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MEMORANDUM FOR All Commissioned Officers and Warrant Officers of the SDNG

SUBJECT: 2015 Dues for National Guard Associations of the United States and South Dakota

- In accordance with the resolution adopted by the National Guard Association of South Dakota, all commissioned officers and warrant officers of the South Dakota Army and Air National Guard are encouraged to become members of both the National and State Officer Associations.
- Collection of the 2015 dues begins on the effective date of this letter. The NGAUS "Early Bird" rebate for 2015 will be for any dues collected and turned in to NGAUS prior to 31 March 2015. We will continue to collect dues through 31 December 2015. Please note our total paid membership as of 30 June 2015 is used at the National Convention for delegate seating at the conference.
- ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:** Annual members are those officers and warrant officers who pay their dues on an annual basis. The 2015 annual dues for the National Association is based upon 50% of one day's pay (one unit training assembly) as prescribed by the 1998 DOD pay schedule (per a resolution passed at the 1999 National Convention). Amounts are rounded to the nearest whole dollar. The 2015 annual dues for the State Association are based upon 20% of one day's pay, based on the 2006 pay schedule. Dues for each rank are based upon an established number of years in service by rank. The 2015 Annual Dues schedule is as follows:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NATIONAL</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>TOTAL DUES</u>	<u>YEARS SERVICE</u>
Major General	\$ 139.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 215.00	26
Brigadier General	\$ 123.00	\$ 67.00	\$ 190.00	26
Colonel	\$ 108.00	\$ 59.00	\$ 167.00	26
Lieutenant Colonel	\$ 85.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 132.00	20
Major	\$ 72.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 112.00	16
Captain	\$ 59.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 92.00	10
First Lieutenant	\$ 45.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 69.00	3
Second Lieutenant	\$ 30.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 46.00	<2
Chief Warrant CW5	\$ 73.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 114.00	24
Chief Warrant CW4	\$ 59.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 93.00	18
Chief Warrant CW3	\$ 46.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 72.00	10
Chief Warrant CW2	\$ 35.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 55.00	4
Warrant Officer W01	\$ 26.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 42.00	<2

4. **LIFE MEMBERSHIP - National Association (NGAUS)**

a. Active Life Membership - \$1000.00. May be paid in 1 lump sum, bi-annual payments of \$250 installments within two years, or quarterly payments of \$250.00 in a year.

b. Retired Life Membership - \$ 125.00. The retired life membership is available to all formerly federally recognized officers and warrant officers of the Army or Air National Guard. Life membership includes a lifetime subscription to the monthly "National Guardsman" magazine.

5. **COMPLIMENTARY - National Association (NGAUS) and State Association (NGASD) Membership** will be offered to all commissioned officers and warrant officers for a period of one full year and any portion remaining of the membership year in which appointed. Membership begins upon initial state appointment, when reported to the Association and ends 31 December of the following year. Example: If an officer accesses into the SDARNG on 30 December 2013 his or her first complimentary year is 2013 and second complimentary year is 2014 and will make their first payment January 2015.

6. **LIFE MEMBERSHIP - State Association (NGASD)**

a. Active Life Membership. Any Active Member of the National Guard Association of South Dakota may purchase an Active Life Membership in the NGASD. The cost for the Active Life Membership will be the lesser amount but not less than \$50.00, arrived at through one of the following two scenarios:

$$\frac{\text{years to age below (Off-53 WO-60)}}{\text{years to age below (Off-53 WO-60)}} \times \frac{\text{dues at current rank}}{\text{dues at current rank}} + \$10.00 = \frac{\text{amount of Active Life Membership}}{\text{amount of Active Life Membership}}$$

Or \$320 (maximum) which are dues of a 2LT (\$16) X 20 Years = \$320

(Revised 27 April 2006, Sioux Falls, South Dakota effective 1 January 2007)

b. Retired Life Membership - \$ 125.00. Available to all formerly federally recognized commissioned officers and warrant officers of the Army or Air National Guard.

7. Dues may be paid through dues Membership Committee Officers. Make checks payable to NGASD and note whether it is for national dues, state dues or both. The Membership Committee Officers by group are as follows:

- JFHQ** **Joe Bacorn**
- SDANG** **Sallie Ketcham**
- 196th RTI** **Brian Hass**
- 109 RSG** **James Fleming**
- 196 MEB** **Jason Thomson**

Active membership is the lifeblood of our associations. As described by NGAUS, the strength of the association for the last 131 years has been its united membership. As the voice of the National Guard on Capitol Hill, NGAUS provides a path by which National Guard officers can elevate their local concerns to a national and influential audience in Washington, D.C. Association members provide the backbone and guidance NGAUS needs as it ensures the National Guard receives the best and latest equipment; maintains readiness through comprehensive personnel initiatives; receives proper missions as part of the total force; and fights for equitable retirement programs that give Guardsmen the support they've earned. Please visit the NGAUS web site at www.ngaus.org for details concerning the National Guard Association of the United States and the many benefits you receive as a member. Accidental death and

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dismemberment insurance, FTD (flowers), MBNA benefits, NGAUS travel benefits, and the Wells Fargo Capital Knowledge ® Program are just a few you can research on the site.

8. The goal this year is to attain 100% membership. Securing the membership of every commissioned officer and warrant officer is vital to the successful attainment of our goal. In 2014 South Dakota was 100% for the 15th consecutive year. For the fourth year in a row, SD led the nation as the #1 state with the highest membership percentage. I'm very confident that we will keep this impressive streak alive in 2015!

9. POC for this memorandum is Eric Borah, Membership Chairman, National Guard Association of South Dakota, (605) 350-3766.

/s/

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