

National Guard Association of South Dakota
2012 NGASD Conference
Deadwood, SD
20-21 April 2012

CALL TO ORDER

General session was called to order 0900 on 20 April 2012. President Jacobson gave the gavel protocol.

- Posting of Colors was done by 881st Troop Command.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation/Memorial Service (Chaplain Dupont)
 - Chaplain Dupont read the list of fallen Soldiers from this past year.
- Welcome by the President President Jacobson
 - Introduced: MG Reisch, BG Shanks, MG Marlette, Command Chief Crown
 - Honored Ray Henderson for his attendance at his 45th conference.

- Welcome by the Mayor of Deadwood (Mayor Francis A. Toscana)

- TAG Address MG Reisch
 - Organizations are run by those who show up.
 - The South Dakota National Guard currently has 482 Soldiers deployed with 200 of them returning in the month of May.
 - Looking at ways to continue to have the Army and Air work together on training events.
 - SAD allowed for a huge opportunity to work on this relationship.
 - Safety is a huge concern:
 - Discussed SPC Jensen's death and how we should not take short cuts as leaders.
 - We need to commit to never let it happen and teach the merits of safety to each one of our Soldiers.
 - Stop an unsafe act at any time.
 - Unfortunately we have had fulltime Soldiers committing suicides this past year.
 - Last 10 years we had 9 suicides – 6 were Soldiers that never deployed, 3 had deployed.
 - We rely on our leaders to spend time with their Soldiers
 - Noting is more important that taking time to get to know your Soldiers.
 - Plans to relocate the guard
 - DOD wide 487billion dollars worth of cuts
 - Army Cuts: 80,000 Soldier from active army
 - Air Cuts: 10,000 airmen, 5,000 from air guard, loss of 280 national guard aircraft
 - More cuts to come in the next 10 years
 - Big Birthday's
 - 375 years – National Guard
 - 150 years – South Dakota National Guard
 - Celebrations: Rapid City on 8 June and 20-21 July in Sioux Falls
 - Future of the Guard
 - Our reputation is better than it has ever been.
 - South Dakota National Guard is in the top 10% in performance.
 - NGB looks at our readiness card. It is important for us to meet our mission strength goal and make recruiting and retention has to be our #1 priority.

- Best job in the world is leading an organization like ours.
- ATAG Address Army/Air
 - Air National Guard BG Shanks
 - South Dakota Air Guard had an excellent year this past year.
 - Completed the Block 40 transitions.
 - The number of personnel working at Joe Foss will increase due to the number of active duty personnel being assigned to the base.
 - Air Guard is down 1,800 officers of which 1,300 are pilots.
 - Future: Service Life Extension Program is used to replace F-16 with F45. F35 was the last aircraft made in the last 7 years.
 - Army BG Marlette
 - Future deployments may cause hardship with employers.
 - State Active Duty this past year was the largest since 79. SD National Guard performed 41,721 state active duty days.
 - Future Challenges
 - Losing 258 slots due to the TY12 MTOE changes.
 - Discuss the impact of Operational Force vs. Strategic Force and how we will be required to do more with less.
 - The driving cause of armory closures is the budget cuts and a funding strategy.
 - Resilience and diversity are not an event they are part of the culture.
 - The Women's Soldier Summit will be held in August.
- SDNGEA President's Address President Jacobson
 - Jim Peterson will be moving into the insurance position.
 - New Executive Director is COL Robert Pasqualucci.
- Legislative Update
- Approval of Agenda/Appointments
- Approval of Minutes Secretary Trygstad
 - No changes were requested
 - Motion: LTC Bryan Jacobson
 - Second: LTC Orson Ward
- Treasurers Report/Proposed Budget Treasurer Miller
 - Received \$10,000 in insurance income
 - Increase of \$3041 increase association memberships collected.
 - Line 103 will be changed from 13,000 to 15,000 due an expected increase in the dues collected.
 - Line 219 increased by \$500.00 to \$3000.00 to allow the President of the Association to have some flexibility to make a call on expenses that come up throughout the year.
 - Line 225 will be removed and moved to line 219.
 - Discussed the donation of \$1,000 to the VA hospice program. Donation will go to both the Black Hills VA and Sioux Falls VA if both locations are willing to accept the donation.
 - Will be receiving \$200.00 for conference pins this year due to a reduction in the amount of pins we purchase every year.
 - Motion to Approve Minutes: LTC Joe Jacobson
 - Second: MAJ Steve Sewell

- Membership Report MAJ Steve Sewell
 - We are currently at 95% of our dues collected. We need collect from 17 more Soldiers to achieve 97% goal.
 - We are the #1 state in the nation last year. We have achieved 100% for the last 15 years.
 - We were the only state to meet the early bird deadline.

- Nominations – Preliminary Report CPT Johnson
 - President: LTC Harvey Fitzgerald
 - 1st Vice: CW4 Todd Dressler
 - 2nd Vice: LTC James Peterson and LTC Scott Petrik
 - Treasurer: MAJ Kevin Miller
 - Secretary: CPT Rebecca Trygstad

- Resolutions – Preliminary Report CPT Wika
 - 6 committee members attended the meeting.
 - Reviewed 36 draft resolutions and 6 industry submissions.
 - There were three air guard, 2 army guard, and 2 joint resolutions selected..
 - Resolutions
 - Cost Comparison: Air National Guard currently only get s 6% percent of the budget for 35% of the force.
 - NGREA: equipment funded to keep new equipment updated.
 - Army IT Infrastructure: seeking funding to improve internet capabilities.
 - Javelin Block
 - Air National Guard: HMIT for the F16 reduces the time to target.

