

**National Guard Association of South Dakota
Mid-Winter Meeting
SD National Guard Museum, Pierre, SD
1400 hrs, (CST), 09 February, 2012**

Call to Order

President Jacobson

Pledge of Allegiance

President Jacobson

Adjutant General Comments

Maj Gen Reisch

- Organization is run by those individuals that show up.
- 100% membership contributes to participation in the association.
- Impact of Association: Tricare, Early Retirement, and all the things we enjoy as Soldiers. Need continue communicate that message to our subordinates and peers.
- Legislative Dining Out: big night for the guard. Will be honored for our service on State Active Duty this past year.
- 150th Anniversary of the Guard
 - Relied upon more now than ever
 - Events:
 - 8 June – Open House in Rapid City
 - 21-22 July – Sioux Falls
 - Legislative Issues: 5 bills
 - House 1048: 2 members on Board of Affairs
 - House 1046: Child Custody Protection for Guard Members
 - House 1049: Companion Bill Define Code
 - House 1050: UCMJ Clean-up bill
 - House 1047: Uniformed Code of Military Justice Change. Bill doesn't take into account state active duty.
- Budget Cuts: Air Guard has the biggest lost this year.
 - 5,100 personnel cut to the air guard -33 states will lose air assets
 - More cuts to come in the future, these cuts are only the start.

Roll Call

Secretary Trygstad

- Roll call was conducted by CPT Rebecca Trygstad with 34 units in attendance.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Secretary Trygstad

Motion to Approve Minutes: BG Jeff Marlette

Second: COL Hollis

Discussion: None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Miller

- July is the start of the new fiscal year for the association.
- Membership rebate should be coming soon.
- Insurance rebate of \$505.00 was received.
- Secretary Miller reviewed the amounts in each account outlined in the budget sheet handed out.
- Line Item 226 will increase from \$2,500 to \$7,500 for the Junior Officer Professional Development.

Warrant Officer Report**Shawn Bambas**

- Advisory committee met and discussed the 196th RTI request to submit a nomination for the Michael O'Connor Award.
- Committee approved the request.

Junior Officer Report**Chad Wika**

- JOPD: 19 April Deadwood @ Lodge
- Breakout sessions scheduled with a focus on how to effectively manage your career.
- Registration will be sent out as soon as schedule is finalized.
- Line item 226 as increase from \$2,500 to \$7,500.

Corporate Sponsorship Report**Shelby Dreyer**

- Report was given by President Jacobson due to Shelby Dreyer not being able to be present.
- Seeking nominations for a new chair of the Corporate Sponsorship Committee as MAJ Dreyer will be moving.
- Thirty nine letters were sent out with two positive responses: Key Automotive and the Minute Man Federal Credit Union both of Rapid City.

Membership Report**Steve Sewell**

- 129% membership last year
- 8 February we met the Early Bird requirement, last year we were at 93.5% at this time.
- Currently Membership: 92%
- Goal: Continue to beat Wisconsin in membership %.
- MSPC has given \$1,139.00 for the deployed Soldier's dues.
- Receive 5% of dues as rebate for meeting the early bird requirements.

Insurance Report**Jim Peterson**

- Board of Trustee has hired Jim Peterson.
- LTC Peterson is working with each unit to schedule a time to come out and visit with the units.
- Unsure of the rebate amount the association will be receiving.

Museum Report**Reid Christopherson**

- Bob Kusser will be the new Board of Director for the Ft. Meade Museum
- Elected a new Board of Director, Sonja Johnson, for the SD National Guard Museum in Pierre.
- Visitation was almost the same as last year with an increase in visitation June, July, and August.
- Received a H6 that was used in Vietnam. Possibly the 1st one shot down in Vietnam. Bob Kusser is checking into the status.
- Received a stove from Camp Rapid built in 1941.
- Received \$200.00 in unit donations this past year. Need to work on getting units to donate more money.

Legislative Report (State)**Steve Harding**

Call for Nominations

- Seeking nominations for the following positions:
 - President
 - 1st Vice
 - 2nd Vice
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- Nominations can still be submitted until the conference in April

Call for Resolutions

- Resolutions need to be sent to CPT Wika.
- Received the 1st Draft of Resolutions from another state.

Executive Director's Report

Jim Peterson

- LTC Peterson officially announced his resignation from the Executive Director position.
- Request will be sent out seeking nominations for the position. All letters of intent need to be submitted NLT 1 April. Decision will be made at the executive council meeting in April.
- Reminder that our Junior Officer Professional Development Program is one of the best in the Nation, so we need to continue to support it and find ways to make it better.
- Continue to use corporate sponsorship money to get Soldiers involved in the organization and keep them involved in the organization.
- Need to look at giving money back to the organization. Example of this would be a Youth Marksmanship Program.

Report on 134th National Conference

Jim Peterson

- Reno, NV 9-12 September 2012
- Discussion Topics:
 - Presidential Candidates
 - Budget Cuts: Air Guard took the hardest hit
 - Victim of Guard Bias:
 - 65% of employers are not hiring guard members
 - 50% of troops are unemployed

Call for other New Business

President Jacobson

BG Marlett:

- Discuss the purpose for a Dual Hat Commander
- Difference between Title 10 and SAD
- Need to address the gap
 - Provide better health coverage
 - Need to know how we will react to a serious incident

Report on 59th State Conference

Tom Nelson

- 19-21 April 2012 Deadwood, SD
- Spouses Luncheon: three different options
- Theme: The Guard Has Talent
- Variety of events scheduled on Friday and Saturday (see registration for detailed list of events)
- Junior Officer Profession Development Session will be on Thursday afternoon.
 - Registration form will be sent out.

- Raffle tickets were handed out to all of the AO's.

Administrative Announcements/Adjourn

President Adjourned the meeting

President Jacobson