**2015 NGASD Conference**

**17-18 April 2015**

**Huron, SD**

**1st Business Session**

**Posting of Colors Boy Scout Troop 151**

* Boy Scout Troop 151 posted the colors for the opening ceremony of the conference.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation/Memorial Service (Chaplain) MAJ Tracy Heiser**

* Invocation was given by MAJ Tracy Heiser.
* List of names of twenty nine service members was read during the Memorial Service honoring those Soldiers who have passed away over the past year. Names are listed on page 34 of the conference book.

**Welcome by the President President Steve Siemonsma**

* Recognized COL (Retired) Ray Henderson and Nadine for their 60th Anniversary of attending the Officer Conference.
* Presented him with a Black Hills Gold Minute Man Pin.

**Introduction of the Conference Vendors President Steve Siemonsma**

* President Siemonsma read the list of vendors at the conference and reminded the main body to visit them throughout the weekend.
* Vendors: HDT Global, Black Hills State University, Tricare, SDSMT, VFW, American Equity, and ESGR

**Welcome by Huron Mayor Paul Aylward Mayor Paul Aylward**

* President Siemonsma introduced Mayor Ayland to the main body.
* Mayor Ayland thanked everyone for their service to our country and state. He is stated he knows the service doesn’t come without sacrifices from families and their service members.

**Legislative Update MAJ Corey Norris**

* Discussed the status of two house bills and six senate bills.
  + House Bill: 1035, 1179
  + State Bill: 32,33,34,90,128, 154
* Discussed the national commission report that is due back in February 2016.
* Discussed national events of interest and how we can get involved.
* NDA 2016: Bill to rewrite and amend the verbiage for:
  + Military Compensation and Retirement
  + State Partnership Enhancement Act
  + HB 1384 Veterans Status Bill

**ATAG Address Army/Air**

**ATAG Army BG Kevin Griese**

* Thanked everyone for being at the event and showing up.
* Discussed leadership changes throughout the South Dakota National Guard.
* Currently located in 22 communities throughout the state with 43 units within the 22 communities.
* Recent redeployment of the 1742nd Transportation Company is the 1st time in 10 years we have had no one deployed.
* Future deployments include the Detachment 48, 155th Engineer Company, and 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.
* Biggest Accomplishments over the past year:
  + Superior Unit Award: 14 units receiving the award
  + Reckord Award: 153rd Engineer Battalion
  + Eisenhower: 211th Sapper Company
* 2014 Golden Coyote
  + 30th Annual Event with 4 Nations, 13 States, 63 Units and 4,477 Soldiers in attendance.
  + Representative from Army, Air Force, and Navy
* 2014 State Active Duty
  + Union County Flood: 1,683 tons of sand, 15,000 sandbags
  + Wessington Spring Tornado: 259 personnel responded to the event, 6 units were called up
* Future Challenges
  + Budget
  + Strength: Need to ensure we meet our goals so we can maintain the force structure we have.
  + Force Structure: Changes throughout the DOD in the future. It is critical for states to meet their strength mission to retain force structure.
* Soldiers signed up to do a job, ensure that they are getting challenging training opportunities.
* Discussed the TAG’s vision to be the most professional, competent, and reliable organization.

**ATAG Air BG Matthew Jamison**

* Relevancy of the future was the theme to BG Jamison’s slides.
* Discussed the Modernization Changes:
  + SLEP – 300 F16 by Year 2035
  + NORTHCOM CDR #1 Priority is AESA (radar changes) so an operation needs requirement.
  + Go to War Capability
  + Bridge the gap between the 4th and 5th generation of aircraft
  + F35 Brief
  + ARC Basing and Bed down
    - ANG January 2023
* South Air National Guard has had outstanding performance over the past year with the 2014 Spaatz Trophy, 2014 NORAD Award

**Roll Call Secretary Trygstad**

* Roll call was conducted by Secretary Trygstad with 47 unit present.

**Approval of Agenda/Appointments**

* Motion was made by MAJ Martin Yost to approve agenda and second by COL Scott Petrik.

**Approval of Minutes**

* Minutes are available in conference book on page 17-24. Motion was made by LTC Joe Jacobson to approve the minutes and second by LTC John Weber.
* Secretary Trygstad reminded everyone that the notes are also posted on the NGASD website for viewing.

