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Veterans Honor March

On Saturday, September 25, 2004 the first annual Black Hills Veterans Honor March was held. The march started at 0700hrs with seven marchers in attendance. The march covered 26.2 miles of the Mickelson Trail in the Black Hills from Rochford, SD to Deadwood, SD. The trail built on an old railroad consists of large mountains, quietly running streams, colorful seasonal trees, a tunnel carved out of a mountain, high bridges and an abundance of wildlife. Temperatures ranged from 30 degrees at the start to 80 degrees at the finish. The march was completed in less than 8.5 hrs with a lot of sore backs and blistered feet but enormous pride. A big thank you goes to all who supported the event. A special thanks to Wayne Thomas and CPT Phil Stiles who supported us all day long with water and supplies. We would not have made it without them. We were greeted and thanked for our service by many people along the way. State CSM Michael Birnbaum took time out of his weekend to meet us along the trail. That was a big boost to the moral of the marchers.

Next years march will be held on September 24, 2005. We hope to have 500 marchers for the second annual march. We will need many volunteers to pull it off. There will be more information coming soon. Look for the link to the Black Hills Veterans Honor March at our web site, sdngea.comx.



**SOUTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD
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Dear National Guard Families:

The South Dakota National Guard Family Readiness Office will be offering two exciting Youth Programs for your children this summer. **Youth Challenge** is for 10–12 year olds on July 17th – 22nd in Rapid City and **Teen Challenge** is for 13-15 year olds on July 7th – 10th in Sioux Falls. Applicants go by their age as of June 1st!

Youth/Teen Challenge is for children, grandchildren, siblings or legal dependents of South Dakota National Guard members or retired members. Deadline for applications is **June 3, 2005**.

Transportation may be provided to applicants from across the state upon request. There is a \$75.00 registration fee for applicants. All meals, activities, lodging and transportation will be covered by the Challenge fund. Scholarships will be available for those applicants that need financial assistance. Please include a one-page letter on **“What does the National Guard mean to my Family?”** with the registration packet.

A copy of the application can be obtained at www.sdguard.ngb.army.mil, click on Family Support or by emailing: sdngyc@sd.ngb.army.mil.

Youth Challenge: We will accept 75 youth for the Youth Challenge. Youth will be involved in various activities to include: leadership training, camping, swimming, canoeing, hiking, team building, drill & ceremonies, land navigation, arts & crafts, physical training, STARBASE, dancing and much more.

Teen Challenge: We will accept 30 teens for the Teen Challenge. Teen's will be involved in more educational activities to include leadership training, teambuilding, aviation and a lot of fun activities!

Priority will be given to **first time Challenge campers and campers that have a family member currently deployed** (currently or during camp). First priority will be granted until May 13th, at that time, we will begin to contact youth on the wait list. After first priority is granted, applicants will be accepted on a first come basis. We will contact you if you are accepted into camp or on the wait list.

Youth/Teen Challenge would not be possible without **VOLUNTEERS!** You may volunteer for one day or for multiple days. Volunteers are Guard members, spouses, siblings and retired National Guard members. If you are interested, please let us know by calling 1-800-658-3930 or email. Make a difference in the life of a child!

Are you interested in sponsoring a child? Do you know of a business or youth friendly organization that would be interested in sponsoring our SDNG Youth/Teen Challenge? Let us know. For more information call the State Family Readiness Office, at 737-6086, 1-800-658-3930 or email at: sdngyc@sd.ngb.army.mil.

Sincerely,


JUDY GORMAN
Challenge Chairman


KRISTI PALMER
Challenge Director

**Advance Registration
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South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all,

As I write this letter, I hope it finds you all safe and most of you back home in South Dakota. It has been another trying but gratifying year in the South Dakota National Guard. By our conference in April most everyone in the South Dakota National Guard will have been activated sometime over the last three years. And if you haven't, I know you have supported with many hours of extra work those who were.

In my travels as your President, I can't tell you how gratifying it is when other states and military people ask me how we have so many deployed and yet our membership continues to grow. I tell them of your dedication to a successful association and your desire of continuing to support the issues we face as National Guard Soldiers and Airmen. It has been my pleasure to help keep those issues on the front burner and fight for the benefits you all so richly deserve.

We continue to lobby for many of the same issues year after year. We are happy when we win one but are never satisfied as we know we have a long way to go and have many issues unresolved. I will be representing you in Washington, DC the second week of March, bringing forth many of those same issues; health coverage, early retirement, VA benefits and wages to name a few.

Our membership is rising yet we have about 500 members last year that did not renew this year. Why is that? I wonder if it is because we haven't asked them. If you are a member ask others in your unit if they are and tell them the reasons they should be. We are only as strong as our weakest link, IS THAT YOU?

Many of us attended the legislative dining out in Pierre on February 10th. It is amazing to talk to our state legislators and find out how much they know and don't know about the Guard. If we want more for the Guard,

we must let the people know who can fix the problems and educate them on our needs and wants. They can't fix it if they don't know it is broke. Give them a call!

Your state conference is 21-23 April 2005 in Pierre, SD. Registration forms are published in this issue of the ECHO. I invite every member to attend and participate in the meeting and the fun.

Our national conference is in Orlando, FL in August, I would love to see South Dakota have the most members attend. Let me know if you are able to go.

We have many scholarships available if you are a student or your son or daughter is a student please fill out the application and return by 1 April. This is one of the benefits of belonging to the Enlisted Association.

You will also find an application for the Auxiliary. For a few dollars you can support our biggest supporter. The national auxiliary consists of about 1100 members yet they made over 15,000 calls to your legislators. Many of the bills are passed because of their input and constant sharing of our goals.

This year we will be sponsoring our second annual "Black Hills Veterans Honor March" on September 24th. Check out our new web site for more information at: www.blackhillsveteransmarch.com. Our goal is to have 200-500 participants.

If you can attend the state conference I know it will be rewarding to you. If you cannot attend but you have ideas or concerns about our association or areas for improving our benefits as guardsmen let me know or call your unit representative (their names are posted in the front of the ECHO).

