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Kayleen's Comments:

As fall is here it seems the summer has come and gone faster than what one would sometimes like. I hope this finds you all in good health and enjoying the great fall weather.

In this issue you will find many things. There is information from the National Conference attended by three of our members. Some of the highlights are listed below. The EANGUS National Conference was held this past August in New Orleans, Louisiana. The SDNGEA Auxiliary had three members attending as delegates: Edna Steinberg, Marlys List, and Mike Reeder.



Congratulations to Mike Reeder on being elected to Area V Treasurer.



The SDNGEA Auxiliary received a "Certificate of Recognition First Place" for largest increase in overall members in states with 26-75 members. We had 72 members for 2016. South Dakota and Kansas tied for this award.

I would like to thank everyone for being a member of the Auxiliary and encourage you all to become and remain a member of this wonderful organization. Let's try and have more members this next year!! I enjoyed reading everyone's summary about the conference.



Marlys List also received “The Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award”. This award is awarded for outstanding service at the state and/or national level and is voted upon by the Executive Council. Congratulations to Marlys!

It sounds like a good time was had by all and we look forward to what the next year will bring.

Amanda Farr was the winner of a \$1000 Auxiliary Scholarship at the National level. Congratulations Amanda! Her sponsors are Paul and Dawn Farr. Her father is a member of the SD Air National Guard in Sioux Falls, SD. Amanda also received our State Auxiliary Scholarship this past year.

Membership dues are being collected for 2017 through December 31st 2016. If you have family that are interested in Auxiliary Scholarships, they must have someone

who is a member of the SDNGEA and The SDNGEA Auxiliary for 2017. Eligibility criteria and application forms can be downloaded from the SDNGEA website under the Auxiliary tab. The Auxiliary is offering two scholarships this next year. Each are \$1000.

The cost of a membership is \$15 a year. Our membership supports our voice on legislative issues that can make a difference for our guardsmen. Sign up or renew today. If you have any questions about membership, please let me or another member know. We can help you with anything you may need.

The Veterans March was held on September 17th. Originally we had planned to have an Auxiliary team and due to work I was not able to attend. The Auxiliary did sponsor a mile marker at the event. I would like to start planning now to have a team that would like to walk the March next September. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

I would like to thank you all for your support as I am always learning new things about the Auxiliary and its members. If you have any

questions at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me. Please enjoy the rest of the Newsletter and all the information it has to offer.

Kayleen Meyers
President



MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THE FOLLOWING LIST OF EVENTS:

FUTURE CONFERENCES:

April 20-22, 2017:
Pierre, SD

April, 2018: Deadwood, SD

April 21-23, 2019: Sioux Falls, SD (Co-located with officers)

FUTURE NATIONALS:

August, 2017: Reno, NV

August, 2018:
Charleston, WV



VETERANS DAY FACTS:

Veterans Day was once known as Armistice Day. The term comes from an armistice between Germany and the Allied Nations on November 11, 1918. (Also known as the armistice ending on the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day of the eleventh month).

The original thought behind the celebrations for this holiday was parades and public meetings and also a brief suspension of businesses at 11:00 AM.

On June 1, 1954, Armistice Day name was changed to Veterans Day. Its primary purpose was to honor the veterans of World War I, but in World War II, there was a great immobilization of Veterans, thus changing its name of "Armistice" to "Veterans".

There is not supposed to be an apostrophe in Veterans Day.

On November 11, 1921, and American soldier was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. His identity was unknown (and his grave site is known as "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier"). Ceremonies are held around the Tomb of the Unknowns and at 11:00 AM, on November 11th, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the tomb.

Often people confuse Memorial Day with Veterans Day. Memorial Day is primarily remembered for those who died during service to our country, particularly the ones who died as a results of battle. Veterans Day is to acknowledge primarily all those who served in the military, either during wartime or peacetime.

The word veteran comes from the nomenclature of the old English language, meaning "old experienced soldier".

Veterans day falls on the same day as Remembrance Day and Armistice Day in other countries.



**DON'T FORGET THAT
IT IS AN HONOR AND
YOUR CIVIC DUTY TO
VOTE ON NOVEMBER
8TH.**



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS
NOVEMBER 6TH.**



Displaying the Flag



1. When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be

suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.



2. The flag of the United States of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall

from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right [that means the viewer's left --Webmaster], and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.



3. The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an

instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. By "half-staff" is meant lowering the flag to one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff. Crepe streamers may be affixed to spear heads or flagstaves in a parade only by order of the President of the United States.



4. When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown

on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the right of the flag of the United States (the viewer's left). When the flag is half-masted, both flags are half-masted, with the US flag at the mid-point and the other flag below.



5. When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole

at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.



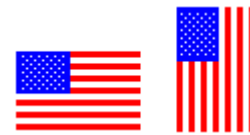
6. When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the

window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff.



7. When the flag is used to cover a

casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.



8. When the flag is displayed in a manner

other than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window it should be displayed in the same way, that is with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street. When festoons, rosettes or drapings are desired, bunting of blue, white and red should be used, but never the flag.



9. That the flag, when carried in a procession with another flag, or flags, should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.



10. The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a

number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.



11. When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be

flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace. The order of precedence for flags generally is National flags (US first, then others in alphabetical order in English), State (host state first, then others in the order of admission) and territories (Washington DC, Puerto Rico, etc.), Military (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard), then other. [Read more.](#)



12. When displayed from a staff in a church or public

auditorium on or off a podium, the flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker (to the right of the audience). Please note that the old guidelines differed from this updated and simplified one.



13. When the flag is displayed on a car, the

staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.



14. When hung in a window, place the blue union in the upper left, as viewed from the street.



We have two new life members, Mike Reeder and Linda Harris. Mike was an Auxiliary delegate in New Orleans and is the new treasurer for Area V Auxiliary. Linda has retired this year from the State of South Dakota and she and her husband Neil are planning to do some traveling.

Please remember to contact me with any updates of yourself or other Auxiliary members. I can be reached by email at daraldw@live.com or on my cell at 605-391-4891.



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PS: I asked my husband to proofread this newsletter and wouldn't you know, he found an error. I put an apostrophe in Veterans Day!

