**National Guard Association of South Dakota**

**Mid-Winter Meeting**

**SD National Guard Museum, Pierre, SD**

**1400 CST, February 2nd, 2017**

**Call to Order President Johnson**

**Pledge of Allegiance All**

**Adjutant General’s Comments MG Reisch**

* Thanked everyone for their service attendance, and dedication to our country.
* Department of the Military brought two bills up to the state legislature.
* House Bill 1013 “Clean-up Bill”
  + Last year, a statute from increased state school tuition from $140 to $234 per credit hour. Guardsmen receive 50% tuition reduction, thus tuition increased from $70 to $117 per credit hour.
  + Tech schools’ tuition also increased from $54.50 to $91.01 per credit hour, however the statute did not include increasing tuition assistance for guardsmen.
  + House Bill 1013 is adjusting tuition assistance for tech schools. The bill was brought to the house by Representative Kettwig, and it was passed on the house floor.
  + were not included in
* House Bill 1014
  + Special appropriation bill for $360,000 to buy 30 acres of land east of the Sturgis armory. The school district is attempting to build a new school. Since this is a spending bill, permission was sought from the governor prior to bringing it forward.
* Other bills be watched that may affect the South Dakota National Guard
  + House Bill 1182
    - Would require the governor to consult the legislature prior to mobilizing the national guard or law enforcement pursuant to a mutual aid agreement with another state (e.g. a special session would have to be called before being able to send law enforcement/guardsmen to help other states). Generally, not in favor due to the potential of an emergency of which time is of essence to send help (e.g. wild fire requiring helicopters to drop water).
  + Senate Bill 144
    - Would exempt members of the armed forces including the nation guard to exempt them from having to purchase a pistol permit to carry a concealed pistol.
* 114th Fighter Wing was not selected for receiving F-35 fieldings. Criteria was largely based off of site physical properties and not the quality of Airmen or services provided.
* President Heather Wilson from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology was appointed to Secretary of the Air Force by President Trump. She was a former officer in the Air Force.
* The Army Guard continues to downsize, but even through units are closing, spaces are continued to be added into other units. Armored brigade combat teams and striker brigade combat teams are being built up. ARFOGEN cycle has been replaced, and ABCT and SBCT guard units are now on a 4-year rotation. Units will be ready to deploy two years out of every four years.
* President Trump stated that he wants to enhance the military and grow the guard, but how this is to be done is yet to be seen.

**Roll Call Secretary Van Klompenburg**

* Roll call was conducted and quorum was met.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes President Johnson**

* Minutes and agenda were available for review by the association body.
* Motion was made for approval of the agenda and minutes by Martin Yost, seconded by Orson Ward.

**Treasurer’s Report Treasurer Miller**

* Income: Thus far, about $8,000 have been collected in state dues for this dues season; $6,381.50 has been received from NGAUS from 2016 early bird membership; Insurance trust check of about $5,000 has yet to be received this year.
* Operational Expenses: Costs of National Conference hospitality room seem to be increases, may want to consider increasing budget for these lines items. However, Louisville National Conference will be less expensive per Executive Director Sewell.
* Special Projects: 2017 NGAUS pins have already been purchases, thus overbudget now, but will equal out after National Conference in September; $10 Domestic Non-Profit Crop Fee has been paid with the state of South Dakota; $1,000 to be donated to SDNG museum; $500 will be donated to both Sioux Falls and Black Hills VA hospice program.
* Approximately $55,000 in checking/savings, $22,645 in CD’s, State Life Account has $5,224 in Savings, and $37,491 in CD’s. Total of approximately $120,000 for association, which is within normal range.
* Approximately $14,000 will be sent to NGAUS for national dues come information has been received from Membership Chair.

**Warrant Officer Report Wess Walker**

* Warrant officer meeting was not held.
* Warrant officers are hosting one of the hospitality room tonight.

**Junior Officer Report Bryan Schaff**

* Mr. Schaff unable to attend Mid-Winter Meeting.

**Executive Director’s Report Steve Sewell**

* State Conference will be in Deadwood in April
  + Free registration for Junior Officers, ROTC cadets, and Officer Candidates
  + 25% of members showing up for state conference
  + Wynona Judd will be performing at the Deadwood Mountain Grand Thursday night of the state conference
* The 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.
* Thanked Steve for all of the hard work that he does.

