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A Message From Your President

What a wonderful State Conference in Pierre. Thank you to those that put the conference together and to those that attended. I enjoyed getting to see everyone and catching up. I am looking forward to the coming year and next year's conference in Deadwood. During the conference the Auxiliary conducted their annual business meeting and people were able to partake in the activities that were planned.

The Officers for the Auxiliary for the 2017-2018 year include President Kayleen Meyers, Vice-President Alicia Engebretson, Secretary Kari Novak, Membership Chairman/ Treasurer Edna Steinberg, Legislative Chair Dale Greenfield, Officer-At-Large Mike Reeder, Chaplain/Public Relations Sherry Blackwell, Parliamentarian Diane Kafka, Ways and Means Committee Diane Kafka and Mary Williams, and Historian Leah Rollag. Current positions that are open are Sergeant-At-Arms, and Communications Officer/Dakota Messenger Editor. 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 Sharon Henderson, our Area V representative, for conducting the installation of officer's ceremony and attending our State Conference.

Congratulations to our 2017 Scholarship winner, Tyler Novak. Tyler will receive a \$1000 scholarship. He is the son of Chris and Kari Novak. The Auxiliary has decided and voted on to offer 2-\$1000 scholarships to applicants for the 2018 year. Just a reminder, you must have a contact that is a member of the Auxiliary by the end of December 2017 in order to be eligible for the scholarships. 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. 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 Missouri Shores Shelter in Pierre. This is a shelter that works to protect victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Each year we look for an organization that is in the town that is hosting the conference to donate too. I encourage you to look to next year and see what organization in Deadwood could benefit from a donation. You can email it to me or bring the information to the conference next year.

Last year the Auxiliary voted to set aside \$500 that would/could be used

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.

We will be sponsoring a team for the Veterans March this September. Please let me know if you are interested in being a part of the team.

As I go into my 3rd year serving as President of the Auxiliary, I would like to say Thank You to 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 and being a part a great organization. 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. "Strength in numbers" is a favorite phrase of mine. The more members we have the stronger our voice is and the louder it is heard.

The membership form for this year is on the SDNGEA 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. Bear with me as this is my first time putting together a newsletter. Enjoy and read up on the information below and let me know if you have any questions!

Enjoy your summer!

Area V Caucus

There were 4 Auxiliary members present - Mike Reeder, Edna & myself from SD; Carol Benda from MN; Sharon Henderson from IA; Cathy Berry from WI, and Angela Kennebec from IA. Everyone met together on Sat. morning and we were given some information about Reno, there should be information coming out in the SIGNAL. There will be a lot of walking in Reno and the Hospitality Rooms will be small. The Sun. night get together will be in a Bowling Center, bars, band and also bowling. The All Area Night will be in a park 3 miles away and there will be transportation. The Exhibitor Booth Area and General Session Area will all be together, divided by a curtain; the Auxiliary will be in a different room. When we Auxiliary folks met we each told where we were from and something about ourselves, etc.; reports were given by each state; SD is bidding for the National Conference in 2021. Mike Reeder and Cathy Berry were nominated for Area V Director, they will be voted on at Reno when we have our Area V Caucus and also more nominations can be made then. From Marlys List

SILENT AUCTION BASKETS

We decided to not do a "Silent Auction" at the conference in Pierre. We plan to do baskets at the Conference in Deadwood.



Additional Information

We are looking at entering/sponsoring a team in the Veterans March in September! If anyone is interested in being a part of the team let me know!

National Scholarship information can be found on the SDNGEA website! The deadline is approaching fast and needs to be postmarked by June 1st.

Mark Your Calendars for the following events!!

National Conference

August 27-31, 2017 Reno, NV

**Black Hills Veterans Honor
March**

September 22nd, 2017



Page 4 of the Signal I forwarded out this month! Great photos and coverage of our State Conference!

58th South Dakota State Conference April 20-23, 2017 - Ramkota Hotel Pierre - Pierre, SD



Congratulations to Marlys & Don List

Don and Marlys were recipients of the first South Dakota Standing Proud Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award. This award forward will now be known as ***The Don and Marlys List Lifetime Achievement Award.***

Congratulations to the newly-elected SDNGEA President Josh Wermers and Second Vice Nate Hedin, pictured here with Marlys and Don List, first recipients of the South Dakota Standing Proud Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award.



Marlys List is a Charter Member of the Auxiliary. Marlys served as EANGUS Auxiliary Secretary 1986-1988. She was recipient of the following National awards: 1991 – Board of Directors Award; 1999 – The Pen Is Mightier Than the Musket; 2013 Lifetime Membership Award; 2016 Distinguished Service Award, and many other awards, including legislative awards.



