Elect Solots introduced guests: Mrs. Karen Freeman, wife of Major General William L. “Bill” Freeman, The Adjutant General; Mrs. Jerry Roberts, wife of Major General Alex D. “Don” Roberts, Assistant Adjutant General, Commander of the Mississippi Air National Guard; Mrs. Pam Thomas, wife of COL Robert F. Thomas, Commander, 66th Troop Command; Mrs. Cathy Brown, wife of BG Mitch Brown, Chief Joint Staff; Lisa Siegel; Kay Nall; Bob Ford and Charlie. Chuck and Ronnie Geary joined the group during the Memorial Service.

Minutes of 2009 General Membership Meeting Approved

Secretary Vivian Taylor noted that she had provided copies of the minutes from the 2009 General Membership Meeting to the membership prior to the meeting, through e-mail and in the first issue of *Southern Belle*, again through e-mail two weeks prior to the Conference and that she also had additional copies available. Vivian noted that there had been no notice of any corrections to be made and she moved the minutes be accepted as printed; Director Willa Ales seconded. Motion carried; minutes were approved as printed.

Financial Statement Filed

Treasurer Shirley Ritter presented the printed financial statement, which was filed for the record. The report indicated a total of fourteen thousand three hundred twenty-five dollars forty cents (\$14,325.40) in Auxiliary funds for the period, which ended April 24, 2010. Treasurer Ritter noted there would be the addition of the State Fair project proceeds from the NCO Association, dues, and luncheon registrations.

Fair Proceeds Check

President Pat Bishop passed the check for three thousand four hundred dollars (\$3,400.00) to Treasurer Shirley Ritter. The MS NG NCO Association President Scotty Cole presented the check, a portion of the proceeds from the state fair project, to President Bishop on behalf of the Association during the opening ceremonies on Saturday morning.

Officers' Reports—All printed reports are attached to the official copy of the minutes.

President Pat Bishop requested, in consideration of allowing time for visitors to speak, that Board members—officers and directors—not read their printed reports. Printed reports were available for every attendee.

President Pat Bishop provided a printed copy of her report for the membership.

Vice-President/President-Elect Karen Solots presented a printed copy of her report.

Secretary Vivian Taylor referenced her printed report as she reiterated the efforts she had made towards membership recruitment/growth of the Auxiliary and legislative efforts. She reported that she had been busy with the responsibilities of the EANGUS Auxiliary presidency and she expressed thanks to Pat Burchfield for her monthly greeting cards and Connie Myers for the many e-mails she had sent.

Treasurer Shirley Ritter provided a printed report.

Budget

Treasurer Ritter also provided a printed copy of the proposed budget. The proposed budget was recommended by the Finance Committee and needed no second. It was approved as printed with Projected Revenues, \$10,584.00 and Projected Expenditures, \$10,584.00.

Awards Chairman Pearce noted that she had not, at any time, spent the amount allowed for Awards in the budget. The Board had voted in 2009 to use some of the unused funds in the Awards line item to assist Mississippi Auxiliary member Vivian Taylor in her non-reimbursed expenses as EANGUS Auxiliary President. President Taylor chose, however, to use those funds to attend the Area III Meetings.

Director McLeod expressed thanks to Adrian and Pearleen Pearce and Chuck and Mildred Geary for their work on Awards for a number of years, which had saved many dollars for the Auxiliary.

Director at Large Teresa White submitted a printed report.

Immediate Past President Florence Wright provided a printed report.

Directors' Reports

District I Senior Director Pat Burchfield submitted a printed report.

District I Junior Director Willa Ales provided a printed report.

District II Junior Director Paulette McLeod provided a printed report.

District IV Senior Director Gloria Cooley submitted a printed report.

Gulfport Air Senior Director Pearleen Pearce **provided a printed report.**

Meridian Air Junior Director Paulette Lafferty referenced her report from Board Meeting.

Committee Reports

Legislative Chairman Taylor provided printed copies of her report and expressed appreciation to every person who had been active in the Auxiliary's legislative efforts during 2009-2010.