**Old Business**

**Executive Directors Report MAJ Steve Sewell**

* Report on National Conference in Nashville this upcoming September.
  + 10 September –Travel Day with Company Grade Mixer that evening
  + 11 September – Opening Session
    - SD in #1 in the nation for memberships so we will get front row seats.
  + 12 September – Grand Ode Opry Event
  + Showed financial comparisons on flights
  + Discussed future conferences as listed on page 32 of the conference book.

**Treasurers Report/Proposed Budget Treasurer Kevin Miller**

* Report is listed on page 25-30 of conference book.
* Still waiting on $5,000 check from the insurance payment.
* State dues are listed on line item 103. Need to use the PayPal link next year to collect dues.
* Corporate Sponsors can use the website to pay their dues also.
* Made $864.00 in interested from CD’s and accounts.
* Proposed a change to line item for 20 Year Awards. 20 Year coin instead of a pin. General Ledger 214 for $1,500 to pay for the expense of the coins.
* Motion was made to approve General Ledger 214 for the 20 Year Coins and second by LTC Anthony Verchio.

**Membership Report CW2 Eric Borah**

* 578 is the NGASD goal for membership.
* 523 officers have paid to date.
* PayPal is up for payments and will be used to collect dues next year.
* 98% as a state for membership dues

**Nominations – Preliminary Report MAJ Quenten Johnson**

* President: MAJ Tracy Heiser
* 1st Vice: MAJ Quenten Johnson
* 2nd Vice: MAJ Rebecca Trygstad, MAJ Jim Linn, CW4 Shawn Bambas
* Secretary: CPT Jodi Gilberti, CPT Ross Pedersen
* Treasurer: MAJ Kevin Miller

**Resolutions – Preliminary Report CPT Chad Wika**

* Three members were present at the meeting.
* No draft resolutions were submitted.
* Discussed how they could revitalize the program and the importance of resolutions.
* Association website has a link to the most current resolutions.
* COL Petrik has discussed submitting a draft resolution for facility updates:
  + Readiness Center Transformation Plan
  + Assist with MILCON Funding
  + Funding we currently receive isn’t enough.

**Time and Place Report LTC Tim Schlotterback**

* Referenced upcoming conferences as listed on page 32 of the conference booklet.
  + 2016: Rapid City - Combined Conference
  + 2017: Deadwood – Mountain Grand Hotel
  + 2018: Brookings – Days Inn
  + 2019: Sioux Falls
  + 2020: Pierre
  + 2021: Watertown
  + 2022: Rapid City
* Committee used survey completed to determine where the upcoming conference would be held.

**Credentials Report COL Joel Degroot**

* Association is in good standings

**Museum Report & Awards Sonja Johnson**

* Thanked the association for their support over the past year.
* Completed the weapons case and bathroom upgrade this past year.
* Completed a CAP Assessment on the lighting and storing artifacts which only cost $89.39 out of pocket to get the assessment. Grant money covered the additional cost.
* Planning kids programs during the summer with a 5 week program. Different programs every week.
* Membership Methods: Individual, Unit, and Organization
* Membership forms shows the three different options available to individual members.
* Discuss Heritage Painting Series fundraiser. 100 prints will be purchased for sale.

**Corporate Sponsorship Report MAJ Quenten Johnson**

* Thanked all members who have submitted names.
* Page 15 of the conference book show the current corporate sponsors.
* Tiered Program is available to offer different levels of sponsorship.
* Advertising is one of the biggest ways to get this opportunity out.
* New chair has been identified to take MAJ Johnson’s position as chair of the committee.

**Next Year Conference Host (Rapid City) LTC Joe Jacobson**

* 61st Annual Conference will be in Rapid City hosted by the 109th RSG.
* Conference will include family based events.

**Administrative Announcements**

* Conference hosts discussed the meal arrangements and evening entertainment.

**Adjourn 1st Business Session**

**Saturday, 18 April 2015**

**2nd Business Session**

**TAG MG Timothy Reisch**

* Thanked everyone for showing up for the event.
* Discussed TAG’s Priorities and how these priorities will lead us to be the most professional organization.
  + Taking Care of Soldiers and Their Families
  + Readiness
  + Safety
  + Ensure the SDNG Remains Relevant
  + Embrace Diversity and Practice Inclusion
  + Enhance Communication
  + Capitalize on opportunities to bring our Army and Air Guard members closer
  + State Partnership Program
  + Developing Leaders
* Discussed accomplishments from the past year to include Superior Unit Awards, Spaatz Trophy, Reckord Trophy, Family Readiness Awards, and Reservation Food and Winter Clothing Drive.
* Showed photos of the state accomplishments this past year.
* Discussed how our families are a big deal and it is important to get it right.
* Discussed Black Hawk Modernization
* Discussed changes in Tuition Assistance and how it has affected our Soldiers.