As always, thank you for doing your part in the military and for being a member of the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association, YOUR ASSOCIATION.

Ben Lamp
President SDNGEA

LETTER FROM THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

First of all I would like to invite everyone to the 46th Annual South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association Conference in Pierre, SD from 21-23 April 2005. This proves to be a valuable time together in many ways. If you have never been to a conference, this is a way to meet fellow guardsman, both Army and Air. You learn about the politics of this great association and what keeps us going. You can learn leadership skills by getting involved with committees and working issues as a team. Some times we are even able to socialize with each other and share in food, spirits and fun. The most important part of this conference is the issues we send forward to national (EANGUS) as resolutions to maintain the benefits we all enjoy in the national guard today.

The big issues going on right now we all need to be aware are **HR 558** – “*Guard and Reserve Readiness and Retention Act of 2005*”. *This bill was introduced by Senator Graham in the Senate and Congressman Latham in the House. The bill has two provisions as follows: Reserve Retirement Age is reduced from age 60 by one year for every two years served beyond 20 years of service. A minimum retirement age of 60 with 20 years of service, down to 53 with 34*

years of service.

Cost Share access to TRICARE for all members of the National Guard and Reserves.

This is big folks! There are many Senators on board with these two issues and are pushing hard for their acceptance. Write your Senators and Congress Woman and let them know how important this is to the National Guard and our families.

At this time I would like to welcome home all of those soldiers and airman who have returned home in the last month. THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE AND GIVING OF YOURSELVES FOR YOUR COUNTRY! We are proud of you for your courage, stamina, self discipline and all those things you trained so hard for to ready yourselves for war. You traveled to a troubled land and did the job you were trained for and much more. You were in our thoughts daily and our hearts were with you. In some cases we are sad and grief stricken with sorrow for those who gave their lives for our freedom. “WE WILL NEVER FORGET”. God bless you all and thank God you are home again.

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2005 SDNGEA AUXILARY CONFERENCE AGENDA

“Pierre comes alive in 2005”

APRIL 21-23, 2005

Best Western/Ramkota Inn • Pierre, SD

Thursday, April 21

- Registration
- Executive Council Meeting
- Social

Friday, April 22

- 0800 Conference Call to Order w/Association
- 1000 Auxiliary Adjourns/coffee break
- 1015 Auxiliary Meeting, Session I
- 1200 Recess until Saturday, April 23
- 1300 Afternoon Activities
- 1930 Dance

Saturday, April 23

- 0830 Auxiliary Meeting, Session II
- 0930 Brunch/Adjournment (courtyard)
- 1200 Executive Council Meeting
- 1300 Afternoon Activities
- 1730 Social
- 1830 Banquet

DATE

SUBJECT: Proxy for SDNGEA 2005 Conference

1. The _____ will not be in attendance at the SDNGEA
(Unit Name)
Conference held in Pierre, SD on 21-23 April 2005.

2. We are unable to attend the 2005 Conference due to _____

(REASON).

3. The _____ gives proxy votes to _____
(Unit Name) **(BN REP/UNIT)**

ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES

CSM VIRGIL R. WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States has established a **CSM VIRGIL R. WILLIAMS** Scholarship Program. The following persons are eligible:

1. EANGUS members
2. Dependent unmarried sons and daughters of EANGUS members
3. Spouses of EANGUS members
4. Unmarried spouses and unmarried dependent sons and daughters of deceased EANGUS members who were in good standing at the time of their death.

EANGUS member applicants, parent or guardian of unmarried sons and daughters who are applicants and members whose spouse is an applicant must have at least one (1) year remaining on his/her enlistment following completion of the school year for which application is submitted, or have served 20 or more years in service.

Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000 for the current school year of applications, and applicants must be enrolled as full-time students at a college, university, trade or business school. Graduate students are not eligible for scholarships.

Awards will be sent directly to the recipient with each check made payable to the recipient's choice of school. To receive the awards, verifications will be required to the effect that enrollment has commenced.

There shall be no consideration whatsoever given because of friendship, rank or grade of applicant, applicant's parents, or applicant's spouse. Neither shall the applicant's geographical place of residence be considered. Awards will be made on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and need.

All applications will be accompanied by:

1. A transcript of high school credits and a transcript of college credits for applicants already in institutions of higher learning.
2. A letter from applicant with personal, specific facts as to his/her desire to continue his/her education and why financial assistance is required.
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation verifying the application and giving specific moral and personal traits (these may be from community leaders, ministers, educators, etc.).
4. One (1) letter of academic reference (should be from principal, counselor, dean or professor).
5. Photo copy of state and/or National Membership Card (parent, spouse or yours, if you are a member).

Former recipients of a CSM VIRGIL R. WILLIAMS Scholarship Award are not eligible to re-apply. Those persons who have applied for scholarship award and were not selected may reapply.

If the recipient does not complete the school term for which the scholarship is awarded, due to any cause other than sickness or physical injury, the recipient will refund the award to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States within sixty (60) days from the date enrollment has terminated.

All scholarship applications will be sent to the scholarship chairman of his/her respective State or that person so designated by his/her State President. Each application will be reviewed for completeness and approved by the respective State. Applications must include all of the required materials. A letter must accompany each application sent to the National Scholarship Committee Chairman of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States.

Deadline date for all applications for scholarship will be observed in all instances.

In the event of mobilization of the membership of EANGUS, which would interrupt the functions of this program, the remaining funds will be placed into a trust fund until such time as EANGUS shall once again become active.

The composition of the CSM VIRGIL R. WILLIAMS Scholarship Committee shall be made up as follows:

1. Chairman: This person will be appointed by the President of EANGUS and shall have no vote in the selection except to break a tie vote.

2. The remainder of the committee shall be made up in one of the following ways:

a. One (1) (voting) member from each of the seven (7) EANGUS Areas. (To be selected by Area Directors).

b. A committee of professional educators

Mrs. Virgil R. Williams shall be a permanent associate member of this committee. She shall have no vote and will serve in a steering or advisory capacity only.

