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Hello Everyone,

What a wonderful State Conference in Rapid City. I enjoyed getting to see and catching up with everyone about the past year. I am looking forward to the coming year and next year's conference in Pierre. During the conference the Auxiliary conducted our annual business meeting and people were able to partake in the activities that were planned as well. We all got to meet some new people and members as well.

The Officers for the Auxiliary for the 2016-2017 year include President Kayleen Meyers, Vice-President Marlene Kotab, Secretary Jill Siedschlaw, Membership Chairman/Treasurer Edna Steinberg, Officer-At-Large Mary Williams, Chaplain/Public Relations Sherry Blackwell, Parliamentarian Diane Kafka, Sergeant-At-Arms Gene Deyo, Communications Officer JoAnn McElroy. Current

positions that are open are Legislative Chairman and Historian. If anyone knows of anyone interested in these positions or has questions about these positions, please let me know. I am looking forward to working with everyone in the coming year. Thank you to Angela Kennebec, our Area V, representative for conducting the installation of officer's ceremony.

Congratulations to our 2016 Scholarship winner, Amanda Farr. Amanda will receive a \$1000 scholarship. She is the daughter of Paul and Dawn Farr. We had 5 wonderful applicants this year. The Auxiliary has decided for the 2017 year, to offer 2-\$1000 scholarships to applicants. Just a reminder, you must have a contact that is a member of the Auxiliary by the end of December, 2016 in order to be eligible for the scholarship. If you need a membership form you can contact me or they are listed on the Enlisted website as well.

The EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship deadline is June 1st. There are several scholarships available through the National level as well. I encourage all who are eligible to apply. It is a great opportunity for all. These applications can be found on the Enlisted website under the Auxiliary tab.

This year the Auxiliary donated \$150 to the Rapid City Suicide Crisis prevention center/Front Porch Coalition. This organization does many things and our main focus with this was for Suicide Prevention. The Auxiliary also voted to set aside \$500 to be donated throughout the year to various organizations as needed. If you know of an organization that we could donate to, let me or another member of the Auxiliary know.

There was approval for an Auxiliary Team for the Veterans March in September. Let me know if you are interested in participating in this.

If you would like to attend the National Conference as a delegate of the Auxiliary let me know by June 30th. The members who serve as delegates and submit a

report will be eligible for a \$150 reimbursement on their registration.

As I go into my second year serving as President of the Auxiliary, I would like to say "Thank You", everyone for your support and also encourage all spouses to sign up as a member of the Auxiliary. The cost is small and it provides an opportunity for many things including scholarships. As a member of the Auxiliary we are taking great pride in supporting our spouses in many ways, as well as other members of the Guard. You can choose to be as active as you want. You have heard the phrase "strength in numbers" the more we have, the stronger our voice is. The membership form for this year is on the Enlisted website under the Auxiliary tab. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the Auxiliary and what it is we do. My contact information is listed on the Auxiliary tab as well.

Have a wonderful summer!!

*Kayleen Meyers*  
President

## AREA V CAUCUS

Marlys List and Edna Steinberg recently attending the Area V caucus. They reported that National Auxiliary Officers of President, Vice President, and Secretary and Treasurer are up for election and one Area V. Director. Those wishing to receive a door prize at National is to take one.

Area V will take a bus from Minnesota area for 56 people with a round trip price of approximately \$150 each, plus the cost of a motel room both ways. Bob Metcalf has set July 1, as the deadline if you wish to ride the bus. A minimum of 40 passengers is required. Please call him at 651-437-8026 if you are interested.

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

## SILENT AUCTION BASKETS A SUCCESS!



The “Silent Auction Baskets” raised a total of \$469.00. Themes ranged from kitchen/baking baskets, pot of gold, shop til you drop and many more creative ideas. Thanks to all who donated baskets for this fund raiser.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THE FOLLOWING LIST OF EVENTS:

**August 21-24, 2016: 45<sup>th</sup> EANGUS National Conference, New Orleans, LA**

## September 17, 2016: Black Hills Veteran’s Honor March, Deadwood, SD



## 7 REASONS WE SHOULD VOTE. (Robert J. Gaudio)

1. Our vote is our Voice in Government.
2. We make an impact when we vote in numbers.
3. Voting changes neighbors and communities
4. Voting effect real change in the economy.
5. We vote for our children’s welfare.
6. Voting honors our history and each other.
7. Voting give us street credibilikity.

## HOW TO MAKE A BANDANA WREATH

You will need 6 of each color, red, white and blue....

Fold at the center fold line that's already there, cut in half each bandana. Pinching shears work well for this.

Gather up each half and place under wire wreath as shown so the center fold is on the outside of the wreath. Take the two ends and bring them over the wreath and through the looped end. Pull tight, little tugging is required, but try to keep ends even. Do this with each color, alternating the red and white.....

Hot glue the stars on the blue section...that's it! Kind'a cute...



## Military Funerals & Meaning of 13 Folds



These are the meanings ascribed to each fold as our Flag is folded:

The first fold of our Flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries may

she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our Republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy

Spirit.

The thirteenth fold: When the Flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our Nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the Flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the

Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

A United States flag drapes the casket of deceased veterans to honor the memory of their service to America. The flag is placed so that the blue field with stars is at the head and over the left shoulder of the deceased.

The folded flag is then presented as a keepsake to the next of kin or an appropriate family member. Each branch of the Armed Forces uses its own wording for the presentation ...

U.S. Air Force: “On behalf of the President of the United States, the Department of the Air Force, and a grateful nation, we offer this flag for the faithful and dedicated service of (Service Member’s rank and name).”

U.S. Army: “This flag is presented on behalf of a grateful nation and the United States Army as a token of appreciation for your loved one’s honorable and faithful service.”

U.S. Coast Guard: “On behalf of the President of the United States, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, and a grateful nation, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one’s service to Country and the Coast Guard.”

U.S. Marine Corps: “On behalf of the President of the United States, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and a grateful nation, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one’s service to Country and Corps.”

U.S. Navy: “On behalf of the President of the United States and the Chief of Naval Operations, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one’s service to this Country and a grateful Navy.”

If the next of kin has expressed a religious preference or belief, add: “God bless you and this family, and God bless the United States of America.”

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After an American flag has been used for a Military or Veterans funeral, it should never be flown again or displayed in any other way than in the tri-fold shape in which it was presented to the next of kin. In other words, the folded flag should never be “opened” again. There are many appropriate display cases available for purchase to display the burial flag and to protect it from wear and fading.

**REMEMBER:**

