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## Upcoming Events

### FUTURE STATE CONFERENCES

April 16-18, 2020 - Huron, SD  
 April 15-17, 2021 - Fort Meade, SD  
 April 21-23, 2022 - Rapid City, SD  
 (co-located)  
 TBD 2023-Brookings, SD

### FUTURE NATIONAL CONFERENCES

August 9-12, 2020 - Little Rock, AR  
 Jul 31-Aug 4, 2021 -Albuquerque, NM

### FUTURE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS

February 6, 2020—Pierre, SD

### FUTURE BLACK HILLS VETERANS HONOR MARCH

September 19, 2020- Deadwood, SD

### NEXT ECHO DEADLINE

Spring 2020- Deadline for submissions is 15 February 2020

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# FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



By ISG Nate Hedin

Where does the time go? Can you believe that fall is already over? As I write this, there is more snow in the forecast and the temperatures have started to feel like winter. This means we're in the midst of our yearly membership drive! I've talked to both the Army and Air membership chairs and I have great hope that our membership numbers are increasing! I know there is already 2 Army units that have collected 100% of their dues! Everyone is now paying membership according to our updated fees. There is a coupon code available (on page 5) that will save members 10% off their yearly dues if they pay them online. Our strength

is our members and I challenge each of you to do whatever you can to increase our membership!

In September we had an executive council meeting in conjunction with the Black Hills Vet's March. We also had a significant number of people take advantage of a volunteer opportunity in Sioux Falls for a PGA Tour event! I truly appreciate everyone's dedication and willingness to give their time to events like the Vet's March and the PGA tour event! Your willingness puts our organization in the public spotlight and gives each of you a chance to speak to the issues that your organization advocates for. Please take advantage of those opportunities and share your story and that of the organization! These should also be looked at as opportunities to sign up corporate sponsors! If we can increase the number of corporate sponsors we have we will be able to keep State Conference attendance costs manageable for everyone! Please reach out to those business owners that you know and discuss the opportunity to become a corporate sponsor!

I want to say thank you again to everyone for placing your trust and confidence in me to serve as your President. I don't think I ever realized how much work truly happens behind the scenes to make our organization function. With that being said I want to publicly thank our longtime Executive Director, Bruce Anderson. His dedication to this organization is unmatched and I truly appreciate his mentorship, guidance and friendship! I would also like to thank the other members of the Executive Council. They have never failed to answer a call or an email no matter what time I reach out to them. I can assure you that they are dedicated to the success of this organization!

The next Executive Council meeting will be held on February 6, 2020 at 1400 hours in conjunction with the Legislative Dining Out in Pierre, SD. I would love to see you all there! Like I've previously stated I believe we can always improve on communication. I hope that we, as an organization, are improving on this! If anyone ever has a question about what we do, a comment on something we can do better, or something you'd like to see us advocate for please feel free to contact me any way you can!

Thank you all again for your service and for your dedication to our Association! It is truly one of my greatest honors to serve as the President of the best Enlisted Association in the US, your South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association! God bless each of you, your families, and America!