Recommend a CSM VIRGIL R WILLIAMS Scholarship Account be established. This committee further recommends the delegates in attendance of this 12th Annual EANGUS Conference direct the Treasurer of EANGUS to place into this account not less than \$4,000 annually. Any designated funds received for scholarships will also be placed in the Scholarship Account.

There will be two (2) or more scholarships awarded each year. The applications for scholarship must be postmarked no later than 1 JULY each year. This means the States must have the applications for their States assembled, eligibility verified and postmarked to the National Chairman by 1 JULY each year.

(Must be sent in State level by 1 June so that the State President has time to review them before sending them to the Nationals by 1 July)

ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES
CSM VIRGIL R. WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: (Last) (First) (Middle)

HOME ADDRESS (City, State, Zip Code) TELEPHONE:

BIRTH DATE: SEX: Single () Married ()

Current Membership Card Number:

Name, rank, address, telephone number and unit of parent/spouse or of National Guard member:

Expiration date of enlistment of parent/spouse/member:

Current status of applicant: (Check one) High School () College () Business/Trade School ()

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

Have you received any other scholarships? Yes () No () If so, specify:

List activities in 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:

List name and address of university, college, trade/business school you plan to attend:

If additional space is needed to answer questions, you may use separate sheets and attach.

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

(Signature of Applicant)

(Signature of parent/spouse if applicant is not a member)

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY:
1. A copy of applicant's school transcript.
2. A letter from applicant with specific facts as to desire to continue his/her education and why financial assistance is required.
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation verifying this application and giving specific moral and personal traits.
4. Letter of academic reference (Principal, Dean or Counselor).
5. Photo copy of state and/or National Membership Card (parent, spouse or yours, if you are a member).
COMPLETE AND MAIL TO: (By 1 June)
Your State President or the person he/she appoints to receive applications, who will check for completeness, eligibility, write a cover letter to confirm that applications are valid and mail to the National Scholarship Chairman, postmarked not later than 1 July each year.

If granted a scholarship and I fail to complete the school term for reason other than sickness or physical injury, I agree to return any scholarship monies received by me to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States.

I further state that I consent to providing the information requested in this application. I have provided this information freely and voluntarily and hereby waive any objections to providing this information which might be made pursuant to the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C., Section 5528. The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States has my permission to use the information given in considering and processing this application.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)



MINUTES

of the South Dakota Enlisted Association

Executive Council Meeting

President Ben Lamp called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Roll Call was taken with a quorum present.

1st order of business was handing out awards from the museum.

Everyone introduced themselves because of the large number of people present and new members at the meeting.

Minutes of the 15 September 04 meeting were approved as printed in the Fall 2004 ECHO.

Nancy Ausland gave the Treasurers report. There was a line added to expenses and income for the Black Hills Veterans Honor March. There were uncategorized expenses to correct a mistake of depositing donations which were supposed to go to the Air Guard Junior Council. Dues collection is going well for this year.

Committee Members at Large

Area 2 Representative, Josh Wermers, has contacted all his regions and dues are as follows: 100% for 153rd EN & 881st TC, 72% for Lemmon, 40% for Co B, 109th & Med Det, extremely low for 200th En, and no report from Elk Point.

Area 4 Representative, Scott Schmitt, reported the Air Guard at 70%, HHS 1/147th & B/1/147th at 100% along with 665 Ord Det and Band. They will continue to collect as units get home from deactivation.

Area 3 Representative, Dale Greenfield, there was no report.

Area 1 Representative, Dan Regan, was not at meeting. He did request to appoint someone new as Area 1 Committee Member at Large to take over his duties since he will be unable to attend the State meeting in April. Council decided that was not necessary since State meeting is only 2 months away.

Resolutions Committee: John Mimmack, who was not present at the meeting, did request that if anyone has any resolutions to get them to him in writing by the 15th of February in order to be published. It was brought up that resolutions needed to be published 60 days prior to next meeting in order to be voted in by 50% majority. Since the ECHO will only be published for 30 days prior to State meeting it was suggested to use the website as the written notice necessary to meet the by laws. After research, the council found that Rules of order do not match the Constitution on this issue and it was suggested to make a change to the by laws at the State meeting to either use website as a written publication or change the written notice from 60 days to 30 days due to the timing of the Legislative Dining Out and the State meeting. There was also a resolution to change the Montgomery GI Bill for the National Guard to include the same benefits as Active Duty soldiers. Any resolutions for the National convention need to get to Ray Kennedy. Bring them to the State meeting.

Time & Place Committee: The 2005 conference will be held in Pierre; the 2006 is still scheduled for Sioux Falls with the evening activities in conjunction with the Officer convention; the 2007 conference will be held in Huron. Still looking for units to host the 2008 and 2009 conventions, but would like them to be a unit from the West or North end of the State.

Position Evaluation Committee: Randy Decker had nothing to report. At the 2004 Conference it was voted to make the Webmaster a position on the Executive Council but not having any voting rights. This needs to be added to the ECHO.

Publications Committee: Kim Chase was not present, but wanted everyone to know the deadline for the next ECHO is 15 February 2005. It was brought up that the ECHO costs a lot of money to print and send out to the members. After some discussion on solutions it was suggested by Robert Aiken to have the publications committee study different solutions and present options at the council meeting in April.

Athletics Committee: Josh Wermers reported that the scheduled Snowmobile ride did not happen due to lack of snow. There was discussion on the \$200 that the Association gives to each of the athletic event and if it should be paid back. It was suggested that if the event did not make money, then the event chairperson can approach the council and let the Executive council decide if that event needs to pay back the \$200 or not. Also need to have a list of activities published in ECHO so units can volunteer to run each event.

Insurance Committee: Reported that we got \$5500 from NGASD Insurance. Due to benefit payouts we may not receive the \$5500 next year.

Ways & Means Committee: Nothing to Report.

