

**Executive Council Meeting
South Dakota Enlisted Association
6 February 03
Ramkoda Inn
Pierre, SD**

President Craig Towns called the meeting to order at 1400 hours.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Introduction of Guests including Air Guard JEC President Jeremy Doohen, Secretary Ariel Keating, Treasurer Eric Young, Nilofar Kabiri, Lori Hoop, Don Stewart, LeRoy Tarbox, Auxiliary guests.

Minutes of the 25 September 02 meeting were approved as distributed.

Bruce Anderson gave treasurer's report. Accepted.

Committee Members at Large:

Wayne Fokken reported on the Air Guard Enlisted Dues. 68% (666 personnel) of the Air Guard had been collected from for a total of \$10,850.

Gary Kafka submitted a report on the Army Guard Enlisted Dues. As of 5 February 2003, 2624 members have paid. Of the 2624, 157 qualified for the USAA Sponsored Membership, 93 Air Guard and 63 Army Guard with 292 that are Life Members, 13 being state members only. Some members needed to be turned away for the USAA Sponsored Membership because they were being submitted after 1 January 2003.

Dean Steinberg reported on the scholarship programs. It was addressed that Reid Christopherson is the individual that needs to submit scholarship financial reports to President Towns. Research needs to be accomplished for scholarships for post-graduate education. At this time, it does not exist. There are still five \$500 Auxiliary scholarships available until 1 June 03. It was suggested that during the April conference in Rapid City that the Auxiliary folks should get an allotted time to speak specifically on scholarships. Talk suggested that a booth should be set up for scholarships at the April conference also.

Edna Steinberg reported that plans are going well, however, they still need more participants in the "Gong Show". There will be bowling, darts, pool, and dancing. The agenda needs to be submitted by the end of February. Registration needs to happen soon. There is talk of having a bus going to Hill City and maybe Mt. Rushmore (if weather permits). It was brought up again whether we should have combined (officer/enlisted) activities, excluding conference meetings. It was a resounding NO.

Donovan List reported on the Legislative Report. Ben Lamp will be going to the Legislative workshop in March 03 in Washington, DC. If you have any issues you would like addressed, please submit these to Ben. The Legislative report was Accepted.

Old Business:

Lori Hoop spoke on the Enlisted website that has been on hold for some time now. There is a domain registered (www.sdngca.com), but this is as far as it has come. Ed Revell will be getting the started files from Trudy, to Lori, who has agreed to completing the website. Some of the items wanted on the website include membership, scholarships, the board, the Auxiliary, the Junior Enlisted Councils (JEC), upcoming conferences, Area V, possible ECHO letter. It was suggested that we need written rules for how, what, when, why for the website.

Wayne Fokken talked on the Junior Enlisted Council (JEC). At this time, the Air Guard has an established a council with members present. At this time, the Army is still in the early stages of building a council. It was suggested that there is a need of an Army and Air representative on the Enlisted Council as voting members. This would be a change to the by-laws, which was listed, in the last ECHO. It should be voted on at the April conference. An amendment will be stated on the floor at the conference to include one representative from Army and Air, not one total as listed in the ECHO.

New Business:

The 2003 Area V Caucus will be held 16-17 May 2003, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Because Trudy has resigned as the Executive Director, we need to temporarily assign a new director. Bruce Anderson and Kim Chase have expressed interested, but at the time of the Council meeting (Feb 03), Bruce is being selected as the Temporary Executive Director until April when a new director is elected.

Ed Revell reported on the National Conference report. Application forms will be in the next ECHO.

Ben Lamp submitted a draft for the SDNGEA Associate Membership Enrollment Form. Again, this is NOT an attempt at an advertising campaign, but it is to emphasize on patriotic support and loyalty of the SDNGEA.

Ed Revell moved to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Bruce Anderson. Meeting adjourned at 1620 hours.