

Nebraska National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary

Minutes of the NNGEA Auxiliary State Conference Meeting
29 April 2006

A joint meeting of the Board of Directors of the Nebraska National Guard Enlisted Association & Auxiliary was held on Saturday, 29 April 2006 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Executive Board

President	Pam Whisenhunt	P
Vice President	Vacant	
Secretary	Kelli Ten Hulzen	P
Treasurer	Amber Steffen	P

Others in attendance included Derek Whisenhunt (President of the Enlisted Association – NE) and other enlisted attendees and spouses of the State Conference.

Meeting Called to Order

Derek Whisenhunt started the Enlisted Association breakout at 11:00am.

Last Months Minutes

Were not covered at this meeting.

Old Business

Area V Caucus will be held in Fargo, ND on the 19th & 20th of May 2006. National Conference will be held in Salt Lake City, UT 20-23 August 2006.

New Business

There is a new web page out for the Nebraska Enlisted Association. It is a joint site. The Officers Association and Auxiliary are on the site as well. Web site is <http://www.neguard.org/>

The group brainstormed about ways to boost membership. Some of the suggestions were, Coins for members after 5 years, 10 yrs, etc. Get information out in the things Guardsmen actually read ie: Posters in the bathroom, sign ups in chow lines, web link in newsletters, emails. Talked

about getting meeting information out to outlying units; let them know we can VTC. It was noted Retirees are not being hit or recruited. Enlisted Association needs to be at retiree briefs & get letters out to retirees. It was suggested to do a drive where leadership sponsors at least one person a year and tries to keep them in after that year is up. It was suggested to look into getting an add into the Prairie Soldier with specific items we are working with an application inserted.

Auxiliary members made a silent vote for the new Executive Board. The votes were unanimous and the members are: President – Pam Whisenhunt; Vice President – Kelli Ten Hulzen; Secretary – Terry Munsinger; Treasurer – Amber Steffen. All new Board members accepted their new positions.

Committees

Treasurers Report: Amber submitted a report for our records.

Membership Report: None

Legislative: Announced all NE Delegates are members of the National Guard Caucus.

Ways & Means: The wine taste testing event has been temporarily put on hold until Jeanne Felker can put something together or a new chair can be assigned to the event. Talked about moving the function to the Fall.

Scholarship: Enlisted Association presented Brandi Munsinger with a \$500 USAA Scholarship during the awards portion of the state conference.

Bi Law: None

Family Program: Talked briefly about sponsoring a carnival. It was voted down due to the amount of time it would take to build and work it. The group agreed if the State Family Readiness Office wanted to work the main points of the Carnival that the Auxiliary would be willing to sponsor it or at least a portion of it.

*We talked about the focus of the Auxiliary's Family Program and the group agreed we need to focus the programs and projects that will benefit the state as a whole. Individual requests and projects will be decided on case by case.

*Associate member Maurice Saunders (HHT/RISTA FRG) had come up with a project and requested the Auxiliary's backing on it. Her group is making patriotic cards with the intention that the proceeds will support Family Readiness functions, to include sending packages to NE Guardsmen overseas. They will take care of the legwork and the cards will be available for sale in July 2006. The group voted yes on this project.

*Kelli is working on a coupon booklet and will put together a survey to get ideas on what guardsmen and their families would use.

Breakout Session ended at 11:30

Next meeting is scheduled Aug 7th.

Respectfully Submitted

Pamela R. Whisenhunt