## FROM YOUR 2nd VICE, TSgt Derek Jaeger

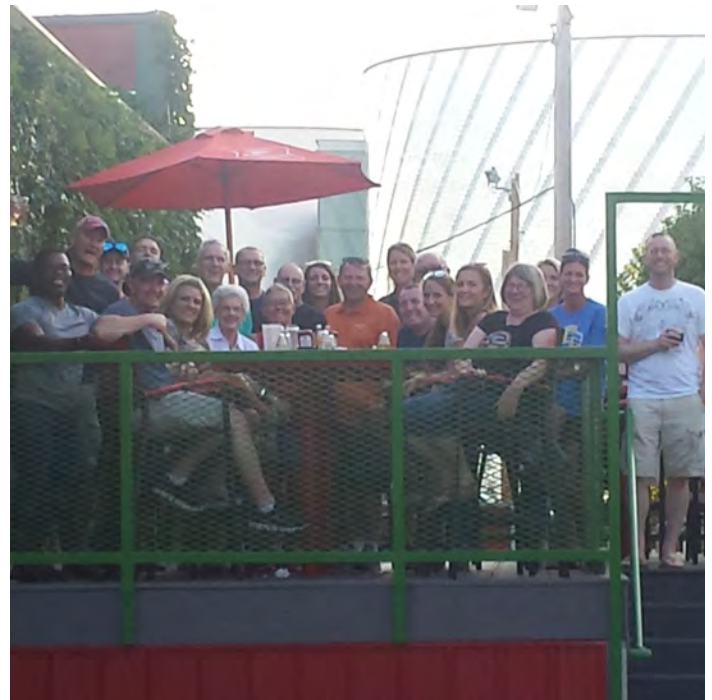


Well it appears that summer has come and gone and winter has started. It was sure a busy summer for the SDNGEA. The success of the state conference lead in to a successful national conference in August.

I had the privilege of attending my first even EANGUS National Conference this year in Des Moines, IA. After attending multiple state conferences, it was sure an eye-opening experience for me. From the opening ceremony to the many excellent speakers that came all the way from D.C. to address concerns ranging from recruiting and retention to VA benefits, there was not a dull moment for me as I learned as much as I could to take back to the members of the SD National Guard. During the conference I attended the national scholarship committee meeting. I am proud to announce that on the national level South Dakota had 14 applicants, the 2nd most out of any of the states, and came away with 3 winners, the most out of any state! The

winners are: Nathan Jahnig, dependent of 1SG Lester Jahnig. He received the CSM Virgil R Williams Scholarship. SrA Trevor Sik from the 114th Fighter Wing, he received the Patriot Scholarship. Julia Soukup, dependent of SSG Jeffrey Soukup. She received the Patriot Scholarship. Next year's EANGUS National Conference will be held in Little Rock, AR. If you have never attended a national conference, I highly recommend attending. The same goes for our state conferences as well.

With this year's college semester nearly complete, it is time to start thinking about next year. There will be four state level scholarships given away again for 2020. My goal is to have the scholarship application open prior to the semester break so be on the lookout for the application to open. Once again the most important eligibility criteria is that the applicant must be a member or a dependent of a member of the SDNGEA. These scholarship opportunities are just a few of many excellent reasons to be a member of such a great professional organization.



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## FROM YOUR 1st VICE, SSG Courtney Tyrrell



It is such a privilege to be able to attend the 2019 National EANGUS Conference, and I wish that all of you could come every year! This was my sixth National Conference and every year I learn so much. This year I served as the Area V (Army) By Laws Committee Representative and also participated in the Resolutions Committee Meeting. I was honored to represent SD and our organization in both committee meetings. Three of the four resolutions that SDNGEA sent to nationals were passed by the committee and conference body. There were 36 resolutions reviewed at the conference and 28 were approved. You can read the full report at <https://eangus.org> and click documents in the upper right corner.

It was also an honor to see Josh Wermers elected as the Area V Director (Army). Briana Grage was also elected as the Junior Enlisted Committee Area V Representative. What an honor to have these individuals serve our organization on a larger scale! South Dakota had 27 attendees at the National Conference and with that comes a very loud voice!

This is not only a networking opportunity, it is also a way to ensure that our voices and opinions are heard.

Next I would like to talk about our membership drive! As you know, we want you all to feel passionate about this organization. We also want you to tell your friends and help this organization grow! We get our seats at the National Conference from our membership strength. Please remember to pay your dues by December, although if you pay after that we will still accept you with open arms! We have to submit our numbers to the National EANGUS Office on 31 Dec and this is how they determine our delegates (voices) at the National Conference. The SDNGEA is a very powerful organization and we need as many members as possible in order to continue our legacy.

Most recently I attended our Executive Council Meeting in Deadwood, SD in conjunction with the Black Hills Veterans March and Marathon. We always have great meetings and events, and if you want to learn more about either, please let me know! We are also always looking for volunteers to help with the Black Hills Veterans March throughout the year!