Membership Committee Chairman White urged, not only officers and directors but members, as well, to recruit members.

Constitution and Bylaws Chairman Billie Davis reported no proposed constitutional amendments. She noted that she kept the peace as Parliamentarian.

Chairman Davis also gave comprehensive information about the Trail of Honor to be held May 22-24 at the Harley-Davidson dealership off Interstate 55 at Daniel Lake Boulevard. Features would include Medal of Honor recipients, Navajo Code Talkers, Ex-POWs, Vietnam Traveling Wall, firing range, etc.

President Bishop recognized and expressed appreciation to Mississippi Auxiliary members serving the EANGUS Auxiliary: Vivian Taylor, EANGUS Auxiliary President; Connie Myers and Pat Burchfield, EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Directors; EANGUS Auxiliary Silent Auction Chairman, Paula Carrigan, and Committee Member, Billie Davis; EANGUS Auxiliary Chaplain Paulette Lafferty.

Resolutions Chairman Paulette McLeod noted there were no resolutions recommended for this year.

Nominations Committee Chairman Ruth Ann Crawford presented the report from the Committee:

President	Karen Solots
Vice-President/President-Elect	
Secretary	Vivian Taylor
Treasurer	Shirley Ritter
Director at Large	Teresa White

Scholarship Chairman Pat Burchfield reported that she and President Bishop would contact MS NG NCO Association Scholarship Chairman Fielder as soon as possible for a list of alternates.

Family Readiness Chairman Connie Myers referenced materials that she had provided from Family Readiness and noted that Family Readiness was her career as well as her passion. Connie encouraged Directors to pick up the Family Readiness items she provided so they could use them to get a face and a foot in the door at armories in their Districts. She also noted that she would still receive donations to present to CSM Jim Crosby for RMH.

Conference Arrangements Chairman Myers noted that there were 37 paid for Luncheon, which would follow the General Membership Meeting and would be held in the Penthouse.

Ways and Means Chairman Kitty McCleave reported that at the time of the report there were 116 items in the silent auction and bids at that time totaled only five hundred dollars. Chairman McCleave and President Bishop encouraged members to stop in at the silent auction often and bid. Chairman McCleave reported that the silent auction would close at 3:00 p.m.

Motion

Director Pearce moved that the silent auction and country store be the Ways and Means project for 2011. Secretary Taylor seconded motion and the motion carried.

Awards Chairman Pearleen Pearce asked members to continue to recycle plaques.

*Election**Nominee for President – Karen Solots*

There was a call for any nominations from the floor. Director Pearce moved the nominations for President cease; Director Ales seconded. Motion carried.

Karen Solots was elected as President.

Vice-President – Director Pearce nominated Pat Burchfield for Vice-President/President-Elect. Director McLeod seconded nomination. There were no other nominations for Vice-President.

Pat Burchfield was elected as Vice-President/President-Elect.

Director Pearce moved that the nominations for Secretary, Treasurer, and Director at Large cease and that those officers be elected by acclamation.

Immediate Past President Wright seconded. Motion carried.

Vivian Taylor was elected as Secretary.

Shirley Ritter was elected as Treasurer.

Teresa White was elected as Director at Large.

District Caucuses

District Caucuses were held.

Memorial Service

Director McLeod conducted the memorial service. Ruth Ann Crawford led in prayer.

Director McLeod noted that in 1969 sixty-six women held the organizational meeting for the Mississippi Auxiliary and she stated that 40 years and hundreds of members later the Auxiliary recognized how they had touched lives and what each had meant to individual Auxiliary members and the Auxiliary as an organization. Director McLeod shared several things about the four members being memorialized:

Mildred Geary—quiet; gentle; loved her family and friends; respectful; took and shared hundreds of photos through the years; knowledgeable about local, state, and national Auxiliary and had served in each; served as EANGUS Auxiliary treasurer for several years.

