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Happy March Everyone,

It is hard to believe that March is here and in true South Dakota fashion it has brought the wonderful ups and downs with weather that we all know and love. Hoping for the warm weather to come and stay soon but will enjoy it when we can get it. Hope this newsletter finds you all doing well.

My husband, daughter, and I attended the dining out in Pierre this year. Our daughter enjoyed getting to meet so many of the wonderful people of the military that we talk about. It was so great to see so many familiar faces.

We are looking forward to The 59th Annual State Conference. It is coming up on April 19-21st in Deadwood. If you haven't registered for the conference, I encourage you to do so. There is still plenty of time to register. 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 Draft Agenda is in this issue of the Messenger. I will post on Facebook as well. I will email and post any changes as they come up. There are many activities planned as well. Take a look and enjoy some of them while out in Deadwood for our annual meeting. It is going to be a great Conference.

I would like to invite any spouse of an Enlisted member to attend the Auxiliary meetings. I would love to see you all there. 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. Executive Council Meetings start on Thursday.

As always our membership drive for this year is underway. The applications for memberships can be found on the SDNGEA website. Membership strength and numbers help to support our voice on Legislative issues that impact all airmen, soldiers, and their families. I encourage anyone to contact me or another member if you have any questions about the Auxiliary.

For the past few years, the Auxiliary has offered 2-\$1000 scholarships. A family member must be a member for someone to be eligible to apply for the scholarships. I encourage all spouses of an Enlisted member to become an Auxiliary member. If you have any questions about this process please contact me or another member of the council. I look forward to hearing about our applicants that we have this year.

If you have any questions please contact me anytime. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Conference in March.

Kayleen Meyers

SDNGEA Auxiliary President

SILENT AUCTION BASKETS

We decided at the Conference in Pierre to do Silent Auction baskets at the Conference in Deadwood. If you have any ideas for these please contact myself or Mary Williams. I am currently crocheting an American Flag blanket for the Auction. If anyone has any ideas for baskets please let us know.

Mark Your Calendars!

National Conference

August 12-15, 2018

Charleston, WV

**Black Hills Veterans Honor
March**

September 15, 2018

Area V Caucus

May 18-19, 2018

Rochester, MN

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! WANTED:NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Looking for someone to help with the Newsletter. If anyone has an interest in being the Publication person/Editor for the Newsletter let me know. We would work together to put together the Newsletter mostly via email.

WANTED: NEWSLETTER ADDITIONS

If anyone has anything that they would like to add to the newsletter please send it to me via email or mail. I am looking for any articles that you may have found or projects for that DIY person out there. Would love to see/have more input.

"Surround yourself with people that reflect who you want to be and how you want to feel, energies are contagious."

Below are some pictures from the Legislative Dining Out in Pierre. A great time was had by all. If you have never attended the Dining Out , I encourage you to do so. The Enlisted Association has a meeting that day as well before the Dining Out begins and anyone can attend to listen in as to what is going on with the Association.



Below is the Agenda for the Conference. Once I have the meeting room that we will be in, I will send out another email with that information and any changes that there may be to the agenda. The Conference Dates and times of the meetings are based on the Enlisted Meetings.

2018 SDNGEA AUXILIARY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
Deadwood, South Dakota
April 19-21, 2018

THURSDAY, 19 April 2018

1400-1700	Registration
1500-1700	Auxiliary Executive Council Meeting
1700-0000	Hospitality Room

FRIDAY, 20 April 2018

0900-1200	Registration
0800-1130	Enlisted Committee Meetings
1100-1200	Retiree Luncheon
1230-1430	Business Session-Opening Ceremonies
1430-1445	Break (Session Separation)
1445-1730	Auxiliary Business Session
1730	1 st Business Session Adjourns
1730-1900	Social Hour
1900-2200	Evening Event-Medieval Costume and Events

SATURDAY, 21 April 2018

0630-0730	Past President's Breakfast
0800-1000	Auxiliary Business Meeting Reconvenes
1000	Meeting Adjourns
1000-1200	Brunch – Location TBD
1230-1800	Hospitality Room
1400-1700	Poker Run-Downtown, Walking Tour of the Dead-Self Guided
1800-1900	Social Hour (Awards Presentation)
1900-2100	Buffet

A cute little project I found that you can DIY at home!

You will need:

- 4x4 post
- White Paint
- Blue Paint
- Red Vinyl stripes
- White Vinyl Stars
- Rope for fuse
- Raffia
- Sander for edges
- Ink Pad for edges (optional)
- Painters tape
- 1" wood boring bit
- Glue gun

1. **Cut 3 pieces** from your 4x4 post.
30" for **tallest** firecracker
22" for **middle** firecracker
16" for **smallest** firecracker

2. **Spray paint** all 3 sticks **white**.

Spray the whole piece, all 4 sides and ends.

3. Once your white is dry, you will **paint the blue on**.

You will need to measure down from the top of each firecracker and **tape off with painters tape**.

I only used a strip or two of tape where I measured, enough to keep the blue away from the white.

I used a paint brush on this part to paint on the blue.

So you will need to measure down from the top:

- 9" on the **tallest** firecracker
- 7" on the **middle** firecracker
- 5.5" on the **smallest** firecracker

Make sure to paint the tops blue as well and don't worry if it is not a PERFECT blue line when you remove the tape, the raffia will cover up any messy parts! ;)

4. Apply **White Vinyl Stars**

5. Apply **Red Stripes** on each side of Firecracker

6. **Sand and distress your edges**

This gives it the **Antiqued** look.

7. Drill out a **hole** in the **top** of each firecracker for the "**fuse**" to stick out of
I used a 1" **wood boring bit** and drilled out a hole about 1 1/4" deep.

8. Place the **rope** into your **drilled out hole**.

I just cut a piece of rope off, no exact measurements.

I also put some **hot glue** down in the hole to help keep the rope in there secure.

9. Tie **raffia** around your fireworks where the blue line meets the white paint.

I used a little bit of hot glue on the back sides to secure the raffia to the wood.



All finished and cute, cute, cute!!!!