This year has brought big changes for me and I am very excited to see what will happen next! Our next event will be the SDNG Military Dining Out in Pierre, SD in February and I would love to see you there! If you have any ideas on how I can improve the SDNGEA or EANGUS, please let me know!



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## National Conference Thoughts

*By SrA Sierra McConnell*

For my first experience at the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, I attended the Professional Development briefings. These briefings allowed me to see what goes on behind the scenes of EANGUS. It gave me a basic understanding of what the association works on throughout the year and how often things are changing. This conference really gave me hope for the future of the Air and Army National Guard, because of our senior leadership. They really showed to us that every Airman and Soldier are important and critical to the mission. At the end of the conference, I enjoyed attending the banquet and awards ceremony where all 54 states and territories were recognized. One thing I would suggest is not stretching out the days so long to where we have minimal time to change for the evening events. Overall, I appreciated the hard work and time that was put into this conference and I would love to attend Little Rock, AR next year.

## FROM YOUR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT, KAYLEEN MEYERS



I hope this finds you all in good health and enjoying a little bit of the cooler weather. School has started for us and the winter season is upon us.

The EANGUS National Conference was held this past August in Des Moines. The SDNGEA Auxiliary had 3 members attending as delegates: Edna Steinberg, Marlys List, and Mike Reeder. It sounds like the conference went well. I have enjoyed reading a report from the conference and look forward to hearing more about it.

Membership dues are being collected for 2020 through December 31st 2019. If you have family that are interested in Auxiliary Scholarships they must have someone who is signed up as a member of the SDNGEA and The SDNGEA Auxiliary for 2018. Eligibility criteria and application forms can be downloaded from the SDNGEA website under the Auxiliary tab.

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 at any time please don't hesitate to contact me.

## SAVE THE DATE—2020 Military Dining Out

*2020 South Dakota National Guard Military Dining Out*

*Ramkota River Center, Pierre, South Dakota*

*6 February 2020*

*Social at 6:00 pm*

*Dinner at 7:00 pm*

*Program at 8:00 pm*

*Military: Semi-Formal or Mess Dress*

*Civilian: Semi-Formal*

## National Conference Resolutions

*This is a list of the approved 2019 Resolutions and the standing 2018 Resolutions and which state/organization submitted the resolution. For more information on each resolution please see the EANGUS Resolutions Report 2019 at [www.sdngca.com](http://www.sdngca.com)*