Marie Gavin—served Gulfport Local and Mississippi Auxiliary on the Board; provided numerous silent auction items annually for a number of years, even when it was necessary to send them to Conference; her love for her family and pets; and her special friendship with Pearleen Pearce.

Delores Ford—cook; seamstress; did crafts; collected frogs and thimbles; liked to talk and could chat about anything; spoke her mind; loving, devoted spouse; welcomed anyone into their home; served in state and national Auxiliary and was an EANGUS Auxiliary past president.

Agnes Tupman—caretaker; devoted to family and friends; custodian of Auxiliary records; for years obtained donated envelopes from her employer for use by the MS NG NCO Association; loved Auxiliary members; thorough; meticulous; the strong bond of friendship with Ruth Ann Crawford.

The candles lighted were a reminder of the ways these members had changed and blessed the lives of individuals in the Auxiliary, that they were extraordinary women and friends. The colors in the floral arrangement...purple represented them as Auxiliary members; the four white canna lilies represented Mildred Geary, Marie Gavin, Delores Ford, and Agnes Tupman; the lasting roots of the flowering stems provided beautiful blooms. The votive holders were inscribed with Pray, Faith, Love, and Peace.

Husband, Chuck, and son, Ronnie Geary, and husband, Bob Ford, were also recognized and given time to share.

Special Guests Addressed the Auxiliary

Maj. Gen. Alex “Don” Roberts, Assistant Adjutant General, Commander of the Mississippi Air National Guard reported there were 2,522 Mississippi Air National Guard members and the MS ANG was right at 100%. Maj. Gen. Roberts noted that many youth had trouble qualifying to join the military. He encouraged members to instill patriotism and knowledge of country in children and grandchildren. His dad, a World War II veteran, had died in February. Maj. Gen. Roberts reminded members that the nation had been at war for 19 years and daily the ANG was fully engaged. Maj. Gen. Roberts stated that Jackson ANG had the C-17; the Combat Readiness Training Center was located at Gulfport; and Meridian’s 238th was death on call; TAG MG Freeman had worked hard to secure a new mission for Meridian—the unit was created in the 1930s and was the 13th oldest in the nation. Maj. Gen. Roberts stressed the importance of community support, employer support, and respect for the nation. He thanked the Auxiliary members for what they accomplished and expressed thanks to his wife, Jerry. President Bishop presented a small memento to Maj. Gen. Roberts.

Mississippi Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Don Cooley commended the Auxiliary for its legislative efforts on behalf of Guard members and families. He stated that he had met outstanding soldiers who wanted to do their jobs. An example that he shared was SPC Brooks who, even after losing 2 legs above the knee, responded to CSM Cooley’s question, “What can we do for you?” by saying, “Just get my legs and let me get back to my guys.” CSM Cooley stated that the challenge is to never weary, never tire, just as those soldiers at Gettysburg kept on “because of my buddy on each side.” CSM Cooley presented a metal Minuteman to President Bishop to thank her for her service during the year. President Bishop presented a memento to CSM Cooley.

The Adjutant General (TAG) of the Mississippi National Guard MG William L. “Bill” Freeman thanked his wife, Karen, for her support during his career and especially during the past years of service as Mississippi’s TAG. MG Freeman expressed his sincere thanks to spouses for their support and noted those spouses were an important cog in the wheel. He stated that 4,000 Mississippi Guard members were deployed last year and 500 are now preparing to go this year. Yellow Ribbon events have, to date, impacted 9,500 individuals and that number will swell to 15,000 by the end of summer. MG Freeman presented his coin to President Bishop and she gave him a memento from the Auxiliary.

Brig. Gen. Cathy Lutz, Assistant to Chief Nurse of the Air Force stated that Auxiliary members exemplified one of the Air Force core values, “Service before self”; the other core values, which she also shared were “Integrity first” and “Excellence in all we do”. Brig. Gen. Lutz said that spouses are the glue holding the family together as the Guard is involved around the globe.

