

THE DAKOTA MESSENGER

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CALL TO CONFERENCE.....

If you are not already registered for the state conference in Watertown, take the time to do it today. The conference will be held on April 17 & 18, at the Readiness Center. This is a great time to renew friendships, meet others from around our state and to support the Enlisted Association. The Executive Council will meet Thursday, April 16, at 1600. Anyone is welcome to sit in on this meeting. The Conference opening session is at 1230 on Friday and the Auxiliary Business meeting will be held at 1500. On Saturday, our meeting will start at 0830. Election of officers will be held at this meeting. Consider running for an Executive Council position. Most of the offices take very little of your time, and supporting the Auxiliary can be a rewarding experience. The Auxiliary Brunch will be held from 1030 to noon on Saturday. All spouses are invited to attend. You don't have to sign up ahead of time for this event. Each attendee will be responsible for the cost of their meal. Earlier I had asked for donations for the Silent Auction. The Executive Council has decided that it is not necessary to hold the Silent Auction this year since fund raising efforts have been quite successful in the last couple of years. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause

you. If you already have an item for the Silent Auction, please save it for next year. Our membership drive for 2016 is now in progress. Take the opportunity to renew your membership at the state conference. I hope to see you in Watertown!

Gayle Funk
SDNGEA Auxiliary President

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE.....

THURSDAY, APRIL 16
1200-1800 Registration
1600-1730 Auxiliary Executive
Council Meeting
1800-2400 Hospitality Room

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH
0800-1200 Registration
1230-1430 Conference General
Session
1430-1500 Break – to be held
in the registration
area
1500-1700 Auxiliary Business
Session
1700-1930 Hospitality Room
1930-2200 Social
2220-TBD Hospitality Room

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18

0830 Auxiliary Business
Meeting Reconvenes
1015 Adjournment
1015-1030 Break
1030-1200 Auxiliary Brunch
1200-1230 Auxiliary Executive
Council Meeting
1300 Afternoon Activities TBA
1200-1800 Hospitality Room
1800-1900 Social Hour
1900-2100 Heroes-In and Out of
Uniform – dress as
your favorite Comic
Book Hero

SDNGEA AUXILIARY STATE CONFERENCE MEETING AGENDAS

Executive Council Meeting Agenda April 16, 2015, 1600- 1730

Welcome and Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Roll Call of Officers
Introduction of Special Guests
and Members
Minutes of the 50th Annual
Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Presentation of bills
Appointment of Audit
Committee
Membership Report
Scholarship Report
Ways & Means Report/
Fund Raisers
Legislative Update
Old Business
New Business-
Approval of bills payment
Auxiliary Lunch & Dinner
Tickets for special guests
Delegates to National
Conference
Designation of Lunch
Collection
Appointment of Nominating
Committee
Additions to the Agenda
Adjournment

Auxiliary Business Meeting Agenda, April 17, 2015, 1500- 1700

Welcome and Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Executive Board Roll Call
Introduction of Special Guests
and Members
Minutes of 2014 SDNGEA
Auxiliary Business Meeting-
Additions/Corrections
Treasurer's Report
Membership Report
Audit Committee Report
Ways and Means Committee
Report
State Scholarship Report
National Scholarship Report
Area V Director's Report
Legislative Report
Historian Report
Public Relations Report
President's Report
Old Business
New Business
Brunch Collection
Designation
Nomination Committee
Report
National Conference
Delegates Comments
Appointment of National
Conference Delegates
Registration Stipend for
Delegates at 2015
National Conference
2015 National Conference
Approval of \$100 start up
To 2016 State
Conference
Appointment of Ways &
Means
Ideas for Ways & Means at
2016 State Conference
Dues Collection Reminder
Recess

Business Meeting and Brunch April 18, 2015, 0830-1200

Welcome and Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Roll Call of Executive Council
Introduction of Special Guests

and members
Treasurer's Updates
Membership Updates

Old Business:
Tabled/Unfinished Business
From Session I
New Business:
Election of Officers
Appointment of Officers
Installation of Officers
Memorial Service
1015 Adjournment
1030-1200 Brunch

SDNGEA AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT.....

It has been a privilege to serve as the President of the SDNGEA Auxiliary. Thanks so much to all of the Executive Board members for their efforts in supporting the Auxiliary and to all of you who have supported the organization through your membership! I would also like to extend a special thank you to Joann McElroy for her work on the Dakota Messenger newsletter! Below is a summary of the activities that I have been involved with from April 2014 through March 2015.

- Participated in the Area V caucus in Rochester MN in May, 2014
- Attended and participated as a delegate at the EANGUS National Conference in Phoenix August, 2014
- Participated as a volunteer for the Black Hills Veteran's Honor March in September, 2014
- Forwarded CALLS to members on the e-mail list and answered the Calls
- Provided a column and information for four Dakota Messenger newsletters published throughout the year

- Developed and submitted articles to all three SDNGEA ECHO newsletters published throughout the year
- Forwarded all Signal and Area V is Alive newsletters to members with e-mail.
- Provided information as requested by Area V Directors and EANGUS Auxiliary President
- Membership Chair provided membership information to be reported to National office timely. Membership for 2015 – 40 Lifetime members, 23 regular members and 25 Associate members
- Worked on preparations for the 2015 State Conference in Watertown.

