

**National Guard Association of South Dakota  
State Conference  
Deadwood Mountain Grand, Deadwood, SD  
1300 hrs, (MST), 21 April 2017**

**First Business Session**

**Call to Order** **President Johnson**

**Posting of Colors** **Combined Mount Rushmore ROTC Battalion and OCS Class 061**

**National Anthem** **Sara Carson**

**Invocation/Memorial Service** **Chaplain**

**Welcome Distinguished Guests** **President Johnson**

- Welcomed honored guests: MG Reisch, BG Griese, BG DeGroot, BG Croymans BG Walz, COL Michels, CW5 Dressler, and retirees.
- Thank you to members of the 196<sup>th</sup> RTI and the 881<sup>st</sup> TC for hosting the state conference.

**Introduction of the Conference Sponsors** **President Johnson**

- NGASD Corporate Membership
  - United Healthcare Military and Veterans
  - USAA
  - ADS, Inc.
  - Pierre Dental Clinic, Murray M. Thompson DDS, PC
- Conference Sponsors
  - American Equity Investment Life Insurance Company
  - Black Hill Helicopters
  - Black Hills State University – M.S. Strategic Leadership Program
  - Planet Mars LuLaRoe Boutique by Sara Ashley

**Welcome by Deadwood Mayor** **Mayor Chuck Turbiville**

- Thanked group for their military service.
- Provided military facts and brief history of Deadwood.

**Director of Communications for NGAUS** **John Goheen**

- Thanked NGASD for being active in NGAUS and a 100% state for 18 years in a row.
- South Dakota has the highest per capita rate of service: 1 out of 207 is in the National Guard
- Discussed need to update federal budget for the National Guard to be able to train as needed and updating Army guard facilities.
- Encouraged body to communicate need to their legislators.
- Informed body of internships available through NGAUS.

**Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota** **Matt Michels**

- Thanked body for their military service, and asked body to continue their recruiting efforts for the South Dakota National Guard.

**Legislative Addresses**

**U.S. Representative for South Dakota** **Sandy Marlette for Kristi Noem**

- Provided comments from Rep. Kristi Noem.

**U.S Senator for South Dakota** **Qusi R Al-Haj for John Thune**

- Provided comments for Sen. John Thune and wished NGASD a successful convention.

**U.S. Senator for South Dakota**

**Jeff Marlette for Mike Rounds**

- Provided comments for Sen. Mike Rounds. Thanked body for their involvement with NGASD and NGAUS.

**The Adjutant General of the South Dakota National Guard**

**MG Tim Reisch**

- Welcomed body to the NGASD State Conference.
- TAG Priorities
  - Taking excellent care of Soldiers, Airmen and families
  - Readiness
  - Safety
  - Ensure the SDNG remains relevant
  - Embrace diversity and practice inclusion
  - Enhance communications
  - Capitalize on opportunities that bring out Army and Air Guard members closer
  - State partnership program
  - Developing Leaders

**Assistant Adjutant General of the South Dakota Air National Guard**

**BG Joel DeGroot**

- The Air Guard continues to maintain a high state of readiness and is above strength.
- Currently can operate 26 F16s, but are only funded for 18 F16s.
- Focus on total force integration.
- Recruiting and retention: Approximately 1/3 of Air Guard are full time technicians. Now, focusing on diversity within ranks.
- Priorities for the Air Guard
  - Small arms range
  - Recruiting and Retention

**Assistant Adjutant General of the South Dakota Army National Guard**

**BG Kevin Griese**

- Mission strength continues to meet goal
- 153<sup>rd</sup> EN Battalion received the Eisenhower award for the third year in a row.
- South Dakota units received 15 Superior Unit Awards in FY15.
  - 23 units were submitted for Superior Unit Awards in FY16, however results have not been released yet.
- South Dakota units rank first 50% of the time when compared to other Army National Guard units.
- South Dakota Army National continues to strive for the "best getting better".
- Will strive to continue to maintain and increase readiness.

