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Upcoming Events

FUTURE STATE CONFERENCES

13-15 April 2023-Brookings, SD
 19-21 April 2024-Chamberlain, SD
 TBD 2025-Sioux Falls or Deadwood
 (co-located)

FUTURE NATIONAL CONFERENCES

13-16 August 2023 - Rochester, MN
 TBD 2024—Detroit, MI

FUTURE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS

April 13, 2023— Brookings, SD

FUTURE BLACK HILLS VETERANS HONOR MARCH

September 16, 2023- Deadwood, SD

NEXT ECHO DEADLINE

Summer 2022- Deadline for submissions is 15 May 2023

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From Your President



By MSgt Derek Jaeger

2022 has come and gone in what seems to be a blink of an eye and here we are in 2023. As we are nearing the end of my final term as your SDNGEA President, I want to thank everyone for the excellent support and trust in me as I lead this great organization. There have been some bumps and struggles along the way, but I have learned so much and am confident in the future of this great Association.

As an Association, 2022 was another tough year for membership. We are down several hundred members again. I want to continue to see and am taking it upon myself to be more vocal and out in the crowd speaking with people about the greatness of the Enlisted Association. I want to see us reverse this downward trend that has been plaguing our Association for the past several years. I am willing to help wherever but cannot do it alone. I challenge every one of you, whether you are a part of the council or not, to help me spread the word about what the Enlisted Association does for the members of the National Guard and their families. There are so many great benefits for being part of SDNGEA and EANGUS. We all know about the scholarships, but there are also life insurance policies, corporate discounts, and employment assistance programs for being a member. Let's not forget the best part of being in the Enlisted Association, the great people and networking opportunities that our meetings and conferences offer!

This year will be our 64th Annual State Conference! It is being held at the Comfort Suites Wilbert Square Event Center in Brookings, SD on the 14th and 15th of April. The evening events are sure to be crowd pleasers with dueling pianos on Friday evening and an improv comedy duo on Saturday evening. We have some excellent speakers lined up for the opening sessions and will be discussing many things that will surely impact the Enlisted Association and South Dakota National Guard now and in the future. Be sure to go to sdngea.com to register for the conference or speak with any of your Enlisted Association reps.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for the outstanding support and confidence as I have served as your Association President these past two years. While my time as President may be done, that doesn't mean I will no longer be active in the Enlisted Association. I will continue to be a strong supporter and voice for SDNGEA and EANGUS and support those who take the reins after me. I look forward to seeing each of you in April and if you ever have any questions or concerns you can contact me at djaeger44@gmail.com.

MSgt Derek Jaeger
 President- SDNGEA

From Your 2nd Vice, SSG Tabitha Carr

This is a very important issue of the Echo. The last one before the state conference and I have a lot of By-Law change proposals. Attached to the ECHO are the current by-law changes that have my proposed changes, additions, and removals. These will be voted on during the state conference. This is my last year as your 2nd vice, but I am hoping that with these changes we can re-grow the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association and make our executive council a bit more effective.

I know Barb Boyer and her team has been working hard to make sure that we have a great conference in Brookings this year and I hope to see all of the "normal" attendees as well as a bunch of new faces. This organization really does want what's best for Soldiers, Airmen, families and even the employers that support you, but to do that we need your support. Make your voice heard. Also, if you or someone you know would be a great addition to the executive council, please reach out. We are always looking for active participants and new ideas.

Here is a quick synopsis of the pages to find the changes on:

Page 12 and Page 13: (comment box)

Page 16: (removal)

Page 18: Removal, Addition (in green), the 2 in yellow were already yellow...so not sure if that's from previous years.

Page 19: Removal, Additions, Comment boxes with changes

Page 20: full removal

Page 22: 2 removals

Page 23: addition

Page 24: addition

Page 27: comment box (just a correction)

I look forward to seeing you all in April!

Proposed By-laws Change to Membership

In addition to SSG Carr's By-Law change proposals above, the below was identified by MSgt Derek Jaegar

Situation: At the EANGUS Conference in Little Rock, it was passed that there is a new digital membership option available for the states to use. This is the "New to the Guard" digital membership, which is offered free of charge as a 1 time use only option. Initially, there was little direction on how this would work so the council elected not to pursue it as a state. After sitting in on a national membership committee meeting, hearing how the program will work, and speaking with Past President John Harris, I believe that it is a beneficial option to add to our membership to better introduce new members to the Enlisted Association.