Legislative Committee: Donovan List reported on the Old and New bills that are in the House and Senate at this time. There have not been any CALLS from EANGUS but after conversing with their office, we were informed the 109th Congress is just getting underway and there is expected to be activity soon which will require attention. With newly elected members in our State Legislature in Washington, DC, we must lend them our support. We must contact them expressing our issues and concerns regarding the active and retired National Guard.

State Conference Sponsorship Committee: Gary Kafka reported that registration is slow but everything is going well. All activities are set up, but he needs the names of past presidents to put on rooms set aside for them. Remember to bring someone new to the State Convention and encourage your units to sponsor someone to come. The Association will be sponsoring 2 people again this year. The rules are published on Page 3 of the ECHO. Please get any names and phone numbers to Bruce Anderson.

Young Hero's Committee: Craig Towns had nothing to report but wanted to remind everyone that if you know a young person who is eligible for the Young Hero award to get their information to him.

Scholarship Report: It was reported that the Duke Corning Scholarship Plaques are both full and was suggested that 2 more be bought. A motion was made by Ed Revell for the Enlisted Association to buy a new plaque for \$125 if the Officer Association would buy the other one for \$125. Motion was 2nd by Wayne Fokken. There was no discussion, motion carried.

President Ben Lamp suggested deviating from posted agenda. Motion was made by Bruce Anderson and 2nd by Josh Wermers. Motion granted.

Wayne Fokken put together a binder for each of the scholarships sponsored by EANGUS. Needs to be maintained by the 2nd Vice. It was brought to the attention of the council that there are not any dollar amounts listed for the scholarships in the ECHO and no due dates for the scholarships to be in by. This may explain why there have not been any received to date. It was decided that the scholarships would have an April 1 deadline to Randy Decker. This will still give him enough time to go through the applications before the State meeting. The Mallow scholarship will have its own application in the next year. The Community Foundation has made its recovery from the stock dips and is back up to \$40,000. The goal is to not have to dip into fund the scholarships with membership funds. Last year only had to pay \$250 out of the general fund for the scholarships, so program is working.

Motion was made by Ben Lamp to accept committee reports as read and 2nd by Jim Wranek. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Gary Kafka reported that he is still receiving membership dues and will continue through the State conference. Get the dues in as quickly as possible. The goal is still 3000 members and as of 10 February 05 we have 2672 members. The State Conference is just around the corner and if needed there is a copy of the Proxy letter in the ECHO. He also reminded everyone that Conference will be at the Ramkota and it is your own responsibility to book a hotel room. Josh Wermers made a motion to accept the membership report as read and Bruce Anderson 2nd it. Motion carried.

Membership for the National conference was brought up for discussion. As stated in the previous issue of the ECHO, we would hold onto the membership dues this year in order to straighten out the books. National stated there would not be a problem in doing this. Bruce Anderson conducted a courtesy call recently to National to double check this plan, but discovered that they don't state the same thing now. A conference call will be conducted to straighten out this issue and in the mean time the Association will be responsible for the AD&D policy if the situation occurs.

Website Update was given by Lori Hoops.

Old Business

Black Hills Veterans Honor March was under old and new business. A report was given by Mark Thomas on the March held on 24 September 04. Discussion for the 2005 March included forming committees for each area and putting a cap on registration or a deadline to limit attendance.

New Business

Area 5 Caucus will be held May 20-21, 2005 in Omaha, NE. National Convention will be August 21-25, 2005 in Orlando, FL. Legislative Workshop will be 7-8 March 2005 in Washington, DC. Ed Revell reported that EANGUS is financially sound for the 1st time in years. They would like to see 50,000 members this year.

A volunteer for chaplain at this years State Convention is still needed.

Movement was made to adjourn by Craig Towns and 2nd by John Ball. Meeting adjourned at 1615 hours.

Edwards receives Williamson Militiaman Award

Author Roger C. Anderson

Public Affairs Office, South Dakota

PIERRE – Cited for his longtime dedication to education, the National Guard and his community retired Brig. Gen. Ernie Edwards, of Watertown, received the prestigious 2005 Williamson Militia Man Award during South Dakota National Guard's Legislative Dining Out ceremony in Pierre Thursday night.

The Williamson Militia Man Award was established in 1987 by Maj. Gen. Ronald F. Williamson, who was the adjutant general at the time. The award recognizes an individual who exemplifies the spirit of the citizen-soldier through community leadership, support of the National Guard and the defense of our country.

The award, presented by Gov. Mike Rounds, is a U.S. Army Saber and Scabbard. It is regulation in size and design with detailed embossed blade and chrome finish.

Brig. Gen. (retired) Edwards enlisted in the South Dakota National Guard in 1957 and went on to graduate from Officer Candidate School in 1960. He went on to serve in leadership positions in the 147th Field Artillery Brigade to include, battery commander, Commander of the 1st Battalion, and Brigade Commander of the 147th.

Edwards went on to serve as the Deputy STARC Commander and was appointed as the Assistant Adjutant General for the S.D. Army National Guard in 1992.

Brig. Gen. Edwards serves on Watertown Chamber's Military Affairs Committee. He is actively involved with the state committee for Employer Support to the Guard and Reserve.



Brig. Gen. Edwards graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1957 and went on to get his Masters in Education in 1960. He went on to teach Math in Watertown in 1957. He served as principal in Watertown's junior high and senior high school. He went on to become Watertown's Director of Secondary Curriculum.

For 10 years, Edwards served as Superintendent of Schools for the Brookings School District and went on to serve 10 years as the Superintendent in Watertown.

