**National Guard Association of South Dakota**

**State Conference**

**Days Inn**

**Brookings, SD**

**1300 CST, 20 April 2018**

**First Business Session**

**Call to Order President Linn**

**Posting of the Colors South Dakota State University Air Force ROTC**

**National Anthem**

**Invocation/Memorial Service President Linn**

**Welcome of Distinguished Guests President Linn**

* Welcomed distinguished guests: MG Reisch, BG DeGroot, BG Croymans, COL Michels, and retirees.
* Thank you to the members of the 139th BSB for hosting the state conference.

**Introduction of the Conference Sponsors President Linn**

* NGASD 2018 Corporate Membership
* Murray M. Thompson, DDS, PC
* USAA
* Dave & Co. Real Estate Team/Hegg Realtors
* Midwest Cleaning Solutions
* AM General
* Keystone Mortgage
* Conference Sponsors
* Helsper, McCarty & Rasmusen, P.C. Law Firm
* Falcon Plastics
* BankStar Financial
* First Bank & Trust

**Welcome by Brookings Mayor Mayor Keith Corbett**

**Legislative Addresses**

**U.S. Representative for South Dakota Greg Whitlock for Kristi Noem**

* Provided comments from Rep Kristi Noem, and thanked the South Dakota National Guard for their great work and service.

**U.S. Senator for South Dakota Ben Ready for John Thune**

* Provided comments from Sen. John Thune.

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

* Comments provided via recorded videos from Sen Rounds.

**The Adjutant General of the South Dakota National Guard Address MG Tim Reisch**

* Vision of the South Dakota National Guard:
* TAG Priorities
  + Taking excellent car of our Soldiers and Airmen and families is the topic priority
    - Suicide prevention and sexual assault prevention
  + Readiness; increase individual readiness and demand quality training
* Safety
* Embrace diversity and practice inclusion
* Developing leaders
* “I AM PROUD OF YOU”

**1445 Break**

**Roll Call Secretary Van Klompenburg**

* Roll call was conducted with 41 SDNG units represented, and quorum was met.
* At the 2019 NGASD State Conference, unit guide-ons will be presented during roll call.

**Approval of Agenda and Appointments President Linn**

* Motion was made for approval of the agenda was made by Steve Sewell and seconded by Dana Limbo. Motion passed.
* Kellen Willard will serve as parliamentarian for the conference.
* Ross Rollinger will serve as the Sergeant at Arms for the conference.

**Approval of Minutes President Linn**

* Motion was made for approval of minutes by Joe Jacobson and seconded by Todd Bartunek. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

**Executive Directors Report Quentin Johnson**

* The 140th National Conference will be held in New Orleans, LA from August 23-27, 2018.
* South Dakota will be in the Hilton hotel, which is connected to the convention center.

**Nominations – Preliminary Report Ben Smetana**

* Current Nominations:
  + Second Vice: No nominations at this time.
  + Secretary: Emily Van Klompenburg
  + Treasurer: Joelle Mulder

**Museum Report Dana Limbo**

* The South Dakota National Guard Museum has been focusing on increasing the historical accuracy and organizing data chronologically.
* The Museum has attained 501-C-3 status, which allows for tax exemptions to donors, with plans to develop new sponsorship options.
* Newly developed video by the Museum providing an overview of the history of the South Dakota National Guard was shown.

**Special Guest Senator John Thune**

**Legislative Update Mitch Nachtigall**

* HB 1043: Purpose – authorize the construction of a National Guard Readiness Center at the Rapid City Airport.
  + –Signed by the Governor on 22 February 2018
  + $20 million facility is funded 75% Federal / 25% State, this bill authorized the first of three payments to equal $5 million state share
* HB 1010: Purpose – revise certain provisions regarding federal protections for National Guard members ordered to active duty
  + Any resident of this state who is a member of ~~the South Dakota~~ any state’s National Guard who is ordered to active duty service ~~by the Governor of the State of South Dakota~~ that state or the President of the United States, ~~the member~~ has all protections afforded to persons serving on federal active duty by the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act of 2003.
  + –Sponsored by the Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Department of Veterans Affairs
  + –Singed by the Governor on 8 February 2018.
* SB 91: Purpose – authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide for the design, construction, and equipping of a state veterans cemetery in Minnehaha County, to create a veterans cemetery fund, to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency.
  + -Signed by the Governor on 23 March 2018.
* FY18 Omnibus Defense Appropriations Act
  + On March 21, 2018, Congress released the text of the FY18 Omnibus Appropriations Act. The defense appropriation funds a base budge of $589.5 billion and $65.2 billion in OCO. The higher funding levels reflect the increase in the Budget Control Act caps provided by the February 2018 Bipartisan Budget Agreement. In total, the FY18 Omnibus Appropriations Act provides $61 billion more for defense than was enacted in fiscal 2017.
    - The President signed into law on 23 March 2018.
  + National Guard Highlights
    - Funds an end strength of 343,500 for the ARNG and 106,600 for the ANG, both at requested levels
    - Funds a pay raise of 2.4%
    - Provides an additional $8M for State Partnership Program Provides an additional $30M for National Guard Youth Challenge, $10M for innovative readiness training, and $12.9M for STARTBASE (Civil Military Programs)
    - Provides $19M for training and operational support on the southwest border
    - Adds $108M for 8 UH-60s for the ARNG
    - Provides an additional $100M for ARNG HMMWV modernization and $120M for ambulance modernization
    - Adds $480 for 6 C-130J for the ANG
    - Provides $59.4M for Battlefield airman combat equipment for the ANG, provides an additional $4M for ground based sense and avoid for the ANG, provides additional $74M for C-130 engine enhancement; $55 for propulsion; $15M for C-130H modernization Appropriates $236.4M for National Guard Counter-Drug Program and $256 for Counter-Drug Schools (Drug Interdiction and Counter drug activities, Defense)
    - Appropriates $429M each for ARNG and ANG in National Guard and Reserve Equipment Appropriation (NGREA)