Current By-law Paragraph:

Article II Section 2 (Page 4) currently reads: Section 2: Membership in this Association shall be \$15.00 annually for E-1 through E-4, \$25.00 annually for E-5 & E-6, and \$40.00 annually for E-7 through E-9, which includes the national EANGUS (\$11.00) membership. Any National dues increase will be added to this structure as the situation at the time may dictate. The retired membership dues shall be \$5.00 per year for the Association dues plus the National Association dues in effect at that time.

Proposed change:

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SD National Guard Retirement Medal Policy Proposal

Subject: Policy to implement a Retirement Medal after honorably serving twenty years in the South Dakota National Guard.

1. Purpose: Provide the Adjutant General (TAG) and South Dakota legislature with a proposal to implement a stand-alone retirement medal/decoration for South Dakota National Guard (SDNG) personnel who retire from the SDNG and have completed a minimum of twenty years of honorable service.
2. Position: When a SONG member retires, they are eligible for an existing meritorious service award based on "his or her years of service, degree of responsibility, and manner of performance." Based on this criteria a Guardsman's level of award is heavily weighted on their degree of responsibility and highest rank achieved. The SDNG currently has no individual award that is based solely on twenty years of honorable service to this state and closes out a Guardsman's career at retirement.
3. Key Points
 - a. Guardsmen who retire after twenty years of honorable service are leaving their respective units without the proper recognition for faithful service that they deserve.
 - b. Existing policy regarding retirement awards is skewed towards awarding higher ranking individuals' decorations that most Guardsmen have a low probability of achieving.
 - c. Implementing this policy / program would simplify the criteria in awarding retirement awards. It would specifically highlight the closing out of twenty years of enduring service by officially recognizing and thanking SDNG retirees.
4. Discussion:
 - a. When Guardsmen retire today their level of award is determined based a "years of service, degree of responsibility, and manner of performance" and regulated by AR 600-8-22 Military Awards and applicable state National Guard Regulations. While in theory this allows Guardsmen of any rank to be eligible for awards at almost every level of precedence, other award criteria based on regulation and other factors make Guardsmen ineligible for higher precedence of awards such as Legion of Merit and Meritorious Service Medal.
 - b. There is no individual SDNG award where eligibility criteria is based solely on creditable years of service and retirement eligibility. There is also no SDNG award that visibly identifies and honors the end of a military career at retirement. To retire from the SDNG today, the normal length of creditable service to qualify is a minimum of twenty years.
 - c. There are thousands of past and future Guardsmen who could be eligible for this award if it was made retroactive for current retirees. In an environment of low recruiting goals being met, the implementation of this retirement award for past and future Guardsmen would show this states

Do you know of an issue impacting your unit? You can make a difference!

The conference is a good time to work through ideas and propose solutions to improve an issue impacting Enlisted personnel in the National Guard. You can also send your ideas to Courtney Totton at courtneytotton@yahoo.com for discussion by the resolution committee. If you have a complete plan and solution for an idea, send a resolution proposal to Courtney with the following information:

- a. Title: (This will be the working title of the Resolution)
- b. Short Description: (A very brief description of the issue)
 - c. Proposal Type: (New or Resubmission)
- d. Submitter: The state or Area sponsoring the Resolution
- e. Business Case: (The story of why, justification, the vital information)
- f. Recommendation: (What you want to be done and how)

SDNG Retirement Medal Policy Proposal Continued

commitment to honoring our Guardsmen and officially thanking them for their service. Initial criteria for being eligible for this award would be twenty years of credible service, honorable discharge, and availability for medically discharged Soldiers based on criteria developed by the SDNG Retirement Medal working group. Since the Army Service Ribbon and the Air and Space Training Ribbon is the first medal that signifies the start of their career, the SDNG Retirement Ribbon would signify the closure of a Soldiers career. By implementing a retirement award with strict but standard requirements it would simplify and create equilibrium among Guardsmen when bringing closure to their careers.

d. The policy proposal of the SDNG Retirement Ribbon would have to be approved by the TAG, South Dakota Legislature, and signed by the Governor before being implemented through the SDNG.

e. Arguments Against the Position. Opposition to this award policy would be that the current recognition through different awards for Guardsmen at retirement is fair and equitable already. Guardsmen do not care what award they get at retirement so spending time and resources on a new

award policy is a waste of time and money. The funding needed to retroactively award all existing retirees would never get approved by the South Dakota Legislature and signed by the Governor.