- NR19-01 Military Skills Credit Impact on Satisfactory Academic Progress (Submitted by OH)  
 NR19-02 Insurance to match Retiree Pay Age (Submitted by OH)  
 NR19-03 Language Change in Post 9/11 GI Bill (Submitted by OH)  
 NR19-04 Tax Credit for Employers who have National Guard Soldiers currently deployed and/or on State Active Duty Orders. (Submitted by OH)  
 NR19-05 Two Year Military Budget (Submitted by OH)  
 NR19-06 Increase in FSGLI coverage for dependent children. (Submitted by SD)  
 NR19-07 Transfer eligibility of Post 911 GI Bill. (Submitted by SD)  
 NR19-08 TriCare Retired Reserve rate re-evaluation for grey area retiree's. (Submitted by SD)  
 NR19-09 Tricare for Retirees (Submitted by KY)  
 NR19-10 Decrease requirements for reserve component (Submitted by KY)  
 NR19-11 Safe Haven (ARNG/ANG) Entitlement and Eligibility (Submitted by FL)  
 NR19-12 Retirement Points for State Active Duty (SAD) (Submitted by WV)  
 NR19-13 DSG Maternity Leave (Submitted by WI)  
 NR19-14 Veterans Preference Points (Submitted by WI)  
 NR19-15 Expanding the Military Student Identifier (MSI) in the "Every Student Succeeds Act" (Submitted by MN)  
 NR19-16 Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) status while eligible for TRICARE due to mobilization orders (Submitted by MN)  
 NR19-17 Reserve Component Service Member Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Improvement Act (Submitted by MN)  
 NR19-18 Burn Pit Accountability (Submitted by MN)  
 NR19-19 Honoring American Veterans in Extreme Need (HAVEN) Act (Submitted by MN)  
 NR19-20 VA Overpayments (Submitted by MN)  
 NR19-21 Chiropractic Care in Tricare (Submitted by MN)  
 NR19-22 Space-A travel (Submitted by MN)  
 NR19-23 Amending 10 USC 1209, section 12304b (Submitted by MN)  
 NR19-24 Direct Pay for Tricare Reserve Select (Submitted by MN)  
 NR19-25 Health Care Benefit Enhancement (Submitted by MN)  
 NR19-26 GRAP Investigation Oversight (Submitted by IL)  
 NR19-27 GAP Insurance (Submitted by LA)  
 NR19-28 Support of the structure and equipment issues that are endorsed by the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) and the Adjutants General Association of the United States (AGAUS) (Submitted by EANGUS Resolutions Committee)  
 NR19-29 EANGUS appreciation of Des Moines, Iowa The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Iowa and Auxiliary (Submitted by EANGUS Resolutions Committee)  
 NR18-01 Eligibility for CONUS Cost -of-Living Allowance (COLA) for National Guard Enlisted Soldiers and Airmen Assigned to a Permanent Duty Station in the Washington, D.C. Metro Area (DC053) (Submitted by Area II, NGB T-10 Chapter )  
 NR18-02 Dual-Status Technician Maternity & Paternity Leave (Submitted by SD)  
 NR18-03 Mothers of Military Service Leave Act (Submitted by SD)  
 NR18-04 Recoupment or Termination of incentives after receiving Technician or AGR positions (Submitted by SD)  
 NR18-05 Concurrent Receipt of Federal Tuition Assistance (TA) and MGIB (Submitted by SD)  
 NR18-06 Allow Bonus Incentives for All National Guard Service Members (Submitted by SD)  
 NR18-07 Allow National Guard Airmen to receive education benefits comparable to National Guard Soldiers (Submitted by SD)  
 NR18-08 Technician re-enlistment incentive eligibility (Submitted by SD)  
 NR18-09 AGR re-enlistment incentive eligibility (Submitted by SD)  
 NR18-10 Tricare gap Government shutdown coverage (Submitted by UT)  
 NR18-11 Assistance to Air Guardsmen Completing Application for Retirement (Submitted by WY)  
 NR18-12 Decentralization of Air National Guard Funding for Recruiting Advertising (Submitted by WY)  
 NR18-13 ANG Tuition Assistance Equality (Submitted by MT)  
 NR18-14 Pilot Program for a combined Department of Defense (DoD) University (Submitted by KS)  
 NR18-15 Implementing Space-A for National Guardsmen, Reservists, "Gray Area" Retirees and their Dependents, and Eligible Surviving Spouses and their Depend (Submitted by HI)

# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

*Cadillac Jacks, Deadwood, SD*  
 September 20, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 1600 hours. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Nathan Hedin. The President welcomed all distinguished guests; there were 5 past presidents in the room. Josh Wermers made a motion to deviate from the agenda as needed. Bruce second. Motion carried.

## ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and the following members were present: Nate Hedin, Courtney Tyrrell, Derek Jaeger, Josh Wermers, proxy for Anna Simons, Chris Montileaux, Charles Butler proxy for Don Kranz, Mark Jensen, proxy for Raechel Oyen, Jordan Wagenaar proxy for Rick Vanden Hoek, Charles Fincher, Braiden Smith, proxy for Karen Tucker, Joshua Schaefer, proxy for Meagan Krahn, Helen Juelfs proxy for Rorie Gregor, proxy for Sarah Henle, Charles Butler, Robert Cole, Kayleigh Cihak, Rod McRae proxy for Briana Grage, Roderick McRae, David Frock, and Robert Aiken. Enough were present for a quorum.

