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2008 CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The 44th annual conference of the SDNGEA Auxiliary was held on April 17 – 20 at the Holiday Inn in Spearfish. We had a great conference and it is always fun to see and visit with everyone once again.

The winner of our \$400 scholarship went to Malea Nelson. She is the daughter of Steve Nelson and Sheila Nelson. She will be attending South Dakota State University pursuing a degree in Interior Design. We had planned on awarding two \$400 scholarships but unfortunately, we only had one applicant. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to apply!

Wayne Fokken, President of the Enlisted Association, presented the Auxiliary with a \$300 donation for our scholarship program.

Membership dues for 2009 were collected. Dues for 2009 can be paid from January 1 through December 31, 2008. Regular membership dues are \$11.00. Enlisted members can also join the Auxiliary as an "Associate Member" for \$3.00.

The Ways and Means committee held two 50/50 drawings during the convention. Thank you to the following ladies for stepping up to be on the Ways and Means Committee this year: Carol Kourt, Barb Kocer, Margaret Greenfield, Mary Regan, Mary Williams and Mary Wranek.

An election of officers was held. Those elected for the 2008-2009 year are: Karen Bekaert – President, Margaret Greenfield – VP/Scholarship, Jill Siedschlaw – Secretary, Diane Kafka – Treasurer/Membership and Edna Steinberg – Officer at Large. The appointed officers include: Marlene Kotab – Parliamentarian, Cindy Hansen – Historian, Sherry Blackwell – Chaplin, Marlys List – Legislative Chairman/National Scholarship and Mary Williams – Sergeant at Arms.

On Saturday we had our usual Auxiliary Brunch. We were fortunate enough to have Gloria Doohen present. She gave a little talk about our Soldiers being activated and how they are doing. It was decided that our brunch collection of \$229 would be donated to the Fort Meade VA Medical Center Hospice Program and that we would also donate \$50 a year to this program.

We were able to attend the "Young Heroes" presentation during the Enlisted meeting. The three "Young Heroes" were Storm Popham, Emma Bradford and Michael Habbe. It was a very touching presentation that brought tears to most of us there.

The National Conference will be held in Savannah, Georgia on August 18-21 with the theme being "Midnight Train to Georgia". Delegates for the conference are Sherry Blackwell, Diane Kafka, Karen Bekaert, Edna Steinberg, Mary Ball and Maryls List. Alternates are Linda House, Rita Stewart and Mick Scholten. The SD Auxiliary will be donating a piece of Black Hills gold jewelry.

I would like to thank our past President Nancy Volmer, past Treasurer, Mandy Henstein and our past Membership Chairman, Tara Vallery for their hard work and dedication to the SDNGEA Auxiliary the past two years.

If you are receiving a hard copy of this newsletter and would like to receive it through e-mail, please let me know. We would like to e-mail as many as we can to save on the postage.

If you have any articles for the newsletter, please forward them to me.

Hope all of you have a happy and safe summer!

Karen Bekaert
SDNGEA Auxiliary President





SDNGEA AUXILIARY & EANGUS AUXILIARY 2009 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 2009 State Membership Chairperson:

Diane Kafka

616 W 7th St.

Pierre, SD 57501

2009 Dues due by December 31, 2008

2009 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

2009 Dues due by December 31, 2008

Date: _____

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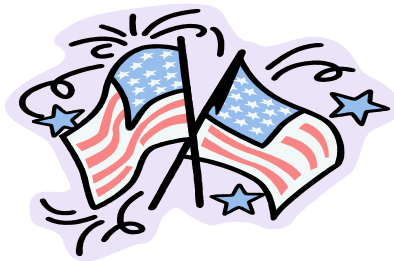
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Please remember to keep
all of our deployed
Soldiers and their
families in your prayers!



SDNGEA AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

The South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary is offering two \$400 scholarships for the 2009 academic year.

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 2009 must be paid by December 31, 2008, to be eligible for the scholarships.

Applications are currently available and must be returned by March 1, 2009.

For more information or to request a scholarship packet contact:

Margaret Greenfield
1270 McDonald Drive
Huron, SD 57350
Phone: 605-352-3581
Email: dgreenfield@hur.midco.net

APPLICATION FOR SDNGEA AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
BIRTHDATE _____
MALE _____ FEMALE _____ PHONE _____
SINGLE _____ MARRIED _____ EMAIL _____
HIGH SCHOOL _____ COLLEGE: _____ VO-TECH _____
GRADE AND NAME OF SCHOOL YOU ARE ATTENDING _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

FATHER'S NAME _____ MOTHER'S NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ ADDRESS _____
OCCUPATION _____ OCCUPATION _____
ARE BOTH PARENTS LIVING _____ MARRIED _____ DIVORCED _____
Name/address of guardian if both parents are deceased: _____
Number of brothers and sisters _____ Ages _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Do you plan to work while furthering your education? _____ Will you have a summer job? _____

NATIONAL GUARD AFFILIATION

Is the Guard member your ___ Father ___ mother ___ Grandparent? MEMBER'S NAME _____
Expiration Date of Enlistment: _____ Unit he/she belongs to? _____ Member of the SD Enlisted
Association? ___yes ___no Is member's spouse a member of SD Enlisted Assoc. Auxiliary? ___yes ___no
Auxiliary member's name? _____ (attach copy of membership card for 2008)

Is your father, mother or grandparent a retired member of the SD National Guard? _____ Date of Retirement _____

Are you a member of the South Dakota National Guard? _____ Date of Enlistment _____

SCHOLARSHIP DATA

You must enclose a transcript of your grades and/or college credits.

Attach a separate sheet listing:

- activities in which you have participated in your school, church, community, etc.
- organizations you have belonged to and what offices or leadership responsibilities you have held
- honors that you have received (school, athletic, citizenship, etc.)

School you plan to attend: Name of school _____
Address _____

What career are you planning to pursue? _____

REFERENCES

Enclose two written references (not relatives) pertaining to your qualifications for this scholarship

Enclose a letter which outlines your goals and makes any further statement which you feel will provide information of value to the scholarship committee in considering your application.

I have answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief. If granted a scholarship and fail to complete the school term for reasons other than sickness or physical injury, I agree to return any scholarship money I received to the South Dakota National Guard Auxiliary.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____
Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____