Tyler Novak was the recipient of the SDNGEA Auxiliary Scholarship. Tyler was unable to attend the conference. His mother Kari Novak accepted his award from Marlene Kotab.



SDNGEA Auxiliary Officers L-R: Edna Steinberg (Treasurer/Membership), Mike Reeder (Officer at Large), Kayleen Meyers (President), Kari Novak (Secretary), Alicia Engebretson (Vice President). Mike Reeder serves as Area V's Auxiliary Treasurer.



What a great conference in Pierre!!!

The 2018 SDNGEA Conference will be in Deadwood!

Friday night was Awkward Family Photo Night! Looks like it was a fun and "awkward" evening! Check out SDNGEA Facebook page for more great conference photos!



Guest Speaker at State Conference was U.S. Senator Mike Rounds. Auxiliary members Marlys List, Gayle Funk and Mary Williams



South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary
Executive Council Minutes
Thursday, April 20, 2017

President Kayleen Meyers called the 53rd Annual Executive Council Meeting of the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Ramkota in Pierre, South Dakota.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chaplain Sherry Blackwell led the invocation. Roll call showed a quorum. Council members in attendance included President Kayleen Meyers, Vice-President Marlene Kotab, Past President Gayle Funk, Treasurer-Membership Chair Edna Steinberg, Officer-at-Large Mary Williams and Chaplain Sherry Blackwell. Marlys List and Area V Director Sharon Henderson and her husband were guests.

Edna Steinberg move to deviate from the agenda. Motion carried.

Marlene Kotab moved to accept the 2016 conference minutes with some spelling corrections. Motion carried.

Special guest Sharon Henderson, Area V Director and husband Ken were introduced.

The treasurer's report was tabled. Mary Williams and Gayle Funk were appointed to the audit committee. Bills were presented. These included \$17.74 to Edna Steinberg for stamps and cards, \$25.28 to Joann McElroy for copies and postage, and \$76.68 to Kayleen Meyers for copies.

The membership report showed 44 Life Members, 25 Regular members, and 43 Associate Members. Two Life Members passed away this year – Irene Spencer and Gretchen Bowden. Marlys List moved to accept the report. Motion carried.

The scholarship report showed the winner of a \$1000 scholarship is Tyler Novak from Hurley, SD. Tyler is a student at SDSU pursuing an Elementary Education Degree with a coaching endorsement. His parents are Christopher and Kari Novak. Mary Williams moved to accept the report. Motion carried.

The way-and-means committee reported no fundraiser for this year. We will continue future fundraisers and discussion was held about donating those profits to other worthy causes. Gayle Funk moved to accept the report. Motion carried.

There was little Legislative action this year, but all contact to legislators should be submitted to Edna Steinberg by June 1, 2017.

Old Business:

- Membership cards for 2018 are signed and available from the president.

New Business:

- Mary Williams moved payment of the bills totaling \$119.70. Motion carried and the bills were allowed.
- The Auxiliary brunch is Saturday at the Ramkota restaurant.
- Edna Steinberg moved to allow \$150 payment to our Area Director for convention and brunch costs. Motion carried.
- Those members attending the National Convention include Marlys List and Edna Steinberg. Edna will donate 5 decanters in the shape of various states to the silent auction.
- \$150 was approved to a Pierre charity in lieu of a brunch collection.
- Members were invited to volunteer for open positions on the Executive Board.
- Edna Steinberg moved to sponsor a team for \$150 and a \$50 mile marker for the Black Hills Veterans March. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned until Friday, April 21, 2017.

Marlene Kotab
Secretary Pro Tem

South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary
53rd Annual Conference Minutes, Friday, April 21, 2017

President Kayleen Meyers called the 53rd Annual SDNGEA Auxiliary Conference meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. at the Ramkota in Pierre, SD. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by the invocation given by Chaplain Sherry Blackwell.

The roll call showed a quorum with the following executive council members in attendance: President Kayleen Meyers, Vice-President Marlene Kotab, Past-President Gayle Funk, Treasurer/Membership Chairman Edna Steinberg, Officer-at-Large Mary Williams, and Chaplain Sherry Blackwell.

The president introduced Area V Director Sharon Henderson and Neil Harris representing National Veterans Organizations and the V.A. Hospice and Palliative Care Program. Mr. Harris gave an update on the hospice program and thanked the auxiliary for its contribution. The president presented him a \$50 donation to the Fort Meade Hospice Care System.