Former recipients of the Williamson Militia Man Award include:

1987 Col. (DR) Robert Hayes
 1988 Maj. Gen. Duane Corning
 1989 Al Schock
 1990 Ep Howe
 1991 Sen. Jim Dunn
 1992 No award
 1993 Ed McBride
 1994 No Award
 1995 No Award
 1996 Al Cornella
 1997 Gov. William Janklow
 1998 Sen. Tom Daschle
 1999 CW4 Richard Trankle
 2000 No award
 2001 Larry Ritz
 2002 Maj. Gen. Harold Sykora
 2003 Brig. Gen. Ronald W. Mielke
 2004 Maj. Gen. Phil Killey

Your South Dakota National Guard Museum

SFC (Ret) Bob Kusser, Director

Welcome to Pierre for the SDNG Enlisted Association Conference. While in Pierre, please stop and visit your South Dakota National



Guard Museum. The museum has undergone some changes. COL (Ret) Steve Gomez retired as the museum director in June 2004. SFC (Ret) Bob Kusser is currently the director along with Seb Axtman as the Curator. Our hours have expanded to Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM CST. We at the South Dakota National Guard Museum invite you, your family, and friends to visit the museum and learn about the guard history. The museum is located in downtown Pierre at 301 East Dakota Avenue.

The goal is to create a greater understanding of the significant role played by the South Dakota National Guard throughout history by caring for and preserving our collections, and working with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and groups whose valued guidance and support enhance our programs.

Admission is FREE. We are open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM CST. You may contact us through our website:



www.state.sd.us/military/military/museum.htm or phone us at (605) 224-9991.



The South Dakota Air and Army National Guard have an admirable history and South Dakotans are to be proud of the

men and women who have put on the uniform. The Guard has been involved in nearly every major military conflict, helping neighbors during natural disasters, and most recently fighting the war against terrorism.

The museum, in future additions of the Echo, will feature articles pertaining to historical events, book reviews of publications available through the museum and museum updates.

Book Review Spring 2005: **FROM COLD WAR to GULF WAR**, The South Dakota National Guard 1945 to the Millennium,



Author is Steven J. Bucklin. This 300 page book provides the reader information relating to the South Dakota National Guard as it transformed from the end of World War II through 2003. Items of interest are the unit reorganizations, Berlin Crisis, Persian Gulf Activation, Desert Shield, and Units Alerted and Released from Active Duty in 2003.....The book is available for sale @ \$26.50.

Our mission is to preserve and honor the history of the South Dakota National Guard from the days of the Dakota Territory (1860's) to the present, with emphasis on various wars and conflicts, interpreting for citizens, veterans, and young people the story of the South Dakota National Guard.

AGENDA

SOUTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED

46TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Pierre, South Dakota

April 21-23, 2005

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

1400 - 1800	Registration
1400	Executive Council Meeting (Room TBD)
1600	Budget Committee/Audit Committee
1600	Position Evaluation Meeting
1600	Credentials Committee Meeting
1600	All other committee meetings TBA
1900 - 2400	Social W/Hors D' Oeuvres, Dance and Karoke

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

		1015	Conference Call to Order Remarks by The Adjutant General 20 Year Awards Audit Committee Report Treasurer's Report Membership Report State Conference Sponsorship Report EANGUS Report Area V Report Junior Enlisted Report Presentations by Cities bidding for future Conferences Administrative Announcements Memorial Service
0730 - 1200	Registration		
0800	Opening Ceremonies Posting of Colors Pledge of Allegiance Invocation - Chaplain Welcome by President Welcome by Mayor Guest Speakers Insurance Trust Update - CW4(Ret) Jim McEwen Museum Update - Robert Kusser		
1000	Coffee Break/Auxiliary Adjourns	1200	Adjourn
		1230	Retired Luncheon Committee Meetings Afternoon Activities, Golf, Bowling, Hospitality Room Open
		1930 - 2400	Dance, Sweet Addiction

ED ASSOCIATION



SATURDAY APRIL 23

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| 0730 | Past Presidents Breakfast |
| 0830 | Business Session Reconvened
Credentials Committee Report
Time and Place Committee Report
Position Evaluation Committee Report
Ways and Means Committee Report
Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report
Budget Committee Report
Resolutions Committee Report
Young Heroes Committee Report
Insurance Committee Report
Legislative Committee Report
Athletics Committee Report
Publications Committee Report
President's Report
Nominations Committee Report |
| 1000 | Coffee Break |
| 1015 | Old Business
New Business
Nominations and Election of Officers
Installation of Officers
Benediction
Retire the Colors |
| 1200 | Adjournment of 46th Annual Conference |
| 1300 | Afternoon Activities, Horse Racing, Darts, Pool, Hospitality Room Open |
| 1730 - 1830 | Social Hour |
| 1830 | Banquet |

REGISTRATION

Date Submitted:

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SDNGEA Auxiliary News

Pierre will be the place to be on April 21-23, 2005, as we hold our State Conference. This is the time to come together to renew friendships, meet others from around our state, and support the Enlisted Association. It is also a time to come together and have some fun!

The Executive Council will meet Thursday, April 21, at 4:00 p.m. at the Pierre Ramkota Inn. All of the Auxiliary meetings during the conference will be held in Gallery D at the Ramkota Inn.

Our ways and means committee will be having a "theme basket" again this year for a fund raiser during the conference. If you, or a group of you, would like to donate a basket to the silent auction please bring it with you to the conference. The baskets last year were amazing and turned out to be a great fund raiser.

Elections for state offices will be held during the conference. Please consider running for an office. Most of the offices take very little of your time and are not difficult. Our current treasurer, Edna Steinberg, will be resigning her position this year. She has held this position for many years and would now like to focus on her commitments with the Elder Tree Program. Please let me know if you are interested in filling any of these offices.

Membership in the Auxiliary can be very rewarding. It is a membership that does not require a lot of your time and *you* decide how involved you want to be. Whether you would like to be a silent member, sending in your dues once a year, or would like to be a member that attends meetings, or even a member that is actively involved and holds an office, your membership is vital!

Please plan on attending our meetings at the conference and see what we are all about!

See you in Pierre,
Barb Kocer

EANGUS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

There will be five \$500 EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarships and one USAA scholarship 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, dependent sons and daughters of EANGUS Auxiliary members;
- Spouses of EANGUS Auxiliary members;
- EANGUS Auxiliary members.