**1500 Break**

**20 Year Certificate Presentations**

**President Johnson**

- 20-year certificates were presented to 20 Soldiers and Airmen

**Roll Call**

**Rebecca Trystad**

- Roll call conducted and quorum was met.

**Approval of Agenda and Appointments**

**President Johnson**

- Motion was made for approval of the agenda by Joe Jacobson and seconded by Chad Wika. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

**President Johnson**

- Motion was made for approval of minutes by Tim Reisch and seconded by Russ Walz. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

## **Executive Directors Report**

**Steve Sewell**

- The 139th National Conference will be held in Louisville, KY from September 7-11, 2017.
  - Thursday, Sept 7: CO/WO mixer
  - Friday, Sept 8: Opening session, governor's reception
  - Saturday, Sept 9: Second business session, hospitality night
  - Sunday, Sept 10: Third business session, state's dinner in "Derby Attire"
  - Monday, Sept 11: Travel home
  - We are at the Marriott hotel (\$131/night)
  - Developing a customized agenda for both Spouses and new attendees/junior officers to help them best experience national convention
  - Approximately 7% of the state members come to the national conference, would like to increase this number
  - 2018 – New Orleans, 2019 – Denver
    - For New Orleans, South Dakota has received #10 lottery number for hotel/hospitality room choosing, thus will have a very good choice for both.
- A subcommittee for Denver National Conference will be headed up by the Junior officers to develop creative ways to get to Denver and potential group activities.

## **Nominations – Preliminary Report**

**Brian Maschino**

- Current Nominations:
  - President: Jim Linn
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Shawn Bambas
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Murray Thompson
  - Secretary: Emily Van Klompenburg, Elle Miller, Pat Moran
  - Treasurer: Joelle Mulder

## **Adjourn First Business Session**

**President Johnson**

- Motion was made by Jim Linn to adjourn the first business meeting and seconded by Martin Yost. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.

## **Second Business Session**

### **Legislative Update**

**Brendan Murphy**

- Bill 1013
  - South Dakota National Guard tuition assistance for vocational-technical school versus state schools.
  - Proposed legislation that will close the cost gap between the votech and state schools
- Bill 1014
  - Request to purchase land next to Sturgis high school for National Guard use.
  - Allowing hand gun permits for guardsmen
  - Discussing pay raises for guardsmen
- Military Modernization Act
  - Improve and enhance benefits for military technicians; further develop Title 10 versus Title 32 positions.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Treasurer Miller**

- Received Early Bird Membership rebate from the NGAUS office totaling \$6,402.75.
- Received NGAUS Insurance Trust (Affinity Payout) totaling \$5,000.
- Earned an interest total of \$142.62 thus far this year from out CD's, checking, and savings account.
- The ability for members to pay State/National dues using the NGASD website appears to be a success with 285 members paying online this year (increased from 125 members last year).
- The Officer Association accounts continue to be financially sound.
- Thanked Executive Council members and informed the body that he will be stepping down as treasurer.

### **Membership Report**

**Cody Becker**

- Last year, NGAUS updated policy for holding states accountable for their membership and went to NGB for officer numbers per SIDPERS.
  - South Dakota may be in jeopardy for not being a 100% state for next fiscal year.
- Status of paid dues:
  - JFHQ 84%
  - Air Guard 72%
  - MEB 90%
  - RSG 71%
  - RTI 81%
  - State wide: 81%
- Continue to encourage everyone to pay their dues.

### **Museum Report**

**Tracy Wolfe**

- The museum committee has been strategic planning as a board.
  - Focused on developing goals.
    - Enhancing historical accuracy.
    - Increasing visitor experience.
    - Long term financial stability.
  - Open to supporting significant anniversaries.
  - Sonya Johnson is museum director.
- Thanks for support of museum by units.
- The museum will be converting to 501c, which will provide more opportunities for fundraising.
- Established membership committee and visitation increased by 11% in 2016.