## MINUTES

The minutes from the last meeting were published in the ECHO. Dale Greenfield made a motion to accept the minutes as published and David Frock second it. Motion carried.

## TREASURES REPORT

Anna Simons was TDY at this time so President Nate Hedin gave the report. The checking account has \$86,584.86, the savings account has \$506.48, and there are 2 CDs at Dakota Bank with no changes. The report suggested that we transfer \$50,000 to savings. As the treasurer, she has the authority to do this without voting. Be sure to fill out expense vouchers and get them back to Nate Hedin. Josh Wermers made a motion to accept the report as presented and Helen Juelfs second it. Motion carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Member At Large – Area 5: Derek Jaeger presented the report on behalf of Rachel Oyen. Rachel attended her first National Conference and it inspired her to become the Area V Committee Member at Large. She is looking forward to gaining for knowledge about the Association overall. For the 2019 Membership Drive, Area V utilized the Area Rep stipend to purchase four \$50 BX gift cards. Anyone who paid their lifetime dues in September was entered into a drawing for one of the gift cards. During September drill there was 23 lifetime



membership dues paid and another 44 annual dues paid. They are planning to set up a table at the Turkey Feed during November drill for members to pay online using the coupon code. Still looking for an OG Rep. Motion to accept the report. Approved. Report will be filed.

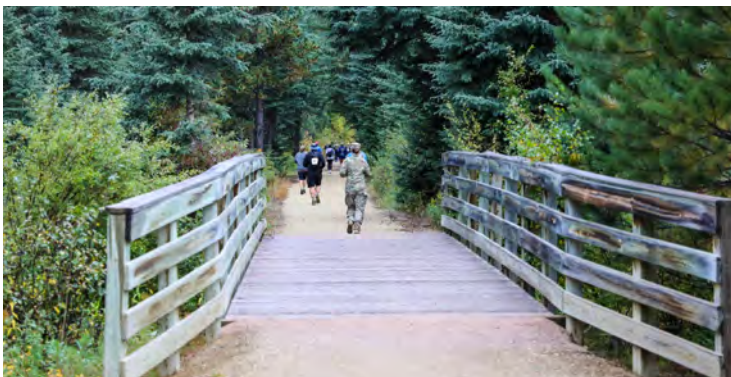
Insurance Report was given by Josh Schaefer. The committee has paid out one \$1000 claim. Josh Wermers also mentioned that our Regional Rep will be visiting the full-timers in the near future. The Association gets a certain percentage for all new plans. If your units want to get a brief, let Dave Burr know. Please encourage every member to designate a beneficiary.

Scholarships report was presented by Derek Jaegar. He has updated the 2020 forms and would like to open the application in mid-November and have it close by 7 March 2020. The winners will be announced at the State Conference in April.

Membership report was presented by Tabitha Carr. Current paid membership was at 2405, and she had about 60 forms that still needed to be input. Kelsey and Tabitha got the website updated with new units and eliminated detachments. A 10% discount code has been pushed out. Motion to accept the report. Approved. Report will be filed.

Legislative Report was presented by Josh Wermers. SD is still under recess. Nationally, we are looking at the Veterans Education Program which has received an invitation to give notice in front of Congress to try and beef up our benefits. They will explain the difference between the Guard and the Regular Army on that behalf. Continuing resolution is coming soon, so hopefully they pass a budget. At the end of this year sequestration could come back into effect. Report will be filed.

Resolutions from Nationals was presented by Courtney Tyrrell. SD submitted 4 resolutions and 3 of them were approved by the conference body. The three that were approved were the increase in family SGLI for children, transfer eligibility for Post 9-11 GI Bill, and Tricare Retired Reserve re-evaluation for Gray Area retirees. The resolution that did not pass was TSP contribution after ETS. Judi Perkins is our National Resolutions chairman and she recently sent out





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an email stating that a resolution that was submitted and approved at the 2018 National EANGUS conference become law recently. President Donald Trump signed legislation on August 23rd that prevents debt collectors from seizing Veterans disability compensations if they declare bankruptcy. It's called the Honoring American Veterans in Extreme Need or Haven Act. The MOMS Act is close to passing. In total there were 33 resolutions sent to Nationals and 28 passed. Report will be filed.