- Audit Report
 - Have not completed an audit

- Time and Place Report CW5 Crown
 - 2013: Sioux Falls – Joint Conference
 - 2014: Watertown

- Life Insurance Report LTC Peterson
 - LTC Peterson explained what the insurance program is and what benefit it offers Soldiers.
 - Will be receiving \$5,000 to \$15,000 from the insurance program.
 - Board of trustee gave back \$10,000 to each association this past year.
 - Currently have 600 personnel enrolled in the program.
 - Program is run by a board of trustee made up of 3 enlisted Soldier and 2 officers.

- Museum Report & Awards Sonja Johnson
 - Sonja Johnson gave the museum report.
 - 1,279 visitors to the museum this past year.
 - Summer Programs that she has scheduled:
 - Various dates that she is inviting children to the museum.
 - Boys and Girls Club and After School Program have scheduled a time to come to the museum for a project.
 - Planning a 150th Birthday Party for the public.
 - Planning on having a rotating display case where they feature a new unit in the state periodically throughout the year.

- Donations presented to the museum:
 - MEB: \$2,200
 - 152nd: \$500.00
 - 196th RTI: \$300.00
 - Air Guard: \$1,685.00

- Presidents Report President Jacobson
 - LTC Jacobson reminded us of the importance of the association and what they provide to the Soldier wearing to service members.
 - Fortunately we haven't had a membership issue in the past 15 years.
 - Our participation in the association provides support on Capitol Hill. Many of the entitlements we currently enjoy have been gained by the dedication and hard work of our association.

- Corporate Sponsorship Report CPT Johnson
 - CPT Quenten Johnson will be taking over this position for MAJ Dreyer.

- Retired Officers Committee Report CW5 (Retired) Duba
 - 4 retirees were in attendance and met with BG Marlette and CW5 (Retired) Duba.
 - Duba was elected to be the Retiree Representative.
 - Attendance at the conference from retirees was very low so the committee discussed possible ways to improve attendance.
 - Ideas to Improve Attendance:
 - Quarterly newsletter sent out will upcoming events and changes within the guard.
 - New Executive Director will communicate with other states that have a good program and process that works.
 - Encourage retirees to be part of the planning for state conference.
 - Explore opportunities for retiree breakouts that include spouses at the state conference.

- Warrant Officers Committee Report CW4 Bambas
 - 38 warrant officers attended the Junior Officer breakout.
 - Elected a new advisory council.

- Junior Officers Committee Report CPT Wika
 - 49 attendees at the JODP
 - 21 officers attended the breakfast.
 - JODP topics discussed:
 - Models for Resiliency
 - Career Timelines
 - Branch Transfers
 - Funding based schools
 - Elected two new chairs: 1LT Cody Eastman and 1LT Shane Skinner

- Executive Directors Report LTC Peterson
 - 2012 National Officer Conference 10-12 September in Reno, Nevada
 - Presidential candidates will address the body.
 - Silver Legacy will be the hotel that South Dakota will be staying in.
 - Registration form is available and should be turned into COL Pasqualucci.

- Sponsorship, Vendor and Hotel Presentation President Fitzgerald
 - Presented Certificate of Appreciation to the following:
 - University of Phoenix
 - Triwest
 - Black Hills State University
 - National VFW Home for Children
 - Black Hills Veterans March
 - University of Mary
 - The Lodge Staff

- Credentials Report President Fitzgerald
 - Reviewed attendance at conference.
 - Paid members of association are in attendance.
 - Motion to Approve: LTC Jacobson
 - Second: CW5 Crown

- Next Year Conference Host MAJ Miller
 - Joint Conference at the Holiday Inn downtown Sioux Falls.
 - 19-20 April 2013
 - Registration has been sent out to the enlisted Soldier already.
 - Theme: “Fun Around the Falls”

- NEW Business
 - Budget 12-13 was presented

- Nominations/ Elections CPT Johnson
 - President: LTC Harvey Fitzgerald
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- Recognition of outgoing NGASD Officers President Fitzgerald
 - Recognized LTC Joe Jacobson for being the president of the association.
 - Recognized LTC James Peterson for his service as the Executive Director of the Association from 2003-2012.

- Honors and Awards Committee Report
 - LT of the Year: President of Board CPT Heiser
 - Nominations: 1LT Nichole Franklin, 1LT Cody Becker, 2LT Bridgett Flannery
 - Recognized CPT Long for his service as the LT of the Year this past year.
 - Selection: 1LT Cody Becker
 - Warrant Officer: President CW5 Crown
 - Nominations: CW4 Schoenfelder, CW3 Christian Franch, CW2 Christian Johnson

- 20 Year certificate Presentations LTC Peterson

ADJOURNMENT

The 57th Annual South Dakota National Guard Officer's Association Conference was recessed until 1800 hrs tonight. The conference was adjourned at the conclusion of the banquet.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Rebecca Trygstad
CPT, SDARNG
Secretary

Harvey Fitzgerald
LTC, SDARNG
President