



# DAKOTA MESSENGER

PUBLICATION OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA  
NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED  
ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY

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Welcome to our Summer 2012 issue of the Messenger! I want to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me to serve as President of the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association (SDNGEA) Auxiliary. I am pleased and honored to have this responsibility. Thank you also to all the newly elected officers for making the commitment to provide their time and talent for the good of the organization.

This year one of our goals is to double Auxiliary membership numbers. All of us working together can encourage SDNGEA spouses to join us and become involved in the important work we do.

**Why should you help and why is increasing the membership important?** With our leaders looking for ways to reduce the budget deficit, we need to increase our membership numbers and actively respond to legislative proposals that affect benefits, services, and programs for National Guard members. A major priority of the Auxiliary is to support all activities of the Enlisted Association. This includes monitoring legislation, letter writing, and contacts with congressmen. The new electronic system on the EANGUS web-site makes this easy with automatic alerts and prepared letters for our use. **The more involvement we have, the stronger we can be in protecting and advancing the benefits, services, and programs available to National Guard**

### **members and their families.**

Here are some examples of how you can be actively involved in the SDNGEA Auxiliary.

- Attend meetings and conferences, meet new friends and renew old acquaintances
- Encourage other spouses to join the SDNGEA Auxiliary
- Participate actively in voicing a position on legislative issues concerning National Guard member benefits, services, and programs by answering The Call for action on legislation
- Provide assistance in planning, preparing, and carrying out activities for SDNGEA and SDNGEA Auxiliary events
- Visit and like our Facebook page. To do this, search for South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary; keep up-to-date on the latest information and exchange thoughts and ideas on Facebook

Lend a helping hand where your interests lie and your special talents can be utilized. The activities we carry out are a mix of important business transacting for the good of National Guard members and their families, and also opportunities for fun, fellowship, and new friendships that can last a lifetime. We need your help! Please step up and make a difference! I look forward to meeting and working alongside many wonderful people this year!

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## Meeting Notes from the State Conference

The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary Executive Council Meeting was held on April 20, 2012 and General Sessions were held on April 21 and April 22, 2012 in Oacoma, SD. Following is a summary of some of the Auxiliary activity from these meetings.

### New Officers

The 2012-2013 slate of elected officers for the Auxiliary include: President Gayle Funk, Vice-President Mary Williams, Secretary Marlene Kotab, Treasurer/Membership Chairman Diane Kafka, and Officer-at-Large Jill Siedschlaw. Other appointed officers are: Historian Jody Wieand, Legislative Chairman Marlys List, Chaplain Sherry Blackwell and Parliamentarian Linda House.

### Financial, Membership, Donations

-Diane Kafka presented the Treasurer's Report. Organizational revenue for the past year totaled \$1,238 and expenditures totaled \$1,614.53 with expenditure exceeding revenue by \$376.53. Total balance of all funds for the organization is \$4,411.28. The annual audit was conducted and the books were found to be in good order. -The membership report showed a total of 127 members including, regular members, life members and associate members. Mary Williams reported that eight baskets were donated for the silent auction. The total money raised from these baskets was \$426.00. -Margaret Greenfield and Edna Steinberg will co-chair the Ways and Means committee for next year. Two more members for the committee are needed. -The brunch collection of \$81 was designated for the Brule County Child Protection Agency. Shelley Reeder accepted the collection on behalf of the agency.

### Constitution Changes

Two changes to the constitution were approved. The first was combining the Treasurer and Membership Chairman into one office. The second change includes the offices of Chaplain and Legislative Chairman as part of the Executive Council.

### Awards and Scholarship Update

-Congratulation to our Auxiliary scholarship award winners! They are Jill Olsen and Wyatt Nutall. Jill is the daughter of Jeffrey and Jackie Olsen and will be attending Oral Robert's University where she plans to pursue a career in marketing. Wyatt is the grandson of Doug and Mary Williams. He is currently attending UTI in Avondale, AZ pursuing an associate degree in diesel and diesel industrial technician. -Congratulations to our Area V Director, Edna Steinberg! She has received the Outstanding Area Director's Award. -The Auxiliary received a \$300 check from the SDNGEA for our scholarship fund. Official meeting minutes will be approved and distributed at next year's state conference.

### E-mail Addresses Needed

Our due structure provides \$4 per member for the state Auxiliary. In order to keep our dues low, we need to use technology as much as we can. So I am requesting that you provide your e-mail address and get involved with Facebook. I know some members do not have computers and are not interested in learning everything about computers and be assured they will continue to receive the Dakota Messenger in the mail. If you are a member who uses e-mail and Facebook you can help keep due costs down.

## Renew Your SDNGEA Auxiliary Membership Today!

Act today and renew using the provided form in this newsletter. If you know a spouse of an SDNGEA member who is not yet an Auxiliary member, invite them to join us. We make a difference by supporting activities that ensure National Guard members have access to services, programs, and benefits they have earned and deserve. There is strength in numbers. Let's grow our influence!