Mrs. Karen Freeman, wife of TAG MG Bill Freeman, thanked Auxiliary members for all members did and for the impact they had through events such as the Fair project, letter writing to legislators, influence at church, supporting troops deployed, etc. She related a story of meeting a young ROTC member while they walked their dogs and noted the pride she saw in those young people during the Ball that they attended.

Director McLeod thanked Past President Ann Hart stating that Ann was like the light the angel was holding, showing constant love and dedication in sharing the warmth of the angel’s light. Director McLeod presented a certificate to Past President Hart acknowledging and thanking her for sharing prayer requests with members.

Results from Caucuses

President Florence Wright announced those elected in District Caucuses:

District I Senior— Willa Ales	District I Junior—
District II Senior— Paulette McLeod	District II Junior—
District III Senior—Patte Martin	District III Junior—
District IV Senior—Florence Wright	District IV Junior—Renee Miller
District V Senior—	District V Junior—
Gulfport Air Senior—Maria Kennedy	Gulfport Air Junior— Pearleen Pearce
Jackson Air Senior—	Jackson Air Junior—
Meridian Air Senior— Paulette Lafferty	Meridian Air Junior—

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

- **President Bishop** recognized **EANGUS Auxiliary President Taylor** who shared information about national conference and EANGUS Auxiliary fundraisers.
- **Door prizes were distributed.**

Luncheon

The membership moved to the Penthouse in the Hilton Hotel for the Luncheon. **President Pat Bishop** welcomed members and guests.

MS NG NCO Association President SMSgt Scotty Cole expressed his appreciation and caring for the Auxiliary members and thanked members for the outstanding support provided to him and to the MS NG NCO Association.

Director Paulette Lafferty led in a prayer blessing the food.

Meal

Members and guests were served.

Recognition certificates

President Bishop presented certificates to the Officers:

Vice-President/President-Elect *Karen Solots*
 Secretary *Vivian Taylor*
 Treasurer *Shirley Ritter*
 Director at Large *Teresa White*
 Past President *Florence Wright*

President Bishop presented certificates to the Senior Directors:

District I *Pat Burchfield*
 District II *Paulette McLeod*
 District III *Donna Alford* (to be given later)
 District IV *Gloria Cooley*
 Gulfport Air *Pearleen Pearce*

President Bishop presented certificates to the Appointees and Committee Chairmen:

Parliamentarian and Constitution and Bylaws Chairman *Billie Davis*
 Historian/Records Custodian *Donna Alford*

Sergeant at Arms, Family Readiness Chairman, and Conference Arrangements Chairman

Connie Myers

Chaplain *Danna Davis* (husband, Joe, accepted)

Awards Chairman *Pearleen Pearce*

Finance Chairman *Shirley Ritter*

Legislative Chairman *Vivian Taylor*

Membership Chairman *Teresa White*

Nominations Chairmen *Ruth Ann Crawford* and *Willa Ales*

Resolutions Chairman *Paulette McLeod*

Scholarship Chairman *Pat Burchfield*

Ways and Mean Chairman *Kitty McCleave*

President Bishop presented awards to those who helped with food for those working at the Fair project:

Paulette McLeod

Joe and Danna Davis

Sandi Munden

President Bishop presented certificates of appreciation to:

Debbie Sanders for help provided to mom, Shirley Ritter, on membership lists, etc.

Vivian Taylor for answering questions on variety of subjects through the year.

Year 2009-2010 Awards Presented

President Bishop presented these Awards for the year 2009-2010:

The Leola "Bugger" Coggin Supporter Award—*Lisa Siegel*

The Board of Directors' Award—*Pat Burchfield*

Southern Belle Awards—*Ann Hart* and *Matt Martin*

The President's Award—*Shirley Ritter*

Drawing for "Hats" Table Decorations

President Bishop expressed thanks to **Director Pearce** for the white straw hats decorated with flowers and ribbon, which were used as table centerpieces. Mariah Martin drew the names of the following individuals to receive hats:

Paulette McLeod, Kitty McCleave, Shirley Ritter, Willa Ales, Mariah Martin, Kathi Goodwin

Installation Ceremony

Director Pearce conducted the installation ceremony. Director Pearce expressed thanks to the Officers and Directors who had served the past year and summarized the duties of the directors and officers. She stated that President Karen Solots would show dedication, ability, and the high ideals of those who had gone before. Director Pearce provided a scented soap to the Officers and encouraged its use during any stressful times that might occur during the year.