NEW MEMBERSHIP.....

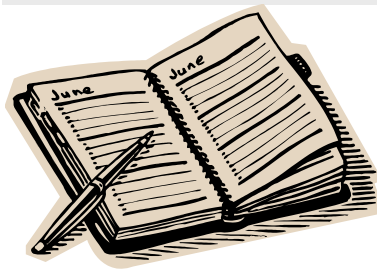
Do you know a spouse you could encourage to become an Auxiliary member? Could you encourage their membership by picking up their membership fee for one year? The beginning of the year marks the beginning of our membership drive for 2016. We can all be good stewards and help with the growth of the organization. Membership strength supports our voice on legislative issues that can make a difference for our soldier, airmen and their families as an active or retired guardsperson. Our regular membership numbers were down in 2015 despite our membership chair, Diane Kafka's best effort to encourage sign-up. Other states are successfully growing their membership numbers and we can too!

EANGUS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The program offers eligible members the opportunity to apply for a scholarship. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of: (1) eligibility; (2) scholastic achievement, character,

.Who is Eligible?

EANGUS Auxiliary Members Unmarried, children/step children, grandchildren/step grandchildren (up to age 26), of Annual and Life EANGUS Auxiliary Members Spouses of Annual and Life EANGUS Auxiliary Members. Application is attached and due to the National Scholarship Chairperson by June 30.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THE FOLLOWING LIST OF EVENTS:

April 17-18, 2015: SDNGEA Conference-

Watertown, SD

May 2, 2015: Area V Caucus-
Merrillville, Indiana

August 9-13, 2015:

44th EANGUS National Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana

September 19, 2015: Black Hills Veteran's Honor March
Deadwood, SD

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR OFFICERS.....

...**Legislative Chairman** Marlys List realized after reading our January newsletter, that she had not mentioned that she and her husband Don, have been married nearly 60 years!! Congratulations to them! They have one son and three grandsons, and one great grandson. Marlys was a legal secretary for 45 years prior to retiring.

I had contacted Historian, Jennifer Kranz, Chaplain/Public Relations, Sherry Blackwell and Sergeant-at-Arms, Gene Deyo, for information but have not heard from them. Thank you to these individuals for being involved in the Auxiliary and holding their respective offices.

As for myself, **Dakota Messenger Editor**, I have been married to my husband, Darald for 45 years. Darald retired from active guard/reserve AGR, in 2004 after 34 years of service. He then worked eight years for the Adjutant Generals, MG Gorman, Doohen and Reisch. He again retired in 2012 to join me in my retirement. I retired in 2010 after working 22 years in a real estate office. We have three children and five grandchildren.

MEMBER UPDATES:

Please keep our President, Gayle Funk and family in your thoughts and prayers as her mother is currently under Hospice care.

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

| Last | First | Middle |
|---------------|-------|--------|
| Home Address: | | |

Male_____ Female_____ Single_____ Married_____

Expiration Date of Enlistment _____

High School_____ College_____ Business/Trade_____ Working_____

Name and Address of School or College and Grade or Term_____

Number of brothers, sisters and their ages (if living at home): _____

Fill in the following information if applicable: _____

Spouse's Occupation: _____

Your Occupation: _____

Number of Children and their ages (if living at home): _____

List name and address of College, University, Trade or Business School that you plan to attend:

List activities to which you have participated (school, church, community):

List offices to which you have been elected in any organization:

List honors (school, athletic, citizenship, etc.) which you have been awarded:

What career are you planning to pursue and why?

While attending college, will you work part-time or during the summer

Persons eligible to apply are: EANGUS Auxiliary members, their spouse, unmarried children/step children, grandchildren/step grandchildren, up to age 26, of annual and life EANGUS Auxiliary members.

State Enlisted Association Auxiliary
and EANGUS Auxiliary Member:

Relationship to you Father
/Step Father, Mother/Step
Mother, Grandparent/Step
Grandparent, Spouse or Self:

I have answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief:

(All signatures must be hand written—not typed or computer generated)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: DATE:

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/STEP PARENT/GRANDPARENT/STEP GRANDPARENT OR
SPOUSE:

If granted a scholarship and I fail to complete the school for reasons other than sickness or physical injury, I agree to return any scholarship money I received to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

All applications must be accompanied by:

1. An official transcript of high school credits and/or college credits for applicants already enrolled in institutions of higher learning.
2. Letter from applicant with specific goals to continue his/her education and why financial aid is required, not less than three hundred fifty (350) words and not to exceed five hundred (500) words.
3. Three signed Letters of Recommendation verifying the application and giving personal traits. These may be from high school principal, counselor, dean, professor, minister, employer, etc.
4. A Letter of Recommendation and transmittal from State Auxiliary President, Scholarship Chairperson or Designee.
5. YOU MAY USE SEPARATE SHEETS IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED.

(Deadline postmark date for submission to the National Scholarship Chairperson is 30 June.)