**Corporate Membership Report Adam Rounds**

* Approximately $2400 in sponsorship checks came in this month. There are 6 different organizations that pledged to be members, however money has not been received yet. Year-end goal is $5,000 to $7,500.
* Mr. Rounds is requesting business cards for leads. He has about a 50% success rate on leads.

**Membership Report Cody Becker**

* NGAUS updating processes of determining officer strength in state organizations, which may affect our status as a 100% state. They are pulling SIPERS officers reports from NBG.
* In 2016, NGASD reported 423 officers. For 2017, NGAUS is tracking 574 officers for South Dakota.
  + Assuming a 4% attrition rate, our target member is 551 for this year.
* At this point, we are at 69% membership, goal is 100% by June 30th.
  + Approximately 60% of payments have been through NGASD online site.
  + Lifetime membership option is not available online.
  + Current paid dues status:
    - JFHQ: 53%
    - MEB: 79%
    - RSG: 64%
    - RTI: 29%
    - Air Guard: 62%

**Museum Report Tracy Wolfe, Sonya Johnson**

* In 2016, there were 2,742 visits, an increase of 35.74%. Goal is to break 3000 visits in 2017.
* Projects over the past year
  + New relocated sign for front of museum
  + Flag poles replaced and moved
  + Power washed, patched, and repainted outside of building
  + Benches built and placed outside of museum
  + Air conditioning installed in museum
  + Multipurpose room was renovated and has been used for other programs (Kid’s programs, E9 meetings, business meetings)
* No large plans for 2017, continue community projects and humanities council speakers
* Facebook page goal to double the number of “likes” in 2017
* Working on strategic plans to continue to tell the story of the guard
  + Established a membership committee, increasing membership for TAG club and governor’s club

**Insurance Report Dave Burr, Mitch Naghtigall**

* Current balance is $154,525.43. There are 357 current policies with another anticipated 12 losses this year. $5,000 was paid to each association.
* Mr. Burr continues to want to get into units, RSP programs twice year, and the Air National Guard, to present a short brief about the insurance program.

**Call for Nominations President Johnson**

* First vice automatically assumes president, second vice automatically assumes first vice. Position of second vice will be vacant.
  + Murry Thompson and Orson Ward are nominated for second vice position
* Secretary Van Klompenburg will seek re-election for secretary position
* Position of treasurer will be vacant.
  + No nominations at this time.
* Nominations will be accepted through April at the conference

**Call for Resolutions Chad Wika**

* No new resolutions brought forward.
* Resolutions will be accepted through April at the conference

**62nd State Conference Report Tracy Wolfe, Doug Johnson**

* State conference will be held April 20-22, 2017 in Deadwood, SD at the Deadwood Mountain Grand, hosted by 196th RTI and the 881st.
* This year’s theme is “Strike it rich”.
* During state business meetings, Black Hills Helicopter Rides will be providing helicopter rides over Lead/Deadwood for families ($10/family), by Chief Andrew Busse.
* On Friday night, a dining out of “dining and dance” is planned with a local band performing throughout.
* A kid’s camp will be available on Friday for school aged kids.
* Saturday morning, a 5k fun run is planned.
* Saturday afternoon, several events are available: a murder mystery event is planned in downtown Deadwood, lunch and learn for spouses with local speaker for professional development, gambling tournaments,
* No formal event planned for Saturday night. Want to encourage friends and family to socialize and have a good time. Hospitality room will be enhanced for socialization that night.

**Other Business President Johnson**

* Completed audit of unaccounted moneys through Jim Peterson. Approximately $3656 is found to be unaccounted for and insurance board recommends NGASD writes off the money versus pursuing legal action due to the potential substantial legal costs.
  + Motion was made to write off accounted for money by Orson Ward, seconded by Rus Walz. Motion passed.
* $512 was raised for the South Dakota Museum via “Pass the Purse”.

**Adjournment President Johnson**

* Motion to adjourn by Steve Sewell, seconded by Jim Linn. Meeting adjourned at 1500.

**Submitted by: Approved by:**

**Emily Van Klompenburg Quentin Johnson**

**1LT, SDARNG MAJ, SDARNG**

**Secretary President**