Be sure that the parent or spouse is an Auxiliary member and Auxiliary membership dues must have been paid by December 31, 2004 to be eligible for the scholarships.

Applications are available from Marlys List, Auxiliary Scholarship, 705 James Place, Yankton, SD 57078; telephone 605-665-5924; e-mail dmlist@mchsi.com

Parents urge your sons and daughters to apply for the Auxiliary scholarship, spouses of EANGUS Auxiliary members and EANGUS Auxiliary members consider applying also.

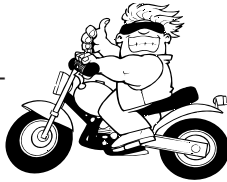
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Spring!***



COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

If you are a combat veteran and ride a motorcycle you are eligible and encouraged to apply for membership in the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA).

The CVMA is an association comprised of U.S. combat veterans from all branches of the armed forces that ride motorcycles as a hobby. Our reason for being is solely to generate support for veterans' causes and issues.



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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

To be considered for this award, an applicant must be:

- * A current member or a dependent of a member of the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association.
- * A graduating high school senior and/or an individual enrolled or having intent to enroll in a post-secondary institution (undergraduate study only) on a full-time basis.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To apply for the USAA Scholarship, applicants must submit the following, in its entirety, by April 1st.

1. A scholarship application form.
2. At least one letter of academic recommendation. This should be from a teacher, counselor, dean or professor addressing the applicant's academic achievements.
3. At least one letter of personal recommendation. This should be from a community leader, minister, elected official, or unit commander (if a member of National Guard) addressing the applicant's moral and personal traits, character and leadership abilities. (Cannot be a parent)
4. An official high school and/or college transcript which indicates the applicant's cumulative grade point average and one copy of the applicant's latest SAT/ACT test scores, (if applicable).

Completed packages must be received or they will be returned to the applicant. For example, do not have the official transcript or the letters of recommendation sent directly to Randy Decker. Your entire package must be sent under one cover.

All applications materials must be submitted by April 1st to:

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

We are starting a new year of 2005 and a new Legislative year, both in our State and in Washington, DC. We have newly elected members both in our South Dakota Legislature and in Congress. There was an excellent turnout of South Dakota voters in our last election and now we must show our support to those elected. Our South Dakota Legislature has introduced several Senate and House Bill concerning military and veterans affairs.

The 109th Congress likewise is introducing legislation that will need our attention. So far there have been some Senate and House Bills introduced in Congress which include Senate Bill 13 that is a bill to overhaul veterans' health care benefits; Senate Bills 42 and 44 which both raise the death gratuity to \$100,000 for members killed on active duty since September 11; Senate Bill 185, the Military Retiree Survivor Equity Act, would end the deduction of VA Survivor benefits (paid when the member's death is caused by a service-connected condition) from the survivor's SBP annuity. It would also move up the 2008 effective date of 30-year paid up SBP coverage to a 2005 implementation.

Eligibility for the TRICARE Retired Dental Program

(TRDP) extends to all retirees of the Reserve and Guard and their family members, including "gray area" retired Reservists who are entitled to retire pay but will not begin receiving it until age 60. Although eligibility for this group has been in effect since the TRDP first began in 1998, many retired Reserve and Guard members, and even more "gray area" retirees, still do not realize they are eligible. Anyone who wants more information can visit the web site at www.trdp.org or call Delta Dental of California at 1-888-838-8737 for a complete TRDP enrollment packet.

If a CALL is received we must immediately write, fax or call our Congressional members with our thoughts on the matter, WE MUST BE HEARD. If you write to your Senators or Representative please either email or send a copy of your letter to EANGUS.

We must give a prayer of thanks for the safe return of our troops from overseas and also pray for the safety of those who are still deployed.

Donavon J. List
Legislative Officer, SDNGEA

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Telephone #: _____

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1. Name: _____ Spouse: _____

2. Current : Address & Phone # and _____
Email Address _____

3. When did you retire from the Army / Air National Guard? _____
Full-time _____ Traditional _____

4. What Unit did you serve with? _____

5. What rank did you retire at? _____

6. How long were you in the Army / Air National Guard? _____
Full-time _____ Traditional _____

7. What did you do right after retirement? _____

8. What are you doing now? _____

9. What positions have you held in the Enlisted Association? _____

10. Are you a member of the Enlisted Association? State _____ National _____

Life Member _____

ARMY GUARD / AIR GUARD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____

Name: _____ Retired Rank _____

Address _____
Street/Route/Box Number City/State/Zip Code

Date of Retirement: _____ Last Unit Assigned _____

Comments: _____

Please return this form with your Dues \$14.00 (\$5.00 State, \$9.00 National) to:

Air
Don Stewart
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Chester, SD 57106

Army
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Where are they now since they retired?

Robert W. Siedsuhlaw

Wife: Jill

12310 Viking Dr. Vahalla Sub Division
Sturgis, SD 57785-0151

bscole@iw.net

Robert retired from the Army National Guard after serving 20 years full time and five years as a M-day soldier. Robert served with JFHQ, 196th RTI, 155th Detachment, 109th Battalion, and the 842nd Eng. He attained the rank of E-7/SFC. After retirement Robert worked as a deputy for the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office and spent some time in retail sales. Robert is a state and life member.

Allen R. Osborn

Wife: Roxane

612 West 8th Ave
Lennox, SD 57039

605-647-5461

allen.r.Osborn@us.army.mil

Allen retired from the Army National Guard on December 1, 2004 after serving 20 years full time and three years as a M-Day soldier. Allen served with the 1742nd Transportation Company, 665th Maintenance Company, 153rd Engineer Battalion, and the 147th Field Artillery. He retired with the rank of SSG/E-6. After retirement Allen spent time with his family, grew long hair and a beard and started preparing for the opening of this new business. Allen has started his own business in Lennox working on minor and major repairs on motorcycles, ATV's, go-karts and minibikes.

