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# DAKOTA MESSENGER

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NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED  
ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY

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Welcome to the Summer 2013 issue of the Dakota Messenger! I am happy to have the opportunity to once again serve as the President of the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association (SDNGEA) Auxiliary. Thank you to all the newly elected officers for their willingness to provide their time and talent for the good of the organization.

The State Conference was productive for us with successful fundraising efforts for our scholarship program and some new directions outlined later in this newsletter.

At the conference, Representative Kristi Noem met with SDNGEA Auxiliary members and NGASD spouses. The session was very moving with attendees recounting their experiences of a spouse being deployed. The stories were all different, but each one captured the significant impact that a spouse's deployment has on families.

It is vital that we continue to tell our stories and make the general public and our elected officials understand and support the committed service of our spouses. Benefits and programs available to National Guard members need to reflect the level of dedication our spouses provide for the good of all who live in this great country!

Gayle Funk  
SDNGEA Auxiliary President

## EANGUS 42nd Annual Conference Sign up today!



"Fun at the Falls"  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
The Heart of America  
August 18-21, 2013

Register Online at  
<http://eangus.org/>

### Proposed Change to the Constitution

In the General Business meetings held at the State Conference, a change to the constitution was proposed: The following amendment to the Constitution was proposed under Article IV Officers, Section 1 and Section 2. Section 1 and 2 would read: "The term of office to be held by any one officer shall not exceed four consecutive terms with re-election each year. This term may be extended at the discretion of the membership". This amendment will be acted upon at a future meeting to be held at the EANGUS National Conference in Sioux Falls in August 2013.

### Member Updates

If you have member updates, please pass them along by e-mail to [gnbfunk@alliancecom.net](mailto:gnbfunk@alliancecom.net) or call 605-582-3705 by 10/31/13 for publication in the fall newsletter.

## **Seeking Volunteers for the National Conference**

We are still in need of members to help out at the National Conference. This includes help decorating tables at the luncheon, taking tickets at the luncheon, and decorating tables at the banquet. Even if you are not planning to attend the banquet or luncheon or the conference, your help getting set up would be appreciated. Please contact any Council member if you can help.

## **Meeting Notes from the State Conference**

### **SDNGEA Auxiliary Officers 2013-2014**

2013-2014 SDNGEA Auxiliary Officers include President – Gayle Funk, Vice-President - Marlene Kotab, Secretary - Jill Siedschlaw, Membership Chairman/Treasurer - Diane Kafka, Officer-at-Large - Mary Williams, Legislative Chairman – Marlys List, Historian - Jennifer Kranz, Chaplain/Public Relations - Sherry Blackwell, Parliamentarian - Linda House and Past-President - Margaret Greenfield. A special welcome to Jennifer Kranz who is involved as an officer for her first year!

### **Scholarship Fund Raising**

Fund raising activities at the conference included the Silent Auction and two 50/50 drawings which raised \$1235. Thanks to everyone who donated Silent Auction items! Thanks to all attending for participating in these events! Special thanks to Edna Steinberg for heading up the Ways and Means Committee and Jennifer Kranz for volunteering to lead these efforts for 2013-2014.

### **Auxiliary Scholarship Winner Announced**

At the Saturday night dinner, SDNGEA Auxiliary Scholarship winner Trevor

Payer of Armour, SD was announced. He will be receiving a \$400 scholarship for the upcoming school year. Trevor is the grandson of Sharon and Larry Johnson. There will be two \$400 SDNGEA Auxiliary scholarships available for 2014.

### **Executive Council Meeting**

During the Executive Council meeting and as per the constitution, action was taken to adjust membership fees to come closer to covering the costs associated with conducting the SDNGEA Auxiliary's business as required in our constitution and by-laws. The following was approved at the Executive Council meeting.

Article II Membership, Section 2 to read: Membership in the Auxiliary shall be from January 1 until December 31. The fee shall be \$8 per year per member.

Article II Membership, Section 9 to read: Life memberships in the State Auxiliary shall be available to members in good standing of the State and National Auxiliaries and whose spouse is a life member of the SDNGEA. The fee shall be \$20 at age 60 or over. If under age 60, the fee shall be \$20 plus the regular annual dues for each year the member is under age 60.

Article II Membership, Section 10 to read: State Associate memberships may be issued to individuals who support the objectives of the Auxiliary, but are not otherwise qualified for annual or lifetime membership. An associate member shall not be a voting delegate or hold an office in the auxiliary. The fee shall be \$5 per year per member.