**Administrative Announcements Sergeant at Arms Rollinger**

* Evening Activities **Shane Skinner**
* Hospitality Room opens at 1600
* Dinner is on your own for the evening
* Social hour with hors d’ouvres bar begins in conference room at 2000
* Dueling pianos begins at 2100
* Hospitality Room will reopen at 1100
* George’s Pizza will be delivered at 1130

**Recess First Business Session President Linn**

* Motion was made by John Weber to adjourn the first business meeting and seconded by Steve Siemonsma. Meeting recessed. Second Business Session will reconvene at 0900 on 21 April 2018.

**Second Business Session**

**Assistant Adjutant General of the South Dakota Air National Guard BG De Groot**

* Air Guard Personnel: Currently at 103.2% strength with 1052 authorized and 1086 assigned
  + 370 full time personnel, with 10% of technicians to convert to AGR per year until desired end strength of 65% AGR and 35% technician.
* Wing Operations: sent many Airmen to across the world for 3 – 6 month deployments in 2017-18.
  + Accumulated approximately 4100 flying hours
  + Deployments are busy and not slowing down
* Recognition
  + NGAUS Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque – 3rd consecutive and 7th overall
  + Air Force Outstanding Unit Award – 3rd consecutive and 9th overall
  + Governor’s Safety Award of Honor – 7th consecutive and 17th overall
  + Since 2014, the 114th Fighter Wing is one of the most decorated ANG units on the national level
* Strategic Focus
  + F-16 Capability (SLEP, AESA Radar)
  + F-35
  + Small Arms Range
  + Full Spectrum Readiness
  + Unit Effectiveness Inspection
  + Air Expeditionary Force
  + Aerospace Control Alert
  + Operations Tempo
  + AGR/Tech End State
* 114th Fighter Wing Infrastructure
  + Mil Con
    - Maintenance Complex will combine 7 buildings and break ground in Spring 2019
  + Recently completed/current projects
    - Fire Station Addition
    - Intrusion Detection Systems
    - Operations Vault Renovations
    - Energy Efficiency Initiatives
    - Runway Construction
* 2019 Air Show
  + August 17-18, 2019
  + The US Air Force Thunderbirds will be performing at the Sioux Falls Airshow for the first time since 2003.

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

* BG Griese unable to attend conference today.
* Unit Locations
  + 42 units in 22 communities
* 3 major subordinate command
  + 196th MEB
  + 109th RSG
  + 196th RTI
* Personnel Statistics
  + End strength ceiling (Mission Strength)
  + Authorized strength is 3,007 Soldiers
    - 369 officers, 107 warrant officers, 2,531 enlisted
    - As of 4/17/18: 360 officers, 105 warrants officers, 2,693 enlisted
  + Superior Unit Awards
    - 23 awards in 2017, submitting 30 in 2018
  + National Awards
    - SDARNG received FY17 Army Communities of Excellence Award
    - SDARNG tied with Minnesota in FY17 for National Guard Bureau Excellence in Diversity Award
    - 147th Army Band received 2017 Eisenhower Trophy Recipients
    - Det 1 Co B 1/112th Aviation Regiment received the Certificate of Victory for weapons marksmanship
    - 155th EN Co received the Itschner Award
    - 153rd EN BN and FSC received the Reserve Family and Readiness Award
* FY17 Domestic Operations
  + Presidential Inauguration, Wildland Fire Suppression; Hurricane Maria Recovery
* Golden Coyote; completed 33rd year of training exercise in FY17
* Current Deployments
  + 216th EN Det (FF), 200th EN CO, C/1/189th AVN, 2nd 196th RTI
* Future Deployments
  + Det 1 Co B, 935th,174th CPT, 152nd CSSB
* Future Opportunities
  + Focused Readiness Units, ARNG 4.0, Readiness, Force Design Updates, 155th/842nd, 196th MEB
* Reorganization
  + 235th MP, 139th BSB, 109th EN BN, 665th SMC

**20 Year Certificate Presentations President Linn**

**Sponsor Certificates of Appreciation Rebecca Trygstaad**

* Presented certificates to this year’s corporate and conference sponsors.

