

51ST ANNUAL 23-25 APRIL 2010 RAPID CITY SD STATE CONFERENCE

2010 STATE CONFERENCE MEETING NOTES

Called to order at 1205 in the Rushmore Room at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City, SD.

CCMSgt James Welch thanked everyone for taking the time to come to the conference and encouraged the first timers to make this weekend a positive experience to become involved with the EANUGS. Congratulated the outstanding Airman and Soldier of the year. Missions are changing, we as an organization must help find changes to better our Air Guard and this conference. Changes need solutions focused to better the future for all that served.

CSM Zimmerman- Is going to be working close with Chief Welch. Thanks to everyone for coming and congratulations to soldier of the year. The Soldiers of the year will be going to Acreage Alaska for a regional competition to compete with 8 States. We need to get more people to attend conference and one way is to try to start a professional development program to get 50 or 100 soldiers to attend the conference. Let's get this organization to grow, nothing like 2010 to get it started.

Roll Call was taken to determine a quorum: a quorum was presented to conduct business.

Committee reports-

Sponsorship Report- Bruce Anderson- The committee met 21 April 2010: this year the state is sponsoring 3 new attendees for the Conference; Mary Snyder, Marcus Martin, and Kyle McNabb. The Committee started with 11 names possible attendees and could only recruited 3 out of the 11. Riley Surognano was initially a state sponsor but his unit (AASF) decided to sponsor him and his wife for the conference. The JEC and Chiefs sponsored 3 members as well.

A motion made by Don List to accept the minutes from the 2009 State Conference printed in the Enlisted ECHO: seconded by Jerry Eisenbraun.

Audit Committee Report- Dan Weber- the Committee met on 21 April 2010. All accounts balanced and no discrepancies were found. Good detailed vouchers were attached to deposits and withdrawals. The audit committee commends Pat Jones for his dedication to his duties as Treasurer.

The committee made the following recommendation: 1. Income vouchers should identify if deposit was made to savings or checking. 2. Expense vouchers should be in check number order. 3. Check orders should have voucher logged as an expense.

Ways and Means -Bob Funk- the Committee met on 23 April 2010. The dues increase from last year has yielded higher income. We can expect this to continue pending an increase of National dues. With the increased revenue the investment committee is determining how to invest the newly increased revenue.

Another source of income continues to be the Black Hills Veteran's March.

Treasures Report- Pat Jones- Profits and Loss handouts were available as well as the proposed budget that the new president will look over for next year. A motion was made by Ed Revell to except the Treasures report as presented: seconded by Bob Aiken. Discussion-Ben Lamp-the Treasure needs to show a Profit Summary Sheet to see what is actually in the account and not just what happened to the money in 1 year. Pat Jones-a balance sheet will be added to the report so the body can see what money is in the accounts or CDs in the future.

Black Hills Vet March- Pat Jones- the Committee met on 14 April 2010. The Committee meets every second Wednesday of every month. The meetings are held in the Sioux Falls Amory but can attend via VTC at Brookings, Rapid City, and Pierre Armories. As of today over 60 people are registered to participate in the Veterans March (double the amount of people that were registered this time last year). If interested in receiving the Veteran March Newsletters via e-mail contact Pat Jones, Rorie Knock or any other board member to get your name on the distribution list.

Budget committee- Pat Jones- the Committee met on 21 April 2010. The budget will not be presented until the new president is elected. Once the new president is elected and completes the proposed budget, the report will be published in the Summer Issue Enlisted ECHO.

Membership Committee Report- Jim Poppenthe Committee met on 23 April 2010. To date the organization is currently standing at 3,372 paid and life member for 90% of authorized members have paid their dues for this year. Congratulations to the 881st Troop Command and 152nd CSSB for achieving 100% membership in their whole battalion.

This year, the organization had 19 members that have become life members. The organization has 54 units that have achieved over 90% paid membership.

Thank you to Jim Poppen for all the hard work and time you put in for the Membership Committee.

Time and Place Report Preliminary Report-Dale Greenfield- the Committee will meet after the business session today. Next year's State Conference is April 15th and 16th in Mitchell. The state conference in 2012 is in Chamberlain, 2013 in Sioux Falls, 2014 is open, 2015 is open and 2016 is in Rapid City. Start thinking about hosting either the 2014 conference or 2015. The National Conference for 2010 will be in St. Louis Missouri; in 2011 the National Conference will be in West Virginia, 2012 Long Beach California.

Resolutions Committee-Bruce Anderson- The first resolution is about the membership and how South Dakota, as a state wants to handle the National dues increase. The second resolution is working on getting a retired member a seat to vote Veterans Affairs. More to follow during the business session on 24 April 2010.