### **Resolutions Committee**

**Chad Wika, Nathan Alholinna**

- No resolutions brought forward by membership, however seven draft resolutions were provided to evaluate from outside the body
  - Six from Air Guard
  - One regarding cyber protection (network protection, data loss protection) and will contact CIO for further research.
- The F16 units from across the nation are approaching NGAUS with a unified front
  - Resolution for three major upgrades to F16s
    - Improve radar
    - Standardize data link capability
    - Center display unit to increase capabilities

### **Time and Place Report**

**Steve Sewell**

- Brookings will be the host of the conference in 2024 (18-20 April 2024).
- In preparation for 2023 in Deadwood, assessing where to sign a contract with someone in Deadwood in near future.
  - Contracts for state conference are signed up through 2022.

### **Credentials Report**

**Kevin Curley**

- 132 members are registered for this year's conference with 78 guests and 21 children, for a total of 231 people registered.

### **Corporate Membership Report**

**President Johnson**

- Quentin Johnson spoke on behalf of Adam Rounds as he was unable to attend conference.
- Currently have four Gold level members and a potential fifth member.
- See page 14 in program.
- Annual goal is \$10,000
- Dave Larson will be stepping into Corporate Membership Chair.

**63<sup>rd</sup> NGASD Conference Host****Shane Skinner, Becca Trygstad**

- 139<sup>th</sup> BSB will be hosting in Brookings on 19-21 April 2018.
- Focus will be on professional development with a Star Wars theme
- Seeking sponsorship through local community businesses
- Will offer many fun events such as an "Amazing Race".
- Stay tuned to NGASD Facebook page for more information.

**Life Insurance Report****Dave Burr**

- Thanked American Equity Investment Life Insurance Company conference sponsorship.
- Insurance account currently at \$154,525.
- Currently 357 members who are enrolled in insurance program.
- Mr. Burr requests time to give a short 15-20 minute presentation to units.

**Retired Officer's Committee Report****Jerry Duba**

- Retirees held a meeting over brunch yesterday with 11 members attending.
- Becca Trygstad invited retirees to Brookings for next year's state conference.
- General Reisch and Mr. Goheen visited with retirees.
- Jerry Duba maintains committee chair for next two years

**Warrant Officer's Committee Report****Wes Walker**

- Warrant Officers met during the luncheon. Twenty warrant officers and 4 retired warrant officers are registered for the conference.
  - Two members were elected to the advisory council: Angela Sharp, Ryan Pederson.
- Continued to encourage warrant officers to come to meetings.
- Requested \$175 from NGASD to support the warrant officer team for the Veterans March.
- Warrant officers also challenged company grade officers to create a Veterans March team.

**Junior Officers Committee Report****Jodi Gilberti**

- JOPD Friday morning 8am to noon where the blended retirement system, J3 "hot topics", officer strength management, and national conference information was discussed.
- The Company Grade Breakfast was held Saturday morning where General DeGroot and General Greise spoke to group.
- Would like to host local/regional junior officer events outside of the state conference.

**Sponsor Certificates of Appreciation****Wyatt Hansen**

- Presented certificates to this year's corporate and conference sponsors.

**Break – Sponsored by the Brookings Chamber of Commerce****Bills Backstage Bar****1:32:52****Constitution & By-Law Changes****Second Vice Bambas**

- Proposals
  - The 82d CST moved to the control of JFHQ from the 109 RSG. The first change is to move the number of executive council members from 4 to 3 for the RSG and from 1 to 2 for the JFHQ and to reflect Article VI to match the working in Article II paragraphs 8, 9, and 10. The proposed changes are noted as follows:

CURRENT:

Article VI, ADMINISTRATION

Number of Members Organization Represented

- 1 JFHQ with assigned/attached units
- 3 South Dakota Air National Guard with assigned/attached units
- 4 109th Regional Support Group with assigned/attached units
- 4 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade with assigned/attached units
- 1 196 Regional Training Institute with assigned/attached units