**1000 Break**

**Treasurer’s Report Treasurer Mulder**

* Budget comparison, financial statement, and purposed budget can be found on Page 27 of booklet
* VA and museum donations are not listed for this FY yet
  + Checks for $1000 each will be made before the end of the fiscal year
* Total cash is not true reflection as there is money in Paypal account
  + $29,758 in Paypal (used to collect NGASD membership dues)
  + ~$78,000 total cash on hand
* Last year, the budget was approved to increase the annual conferences start up budget from $5,000 to $10,000, will continue this budget item for this year
* Income
  + $5,214 NGAUS check from early bird membership rebate
  + $584.43 from NGASD Insurance Trust
  + $640 in interest from CDs and savings accounts
* Paying dues through NGASD website (Paypal)
  + Appears to be a popular method for paying dues
  + 394 members used website to pay their dues this year, which is up from 285 from last year
* Overall, NGASD continues to financially sit well
* Purposed one-time budget item will be discussed in New Business
  + One-time $10,000 donation for Military 4-H camp
  + Purpose donation be from Miscellaneous, which is line item 219

**Resolutions – Preliminary Report Chad Wika**

* Seven draft resolutions were reviewed by the committee
  + Four resolutions were joint resolutions, one Air, two Army
* Will not proceed with any of the resolutions brought forward to the committee

**Time and Place Report Al Godsell**

* Al Godsell will be serving as the new chair; thanked Tim Schlotterback from his time and effort
* Committee met on Thursday evening, April 19, 2018; 100% members were present for the meeting
* As the 152nd CSSB will be on deployment over the 2020 annual conference, may need to consider alternative locations and hosts
  + Discussed moving locations from Pierre to Watertown (switching 2020 and 2021 venues)
    - However, there may be venue contract obligations already in place
  + May need to have another unit cover down for as 152nd will be on deployment
  + More discussions need to occur and committee owes NGASD members more information
* Dates for 2025 in Sioux Falls
  + Last weekend of April – April 24-26, 2025
  + Will be a co-located conference with enlisted association

**Credentials Report Kevin Curley**

* Registration for conference
  + 176 Total
    - 105 Members
    - 42 Guests
    - 25 Children
    - 4 Retirees
* Overall, registration numbers are down from last year
* Members in attendance are in good standing

**Corporate Membership Report Dave Larson**

* Will continue to work on obtaining in-state members
* Current NGASD Corporate Membership Program
  + 4 Gold Members ($1200) – one from SD
  + 2 Silver Members ($600) – two from SD
  + 5 Bronze Members ($300) – five from SD
* Currently have raised $6,900 with a goal of a $10,000 by the end of the year
* Memberships are currently the duration of a calendar year
  + Recommend changing from a calendar year to one-year membership upon signing on

**64th NGASD Conference Host Ben Smetana**

* The 64th Annual NGASD Conference will be held in Sioux Falls on April 25-27, 2019
* Co-located with enlisted association annual conference
* Conference location will be the Downtown Holiday Inn with conference activities will primarily located within the downtown area
* For the kids, planning on utilizing the Midco aquatic center and the Washington pavilion
* For adults, have activities planned with the local breweries, sip and cycle, escape rooms with members from each command competing again each other

**Life Insurance Report Mitch Nachtigall**

* National Guard Insurance Program Report found on page 33
* Current checking account balance is $159,163.
* Current numbers:
  + Insured members as of Dec 2017: 357
  + New policies in 2017: +8
  + Policies lost in 2017: -32
  + Current insured members: 333
  + Of the 32 lost policies, nine were retiree’s that turned 65 years old. The remaining 23 soldiers cancelled their policy or left the Guards and didn’t keep their policy.
    - Five soldiers will turn 65 in 2018
* In the past year, the previous insurance company sold the State Sponsored Life Insurance Program to the Armed Forces Benefit Association. AFBA took over the beginning of 2018. There are not changes to current policies. There are some new options available under AFBA and the NGASD Insurance Board is looking into those options and evaluating the best way to proceed.
* Moving into an enhanced insurance program
  + New service members are entitled to one year of insurance coverage
* The insurance program has been able to give back about $5,000 to each the enlisted and the officer’s association each year