Scholarship Committee- Wayne Fokken- The Committee met on 23 April 2010. The Committee reviewed the applicants for this year's scholarships; 1 applicant was Enlisted and 1 applicant was a Warrant Officer. With only 2 applicants eligible the recommendation was to split the Corning money of \$1000.00. USSA is payable only to an enlisted member for \$500.00 and Mallow is available to all members for \$100.00. 2 out of the 4 that applied this year did not qualify because they were not members of our associations. The recipient of the Corning (\$500.00) and USSA (\$500.00) is Melissa Hansen. The recipient of the Corning (\$500.00) and Mallow (\$100.00) scholarships was Megan Reindl. The following recommendations are

suggested: 1. Change the information to reflect our PO Box address and attention 2nd Vice to continue continuity for persons as they come and go through this position. 2. Unit persons if they have old contacts for the scholarships please update, the application can be found on the website.

Constitution and By Laws Report- Bruce

Anderson- Negative report due to no activity being recommended.

Athletic Committee- Chad Schmitz- Would like to get some feedback on maybe starting a bowling or Volley ball tournament in Pierre. The POC is Chad Schmitz for any feedback or ideas.

Preliminary Report for Nominations- Wayne Fokken- The following people are running for the following positions: President- Dale Greenfield, 1st Vice- Roger Hansen, 2nd Vice Bob Funk, Treasurer- Pat Jones, and Committee Members at Large- David Sims.

Young Hero Report- Cathy Anderson- 3 nominees for the Young Hero's Award will be recognized tomorrow at 1000. The 3 precipitants are Rebecca Bronemann, Joshua Weaver, and Austin Bennet. Last year we only had only 1 precipitant so we need to get the word out about the Young Hero's Award. Look for further information in the ECHO. Make a Wish Foundation is where we get the most nominations





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from and in the past year Make a Wish Foundation moved buildings which is why last year there was only one nominee. So we are looking for our number of precipitants to increase in the future. Also we need POC volunteers to help across the state to help do the Young Hero Awards. The age groups is between 5-18 yrs old, must have or have had a life threatening diseases or surgeries to qualify for this award. All this information and more is available on websites or can contact Cathy Anderson via e-mail.

Reconvene tom at 0830

Meeting called to order at 0830 in the Rushmore Room at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City, SD.

SCSM Zimmerman: passed a bucket around to donate money to the Corner Stone Mission and the Veterans Center in Hot Springs. The donations would go towards buying toiletries and other necessities for the Veterans. The Enlisted Association collected \$796 for the 2 organizations.

20 year certificates/ pins were presented by SCSM Zimmerman and SCMS Welch. Approximately 85 letters were e-mailed to recipients of the 20 year certificate. 4 people are present to receive 20 year certificate: MSG Leah Braun, SFC Jody Smith, SFC Troy Spear, and MSgt Becky Langloss. Congratulations to all those who made their 20 year mark this year.

No report from Area 5.

Committee Reports

Credentials Committee Report- Jim Poppen- The Committee met on 23 April 2010. The Committee reviewed the proxy letters and found all the proxy letters to be in good order. Recommendations- give proxy letter to unit not an individual person.

Time and Place – Dale Greenfield- The Committee met on 23 April 2010. The Committee discussed future conferences. Next year the 2011 State Conference will be in Mitchell on 15-16 April at the Highland Center. Registration starts on 15 May 2010 and Lisa Bigge is the Chair for the 2011 conference. In 2012 the State Conference will be held in Chamberlain at Cedar Shores on 20-21 April. In 2013 the State Conference will be in Sioux Falls. This Conference is co-located with officers and there is a possibility that South Dakota will be hosting the National Conference in Sioux Falls in 2013 as well. The years 2014 and 2015 are still open. In 2016 the State Conference will be held in Rapid City.

At 0845 the President turned over the gavel to the 1st Vice Dale Greenfield to go speak to the Auxiliary. At 0845 the President turned over the gavel to the 1st Vice Dale Greenfield to go speak to the Auxiliary.

Position Evaluation

Committee-Roger Hansen- The Committee met on the 22/23 April 2010. Reviewed the positions descriptions and hearing no changes or updates needed.

Legislative Committee-

Don List- Legislative Bill Status- South Dakota 85th Legislative Session Military and Veterans Affairs- The Senate and House Bills introduced under the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs didn't all pass and become law. Of those Don List reported on, 5 were signed by the Governor, to include: Revising a previous appropriation for National Guard Armory constructions; Revise qualifications for Director of Division of Veterans Affairs; Include spouse, sibling or child as a gold star family member to be eligible for special license plates; Provide property tax benefits to surviving spouses of certain disabled veterans; Included our state in an interstate compact that seeks to assist the school-aged children of the military family.

