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Notes from our President!!

Hello Everyone,

The summer has come and gone all too fast. Many memories were made and now as we enjoy the fall weather and await the first snow fall I think of the EANGUS National Conference that a few of our members attended and the upcoming year.

In this issue, you will find many things. There will be some information from the National Conference that a few of the Auxiliary members attended. I hope that you all had a great time and I look forward to seeing you and talking more about the conference. I have also added some great fall like recipes to enjoy as well as some of my favorite canning recipes.

The 44th Annual Conference of the EANGUS and the 42nd Annual Conference of the Auxiliary was held this year in Indianapolis, Indiana. We had 3 members of the Auxiliary that attended. They were Edna Steinberg, Marlys List, and Sherry Blackwell.



I enjoyed reading reports about the conference and seeing pictures. I look forward to being able to attend the conference next summer

Thank you delegates for the report from the conference. Here are some of the highlights of information that I received. A new Area V Director was elected. Cathy Berry will replace Chris Sower. A scholarship committee report was given. All four winners were from Area V. Casey Grosso from Washington received \$1000: her sponsor was her grandmother, Diane Hill of Rapid City, South Dakota.



A publication award was given to South Dakota who tied with Wisconsin for first place for state newsletters

and the Area V is Alive newsletter also won an award.

Next year's Conference will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Black Hills Veterans March was held the weekend of September 19-20. I was not able to attend this year but look forward to attending it around the same time next year. If anyone has any pictures, please contact me so we can share these.

Membership dues for 2016 are being collected through December 31, 2015. If you have family members interested in Auxiliary scholarships, they must have someone who is signed up as a member for both SDNGEA and the SDNGEA Auxiliary for 2016. Eligibility criteria and application forms can be downloaded from the SDNGEA website. I encourage you to talk with family and friends about the Auxiliary membership. If they have any questions, I can be contacted at any time. Our membership supports our voice on legislative issues that can make a difference for many. Renew today!

Please contact me if you have questions about anything.

Kayleen Meyers

SDNGEA Auxiliary
President



AREA V Report

At the 2015 EANGUS Conference in Indianapolis IN the Area V Auxiliary had 50/50 every evening. The money the Auxiliary made is to go to the 5 states that have active auxiliaries (Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin). Sunday's winner was Derrick, IA, Monday's Diane IA, Tuesday's EANGUS President John Harris or Past President Blaine Ross, at last report they were both claiming the win (Area V Auxiliary Director Angela handwriting was on the ticket). Wednesday's Tom WI. With donations the total was \$1000.00. Thanks again to those that played or donated..... **Edna Steinberg SD**

***Notes from
Larry
Zimmerman,
Secretary of***

the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**KOREAN WAR
VETERANS MIGHT
QUALIFY FOR
AMBASSADOR PEACE
MEDAL**

Korean War veterans who served in the Korean Theatre of War from June 25, 1950, through October 25, 1954, may be eligible for the Ambassador Peace Medal. The Ambassador Peace Medal is for the Korean War Veterans who sacrificed for Korea's democracy and freedom and is aimed at expressing the Korean Government's gratitude and respect to them. The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs is taking the lead in informing veterans of this medal and is planning on recognizing the recipients in January of 2016. "Recognizing these heroes one era at a time provides us an opportunity to thank and honor the sacrifices they made," said Larry Zimmerman, secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. "Every veteran has a story to tell and along with

that military service comes a variety of medals and awards". Veterans that served during this time frame are encouraged to contact their local County or Tribal Veterans Service Officer for an application. Veterans will need a copy of their DD214 form as well. "Our Korean War Veterans are a great, tough, honorable generation", said Zimmerman. "This small token from South Korea is a chance for all of us to get to know these heroes and thank them individually." For further information on obtaining this medal, please contact your local Veterans Service Officer. To locate your VSO, visit this site: <http://vetaffairs.sd.gov/veteransserviceofficers/locatevso.aspx>
Larry Zimmerman,
Secretary
South Dakota Department
of Veterans Affairs