5. Rebuttals. SDNG leadership is receiving significant national attention regarding struggles in achieving recruitment numbers. The SDNG can mitigate some of that negative exposure by just as intently prioritizing and publicizing this new initiative in thanking and awarding our Guardsmen for their honorable service. The awarding of the SDNG Retirement Medal will be simplified in comparison to existing policy regarding retirement awards. The awarding of the SDNG Retirement Medal should be a dignified celebration that provides a hand off to the specific branch retirement programs signifying the nations continued remembrance to each Guardsmen devoted service.

6. Recommendation. Recommend to the South Dakota Enlisted Association to put a working group together who's mandate will be to find agreement on all necessary criteria to implement an SDNG Retirement Medal policy.

Prepared by: CSM Alan P. Meyer, 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade

Note from Shelley Reeder, Historian:

I'm looking for the location of any of the historical data for the Association that you may have knowledge of. If you have any historical data or know where it is located, please contact me at shell_reeder@yahoo.com. Also, if you have any fun items that you think should be included in the historical data, please don't hesitate to send it to me. These are your historical binders and I want to make sure everyone gets a voice in this.

PAST PRESIDENTS: *I'm working on the Past Presidents' Book and would like your input for this. If you have a brief bio or can prepare one, please forward the same to me. Currently there are only obituaries from our Past Presidents and I think we can do better than that. I also have photos that were in some of the binders, but if you have a specific photo you'd like included, send it to me so I can ensure your page reflects you.*

Lastly, I would like to begin a new binder of special projects that we have done as an Association. If you have articles, pictures or information, please get it to me.

Proposed Budget 2023-2024

Membership		H. Community Events	\$1,000.00
a. Annual (before Stripe expense)	\$36,000.00	Total Yearly Contributions	\$4,150.00
b. Life Memberships (before Stripe expense)	\$7,000.00		
Experience Refund (Insurane)	\$15,000.00	209 Council Expenses	
New Insurance Member refunds	\$6,000.00	A. Meeting Attend/Mileage	\$7,800.00
Partnership Income (Corporate Sponsors)	\$5,000.00	B. President's Workshop	\$1,500.00
Scholarship - USAA	\$1,000.00	C. Executive Director	\$1,500.00
Pin Sales Income	\$200.00	D. Committee Person/Large	\$0.00
Stripe Expense Income	\$600.00	E. Legislative Workshop/DC (2 events per year)	\$3,500.00
		F. Membership Committee	\$1,000.00
Total Income	\$70,800.00	Total Council Expenses	\$15,300.00
		210 Legal Requirements	
201 National Conference		A. Insurance	\$0.00
A. Delegate Expenses/Travel	\$8,000.00	B. Bonding	\$250.00
B. Pres/Ex Dir Rooms/Travel	\$1,800.00	C. Tax Preparation & Book Keeping	\$1,500.00
C. National Hospitality Room	\$ 200.00	D. Legal Fee (C19 Status)	\$0.00
D. All States Night	\$ 200.00	E. Secretary State Annual Report	\$10.00
E. Donations	\$ -	F. CPA for 2016 Audit Completion	\$0.00
F. Trading Pins	\$ 300.00	Total Legal Requirements	\$1,760.00
G. Pre-Registration (Delegates)	\$3,000.00	211 Scholarships	
Other		A. USAA	\$1,000.00
Total National Conference	\$13,500.00	Total Scholarships	\$1,000.00
203 Area V Caucus		212 State Conference	
A. Membership Dues	\$300.00	A. Advance	\$1,000.00
B. Mileage	\$300.00	B. Pres/Ex Dir Rooms	\$720.00
C. Rooms X3	\$500.00	C. Area V Rep Room	\$350.00
D. Registration X 3	\$150.00	D. Sponsorship	
E. Hosting expense	\$0.00	Soldiers and Airmen of the Year	\$1,200.00
Total Area V Caucus	\$1,250.00	Sponsored Attendees	\$1,000.00
204 ECHO Expenses	\$0.00	S&AoY and Sponsor Mileage and Registration	
205 Historian Expenses	\$200.00	Fee	\$500.00
206 Office Expenses		E. Items for Speakers	\$200.00
A. Postage/Stamps	\$60.00	Total State Conference	\$4,970.00
B. Printing/Paper/Etc.	\$150.00	213 EANGUS Dues	\$25,000.00
Total Office Expenses	\$210.00	Total EANGUS Dues	\$25,000.00
207 Awards		214 Miscellaneous	\$100.00
A. Memorials	\$150.00	215 NSF Returned Checks/Charge	\$0.00
B. Standing Proud Plaques/Certificates	\$175.00	217 Promotional Expenses	
C. Soldier/Airman Awards	\$350.00	A.. Website	\$200.00
D. Young Heroes	\$100.00	B. Stripe Expenses	\$600.00
Total Award Expenses	\$775.00	C. 20 Year Pins	\$0.00
208 Yearly Contributions		Total Promotional Expenses	\$800.00
A. Legislative Dining Out	\$1,750.00	218 Donations	\$0.00
B. SDNG Museum	\$500.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$69,015.00
D. Auxiliary Scholarship	\$300.00	Net Income	\$1,785.00
E. Ft. Meade Hospice Care	\$150.00		
F. National Cemetery Flags	\$150.00		
G. SD State Veterans Cemetery Flags	\$300.00		