On the National Level- Additional Calls have been received including: National Guard Education Equality/Act; Tricare/VA Health Care Benefits; Eliminate Fiscal Year Requirement for Retirement; Tricare Dependent Coverage; National Guard & Reserve Retired Pay Equity.

Grass roots lobbying is perhaps the most effective way to let your Representatives and Senators know your opinion. Whether you call a local or Washington, DC office; send a letter or e-mail; or make a personal visit, members of Congress are the most receptive and open to subjects form their constituents. Again, it is so simple and easy to use CAPWIZ to send letters.

Tricare, the health insurance for military service members, retirees and the families of both, is under the control of the US Department of Defense and governed by a different section of the US Code, so it will not be affected in any way by the new health reform legislation. Any changes in Tricare will be widely publicized far in advance of their effective date.

Ben Lamp makes a motion to deviate from the agenda: Jim Poppen seconded the motion.

Ben Lamp: There are members of EANGUS not receiving the e-mails to send letters to South Dakota Representatives and Senators. Answer the Call e-mails come out all the time and if you are not on that distribution list, please contact Ben Lamp and provide an e-mail address so more people can be on the distribution list.



Publications Report- No report given.
Junior Enlisted Army/Air Report- No report given.

A break was taken at 0900.

The meeting reconvened at 0920.

Presidents Report- Gary Kafka-Last year as president membership increased by 170 members. This increase in membership is outstanding since we implemented the new dues increase last year. We need to continue to increase junior enlisted member attendance to the State Conference. Also the Auxiliary membership is down so encourage your spouses to become a member of the Auxiliary. We as EANGUS members can support the Auxiliary by becoming Associate Auxiliary members for a cost of \$3.00. In the last year we had 15 calls to congress and those that we did get were important. Some new benefits we have this year is a 0.5% pay raise above what we expected, an increase in full time positions as well as a lot more benefits that were past and approved; to view all of the new benefits for this year go to EANGUS website. I'd like to thank Bruise Anderson, Pat Jones, Wayne Fokken and past presidents for all the support and guidance during my term as president. They were always there to help out and answer my questions. It is those folks that built this organization and the new people need to continue on with this association.

Gavel was turned back over to the president at 0927

Investment Committee Report- Bruce Anderson- The Committee met on 21 April 2010. The Committee recommends the following: 1. Start a 12 month CD for money collected from Life Memberships. The current rate at the Air Guard Federal Credit Unit is 1.81% and our current dollar amount is \$3,892.00. This money is from the 2009-2010 Life Memberships only. 2. Deposit \$5,000 for a 6 month CD at the Air Guard Federal Credit Union, the current rate is 1.45%. We will re-evaluate this CD in September. **Resolution Committee Report** - Dallas Vallery- Resolution 2010-01. During the 2009 EANGUS annual conference held in Rochester Minnesota; President Lever stated the National Office needs approximately \$650,000 annually to staff the office at 100% and meet



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association needs for servicing State/Territory members. Our percent of the number at \$9.00 per member would generate around \$651,000 annually.

Therefore be it resolved: if we were to increase the National (annual) dues to \$12.00 for States and Territories under the 18% membership and retain the \$9.00 annual dues for those States/Territories over the 18% membership; we would provide annual incentive to raise membership's National office for decades. All percentages for figuring individual State/Territory membership report presented during the National Conference. I.E. the membership report given in St. Louis will be effective for 2011 dues.

Recommendation: The State of South Dakota asks the delegates assembled in St. Louis during the 2010 Annual Conference to support this endeavor and embrace an idea that will benefit EANGUS in what we believe to be a "win/win" situation. The Committee recommends the resolution to be passed. Bob Funk makes a motion to move forward with this resolution: Don List seconded the motion.

Discussion was made by Bruce Anderson. At the National Conference last year the National Office wanted to raise their dues from \$9.00 to \$41.00 to service the National Enlisted Association and then by the end of the National Conference it was decreased to a \$3.00 increase. A hand out was given to the body to see every State and Territories' membership and what percent each State/Territory is at. The resolution that the 4 states (South Dakota, South Carolina, Mississippi, and North Dakota) that are at or above 18% should stay at \$9.00 and the States that are under 18% raise their dues to \$12.00. Other States/Territories should be pulling their share of the weight and as an organization we want to raise membership, not dues. Resolution 2010-02. Senate bill 76 of the South Dakota 2010 legislative session proposed composition of the State Veterans Commission and the VFW, American Legion, and Disabled American Veterans should select that members serving. The bill was defeated. The South Dakota Enlisted Association does not want to limit the Governors Appointment

Authority to the SD Veterans Commission; and the Governor should have complete authority to appoint the SD Veterans Commission. The South Dakota Enlisted Association represents a large percentage of South Dakota's most current veterans having served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Recommendation: That if a similar proposal is made in the future for South Dakota, that a member from the South Dakota Enlisted Association also be appointed to the State Veterans Commission. Committee moves for the acceptance. Don List made a motion to except the resolution, Jim Poppen seconded the motion.