SDNGEA  
Auxiliary  
Scholarships  
Available

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 be 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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Scholarship requirements and application can be downloaded at <http://sdngea.com/Auxiliary%20Scholarship.html>.



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## SDNGEA Auxiliary Upcoming Events

### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

A celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Guard will be held at the Air Guard Base the evening of **July 21, 2012**. As a part of this event SDNGEA will be putting on the dinner as a fundraiser in support of the 2013 National Conference that will be held in Sioux Falls. A ramp dance follows the meal. This event is open to all. Purchase tickets by July 13 at your local armory or the Air Guard base. Volunteers are needed to prepare, cook, serve, and clean-up. Contact Bob Funk at 605-988-5876 or at [robert.funk@ang.af.mil](mailto:robert.funk@ang.af.mil) if you are willing to lend a hand. Check out our Facebook page for a volunteer schedule.

### EANGUS 41<sup>st</sup>

#### Annual Conference

The EANGUS 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference will be held in Long Beach, California, **August 26 – 29, 2012**. Delegates to the 2012 National Conference in Long Beach, CA are Sherry Blackwell, Marlys List, and Gayle Funk. For best pricing register for the conference before July 1, 2012.

### Needed Veterans Honor March Volunteers and Auxiliary Team Members

We are seeking volunteers and participants for the Black Hills Veterans' Honor March which will take place on **September 22, 2012**. The Auxiliary will again sponsor a team for the Veterans' Honor March. Find registration and volunteer information online at <http://blackhillsveteranmarch.com/>.

Legislative Dining Out  
Attend the Legislative Dining Out in Pierre in **February 2013** (actual date to be determined).

### SDNGEA State Conference

to be Held in Sioux Falls  
The SDNGEA Conference will be held on **April 18-20, 2013** in Sioux Falls. Plan to attend. Meet new friends and renew old acquaintances! Not an Auxiliary member? We welcome you to attend our Auxiliary meetings and activities to learn more about us. We also welcome all members to join us in the preparations for the conference.

Are you willing to help with any of the following activities?

- Design an idea for decorating for the luncheon and general conference meetings; make decorations and decorate at the conference
- Work on identifying possible educational topics and speakers (free); possible entertainment (free or low cost)
- Plan an Auxiliary social event
- Donate or get someone else to donate a basket for the Silent Auction (scholarship fundraiser); donate or find businesses who will donate door prizes (four or five)
- Become a member of the Ways and Means Committee to help with a new scholarship fundraiser at the conference (need two members to join Margaret Greenfield and Edna Steinberg)
- Man registration and recruit new members
- Recruit new members and encourage members to attend conference

### Sioux Falls Slated for EANGUS 42<sup>nd</sup>

#### Annual Conference

"Fun at the Falls"

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 2013 National Conference in Sioux Falls, SD from **August 18-21, 2013**.

### We Need Volunteers! National Conference Auxiliary Planning Committee

South Dakota is the host state for the EANGUS National Conference in 2013. As host state, there are some things that we are responsible to accomplish. Here is a list of major items that you can volunteer to complete.

- Identify luncheon entertainment options and line up entertainment
- Design a plan for decorating at the luncheon, make table center pieces and decorations, and decorate on the day of the event
- Provide door prizes for the luncheon which will require finding businesses willing to donate items or individuals willing to donate items.
- Design and print luncheon tickets
- Secure larger donated item(s) to raffle at the conference to help cover our costs
- Man the registration booth to sell raffle items
- Plan and host First-Timer's Meeting, decorate the meeting room, create small gifts for each participant

There are most likely additional areas that we will need to assist with. Those of us attending the national conference in Long Beach will be on a fact-finding mission to better understand the full scope.

Some items above can be done by members from all across the state. We will also need the assistance of as many local members as possible. Please contact Gayle at 605-582-3705 or [gmbfunk@alliancecom.net](mailto:gmbfunk@alliancecom.net) if you are willing to share your talents.



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# SDNGEA AUXILIARY & EANGUS AUXILIARY 2013 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

A regular membership is granted to the spouse of the person who is a member of the Army or Air National Guard of the State of South Dakota. All regular members are eligible to vote.

**NAME:**

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**ADDRESS:**

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City/State/Zip Code

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**SPOUSE'S UNIT:**

**Annual National Dues: \$7.00 Annual State Dues: \$4.00 Total 11.00**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Life Membership Application may be obtained from membership chairperson.**

Please complete application and return directly to 2013 State Membership Chairperson:

**Diane Kafka**

616 W 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Pierre, SD 57501

**2013 Dues are due by December 31, 2012**

## 2013 State Associate Membership Application

An associate membership is granted to anyone who is not eligible to be a regular member and wishes to support the Auxiliary by paying associate membership dues. Associate members are not eligible to vote.

**NAME:**

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City/State/Zip Code

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**PHONE #:**

**Annual Dues: \$3.00**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

2013 Dues are due by December 31, 2012