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Board of Military Affairs (BOMA) meeting minutes – February 6, 2015 in Pierre, SD

The Board of Military Affairs met in Pierre, SD initially at the Ramkota Inn, and later at the Soldiers and Sailor's Building located at 425 E. Capitol on February 6, 2015.

Those in attendance were:

Richard Trankle
Larry Wiess
Robert Shepherd
Kim Vanneman

Military personnel and Department staff in attendance:

MG Tim Reisch
Deputy Secretary Steve Harding

The minutes from the September 23, 2014 BOMA meeting were reviewed and approved. Moved by Kim Vanneman and seconded by Richard Trankle to approve. All members voted aye.

General Reisch reviewed the meeting agenda with the board. There were no additions or deletions.

MG Reisch – Slide presentation – South Dakota National Guard updates.

The 114th Fighter Wing of the SD Air National Guard was awarded the Spaatz Trophy for the 4th time for being the most outstanding Air National Guard flying unit in the nation. This is a very prestigious award.

Reviewed and discussed the Air National Guard's Aerospace Control Alert Mission, Unit Effectiveness Inspection, F-35 Acquisition, upcoming deployments and future challenges.

Twelve SD Army National Guard units earned the National Guard Bureau's Superior Unit Award in 2014.

The 153rd Engineer Battalion was awarded the MG Milton A. Reckord Trophy as the most outstanding Army National Guard Battalion in the nation for 2014,

Reviewed and discussed the Army National Guard's future deployments, Armories age and location, the aviation restructure initiative, 2015 National Defense Authorization Act, National Commission on the future of the Army, 2011 Budget Control Act and the National Guard Force Structure.

Legislative Update was discussed. The Department of the Military has one agency bill this year. HB 1035 is an act to revise certain provisions regarding military specialty plates. This bill adds warrant officers and clarifies design language.

Other bills that are being watched by the DOM are:

SB 128, an act to revise certain provisions concerning the general requirements that vehicle owners must satisfy before applying for military plates.

SB 175, an act to revise certain provisions regarding the vehicles with military specialty plates that are not subject to annual registration fees.

HB 1179, an act to revise the definition of a veteran.

Next meeting date is to be determined. It was discussed to set a date during 2015 Golden Coyote and give the BOMA board members the opportunity to view training in the field. A firm date will be distributed after Golden Coyote plans are firmed up.

Moved by Trankle, seconded by Sheppard to adjourn.