Distinguished Guest- Karen Bekaert President of Auxiliary- Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. The purpose of the Auxiliary is to support EANGUS on legislative issues and to provide support to the National Guard families. We also provide yearly scholarships to dependants at the State level and National level. To become a member of the Auxiliary the cost is \$11. Associate member cost \$3. In the past years the Auxiliary has given out 2 \$400 scholarships. We had no applicants this year. The Auxiliary will purchase a sign and sponsor a team for the Black Hills Veterans March this year. We also donated money to the Veterans Center in Hot Springs. Our total membership for this year is 63 paid Auxiliary members and 39 Associate Auxiliary members. We are here to support you and I am asking you for your help. Please encourage spouses to join the Auxiliary.

General Carpenter: Thank you for attending the State Conference this year. The Army National Guard that we have today is so unbelievable compared to when I first joined and it all has to do with the quality of the people that we are able to attract to our organization. It also has to do with our leadership that you all provide because without the leadership and without your inspiration to those kids out there, they wouldn't bother to be a part of our organization. So I'd like to say thank you to all the NCOs for all you do for our organization, because without your attention to detail, without your leadership we wouldn't have a National Guard. Thank you to everyone for all you do.

A break was taken at 1033.

The meeting reconvened at 1045.

Nominations Committee- Wayne Fokken- The Committee met on 24 April 2010. For President there is one nominee-Dale Greenfield. Roger Hansen and Jerry Eisenbraun are running for 1st Vice. Bob Funk and Jody Smith are running for 2nd Vice. The only nominee for Treasure is Pat Jones. For Committee Members at Large - Area 1- Rory Knock, Area 2- Calvin Christie, 4- Jerry Eisenbraun 5- Dave Simons. Area 3 is open for Committee Members at Large.

No Old Business

New Business- Bruise Anderson- It is time to consider moving the State Conference from April to another part of the year. We should think about switching the State Conference to October to accommodate college students. Jim Poppen- A lot of our membership drives kicks off in September and October but the bulk of the membership comes in around December. My concern would be some of the members would not be able to attend the conference if they pay after October. Pat Jones-for now we should be looking into dressing down our events in the next 2 years to boost the junior enlisted attendance. This will be discussed further at the meeting in September.

Ben Lamp- Ways and means- Now is the time to think about doing a raffle. Some suggestions are a combined pool and spa, four wheeler, or a shot gun. The raffle would have \$10,000 worth of prizes. If we sell 5,000 tickets at \$5.00 a piece that's \$25,000,

\$15,000 of which is disposable income to be dispersed between the Auxiliary, the Veterans March, Scholarships, etc. Recommends giving tickets to 5 Committee members at large who give the tickets to the units. 1 June is when we would hand out tickets and draw at the Veterans March. Motion made by Ben Lamp to do a raffle, seconded by Kocher.

Nominations & Elections of Officers

President- Dale Greenfield was nominated. Eddie Revell made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dale Greenfield, Bob Aiken seconded the motion.

1st Vice- Roger Hansen and Jerry Eisenbraun were nominated. After no other nominations brought forth Bruce Anderson made motion to cease nominations and have nominees say a few words, Dallas Vallery seconded the motion. The speeches were given and there was a caucus. After voting Roger Hansen was announced the new 1st Vice.

2nd Vice- Jerry Eisenbraun, Bob Funk and Jody Smith were nominated. After no other nominations brought forth Audrey Monteleaux made a motion to cease nominations and have nominees say a few words, Roger Hansen seconded the motion. The speeches were given and there was a caucus. After voting Bob Funk was announced the new 2nd Vice.

Treasure- Pat Jones was nominated. After no other nominations brought forth Eddie Revell made motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Pat Jones, Mike Birnbaum seconded the motion.

Committee Members at Large- Rorie Knock, Jerry Eisenbraun, Calvin Christie, Jody Smith, and Dave Simons were nominated. Pat Jones made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for those listed, Bob Aiken seconded the motion.

Installation of officers was conducted.

Leah Braun gave benediction.

The colors were retired.

Meeting was adjourned at 1223 hours



2010 Enlisted Conference Award Recipients

Corning-Foss Award
Governor M. Michael Rounds

Leland Foose Presidents Award
MSG Gary Kafka

Outstanding Army Retiree of the Year
Don List

Outstanding Air Retiree of the Year
Donald Stewart

Distinguished Service Award
Bruce Anderson

Outstanding Service Award
Karen Bekaert
Jim Poppen