Larry L. Johnson

Wife: Sharon

725 High St., Box 521
Lake Andes, SD 57356
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Larry retired from Company A, 153rd Engineer Battalion in Wagner on June 30, 2002. After serving 22 years full time and 13 years m-day he attained the rank of SFC. Larry worked for the South Dakota State Parks, Pickstown, SD (North Point) as a seasonal job. He is now driving school bus for the Andes Central Schools in Lake Andes, SD. Larry is a life member.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

The Enlisted Association provides many athletic events but, we need your help for these events to take place. The Association will give you \$200 start-up money that you can use to fund an event. This Money should be refunded after the event if at all possible to help fund other athletic events. The events listed below are the events that the Enlisted Association currently funds. If you have any new ideas or questions please contact Josh Wermers (Athletic Committee Chairman).

- Golf Tournament
- Softball Tournament
- Motorcycle Rally
- Snowmobile Rally
- Pool Tournament
- Bowling Tournament
- ATV Rally
- Dart Tournament

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★ SDSU receives Pro Patria Award ★

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PIERRE – The South Dakota Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) presented its prestigious 2005 Pro Patria Award to South Dakota State University. SDSU President Peggy Miller accepted the award during the Guard's Legislative Dining Out ceremonies Thursday night, Feb. 10, in Pierre.

The Latin phrase "Pro Patria" translates "For the country." The award is given periodically to an individual, company or organization that has supported employees who are members of the Guard and Reserve. It symbolizes the patriotism shown by adopting personnel policies that enable employees to fulfill National Guard and Reserve training and deployment obligations, thus contributing to the success of our nation's defense.

Throughout Operation Iraqi Freedom, SDSU had 15 employees activated. All were assured they would have a home upon returning from duty. As employees of the State of South Dakota, Guardsmen and Reservists receive 15 days of military pay. Upon activation, SDSU made up the difference of military pay to civilian pay. Upon returning from activation, annual leave and sick leave are reinstated, and continue to accrue when the employee leaves to serve their country.

During the same period, SDSU had 213 students called to active duty. SDSU's leadership played a dramatic role in drafting policies for the Board of Regents during Desert Storm 1990, helping the mobilized students who were required to leave before completing the semester.

"The enthusiasm, patriotism, and support of South Dakota State University is outstanding," said Maj. Gen. Michael Gorman, adjutant general. "The university and its leadership take great pride in the employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve, and go beyond what is required to support their mobilized employees. South Dakota State University is proud and committed to supporting its military members."

It was also noted that SDSU's leaders are eager to hire military members since they know that military experience brings a strong work ethic and outstanding leadership skills to the university. Staff members with military backgrounds make excellent role models for students and other team members, and also have a positive impact on defining the university. The support that mili-



tary members receive permeates throughout the university and can be observed at all levels of leadership.

"Led by Dr. Peggy Gordon Miller, the leadership team at SDSU provides the values and leadership that recognizes and rewards their military members for the experience and skills they bring to the workforce," said Gorman.

South Dakota State University's spirit of support goes far beyond paperwork and benefits. SDSU has shown tremendous support of our military for over 140 years by providing a home for Army ROTC. Former Professor of Military Science, Omar Bradley named SDSU the West Point of the Plains, for the quality and quantity of officer there. That name has stuck and continues to be respected for the caliber of officers produced in both the Army and Air Force ROTC programs.

Students required to withdraw from the SDSU before completing a semester could receive credit or refund privileges. Eligible students, who are required to report for military duty not earlier than four (4) calendar weeks prior to the date a semester ends. Or after completion of at least seventy-five per cent (75%) of the enrollment period in a non-standard semester course, students may be given full credit for all courses for which they have an average of "C" or better.

Eligible students who do not receive an incomplete or credit for the course in which they are enrolled shall be entitled to a full refund of tuition and academic fees. SDSU's leadership team has always gone beyond the Board of Regents expectations when supporting mobilized students.

A recent memorandum reminded faculty, "that SDSU's philosophy is to do everything possible to facilitate the student so that his or her academic standing and progression are not harmed by the call up."

46th Annual Conference
South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association

Pierre Comes Alive In 2005

21-23 April 2005
Best Western - Ramkota Inn
Pierre, South Dakota

Registration Information

Table with 2 columns: Registration Fee and Amount. Rows include Couple with Banquet (\$70.00), Couple without Banquet Ticket (\$40.00), Per Person with Banquet Ticket (\$35.00), Per Person without Banquet Ticket (\$20.00), and Auxiliary Lunch Ticket (\$10.00).

Activities: Bowling - Darts - Golf - Pool (8-ball) - Horse Racing

Please note: There will need to be at least 10 people signed up for an activity in order for it to be held.

For room reservations call: (Rms blocked under NG Conference - must be booked by 21 Mar 05)

Best Western-Ramkota Inn 224-6877 (\$55 Sgl / \$65 Dbl per night)
Governor's Inn 224-4200 (\$57 per night)

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS REGISTRATION FORM COMPLETELY AND MAIL TO:

881st Troop Command
ATTN: MSG Gary Kafka
PO Box 938
Pierre, SD 57501-0938

Name: Address:

Guest(s):

SDNGEA Member's Unit of Assignment:

Please indicate (below) items you are paying for: Indicate number of Chicken or Beef meals
Fee's with Banquet Ticket: Chicken Meals Beef Meals
Fee's without Banquet Ticket:
Auxiliary Brunch:
Total Fee's Enclosed:

Make Checks Payable to: 2005 Enlisted Conference

Circle the activities you are interested in:

Bowling Darts Golf Pool Horse Racing

State Conference Sponsor Program

Background:

This program is made possible by donations from the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Associations and is established to encourage E1 to E5 to attend the State Conference in South Dakota. This program will pay for the fee's associated with the attendance of State Conference to include: Room accommodations, banquet tickets, and a prearranged amount of spending money.

Minimum Qualifications:

To be considered for this program, an applicant must be:

Must be an M-Day Soldier or Air Person.

