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CALL TO CONFERENCE!

The Annual South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association State Conference is April 22nd and 23rd in Rapid City at the Best Western Ramkota. If you haven't registered for the conference, I encourage you to do so. Registration forms can be found on the SDNGEA website. I am looking forward to seeing everyone. It is a great time to meet others from around the state and support the Enlisted Association.

The meetings are planned and the times and places are included in this issue of the "**Dakota Messenger**". Along with the meetings, there are many activities planned. You are all welcome to attend the meetings and I would love to see you there. Some new things are on the agenda for discussion and I would love to have input from anyone wishing to attend. If you have anything you would like to bring up for discussion for the auxiliary, the conference is a great time for that as well.

The brunch this year will be held at Minerva's after the meeting on Saturday. All spouses are welcome to attend.

We will be holding a silent auction this year. We have had great success with this in the past, and I am looking forward to doing it again this year.

The membership drive for this year is under way. Applications for membership can be found on the SDNGEA website. I hope to see you all at the conference.

Kayleen Meyers, President

**PLEASE CHECK THE SDNGEA WEBSITE FOR THE
NATIONAL AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS THAT ARE
AVAILABLE!**

2016 SDNGEA AUXILIARY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
Rapid City, South Dakota
April 22-23, 2016

THURSDAY, 21 April 2016

1200-1800 Registration-Convention II Prefunction
1600-1800 Auxiliary Executive Council Meeting-Washington Room
1800-2400 Hospitality Room-Room 1114 Ramkota

FRIDAY, 22 April 2016

0800-1200Registration-Convention II Prefunction
1000-1100 Retiree Brunch – (Consolidated)-The Beanery – JFHQ Camp Rapid, Bldg 420 (Duba POC)
1000-2400 Child Care-Needles Room
1300-1500Business Session (Consolidated)-Pactola Room, Convention Center I (Leave after TAG address)
1500Break (Session Separation)-Convention II Prefunction
1530-1630 Auxiliary Business Session Convenes-Washington Room
1630Business Session Adjourns
1800-2000 Social Hour-Rushmore Room
2000-2400Band-Dress in your favorite era event (Rock of Ages)

SATURDAY, 23 April 2016

0830-2400Child Care-Needles
0900-1000Auxiliary Business Meeting Reconvenes-Washington Room
1000-1020Break
1020-1045Meeting Reconvenes-Washington Room
1045Meeting Adjourns
1100 -1200 Brunch –Minerva’s

1300-1700Sporting/Social Events
Golf Bowling
Wine Tasting Canvas 2 Paint

1800-1900Social Hour-Rushmore Room
1900-2100Banquet (Dress Uniform)-Rushmore, Convention Center II
2100-2230Casino Night-Rushmore, Convention Center II
2100-2400Hospitality Room-Room 1114

I would personally like to invite everyone to our beautiful city for the Conference. There is great shopping at the Rushmore Mall, Rushmore Crossing and our unique downtown. Wonderful restaurants, not to mention the sightseeing. Surrounding towns are very welcoming as well as Deadwood for those wishing a little extra action!...

Joann McElroy, Editor

WHAT CAN THE AUXILIARY DO FOR **FAMILIES**?

Legislative accomplishments on the Guard member's behalf include:

Unlimited Commissary Privileges

No Tricare fee increase

Tricare Standard for 'gray area' Retirees under 60

Pay Increase of 3.4%

Guard Empowerment- Defense Act adds Guard Officer to Joint Chiefs

New GI Bill Education Benefits Post 911

Veterans Education Improvement

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 EANGUS. The Auxiliary is a grassroots organization that began with 11- chartered state auxiliaries. Through growth and prosperity, it now has 50-chartered state auxiliaries.

PURPOSE OF THE AUXILIARY

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.

WHAT THE AUXILIARY DOES FOR **EANGUS**

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