**PROPOSED CHANGE:**

Article VI, ADMINISTRATION

Number of Members Organization Represented

- 2 JFHQ with assigned/attached units
  - 3 South Dakota Air National Guard with assigned/attached units
  - 3 109 Regional Support Group with assigned/attached units
  - 4 196 Maneuver Enhancement Brigade with assigned/attached units
  - 1 196 Regional Training Institute with assigned/attached units
  - 1 Warrant Officer Committee Chair
  - 1 Junior Officer Committee Chair
  - 1 Retired Officer Committee Chair
- o The second change is to reflect in Article II paragraph 10 to match both paragraphs 8 and 9 for the Retired Officers. The proposed changes are noted as follows:

**CURRENT:**

ARTICLE II, 10. Retired Officer Committee

10. The Retired Officer Committee shall be composed of not less than four (4) Active Members of the Association. This Committee shall review and promote membership and participation in the Association.

**PROPOSED CHANGE:**

ARTICLE II, 10. Retired Officer Committee

10. The Retired Officer Committee shall be composed of not less than four (4) Active Members of the Association. This Committee shall review and promote membership and participation in the Association. The Senior National Guard Committee member, as determined by tenure on the Committee will assume the position of Committee Chair at the close of the Annual Conference of the Association. The current Chair of the Retired Officers Committee will also serve as the Retired Officer Representative to the Executive Council. This Committee will advise the President and Executive council, and will report to the general membership at each Annual Conference of the Association, on matters of particular concern to the Retired Officers of the Association.

- Motion was made by Kevin Curley to pass proposed changes and seconded by Scott Petrik. Motion passed.

**New Business**

**Proposed Budget**

**Treasurer Miller**

- Proposed increasing "Startup/host event fund" for conference host from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to continue to provide quality annual officer's conference, and to create a new line item of \$10,000 with an additional line item of \$2,500 for a value-added event.
- Kevin Miller motion to accept proposed budget and seconded by Nick VanDeweerd.

**Nominations**

**Brian Maschino**

- Current Nominations:
  - o President: Jim Linn
  - o First Vice: Shawn Bambas
  - o Second Vice
    - Murray Thompson
  - o Secretary
    - Emily Van Klompenburg
    - Elle Miller
    - Pat Moran
  - o Treasurer
    - Joelle Mulder
- Election Results:
  - o Second Vice: Thompson
  - o Secretary: Emily Van Klompenburg

- Treasurer: Joelle Mulder

**President's Report**

**President Johnson**

- Thanked NGASD and the Executive Council for a wonderful year during his presidency.
- Is very proud of the association for continuing to add value to NGASD membership and to enhance family relations. Congratulated NGASD and members on their accomplishments throughout the year and for continuation to be a top membership association.
- Thanked committees for their participation and for making his life easier and increasing activity of organization, and urged members to be active within organization.
- President Johnson provided well wishes to First Vice Jim Linn, and First Vice Jim Linn presented President Johnson with a memorabilia gavel.
- President Linn
  - Encouraged Association to continue active engagement and to increase membership to remain a 100% Association.
  - Noted Key Dates
    - September 7-10, 2017 – NGAUS, Louisville, KY
    - Nov 4, 2017 – OCS Dining Out
    - Feb 1, 2018 – Mid Winter
    - April 19-21, 2018 – NGASD State Conference

**Administration Announcements**

**Wyatt Hansen**

- Afternoon activities:
  - Lunch and Learn
  - "Strike it Rich" Mining Tour
  - Deadwood Murder Mystery
  - Black jack or Slot Tournament
  - Hospitality Room

**Adjournment**

**President Johnson**

- Motion to adjourn by Scott Petrik, seconded by Ryan Peterson. Meeting adjourned at 1230.

**Submitted by:**

**Approved by:**

**Emily Van Klompenburg**  
**1LT, SDARNG**  
**Secretary**

**Quentin Johnson**  
**MAJ, SDARNG**  
**President**