Director Pearce declared the Officers and Directors to be the duly installed Board of the MS NG NCO Association Auxiliary.

Passing of the Gavel

Outgoing President Pat Bishop passed the gavel to **Incoming President Karen Solots**. Outgoing President Bishop also presented a lighthouse to Incoming President Solots to demonstrate the support of members for Karen during her year of service as President.

Presentation of President's Plaque

Incoming President Karen Solots presented the President's plaque with gavel to **2009-2010 President Pat Bishop** and thanked Pat for her year of service to the Auxiliary as president.

President's Remarks

President Karen Solots thanked members and stated that the lighthouse would provide guidance as members discovered their roles in the Auxiliary. *The Coastal Breeze* newsletter would provide information to members that would help them shine bright. She further stated that it was her desire to see new members pick up the coastal breeze and become a beacon.

Special Prayer

Director Lafferty prayed for the victims and families impacted by the tornados that had crossed Mississippi.

Hats

Mariah drew the names of these individuals who received the remaining Hat centerpieces:

Debbie Sanders, Karen Solots, Teresa White, Billie Davis, Cheryl Papania

Meeting adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Awards presented at Saturday evening All Units' Dinner

Awards presented at the All Units' Dinner on Saturday evening, April 24, 2010, were:

Appreciation for Fair project food – Paulette McLeod;

Auxiliary's NCO of the Year Award (Side by Side We Stand With Pride) –

CMSgt (Ret) Jim Bishop;

MS NG NCO Association Spouse of the Year Award – CMSgt C. Lynn Cole.

President Karen Solots presented the President's gift (traditional gold charm with gavel and chain), past president's badge, and a lifetime membership card for the Mississippi Auxiliary to **Outgoing President Pat Bishop**.

Vivian Dean Taylor

Secretary

2010-2011 MS NG NCOA Auxiliary Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs, & Appointees

President	Karen Solots
Vice-President/President Elect	Pat Burchfield
Past President	Pat Bishop
Secretary	Vivian Taylor
Treasurer	Shirley Ritter
Director at Large	Teresa White
Directors:	
District I Senior	Willa Ales
District I Junior	Vacant
District II Senior	Paulette McLeod
District II Junior	Vacant
District III Senior	Donna Alford
District III Junior	Patte Martin
District IV Senior	Florence Wright
District IV Junior	Vacant
District V Senior	Deborah Freeman
District V Junior	Vacant
Meridian Air Senior	Paulette Lafferty
Meridian Air Junior	Kathi Goodwin
Gulfport Air Senior	Maria Kennedy
Gulfport Air Junior	Pearleen Pearce
Jackson Air Senior	Vacant
Jackson Air Junior	Vacant
Committee Chairpersons:	
Legislative	Vivian Taylor
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Scholarship	Pat Burchfield
Family Readiness	Connie Myers
Conference Arrangements	Paula Carrigan
Lifetime Membership	Pat Bishop
Public Relations/ Newsletter Editor	Karen Solots
Appointees:	
Chaplain	Gloria Cooley
Parliamentarian	Brooks Marr
Sergeant at Arms	Paula Carrigan
Historian and Records Keeper	Donna Alford



Scholarship Winner!

Matthew Collins is the recipient of our MS NCOA Auxiliary \$500 Scholarship. He is the son of MSgt Mark and Kristina Collins, and grandson of CCMsgt (ret) Charlie and Paula Carrigan. Matt is a 2010 graduate from Gulfport High School. He has been very active in the Gulfport High School Band and has received the Emily Wilson Spirit Award, Outstanding Marcher Award. He has played TAPPS for the NCOA Conference. Matthew plans to attend the University of Mobile. His goal is to become a music teacher.



