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SUPPORT YOUR SPOUSE

The South Dakota Legislature is now in session in Pierre. I hope many of you will be attending the Legislative Dining out in Pierre on February 7. This is an important opportunity for us to get to know our decision makers and discuss our priorities and concerns. In Washington, DC, our Senators and Representatives are also back in action. Many bills are being introduced at the state and national level that impact National Guard members.

One of the most important things we do as a membership is to be unified in our support or opposition of proposed legislation that will impact benefits, programs and services available to National Guard members and their families. Your letter writing, phone calls, and personal contacts make a difference.

Many of the current benefits, programs and services that we have available today are due to the strong voice and efforts of past and present members. Technology makes it easier than ever to be involved in this effort. You can access and monitor South Dakota Legislative proceedings by going to <http://legis.state.sd.us/>. You can monitor national activity and answer "The Call" at http://www.eangus.org/legislative/the_call.aspx. There are letters available for your use and they are automatically routed to our representatives.

This poem is a reminder of the importance of taking action. Making the investment to support our husbands, wives, and friends who serve our country to ensure they have the benefits and services they deserve is worthy of our time and attention.

The Parable of Responsibility

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody were members of a group.

There was an important job to do and Everybody was asked to do it.

Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody would have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody would do it, but Nobody realized that Anybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody, blamed Somebody, when Nobody did, what Anybody could have done.

Unknown author of condensed version of Charles Osgood's - A Poem About Responsibility

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WANTED: BASKETS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION

Please bring a basket or send a basket with another member for the silent auction at the State Conference. The Silent Auction is a major fundraiser for the SDNGEA Auxiliary Scholarship Program. Consider donating individually, as part of a group or finding a business or businesses willing to donate items.

SDNGEA STATE CONFERENCE

The SDNGEA State Conference will be held on April 19-20, 2013 in Sioux Falls. Registration information for the conference can be found at SDNGEA.com. Please plan to attend.

One good way for us to increase our membership is to have members at the registration area at the conference. If you would be able to help some time during the registration which will be Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, please let me know. This is a chance to increase both regular and associate membership for the organization.

Other ways you can be involved:

- Attend Auxiliary meetings and offer new ideas
- Become a member of the Ways and Means Committee to help with a new scholarship fundraiser at the conference. Contact Edna Steinberg at steinbed@rushmore.com or Margaret Greenfield at Margaret.greenfield@gmail.com.
- Run for an Executive Board position

If you would like to get involved in the planning, your assistance is welcome. Contact Gayle at 605-582-3705 or gmbfunk@alliancecom.net.

WEB ACCESS TO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The 2013 SDNGEA Auxiliary Scholarship package and the EANGUS National Auxiliary Scholarship application are available to download and print at www.sdngesa.com.

DEADLINE NEARS FOR STATE AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary is offering two \$400 scholarships for the 2013 academic year. Unmarried High school seniors and college undergraduate students or vocational students are eligible. The student's Father, Mother, or Grandparents must be a member of the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association and his/her spouse a member of the Auxiliary and/or retired career National Guard Person who is a member of the Enlisted Association and Auxiliary.

Membership dues for 2013 must have been paid by December 31, 2012, to be eligible for the scholarships. Applications are currently available and must be returned by March 1, 2013. For more information or to request a scholarship packet contact:

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Black Hawk, SD 57718-9608
Phone: (605) 787-4210
Email: williams800@rap.midco.net

June 1 Deadline - EANGUS National Auxiliary Scholarships

There will be three EANGUS National Auxiliary Scholarships, one in the amount of \$1,250 and two in the amount of \$1,000 each and one USAA sponsored scholarship of \$1,000 available to high school seniors or college students. Full-time students as well as part-time students enrolled for at least 8 accredited hours may apply. Previous Auxiliary scholarship winners are not eligible.

The following individuals are eligible to apply:

NOTE NEW ELIGIBILITY OPTIONS:

- **Unmarried children/step children, grandchildren/step grandchildren, up to age 26, of Annual and Life EANGUS Auxiliary members;**
- **Spouses of EANGUS Auxiliary members;**
- **EANGUS Auxiliary members.**

Be sure that the parent/step parent, grandparent/step grandparent or spouse is an Auxiliary member and Auxiliary membership dues must have been paid by December 31, 2012 to be eligible for the scholarships.

Parents urge your unmarried children/step children, grandchildren/step grandchildren, up to age 26, to apply for the Auxiliary scholarship, spouses of EANGUS Auxiliary members. EANGUS Auxiliary members consider applying also.

For an application package or additional information contact:
Marlys List, Auxiliary Scholarship
705 James Place
Yankton, SD 57078
605-665-5924 or dmlist@vyn.midco.net.
Applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2013 and returned to:
Gayle Funk, President
SDNGEA Auxiliary
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Upcoming Events

LEGISLATIVE DINING OUT

February 7, 2013 | Pierre, SD

STATE CONFERENCE

April 19-20, 2013 | Sioux Falls, SD
(Co-located with Officers)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

August 18-21, 2013 - Sioux Falls, SD

BLACK HILLS

VETERANS' HONOR MARCH
September 2013 - Deadwood, SD

2014 CONFERENCES

STATE- April 2014 - Deadwood, SD
NATIONAL - August 2014 - Phoenix, AZ

Renew Your Membership Today!

Our membership drive for 2014 started on January 1. We invite you to renew your membership now and challenge you to bring at least one new member into the Auxiliary. There is strength in numbers and you make a difference!

2013 Area V Caucus

May 17-18 2013

Downtown Holiday Inn City Centre
1-605-339-2000 Sioux Falls, SD

Registration form at SDNGEA.com



EANGUS 42nd Annual Conference

"Fun at the Falls"

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

The Heart of America

August 18-21, 2013

Register Online at

<http://eangus.org/>

Update on EANGUS National Conference Planning

A raffle is being planned to raise funds toward supporting activities that our State Auxiliary is responsible for at the National Conference and/or to use toward our scholarship program. Bonnie Funk who is Bob Funk, SDNGEA President's mother has graciously agreed to hand-craft a queen-sized quilt for the raffle.

The theme of the conference is "Fun at the Falls". Small fountains have been purchased with conference funds to use as a part of a centerpiece design for the Auxiliary Luncheon and the banquet. **The fountains will each require two AA batteries, so 260 batteries are needed. If you have ideas for how we might get these donated or purchase them at a good price, please let us know.** The fountains are too small to be used by themselves so other decorating will need to be designed to use along with them. **If you are interested in heading or teaming with someone else to lead a committee to oversee the design and set-up of decorations at the National Conference, we need your help.**

-We also need a member or members who will take responsibility for coordinating the First-Timer's Meeting and members to assist as needed at the conference.

If you are willing to help with any of the above, please contact Gayle Funk at gmbfunk@alliancecom.net or call 605-582-3705.



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Thank You

Thanks Diane Kafka for your work to recruit members and to ensure that our membership information is up-to-date and submitted in a timely manner. Also, I appreciate your willingness to hold a dual role. Being the treasurer and membership chair is a large responsibility and you carry out the duties efficiently and dependably. The end of the year activities come at a time that is busy for all of us, but we can still count on you to get it done. I appreciate the support you provide me and the organization.

Gayle Funk

Member Updates



Our sympathy goes out to the family of Kaye Ruby. Kaye passed away on December 30, 2012. She was a Life Member of both the SDNGEA & National Auxiliaries.



-Please pray for Dan Regan who is having medical problems.

-Please keep Mary and Doug William's daughter Krista Nuttal in your prayers.

-Keep all our Soldiers and Airmen and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

