

**South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association  
Executive Council Meeting  
1300 CST, 2 February 2023  
Ramkota, Pierre, SD**

**Call to Order** **Derek Jaeger**

**Pledge of Allegiance** **Derek Jaeger**

**Introduction of Special Guests** **Derek Jaeger**

- Area V Director Nate Hedin, Past President Jerry Eisenbraughn, Past President Josh Wermer, Senior Enlisted Leader CSM Pat Couser, TAG MG Jeffery Marlette, COL Marshall Michels, 2023 Conference Chair SFC Barb Boyer

**TAG Address** **MG Jeffery Marlette**

- 100% State Tuition Assistance is in the works, and getting closer to fruition without any impact on GI Bill
- BOMA (Board of Military Affairs) committee is going away due to obsolescence of needs
- New Sioux Falls Readiness Center budgeting has been challenging but continuing to look for funding of this project and additional projects. Watertown will be getting a maintenance center built
- COVID vaccine mandate is still waiting for additional guidance on how to move forward in certain areas. The ANG discharged already but ARNG still has the Soldiers who refused the vaccine mandate on the rolls. Recruiting has been challenging.
- ANG FTA approval email was sent out yesterday

**Roll Call** **Courtney Tyrrell**

- Roll call of Executive Council was conducted with the following members present: Derek Jaeger, Tabby Carr, Jerico Witte, Nate Hedin, Courtney Tyrrell, Rick VandenHoek, Jeremy Eccleston proxy for Karen Tucker, Josh Wermers proxy for Josh O'Dae, Tabby Carr proxy for 152<sup>nd</sup> BN Rep, Jerico Witte proxy for Charles Butler, Nate Hedin proxy for Kayleigh Cihak, Kelsey Lambert, Michael Rollag, Chris Achen, Rick VandenHoek proxy for Sarah Callies, David Frock, Jerry Eisenbraughn proxy for Bob Aiken. Quorum was met.

**Approval of Minutes** **Derek Jaeger**

- The minutes from the last meeting are posted on the website and there was no discussion about them. A motion to accept them as posted was made by Rick VandenHoek, and seconded by Chris Achen. Motion carried.

**Treasure Report**

- No official report. Currently the treasurer position is vacant, but the company that files our taxes is able to complete the duties and more information will be presented at the State Conference. Estimated cost would be \$100 per month, in addition to the tax filing charges of about \$400. This would be a by-laws change. Filed as presented.

### **Membership Report**

**Helen Juelfs**

- Substantially down in membership numbers. 31 Dec 2022 was 1261 members paid, 6 delegates for National Conference.
- Kelsey Lambert suggested utilizing some of our Insurance Payment funds to pay for memberships and have Officer Association pay for E-3 and below membership fees, similar to what Mississippi Enlisted Association practices.
- Tabitha Carr voiced that we need to get people to our events to show them the importance of the SDNGEA.
- BHVMM committee is entertaining the idea of paying membership dues for anyone who volunteers to help with their event.
- Filed as presented.

### **Area V Committee Member at Large Report**

**Rick Vanden Hoek**

- Set tables up at the Turkey Feed and also at the dining facilities during drills. Has been promoting the SDNGEA to the Chiefs Council to get the importance of the organization shared from the top down. Additionally, trying to get a spot on the newcomers briefing. Lots of events this year make time a valuable commodity. Filed as presented.

### **Scholarship Report**

**Tabby Carr**

- The application has been out for 6 weeks and no applications have been received yet. Filed as presented.

### **Senior Enlisted Leader**

**Patrick Couser**

- Very thankful for the support that the SDNGEA has shown him over the last 4 years. He plans to retire but also looks forward to staying involved in the organization. Filed as presented.

### **Introduction of Utah Enlisted Association Guests**

**Nate Hedin**

- Three members of the Utah Enlisted Association came to our EC Meeting and plan to attend the Legislative Dining Out. They are going to try and start a similar event in Utah.

### **Legislation Update**

**Josh Wermers**

- Looking forward to the upcoming workshop in Washington DC.
- TAG addressed all of the legislative updates.

### **BHVMM**

**Josh Wermers**

- 2022 event was the largest event to date, 368 participants with volunteers.

- Paid for 9 enlisted members SDNGEA dues.
- Veteran organizations that will be present to receive donations include the following: SD Veteran Service Animals, Final Salute Inc, Black Hills National Cemetery, and Black Hills Veterans Hospice.
- 2023 is the 20<sup>th</sup> event! Looking for additional volunteers to help year round with planning. Filed as presented.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Accounting Services**

**Nate Hedin**

- Tabitha Carr made a motion to have Nate Hedin establish a contract Northern Hills Business and Tax to do our treasure book keeping, in addition to our taxes. Seconded by Michael Rollag. Discussion about the contract timeframe, and it was believed that it would be a rolling contract. Motion Carried.

### **Executive Council Vacancy**

**Derek Jaeger**

- Looking for additional committee members to fill voids in our Executive Council.
- Looking at changing some positions in the EC. One suggestion is to eliminate the Area Committee Members at Large and replace them with a marketing chairperson, Sponsorship chairperson, and also refine some other positions. Suggestions due to Tabby Carr by 1 Mar. Filed as presented.

### **Resolutions**

**Courtney Tyrrell**

- Please submit resolutions to Courtney Tyrrell at courtneytotton@yahoo.com before the conference or bring ideas to the state conference. Filed as presented.

### **2023 Conference**

**Barb Boyer**

- Fliers and registration forms are ready to be distributed for the 13-15 April 2023 conference in Brookings, SD.
- Wilbert Square Event Center is for Friday. It is a newer venue with great meeting rooms, hospitality rooms, and ball room. Block of rooms is available at the Comfort Inn and Suites. Saturday will be at the Old Sanctuary, a renovated church event space. Events for Saturday may include a pub tour, golf simulator, corn hole tournament, Merlot and Masterpiece, trap shooting.
- Fundraising is starting and the theme of the conference is "The Great American Cookout". Looking into dueling pianos and a comedy improv for entertainment. Filed as presented

### **Air National Guard Fishing Tournament Recap**

**Michael Rollag**

- Very thankful for the donation for the event.
- Hero Haven is another organization that is very generous organization worth sharing with our members.

**Future State Conferences****Derek Jaeger**

- 13-15 April 2023 – Brookings – Barb Boyer
- 19-21 April 2024 – Chamberlain – Tabitha Carr and Courtney Tyrrell
- 2025 – Sioux Falls or Deadwood – Combined Conference

**Future National Conferences****Derek Jaeger**

- 13-16 Aug 2023 – Rochester, MN
- 2024 – Detroit, MI

**Area V Caucus****Derek Jaeger**

- 28-29 April 2023 in Rochester, MN

**Black Hills Veterans March and Marathon****Josh Wermers**

- 16 Sep 2023 – Deadwood, Sd

**ADJOURNMENT**

The date and time of the next Executive Council Meeting will be prior to the State Conference in Brookings, SD on 13 April 2023 at 1600 hours.

With nothing further to discuss, Courtney Tyrrell motioned for adjournment and Jeremy Eccelston seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1455hours.