**Retired Officer’s Committee Report Mark Wiesner**

* Committee met Friday at noon, April 20, 2018.
  + Five retirees and two spouses were present
  + MG Reise spoke on the status of the SDNG
* Focus for upcoming years is to rebuild Retiree Committee and have more retirees attend the state conference
  + Discussed methods for communication such as additional emails, Distro A, mailing post cards, and personal touch emails and phone calls
  + Also discussed rebuilding quarterly retiree meetings

**Membership Report Cody Becker**

* As over 13 April 2018, NGASD membership is at 77% of goal.
  + The attainment percentage of the SDNG goal committed to NGAUS is 100%.
  + Membership Goal committed is 539; need to collect dues from 126 additional officers to achieve 100% of the committed NGAUS goal.
* Officer numbers established by the 31 December 2017 Strength Report and reported to NGAUS on the 08 January 2017 Data Call.
* Question regarding deployed officers, are deployed officers required to pay officers dues the year they are deployed. Contacted Laura at NGUAS and waiting for her response.

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

* Committee met on Friday at noon, April 20, 2018. 16 warrant officers were present.
* New command representatives
  + MEB: Ben Smetana
  + RSG: Eric Borah
* Planning for the 100-year warrant officer anniversary this coming summer
* Brain storming ideas to recruit more warrant officers to come the annual conference

**Junior Officer’s Committee Report Jodi Gilberti**

* 32 junior officers in attendance
  + Junior officers from OCS candidates to senior captains attended JOPD Friday morning
  + Almost every battalion and three squadrons were represented
* JOPD
  + Discussed MDMP and expectations for creating the guide pass for CGOs
  + Legal discussion lead by CPT Willert
  + Internal CGO communication options
  + BG De Groot, COL Michels, and BG Croymans met with junior officers
* Thank you to Brian Schaff for help on JOPD Committee throughout the year
* LT Moran and LT Rosel will be taking over JOPD Committee
* LT Vissia will serve as Army Chair
* LT King and LT Nelson will serve as Air Chairs

**Constitution & By-Law Changes President Linn**

* No Constitution or By-Law Changes

**New Business**

**Proposed Budget Treasurer Mulder**

* Received request from Air Guard’s Family Volunteer Group to sponsor Air Guard child to go to camp.
  + In the past, 4-H sponsors non-Army children to go to camp (Army has appropriated dollars to send Army children yearly). Due to unforeseen events, 4-H cannot not sponsor for this year only (usually sponsors ~$10,000 yearly).
  + Tentative plan is for the Guard to receive the bill from the camp, and then the bill to be sent to the Association for the Association to only pay the exact cost.
  + Costs ~$215 per child to send them to camp.
    - Approximately 200 kids go to camp yearly (~150 Army Guard, ~25 Air Guard, ~25 other branches/DoD)
  + Proposed to give $10,000 towards helping get kids to camp.
    - Line item 219
  + Doug Bogenhagen motioned to approve (the $10,000) and seconded by Scott Petrtik. Motion passed.
* Motion to approve proposed budget by Scott Petrik and seconded by Kevin Miller. Motion passed.

**Nominations Ben Smetana**

* Current Nominations
  + President: Shawn Bambas
  + First Vice: Murray Thompson
  + Second Vice:
    - Eric Borah
    - Ryan Brekke
    - Kevin Miller
    - John Weber
    - Martin Pierce
  + Secretary
    - Emily Van Klompenburg
  + Treasurer
    - Joelle Mulder
* Election Results
  + Second Vice: Kevin Miller
  + Secretary: Emily Van Klompenburg
  + Treasurer: Joelle Mulder

**President’s Report President Linn**

* Thanked Steve Sewell for all of his hard work for the past three years while serving as the NGASD Executive Director.
* Encouraged all NGASD members to attend National Conference in NOLA in August 2018.
* Encouraged CGO attendees to bring another CGO to State Conference next year.
* Encouraged field grade officers to bring a retiree from the past 5 years.
* Encouraged all NGASD members to come to annual State Conference.
* Encouraged participation in the organization – and the fact that it becomes more than coworkers and friends, but it becomes family.
* “It was an honor to serve as president of the organization for the past year.”
* President Linn was presented with a gavel for his time as NGASD present.

**Administrative Announcements Sergeant at Arms Rollinger**

* Afternoon Social Events **Shane Skinner**
  + Scavenger hunt within the Brookings Community
  + Trap shoot
  + Bean bag tournament
  + Poker tournament
  + Afternoon Matinee – Sgt Stubby: American Hero
* Banquet
* 1900 – 1930
* 1930 – 2100
* LT of the year and warrant officer of the year presentation

**Adjournment President Linn**

* Motion to adjourn by Steve Siemonsma and seconded by Steve Sewell. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 1200.

**Submitted by: Approved by:**

**Emily Van Klompenburg James Linn**

**1LT, SDARNG LTC, SDARNG**

**Secretary President**