Shelley Reeder provided information about South Dakota's bid for the 50th EANGUS conference in 2021 and other dates for future national and state conferences.

Diane Kafka moved to deviate from the agenda. Motion carried.

Marlene Kotab moved to accept the minutes from the 2016 conference. Motion carried. Marlene Kotab, Secretary Pro Tem, read the minutes from the April 20th, 2017 Executive Council meeting. Diane Kafka moved to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Reports of Committees:

The auditing committee's report showed no discrepancies in the treasurer's books. Treasurer Edna Steinberg reported a \$300 gift from the SDNGEA for the scholarship fund and the disbursement of \$50 to the Fort Meade Hospice Care System for the family hospitality room. Marlys List moved to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Diane Kafka moved to approve the life membership application of Dale Greenfield. Motion carried. The membership report showed 10 regular members and 20 associate members for 2018. Mary Williams moved to accept the membership report. Motion carried.

The Ways and Means Committee will conduct the basket fundraiser at the 2018 conference. Edna Steinberg moved to accept the report. Motion carried.

The 2017 \$1000 scholarship was awarded to Tyler Novak. His mother Kari accepted the award in his behalf. Marlene Kotab moved to offer two \$1000 scholarships for 2018. Motion carried. Marlys List, national scholarship committee member, reported that Amanda Farr was awarded a national scholarship at last year's conference. Scholarship amounts will increase for future national scholarships.

Area V Director Henderson reported that the 2017 National Conference is in Reno, Nevada. Mike Reeder is the new treasurer for Area V.

Edna Steinberg reminded all to report any contact with our senators or representative for the National Legislative Report.

Kayleen Meyers read her president's report. Marlene Kotab moved to accept the president's report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- The rug which Edna Steinberg donated for the National Conference Silent Auction brought approximately \$50.
- Suggestions were given for projects for the \$500 which was designated last year for donations.

New Business:

- Nominations for the 2018 Executive Council were Kayleen Meyers for President and Edna Steinberg for Treasurer/Membership Chairman.
- Marlys List was awarded the EANGUS Auxiliary's Distinguished Service Award.
- National Conference Delegates include Edna Steinberg, Marlys List, and Mike Reeder. Diane Kafka moved to allow \$150 to each after a conference report is submitted. Motion carried.
- Mary Williams and Diane Kafka were appointed to the Ways and Means Committee.
- Edna Steinberg moved to allow \$150 to the Missouri Shores Shelter in lieu of a brunch collection. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned until Saturday, April 22, 2017

South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary
53rd Annual Conference Meeting Minutes, Saturday, April 22, 2017

The 53rd Annual Conference meeting was reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Best Western Ramkota in Pierre, South Dakota.

President Kayleen Meyers called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chaplain Sherry Blackwell offered an invocation.

The roll call showed a quorum with the following executive council members in attendance: President Kayleen Meyers, Vice-President Marlene Kotab, Past-President Gayle Funk, Treasurer/Membership Chairman Edna Steinberg, Officer-at-Large Mary Williams, and Chaplain Sherry Blackwell. Area V Director Sharon Henderson was in attendance.

Edna Steinberg moved to deviate from the agenda. Motion carried.

The membership update showed 33 associate members and 16 regular members for 2018.

Old Business:

- Diane Kafka moved to donate the \$500 to the South Dakota National Guard Youth Camp. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Nominations for the 2018 Executive Council included: President Kayleen Meyers, Vice-President Alicia Engebretson, Secretary Kari Novak, Treasurer/Membership Chairman Edna Steinberg, and Officer-at-Large Mike Reeder.
- Gayle Funk moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers. Motion carried.
- Appointed officers include Leah Rollag, historian, and Sherry Blackwell, Chaplain.
- The installation of officers was conducted by Area V Director Sharon Henderson.
- Chaplain Sherry Blackwell conducted a memorial service for Irene Spencer and Gretchen Bowden.

Mike Reeder moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

Marlene Kotab, Secretary Pro Tem

Symbols for the Folds of the Flag (Information from the American Legion website)

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 veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The **fourth** fold represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace, as well as in times 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 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 our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

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

The **10th** fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.

The **11th** fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, 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 **12th** 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 Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it has the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under Gen. George Washington and the sailors and Marines who served under Capt. John Paul Jones and were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the U.S. Armed Forces, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

The source and the date of origin of this Flag Folding Procedure is unknown, however some sources attribute it to the Gold Star Mothers of America while others to an Air Force chaplain stationed at the United States Air Force Academy. Others consider it to be an urban legend. It is provided as a patriotic service to all.