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Greetings to all!

It seems like we were just in Long Beach attending the National Conference. That was August and here we are in the midst of beginning holiday planning. Let me be the first to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Life moves quickly! I wish you all time to relax and enjoy the moments with family and friends in the next couple of months. I hope many of you have the Dining Out in February marked on your calendar. I look forward to visiting with you there. I also look forward to working with many of you to plan our State Conference. Wishing you all the best!

Gayle Funk, President
SDNGEA Auxiliary

Please Answer "The Call"

I urge you to take the time to answer "The Calls" when you receive them. It is so important we let the legislators know our thoughts on the issues. It is so easy to respond, just follow the instructions for answering The Call at http://www.eangus.org/legislative/the_call.aspx. Letters are available for your use. Our strong unified voice can make a difference!

Also, when you answer The Call or contact a legislator and receive a reply, please keep track and provide me with your numbers by June 1, 2013. I report this information on our legislative activity to Roxie

Barwick the Area V Legislative Representative. Thanks for your assistance!

Marlys List (dmlist@vyn.midco.net)
Legislative Chairman
SDNGEA Auxiliary

Renew Your Membership Today!

As we experience the beautiful changes of fall colors, it also means another year will soon be behind us. As Treasurer and Membership chairman for the SDNGEA Auxiliary I want to invite you to renew your membership now. There is strength in numbers and you can make a difference.

Your annual membership means a great deal to the organization. As a group we support our current and retired military. The SDNGEA Auxiliary sponsors two scholarships annually to eligible children and grandchildren of Auxiliary members. We donate \$50.00 to the Fort Meade Medical Center Hospice Family Room annually. A special collection is designated each year at the conference to a needy organization. Our members put on their walking shoes to Honor our Veterans at the annual Black Hills Veterans March. We can't continue to fund these worthy causes without membership and fundraisers. This newsletter includes a 2013 membership application for your convenience. Dues must be received by December 31, 2012. Thank you for your support!
Diane Kafka
Treasurer/Membership Chairman
SDNGEA Auxiliary

Scholarships Available

SDNGEA Auxiliary Scholarships

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:

Mary Williams
6001 Oak Court
Black Hawk, SD 57718-9608
Phone: (605) 787-4210
Email: williams800@rap.midco.net

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 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:

- 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.

PLEASE NOTE – A CHANGE OF ELIGIBILITY HAS BEEN MADE TO INCLUDE CHILDREN/STEP CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN/STEP GRANDCHILDREN, UP TO AGE 26, OF ANNUAL AND LIFE 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.

South Dakota had NO applicants for the 2012-2013 scholarships. PLEASE APPLY!

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
805 Lakota Avenue
Brandon, SD 57005

The 2013 SDNGEA Auxiliary Scholarship package is available at www.sdngear.com. The 2013 EANGUS National Auxiliary Scholarship application and information will be available there soon.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING

We need your help in raising funds for our scholarship program. Start planning now to assemble a basket to provide for the Silent Auction that will be held at our State Conference. Consider donating a basket individually, as part of a group or finding a business or businesses willing to donate items.

Auxiliary Sponsors Veterans' Honor March Team

The SDNGEA Auxiliary sponsored a team for the Black Hills Veterans' Honor March which was on September 22, 2012.

Team members included Dan and Mary Regan, Dale and Mary Clelland, and Joann and Darold McElroy. Thanks for your participation!

This year over 250 marchers took part in this event. It is a wonderful way to remember and support those who have served and who currently serve our country. Consider volunteering or marching in the event in September 2013.



Time to Get Ready for the Holidays!

Upcoming Events

LEGISLATIVE DINING OUT

February 7, 2013 | Pierre, SD

FUTURE STATE CONFERENCES

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

April 2014 - Deadwood, SD

FUTURE NATIONAL CONFERENCES

August 18-21, 2013 - Sioux Falls, SD

August 2014 - Phoenix, AZ

FUTURE BLACK HILLS VETERANS' HONOR MARCH

September 2013 - Deadwood, SD

Volunteers Needed

Welcome - Members willing to help with the State and National Conferences that will be held in Sioux Falls. The top priority right now is getting ready for our State Conference in Sioux Falls, but we will need volunteers to help with the National Conference as well.

The SDNGEA State Conference will be held on April 19-20, 2013 in Sioux Falls. We are seeking members who want to get involved in the following activities:

- Preparing decorations for our luncheon
- Plan a fun 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
- Recruit new members during the conference registration

South Dakota is the host state for the

EANGUS National Conference that will be held in Sioux Falls in August 2013. We also need volunteers to participate in the planning and preparation for the National Conference.

- Members interested in coming up with decorating ideas; purchasing and gathering needed materials, making table center pieces for the luncheon; decorating at the conference.
- Assistance from all members in gathering door prizes for the luncheon
- A group willing to make and donate a beautiful quilt to raffle at the conference
- Members willing to plan and host First-Timer's Meeting and put together small gifts for each participant
- Members willing 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.