Must be in the ranks of E1 to E5.

Must be a paid member of the SD National Guard Enlisted Association.

Must never have attended any SDNGEA State Conference.

Must possess the "right stuff" and be able to benefit and report on their attendance to the Conference.

Application Procedures

To apply for this program applicant must submit the following, in its entirety, by the end of March. At least one letter of recommendation by any member of the SDNGEA, addressing the soldier/air person's qualifications, Guard accomplishments, and desire to attend the State Conference, applicant's complete address, with a phone number to contact applicant.

Please include a letter from the individual indicating their intent to attend the conference if chosen and why they feel they would benefit from the experience.

Send applications to:

State Conference Sponsor Program
ATTN: SDNGEA Executive Director
25790 Country Lane
Renner SD 57055

South Dakota National Guard Memorial Scholarships April 1, 2005 Suspense

BACKGROUND

The South Dakota National Guard Memorial Scholarship program has been established through donations by the members, family and friends of the South Dakota National Guard Officer and Enlisted Associations in honor of the distinguished service of fellow members of the South Dakota National Guard.

- The **Major General Duane L. "Duke" Corning Memorial Scholarship** was created to memorialize General Corning's love and dedication for the National Guard Associations and for his fidelity, dedication and unselfish service to his state, nation, and fellowman. The purpose of the memorial endowment is to encourage active/retired members of the South Dakota National Guard (Army and Air) and their dependents to pursue degrees in higher education at an accredited institution of their choice.
- The **CW2 Darren R Mallow Memorial Scholarship** is awarded by Col (Ret) Bob and Shirley Mallow of Black Hawk SD in remembrance of their son Darren, an outstanding guard member whose life was cut tragically short by a fatal civilian helicopter accident in the summer of 1999.

Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded annually by the Enlisted/Officer Associations and one \$100.00 scholarship offered by the Mallow family. Judges will select the winners as first, second, and third place, with third place being awarded the \$100.00 scholarship.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

To be considered for this award, an applicant must be:

- * A current/retired member or dependent of a current/retired member of the South Dakota National Guard Officer or Enlisted Associations.
- * A graduating high school senior and/or an individual enrolled or having intent to enroll in a post-secondary institution (undergraduate study only) on a full-time basis.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To apply for the South Dakota National Guard Memorial Scholarships, applicants must submit the following, in its entirety, by April 1st:

1. A completed scholarship application form.
2. At least one letter of academic recommendation. This should be from a teacher, counselor, dean or professor addressing the applicant's academic achievements.
3. At least one letter of personal recommendation. Should be from a community leader, minister, elected official, or unit commander (if member of the National Guard) addressing the applicant's moral and personal traits, character and leadership abilities. (Cannot be a parent.)
4. An official high school and/or college transcript which indicates the applicant's cumulative grade point average and one copy of the applicant's latest SAT/ACT test scores (if applicable).

Completed packages must be received or they will be returned to the applicant. For example, do not have the official transcript or the letters of recommendation sent directly to the scholarship committee. Your entire package must be sent under one cover.

All application materials must be submitted by April 1st to:

**Randy Decker
23009 Candlelight Drive
Rapid City, SD 57703**

South Dakota National Guard
Memorial Scholarships

NON-RENEWABLE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

HOME ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

TELEPHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____
(Day, Month, Year)

YOU MUST BE A CURRENT/RETIRED MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER OR ENLISTED ASSOCIATIONS OR A DEPENDENT OF A CURRENT/RETIRED MEMBER. PLEASE GIVE NAME, RANK, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE #, AND UNIT OF NATIONAL GUARD MEMBER. IF SAME AS ABOVE STATE SO AND GIVE RANK AND UNIT: _____

SCHOOL OR COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: _____

MAJOR AREA OF STUDY: _____

LIST AWARDS, HONORS, AND OFFICES IN HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR OTHER TRADE SCHOOLS:

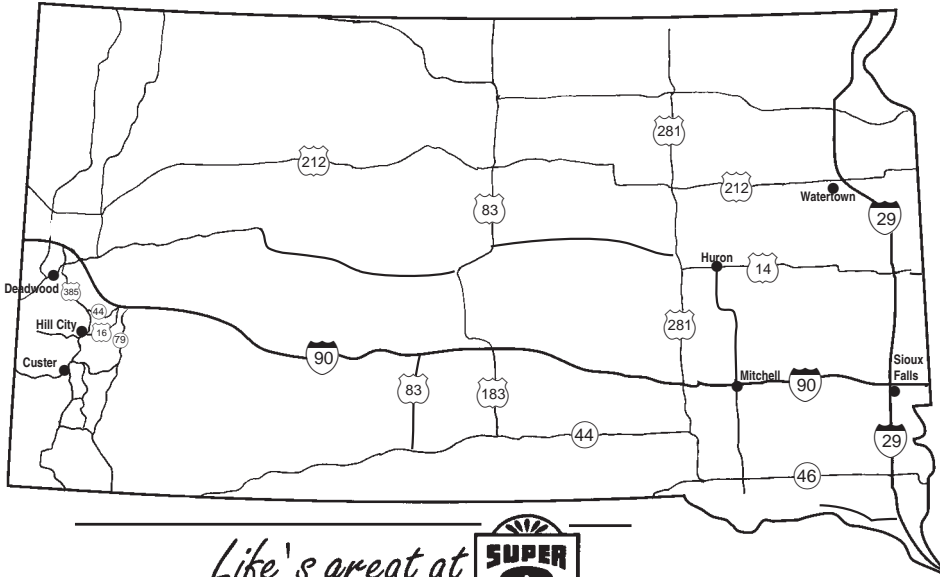
LIST EXTRACURRICULAR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND HONORS: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE A BRIEF AUTOBIOGRAPHY (DO NOT EXCEED 300 WORDS) DESCRIBING YOUR EXPERIENCES TO DATE AND INDICATING AT THE END YOUR HOPES AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

(If you need additional room for any questions, please continue on a separate sheet of paper)

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