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME FOR HEROES

It seems like just yesterday we were gathering in Hot Springs to break ground for our new Veterans' home. All of the contractors and our staff have been working diligently to ensure the

facility would be ready to open in early 2016. Thankfully, we have had a great team executing this project and I am pleased to announce that we are three months ahead of schedule! Yes, that's right - ahead of schedule! If all goes as planned, we will get the keys to the new facility on or about the first of November and anticipate moving our heroes into their new home the middle of November. Our new Veterans' Home is 133,000 square foot stacked two-story building with 52 skilled and 48 non-skilled beds. The town square will be the heart of social activity within the eight neighborhoods. As the home's Main Avenue, residents will gather there for social interaction with each other as well as visit the barber /beauty shop, post office, pharmacy, chapel, or to have a sandwich at the Bistro. This new home is designed to support the natural patterns of home life. Residents have access to home living spaces such as a kitchen, dining room and living room. Veterans, female and male, love living at the Michael J. Fitzmaurice Veterans' Home. Just visit sometime and you'll know what I

mean. From the moment you walk through the doors, you know you are in a place that truly honors service. Most are in their 80s and 90s and served their time in World War II, Korea or Vietnam. We plan to have an open house and showcase our new home in early spring of 2016. We want our heroes to get settled in and adjusted to their new neighborhood culture prior to inviting our guests in. Let us never forget the humble men and women who understand the call of duty, the meaning of honor and values of this nation. They did not serve for glory or fame. They served to preserve our way of life.

SDARNG 155TH ENGINEER COMPANY DEPLOY

The 155th Engineer Company of 161 soldiers deployed Wednesday, August 12th. The Rapid City and Wagner based unit deployed to Kuwait for one year in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. While each unit in the past, present and forthcoming are all very important, there were a few things about this

unit that stand out. Of the 161 soldiers deployed, 141 children are left behind by the deployed soldier. There are 126 that are 10 years and under of which 75 are five and under. The Family Support Program offers support to the families remaining behind, but I would ask our Auxiliary members to be available to also assist these young families. After all, our motto is "Side by Side, We Stand with Pride"!



April 21-23 2016
58th Annual State
Conference Rapid City,
SD

August 16, 2016: 45th
EANGUS National
Conference, New
Orleans, LA

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

KAYLEENS FAVORITE RECIPES:

Canning each year is a passion of mine. I love to share my passion with others and also the end product with others.

Canned Spicy Pickled Green Beans

2 ½ cups water
2 ½ cups cider vinegar
¼ cup canning salt
1 clove garlic
1 head of fresh dill
1 jalapeno pepper-quartered and put seeds in
Boil liquid and salt, pack dill on bottom then beans, add garlic, and jalapeno and fill with boiling liquid. Hot water bath for about 15-20 minutes. Take out of hot water bath and let cool and seal. Love these beans as an appetizer when entertaining.
Football season is upon us and one of my favorite things to make is this dip.

Spinach Artichoke dip

1 (8oz) cream cheese
¼ cup mayo
¼ cup parmesan cheese
¼ cup Italian cheese
1 clove garlic
½ tsp dried basil
¼ tsp garlic salt
1 (14 oz) can artichokes
½ cup spinach (I use frozen)
¼ cup shredded mozzarella
Mix all together and top with mozzarella cheese. Bake at 350

until cheese gets a golden brown. Serve with crackers, chips, or veggies.
One last recipe. I made these donuts for the kids this fall and they loved them.

Baked Pumpkin Donuts

½ cup vegetable oil
3 large eggs
1 ½ cups granulated sugar
1 ½ cups pumpkin purée (canned pumpkin)
1 ½ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice, or ¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon plus a heaping ¼ teaspoon each ground nutmeg and ground ginger
1 ½ teaspoons salt
1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
Beat everything together until smooth.
Add 1 ¾ cups + 2 tablespoons (8 ounces) flour
Lightly grease two standard doughnut pans. You can bake these in a couple of standard muffin tins; they just won't be doughnuts.
Fill the wells of the doughnut pans about ¾ full, using a scant ¼ cup of batter in each well; a tablespoon cookie scoop helps with this task.
If you're making muffins, fill each well about ¾ full; the recipe makes 15, so you'll need to bake in two batches (unless you have two muffin pans).

SDNGEA and National Scholarship applications are available through the SDNGEA website. Select “Auxiliary” at the top of the page and you will be directed to the information you need for applying for a scholarship.

**Joann McElroy
Editor**