**NGAUS Representative Andrea Peterson**

* NGAUS is one of the oldest military organizations.
* Discussed FY15 Legislative Accomplishments
  + Commission on the future force structure was formed.
* Discussed FY 16 Presidents Budget Overview
  + Budget
  + Force Structure
* She will make sure the commission has the guard story when going up against upcoming challenges.

**Life Insurance Report David Burr**

* Insurance program has been around for 30 years.
* Everyone is cover with a $1,000 coverage.
* Make payments to beneficiary within 24 hours of death.
* New enlistments get $10,000 free for the first year.
* Program pays back to the association every year.
* Information and forms are on the NGASD website.
* Presented a check from American Equity for the association.

**Retired Officers Committee Report Jerry Duba**

* Met with retirees this morning.
* Six people in attendance at meeting.
* Discussed next year’s joint conference and doing a joint retiree breakfast.
* Would like to invite retiree spouses to the event.

**Warrant Officers Committee Report CW2 Ben Smetana**

* Two warrant officers selected for national awards.
* CW5 Lonny Hofer will be taking over for CW5 Darla Crown.
* Currently have 16 warrant officer vacancies throughout the state.
* Current warrant officer class has 5 candidates.
* 30 warrant officers registered for the conference.

**Junior Officers Committee Report**

* Thirty seven officers in attendance for the JOPD.
* Event consisted of a BN CDR Panel, comments from BG Greise.
* Representatives are CPT Jodi Gilberti, 1LT Shaff, and 2LT Vissia.

**Sponsor Certificates of Appreciation**

* Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Huron Events Center and Hotel.

**Constitution & By-Law Changes**

* No changes

**NEW Business**

**Budget 14-15**

* Discussed changes to General Ledger 214 for the 20 Year Coins that was voted on yesterday.
* Motion was made to approve the minutes by MAJ Quenten Johnson and second by COL Russ Walz.

**Nominations/ Elections MAJ Quenten Johnson**

* Nominations:
  + President: MAJ Tracy Heiser
  + 1st Vice: MAJ Quenten Johnson
  + 2nd Vice: MAJ Rebecca Trygstad, MAJ Jim Linn, CW4 Shawn Bambas
  + Secretary: CPT Jodi Gilberti, CPT Ross Pedersen
  + Treasurer: MAJ Kevin Miller
* Each Candidate was given an opportunity to have someone speak on their behalf.
* Election were held with the following officers being elected:
  + President: MAJ Tracy Heiser
  + 1st Vice: MAJ Quenten Johnson
  + 2nd Vice: MAJ Jim Linn
  + Secretary: CPT Jodi Gilberti
  + Treasurer: MAJ Kevin Miller

**Call for other new business**

* Draft Resolution for Readiness Center Transportation Plan will be submitted.

**Recognition of outgoing NGASD Officers MAJ Tracy Heiser**

* Present a gift to MAJ Rebecca Trygstad and President Steve Siemonsma for continued support of the association as they served in committee positions.

**20 Year certificate Presentations**

* Seven 20 Year Awards were presented to the following personnel:
  + MAJ Kevin Huxford
  + MAH Sally Ketcham
  + LTC Jason Kettwig
  + MAJ Dana Limbo
  + MAJ Jodi Page
  + WO1 Ryan Pederson
  + CPT Eric Tobin

**Presidents Report President Steve Siemonsma**

* Still work to be done by the association.
* Membership: go out and talk to those not paying their membership and explain the benefits the association has played an important role in providing.
* Continue to focus on the development of our Junior Officers. Get them involved in the decision making process of the association. Try to get them to DC to see the office and meet their representatives.
* Thank the association for allowing him to serve as their president for the past year.
* Wished President Tracy Heiser good luck.

**Administrative Announcements**

* CPT Wilcox came forward for closing comments and a final resolution honoring the Huron Events Center.
* Announcements on sporting events and evening events were given.

**Adjournment of 2nd Business Session:**

**Submitted by: Approved by:**

**Rebecca Trygstad Steve Siemonsma**

**MAJ, SDARNG LTC, SDARNG**

**Secretary President**