Member Updates



-Sympathy is extended to the family of Alda Ferwerda a lifetime member of the Auxiliary who died on August 8, 2012.

-Sympathy is extended to Joann and Darold McElroy on the loss of Joann's brother.



-Get well wishes go out to Sherry Blackwell as she recovers at home after a recent hospitalization.



-Keep Mary and Doug William's daughter Krista Nuttal in your prayers. She was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

-Please also remember Don and Rita Stewart, Pete and Mick Scholten, and Al and Linda House in your prayers.

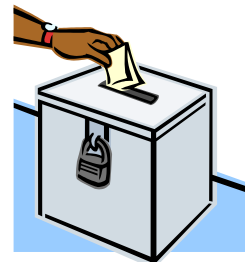


-Congratulations to Jim and Sherry Blackwell on their new grandchild!

THANK YOU

At the National Conference in Long Beach promotional items were distributed to all attending Auxiliary members asking them to attend the 2013 National Conference to be held in Sioux Falls. **THANKS** to Rita Stewart, Mick Scholten, and Mick's granddaughter for spending their time assembling these items so we could distribute them at the National Conference.

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6!



Exercise your privilege to vote and make your voice heard!

Highlights from the EANGUS 41st Annual Conference

The EANGUS Auxiliary held their annual conference August 25-29, 2012 in Long Beach, California. South Dakota had two delegates (Marlys List, Gayle Funk), four proxies, and two Area V Directors (Margaret Greenfield and Edna Steinberg). Here are some highlights from the conference.

New Scholarship

Recommendation and Approval – Recommended and approved that step children, grandchildren, and step grandchildren be added to the criteria as eligible applicants for the EANGUS Auxiliary scholarship.

Scholarship Committee Report - Seven applications were submitted. Three of the applicants were not eligible; one was incomplete and two states had not made their Scholarship donation. Recipients were from Mississippi and Wisconsin. The Committee recommended that the same number of scholarships in the same amounts be awarded for 2013, and that the states continue to donate two (\$2.00) dollars per member to the EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Fund.

States Receiving and Renewing Charters - Three states Delaware, Maryland and NGB Title 10 were reactivated; Vermont received its new Auxiliary charter.

Legislative - Barbara Raines, Legislative Chairman, reported 3,276 contacts were made to Congress in Washington, DC. Marlys List from South Dakota received an award for the Legislative activity in South Dakota.

Outstanding Area Director Awards were presented to Edna Steinberg, (SD) Area V and Dianne Williams of (GA) Area III. **Philanthropic Committee** - Carol Benda, Chairman reported that six hundred twenty dollars and Fifty cents (\$620.50) had been collected

for the Ronald McDonald House. In addition to monetary donations from states, some states actually collected tabs: Minnesota, two hundred thirty-six (236) pounds; Arizona, one hundred sixty-seven (167) pounds; New Mexico, one hundred thirty-three (133) pounds. Chairman Benda moved that in 2013 the funds from the pop tab project be donated to *Fisher House*. She reported there were fifty-seven (57) houses across the United States with twenty-three (23) on military bases and twenty (20) on VA properties. Shirley Bogdan (MA) seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Burden Bears - The Committee had received eight (8) applications for the Burden Bears. The seven (7) recipients for this year's conference were: Pat Reed (GA), Helen Tucker (GA), Liz Ludwig (MN), Nicole Douise (GA), Roxanna Barwick (WI), Pat Nelson (GA), John Helbert (MA) **Ways and Means Report** - Stella Cameron, Chairman, and Silent Auction Committee reported that to date the silent auction revenue totaled four thousand one hundred twenty-six dollars and seventy-five cents (\$4,126.75). The Country Store earned thirty-five dollars (\$35.00). The 50/50 Raffle total was one thousand two hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$1,237.00) with one-half the proceeds, six hundred eighteen dollars and fifty cents (\$618.50), going to the winner Maria Tobias. President Lainhart presented a plaque to South Carolina Auxiliary for their work on the Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle.

“The Pen is Mightier than the Musket” award – Recipient Roxanna (Roxie) Barwick, WI **Election of Officers** was held. Officers installed included: Jenny Lainhart – President Judy Wood - Vice-President Wanda Ryan - Secretary Cora Sower - Treasurer

Area V Directors: Margaret Greenfield, South Dakota; Karen Vicente, Minnesota



EANGUS National Conference SDNGEA Auxiliary attendees. Back row L to R Edna Steinberg, Margaret Greenfield; Front row L to R Gayle Funk, Marlys List



Karen Vicente, MN – New Area V Director



**Daylight Saving
Time Ends at 2:00
a.m., Sunday,
November 4,
2012. Time to Fall
Back.**



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:

Last

First

Middle

ADDRESS:

Street/Box/Apt.

City/State/Zip Code

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE #:

SPOUSE:

Last

First

Middle

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 7th 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:

Last

First

Middle

ADDRESS:

Street/ Box/Apt.

City/State/Zip Code

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE #:

Annual Dues: \$3.00

Date: _____

2013 Dues are due by December 31, 2012