Publications was presented by Nate Hedin on behalf of Sarah Callies. Deadline for the fall/winter ECHO is 1 October. The summer ECHO was packed full of information. At this time, she has received a History Committee Report from Don List and an EANGUS report from SrA McConnell. Resolutions from National will be included. Pictures from the National conference and from the Veterans March would be appreciated. Continue to look for corporate sponsors. If you went to Nationals, please write an article about your experience for the ECHO. Report will be filed.

BHMMM update was presented by Josh Wermers. We started with 16 marchers for the 110 miler, but 2 fell out after day 2. Also Mission 22 guy, Chris Cooper, has been doing FB live every day tracking his experience. There are people from Norway, Germany, Arizona, Missouri, and other areas that registered this year. There were 205 registered marchers with 5 relay teams this year. We got a new medal for the 110-mile event. And, there is a good crop of volunteers to assist with the event so excited to see how things go. Report will be filed.

Constitution and By-Laws (State and National) was presented by Bruce Anderson. He will continue to review things for administrative corrections. Right now, there is nothing major at the national level pertaining to verbiage. If there are any changes other than administrative it has to be voted on by the body to be approved. Report will be filed.

Ways and Means was presented by Kayleigh Cihak. The National Conference had good discussion. They made a big push for corporate sponsors and how to get things rolling. The committed would like to push for retirees to help at SRP's for the membership drive. Bob Aiken has volunteered to help. Nate Hedin will send out the corporate sponsor flyer, and it is also in the ECHO. Report will be filed.

National EANGUS Area V Director: Josh Wermers was voted in this last August and is one of the three Area V directors. He is on the Strategic Plans committee and was tasked with working on governance and membership at the national level.

Sponsorship was presented by Bruce Anderson. We had sponsored individuals for the National and State Conference this year so please reach out to them to get their articles for the ECHO.

## OLD BUSINESS

2019 State Conference After Action Report was presented by Nancy Ausland. This last year's conference was co-located with the officers in Sioux Falls. The financial report, is typically a \$32k budget. The committee did receive \$5500 in



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\$10,000	\$3.66		\$10,000	\$4.00
\$15,000	\$5.33		\$15,000	\$6.00
\$20,000	\$7.00		\$20,000	\$7.00
\$25,000	\$8.67		\$25,000	\$8.67
\$35,000	\$12.00		<b>DEPENDENTS</b>	
\$50,000	\$17.00		\$2,000	\$1.33
			\$5,000	\$3.33
			\$10,000	\$6.67

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corporate sponsors, but most of the financing comes from the registration fees. There was 135 enlisted members registered. There are some benefits to putting on a co-located conference with the officers because they cover a good portion of the expenses. She also encouraged anyone who is a conference chair to be involved for 2 years prior to the event to make sure everything runs smoothly to include the contract with the venue. The remaining balance was split between the enlisted and officers and we received a check for \$2390. There is a \$1000 stipend pay back that typically goes to the Annual Conference. Nancy made a motion that the remaining \$1390 be passed on to the Huron 2020 Conference Committee. Tabitha Carr second. Motion passed.

Area V Caucus Update was presented by Bruce Anderson. The next meeting will be in Wisconsin in May 2020. More information will be forwarded once we receive it. There should be room for 1 or 2 more people to attend. If anyone is interested, please get your name to Bruce Anderson.

2019 National Conference Recap – Derek Jaeger was a first-time attendee. He said it was a great experience to see the big picture of things and how the organization does business. He also enjoyed the distinguished guest and speakers and the information they put out. The SGM Conference was co-located and they are looking at doing it in conjunction with the National Conference from here on out. This allowed them to be involved with the business sessions and to interact with the conference attendees.