Gloria Cooley
Chaplain Prayer Requests
CooGlr@aol.com--601-955-3372

There's only one thing in this world that is truly bulletproof. Its faith, you wrap yourself up in every day of your life. Faith that no matter what happens, you won't lose God's love. And all the bullets in the world can't pierce it---

Military leaders---Prayers
All military personnel, soldiers and airmen--- bless them all!!
Jody Ward's--- brother-in-law
Patricia Bond---hip surgery
Pamela Plunk---prayer request
Brooks and Bill Marr ---prayer request
Paulette Lafferty---prayer request
Marraine and Randy Breland—prayer request for mother
Prayer request for the family of PFC Jerry Jamison
Victims of the tornadoes –prayers
Darrell Ritter—prayer request
Pray for our coast lines- the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico
Pray for the victims of the flooding in Nashville, TN
Debbie Ritter Sanders- recovering from hand surgery

Tell me and I'll forget;
show me and I may
remember; involve me
and I'll understand

June Birthdays

3rd Dot Pee
6th Pamela Plunk
7th Clydia Milner
9th Ronald Burke
12th Judy James
Jury Taylor
15th Mae Tadlock
Stacey Smith
16th Kimberly Bennett
Tammy Thomas
20th Janie Garner
Pat Randall
21st Bill Stephens
23rd Juanita Ann Harper
25th Niva Freeburg
27th Kristina Collins
29th Jennifer Garraway
30th Joy Freeman



June Anniversaries

2nd Becky & Allen Pope
4th Cheryl & Drew Papania
5th Ann & David Hart
Teresa & Nickie White
6th Rachel & Larry Berry
Kim & James Hogg
7th Caroline & Harold Cross
8th Beverly & David Hartfield
Melanie & Bruce Mann
12th Nell & Charles Barnes
Deborah & Harold Wilcher
Vivian & Scott Hoeflich
13th Kara & Jackson Jones
17th Karen & John Raines
22nd Yevonne & Glenn Ball
Lori & Billy Barnett
Trina & Christopher Lewis
23rd Mary Ann & Gary Iverson
Cyndi & Jay Wells
24th Belinda & Henry Gann
27th Sarah & Joseph Lee

28th Luretia & Buford Berry
29th Pat & Jerry Burchfield
Ruth & George Kendrick
30th Annette & Todd Pillsbury



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Otherwise please e-mail me back at hurricanes4me@cableone.net and let me know to e-mail you monthly newsletters, this will save on costs.

Thank you
President Karen Solots

Note: We will always mail out the first and last monthly newsletter of each year.

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Upcoming Events:

June 3rd 2010
MS NG NCO Association
Board Meeting
10AM
172nd Dining Hall
Jackson, MS

August 8th – 11th 2010
EANGUS National Conference
St. Louis, MO
See website for more info!
www.memberconnections.com/olc/pu
b/LCNG/cpages/about_eangus/nation
alconference.isp

**MS NG NCOA Auxiliary Board Meeting
CALLING ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS!**

June 26th 2010

10:00 AM

**CRTC- Clinic Bldg. 152
Gulfport, MS**



Bonfire
on the
beach

**Rooms will be available for \$25 a night
Call: 228-214-6165 to book your room
Mention NCOA Auxiliary Board Meeting**

Deadline for room reservations is June 14th 2010

**We will enjoy a bonfire Saturday evening on the beach at Ken
Combs Pier, Bring a Lawn Chair and Beverage. Hot Dogs will be
provided.**

We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.msncoa.org

About Our Organization...

*The Mississippi National
Guard NCO Association
Auxiliary was established
during an organizational
meeting in 1969. Sixty six
spouses met and elected*

*officers. The Auxiliary's
first conference was in
1970 with Dot Brown as
president. In 41 years the
auxiliary has accomplished
much. These dedicated*

*spouses have supported and
enhanced the Mississippi
National Guard NCO
Association with pride and
honor.*

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