



MINUTES

of the South Dakota Enlisted Association
Executive Council Meeting for 20 September 2008

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Call to order at 1601. Roll was taken and quorum was met. Revell moves to accept minutes as written. Motion Passed.

Treasures' report-Pat Jones passed out the up-to-date budget. Greenfield moves to accept as presented. Motion passed.

REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP – (Jim Poppen, read by Dave Simmons) Air Guard will have a table set up during in-processing next week when many of the members come home from overseas. We still need to be collecting dues every month for our budget to stay on the positive side. We have until December to collect dues. Please encourage new members to your unit to join the association.

LEGISLATIVE – Don List was in attendance for the legislative committee meeting in Savannah, GA at the national conference. There were several workshops held that dealt specifically with the resolution and legislative process, state legislative processes and prioritizing the 2008 resolutions. Frank Yoakum gave a report covering many legislative issues, one of the main ones being the limited dental coverage for veterans. He also stated the 110th congress has been very good to the Guard in many ways. A list of resolutions by category will be published with the next issue of the Enlisted ECHO under the Legislative Report.

OLD BUSINESS

State Conference in 2009 is in Pierre at the Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center. The dates are April 24-25, 2009. Get your rooms early in order to get the \$70/night conference rate. This will be the first year that the conference will be held on two days. The first general session will be on Friday afternoon with the banquet on Saturday evening. Rumor has it that there might be something about 50s attire needed...?

National Conference Re-Cap

Bruce Anderson – Three proxies were there, and we have never had that many; we would like to see more

there. Many junior enlisted members were there. Next year it is in Rochester and Area V has its own hotel. If you want to go, get your name to Bruce or Gary by July 1st. Tim Wolf did not run again this year for Area V Chair, so Brad Thomas from Iowa is the new Area V chair. In 2010 the National Conference will be in St. Louis and we should have a great showing. The dates for next year's conference are August 8-12, 2009.

BHVHM – Tomorrow should be a great day. We sold 49 signs and made a lot of money for the march. We need to start with registration much sooner. More people wanted to register early and save money. We have around 110 participating in the March. Please help sell the shirts and extra items to help with the cost.

FALLEN COMRADES MEMORIAL – The gentleman that makes it will be getting home from overseas next week, so he will have time to finish making the case for the items to be displayed in.

2011 National Conference – South Dakota put in a bid to host the National Conference in 2011. There is a team that comes in to see if the state should host it. National runs the conference and the state hosts it. South Dakota does not have enough facilities to host it. We are still looking at it and we will see what can happen.

C3/C19 Status – Waiting until after January 1st to finish this project. We are caught up as far as the state is concerned. It is still being worked.

Co-located conference – Our state conference will now be co-located every three years with the Officers. Again, the hotels have not been chosen yet. See the state conference section in the Enlisted ECHO for upcoming locations.

Neil Harris – took a donation at the state conference for the VA hospital at Fort Meade. Bruce Anderson read an article that was written about our donations. President Kafka made a suggestion that we take a donation at our state conference for the Building Fund and We Care for America

Fund and bring it to the national conference next year.

Membership Workshop/Presidents Workshop, Gulf Port, MS – Jim and Gary went and they had a great time learning all the new information. They will be having another in October, but we will not be sending anyone.

Area V meeting in May will be in Rochester, MN in conjunction with the site visit for the National Conference there as well.

MEMBERSHIP – Honorary Membership- Brett Anderson was a former member but has now become a Warrant Officer. They are voted on by the executive council; once they are a member, they cannot vote, but may attend meetings. Motion made to make Brett Anderson an Honorary Member; motion seconded; passed.

Warrant Officers/Officers that have paid for life members as an enlisted person will have their status changed to "Associate Member". They can still be a member but will not be a voting member and cannot be a delegate.

If National raises their dues in a few years, we need to do that before they do so we can make sure that we can get our fair share. We will have to look into life memberships and see what to do with that. If we change our dues structure, we have to change our constitution which we need to do at conference.

Standing Proud Awards – We need to look at this program and review the description.

Position and Evaluation – Look into your position and see what you need to do.

ECHO – Deadline is October 15th. Mile Markers for the BHVM and Ads in the ECHO can be bought together and the sponsor will save money.

Next Council Meeting is February 12th at 1330 in Pierre before the Legislative Dining Out.

Hanson/Revell moved to adjournment

Meeting adjourned.