### **SDNGEA Auxiliary Raffle**

The SDNGEA Auxiliary is raising money for our scholarship program and other SDNGEA Auxiliary activities. Auxiliary members can now buy and help sell chances. The raffle includes three prizes to be given away at the National Conference. First prize is a beautiful handmade quilt made by SDNGEA President Bob Funk's mother. Second prize is a \$100 VISA gift card; third place is a \$75 VISA gift card. This fundraiser is in progress and tickets are one for \$5 or five for \$20. If you would like to purchase or sell chances contact any Executive Board member. You do not need to be present to win.



### **SDNGEA Auxiliary Scholarships Available**

The South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary is offering two \$400 scholarships for the 2014 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 2014 must be paid by December 31, 2013, to be eligible for the scholarships. Applications are currently available and must be returned by March 1, 2014. For more information or to request a scholarship packet contact:

Marlene Kotab  
1405 Pine View Drive  
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(605) 720-5906  
kotabgmc@rushmore.com

The Scholarship requirements and the application for 2014 will be available soon at [www.SDNGEA.com](http://www.SDNGEA.com) under the Auxiliary tab.

**PROPOSED EANGUS  
AUXILIARY  
CONSTITUTION CHANGES**  
Printed In MAY SIGNAL

**Constitution Change 1**

Submitted by: ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**ARTICLE III  
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

**3.1 CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP.** The classes of membership are:

**ADD:** (e) National Associate Life

**Constitution Change 2**

Submitted by: ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**ARTICLE III  
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

**3.2 QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP.**

**ADD:** (e) **NATIONAL ASSOCIATE LIFE.** The National Associate Life membership may be issued to individuals who support the objectives of the AUXILIARY, but are not eligible for annual or lifetime membership in the AUXILIARY. A National Associate Life member shall not be: a voting delegate, eligible for scholarships, eligible for annual or lifetime membership in the AUXILIARY. Dues are \$100.00.

**Constitution Change 3**

Submitted by: ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**ARTICLE III  
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

**3.2 QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP.**

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**Constitution Change 4**

Submitted by: ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**ARTICLE III  
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

As Reads  
**3.3 DUES.** Annual prescribed dues as set forth by the AUXILIARY are to be paid to the AUXILIARY Treasurer by the treasurers of the chartered states, accompanied by a complete name and address for each member whose dues are being paid, postmarked by December 31 of each year.

(a) Any state which has not paid dues will be notified of "dues in arrears" by the AUXILIARY Treasurer. Notice will be sent to the state president, state treasurer, and area directors for the state involved. The state will then have thirty (30) days after notification, to pay the dues and provide a membership list or voting privileges will be lost at the AUXILIARY General or Special Conference held in that year.

**Change to Read**

**3.3 DUES.** (a) Prescribed dues, Annual, Life, National Associate and Life National Associate, as set forth by the AUXILIARY, are to be paid to the AUXILIARY Treasurer by the chartered states, accompanied by a complete name and address for each member whose dues are being paid.

(b) An Annual, Life, National Associate and Life National Associate membership will be on an anniversary date. All memberships will begin on the first day of the month and end the last day of the month.

(c) Annual and Associate dues to

the AUXILIARY are due and payable monthly by each state association, as collected from their membership. States will have a thirty (30) day grace period, after the end of the month, to pay the dues.

**Constitution Change 5**

Submitted by: ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**ARTICLE X  
FISCAL**

**10.1 FISCAL YEAR.**

**10.1**

**AS READS**

**FISCAL YEAR.** The fiscal year of the AUXILIARY commences on January 1 and ends on December 31 of each year to coincide with the ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES fiscal year. CHANGED TO READ:

**FISCAL YEAR.** The fiscal year of the AUXILIARY commences on the anniversary date to coincide with the ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES fiscal year.

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<http://capwiz.com/eangus>



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National Guard Enlisted  
Association Auxiliary on  
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# SDNGEA AUXILIARY & EANGUS AUXILIARY 2014 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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Last

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First

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Middle

**ADDRESS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Box/Apt.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

**PHONE #:**

**SPOUSE:**

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Last

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First

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Middle

**SPOUSE'S UNIT:** \_\_\_\_\_

Annual National Dues: \$7.00    Annual State Dues: \$8.00    Total \$15.00

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

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

Please complete application and return directly to State Membership Chairperson:

**Diane Kafka  
616 W 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Pierre, SD 57501**

2014 Dues are due by December 31, 2013

## 2014 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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Last

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First

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Middle

**ADDRESS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street/ Box/Apt.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

**PHONE #:**

**Annual Dues: \$5.00**

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

2014 Dues are due by December 31, 2013