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2023 - 1300 CST - 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 152nd 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.

Executive Council Meeting Minutes Continued

- 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 20th 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

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- 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.

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care, and more.

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14 – 15 April 2023

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\$50 per person. Reserve rooms @ Comfort Inn (605) 692-2882.
Room block under the name "National Guard". \$99 + taxes.

Just Duets Dueling Pianos, Improv Falls Comedy Show, Hospitality Room,
Pub Tour, Cornhole Tournament, Sizzle in Style Banquet, Scavenger Hunt,
Merlot and a Masterpiece, Great American Cookout and more!



To purchase tickets online go to <https://buytickets.at/southdakotationalguardenlistedassociation/853465> or visit us on Facebook at South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association to download a registration form to mail or email.

64th Annual SDNGEA State Conference Registration

April 14 – 15, 2023 Brookings, SD

Name: _____ Rank/Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Guest(s) First/Last Name (if applicable): _____

Please check the box if applicable. Military Retiree: Guest Military Retiree:

Registration includes the following:

Friday Night: Just Duets! Dueling Pianos, Sizzle in Style Banquet @ Wilbert Square Event Center
Saturday: Improv Falls Comedy Show, Great American Cookout @ Old Sanctuary
Transportation for Evening activities at Old Sanctuary, Hospitality Room, Hors d'oeuvres

Sign up for Saturday afternoon special events will be at the registration table upon your arrival;
Scavenger Hunt, Tee'd Off Golf Simulator, Brew Pub Poker Tour, Merlot and a Masterpiece, and
Bean Bag Tournament.

Reserve rooms with the Comfort Inn at (605) 692-2882. Rooms blocked under the name "National Guard". Rooms are \$99 plus taxes. Comfort Inn is connected to the Wilbert Square Event Center. Hospitality Rooms are at the Comfort Inn. Rooms released March 13th. First come, first served.

Do you plan on attending the Retirees Luncheon? (Friday) If so, how many attending? _____

Do you plan on attending the Auxiliary Luncheon? (Saturday) If so, how many attending? _____

Do you plan on attending the Past Presidents Breakfast (Saturday) If so, how many attending? _____

These three events are paid for by the attendees and ordered off a menu.

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Registration: \$50 per person Self _____ Guest(s) _____ Total: \$ _____

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20th Annual Black Hills Veterans March and Marathon

Test your endurance. Exercise your patriotism!

The Black Hills Veterans March and Marathon is an annual trek through the mountainous terrain of South Dakota's beautiful Black Hills. This march/marathon pays tribute to the many sacrifices that this nation's veterans have made in the past and continue to make today. All event proceeds are used to benefit veterans.

**We're currently looking for sponsors,
volunteers and participants.**

16 September 2023

110 Mile Endurance March

13-16 September 2023

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