2020 State Conference Update was presented by Dale Greenfield. If you are planning on attending, please make sure you make your room reservations and complete your registration. Friday night there will be a taco bar at the Crossroads, and Saturday night there will be a buffet. The committee is still working on the activities and entertainment. Saturday night we will have the 147th Band. Currently working on sponsors for the breaks.

Table Clothes and items for SRP's – Kayleigh Cihak is working with recruiting to help with display and items.

### NEW BUSINESS

Guest speaker - Mark Urban is a Suicide Outreach Specialist with the VA. He came to support the BHVM, and to provide material for the race participants. He is also a good resource that is available to anyone that wants him to come in and give a presentation. Mark will be competing in the mini march this year as well. Nate Hedin suggested that he come to our State Conference in April and present to the entire body.

Nancy Ausland made a motion that each State conference committee forward their unused funds to the next year's conference committee. Kayleigh Cihak second. Discussion was that some locations want to keep the funds in their city so that the next time that city hosts, the surplus money stays there. Lots of the money comes from the city. The money needs to be managed to avoid inactivity fees. The

financials should be reported to the executive council in the end of State Conference AAR, and should be managed within that city. Motion and second was retracted.

A new veterans cemetery will be coming soon to the East Side of the State. Bruce Anderson suggested that we sponsor flags or poles for this cemetery since the Association supports the Black Hills National Cemetery each year. Neil Harris is already involved in this process and will keep us posted.

A couple years ago EANGUS commissioned a painter to paint a print and it's called "The Guardian". The original painting was offered up to SD first and Bruce Anderson accepted it. The idea is to find a state building for it to be displayed in. Bruce Anderson is trying to get in touch with Greg Whittlock. There is no room in the museum. It was suggested to talk to the new SEL or maybe look at the State Veterans Home. The goal would be to find a more public location for everyone to see. It will probably go to the Soldier and Sailor museum because they have room.

Bruce Anderson suggested that we try to get more rooms in the host hotel for the military legislative dining out.

Kelsey Lambert has been working hard with the Young Heros Program. There will be a presentation on October 27th in Hermosa, SD.

### Future State Conferences

2021 – Josh Wermers – Fort Meade, SD: Looking at having an Old School Theme and having a speak easy. Let Josh know if you would like to help with the conference committee.

2022 – Co-Located in Rapid City. Looking for a chairman. Cody Becker is the Officer chair.

2023 – Brookings – Barb Boyer

### Future National Conferences

2020 Little Rock, AR

2021 Albuquerque, NM

2022 Rochester, MN

### ADJOURNMENT

The date and time of the next Executive Council Meeting will be at the Ramkota in Pierre, SD on 6 February 2020 at 1400 hours.

With nothing further to discuss, Bob Aiken made a motion to adjourn and Helen Juelfs seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 1715 hours.

## From your Area V Director, Josh Wermers

I did mention in my Presidents Report that I would still be involved in your association, and I meant it. Days after President Hedin took over as your State President, I was asked by national leadership to fill in for one of the area V directors, and of course I said yes. I was sworn in the day before the National Conference at the council meeting and ended up being the only director out of 3 able to attend the conference. I had the pleasure of running the Area V Caucus and sitting on the floor as a voting member for the area. Lots of good things happened in Des Moines that your delegates and attendees have explained in this issue. I was elected as your director for the next 2 years and hope to serve you well. I was asked by the EANGUS President, Karen Craig to be the Vice Chair of the Membership Committee and was voted in by the Area Caucus to sit on the newly formed Strategic Planning Committee. I hope to accomplish big things and keep you informed in the next couple years. Thank you for your continued support.



SrA Sierra McConnell, SD's Professional Development Attendee with Chief Master Sergeant Ronald Anderson Jr., Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air National Guard



# Committee on History Report

TO: EANGUS Delegates

FROM: Committee on History

DATE: August 7, 2019

SUBJECT: Committee on History Report

Committee on History met on 6 August 2019 in room 315 at 1:30 pm. In attendance:

Area 1 – Mihalko

Area 2 – Clifford/Kuykendall

Area 3 – Dennis

Area 4 – No Representative

Area 5 – List/Coker

Area 6 – Zahn

Area 7 – Toyama

Committee Chair – Harris

Past President #4 – Hendricks\*

Past President #6 – Monastra

Past President #7 – Nathe

Past President #10 – Ross\*

Past President #12 – Dell\*

Past President #13 – Brown\*

Past President #14 – Lever\*

Past President #15 – Hagan\*

Past President #16 – Helbert

\* = Not present

## Agenda:

### EANGUS Memorial Prints

- Past President Prints Available and reserved for Past Presidents by number.
- \$100.00 each and they will order online and have their number shipped.
- What to do with Print #1, 2, 3, etc.?
  - Contact Family and frame it and donate it.
  - Donate to the State
  - NG State Museum

### Memorial Book

- Rules – should there be a standard set of rules, or state by state?
- Present the following options to the EC at the next meeting.
  - Recommendation is that States decide on how their pages are governed, who goes in it, whether a page with mistakes gets retyped, or if the page remains as is.
  - Begin a Virtual Online Memorial Book that States can update instantly. Update the real memorial book from those online pages.
  - Scan the pages we have and put those online.
    - Mnmilitarymuseum.org as an example.

### History Book

- Create an Annual “Year in Review” book for EANGUS that shows significant events:
  - Worthwhile to pursue.

### EANGUS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- Recommend re-charter the State Associations, but need charter criteria determined by EANGUS.
- Collector’s Item 50<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Conference Coins.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference Book with old photos and documents.
  - Get with Heritage about 1984-Present issues if those issues still exist
  - Get with Tony Nathe about formatting, writing, proofing, etc.
  - Do a page for each year.



## Committee on History Report Continued

- Past President Nathe has typed Virgil Williams Speeches from the early days of EANGUS and we should scan and make those available in the 50<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Conference Book.
- Get with Donavon and Marlys List (and others) about historical docs to include in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary room with Artifacts
- Special Conference Name Badges
- U.S. Presidential Proclamation on the EANGUS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary EANGUS Pin

### Medallions

- Need to get the left over medallions to the States.

### Place Past President Administration Information on website and App

- Information will include achievements of EANGUS during their term.
- Also include challenges and significant events that occurred during their term.

### Recognize Past Presidents

- Single seat/area with a list of the names.
- Seat cover that simply says "In Memory of".
- Past President Chairs and Slide Show with photo, number, and years

### Interview/Videos – Need to get interview videos from previous Committee Chair for editing and publishing.

- Past Presidents
- Mike Cline

### New Business

- Need to locate Sonny Montgomery original docs that were done on typewriter from Nate Monastra, who gave them to the National Office.
- Get group to go through boxes during legislative workshop. Make it part of the agenda. Debra Clifford should be in charge of this effort.
- Re-organize all of the historical files and items into boxes by year.
- Preserve historical documents into frames for safekeeping in the National Office.

Respectfully,

John Harris  
Chairman, Committee On History



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# 2020 SDNGEA Conference Registration

## 16 – 18 April 2020

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Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference registration	\$ 50.00 per person	x	_____	=	_____
Registration includes Friday night meal and Saturday Banquet meal.					
	Additional banquet ticket \$30.00	x	_____	=	_____
			Total		_____

**Tentative Schedule:**

Thursday, 16 April 2020	1600	Executive Council Meeting
Friday, 17 April 2020	0800	Committee Meetings
	1300	Business Meeting
	1800	Meal /Evening Activity
Saturday, 18 April 2020	0800	Business Meeting
	1300	Activities
	1800	Banquet

*Rooms registration: Crossroads Hotel, 605-352-3204, Room rate \$82.99 plus tax.*

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