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Event Theme: Race to the 2017 NGAGA Conference



President's Corner



Make Your Plans now, to attend the 69th Annual Conference of the National Guard Association of Georgia and Georgia Enlisted Association (EANGGA) Conference June 2-4 June 2017. We will be hosting the conference again at the beautiful Stone Mountain Marriott Evergreen Conference Center and Resort, a luxurious AAA 4-Star lake-front resort nestled at the foot of Georgia's majestic Stone Mountain.

All conference activities, except for golf, will be located in the Hotel Conference Center. We have selected a fun conference theme of "Race to the 2017 NGAGA Conference." This is to highlight our National Conference being held in Louisville, Kentucky this year... home of the Kentucky Derby Race! We will have lots of fun activities related to the theme for you to enjoy throughout the weekend!

Friday night dinner is an all you can eat seafood and prime rib buffet. You will be able to eat at your leisure from 6 pm to 10 pm! You can also stroll out to the pool to enjoy the entertainment and hospitality area! The Saturday Business Session and Professional Development has a phenomenal line up. This will be a great opportunity to hear about contemporary issues and interact with the speakers. We wind up Saturday with the evening gala, with a short business session, awards, and dance. Buck and Joni Bennett, along with Jeff and Melanie Freeman, will co-chair the conference. They and the NGAGA Board, are working hard to make this another great conference.

Look forward to seeing you there!

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President
National Guard Association of Georgia



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!

Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort
4021 Lakeview Drive ·
Stone Mountain, Georgia

Rate \$121 - All Rooms
Reservations

Online:

Click special link on NGAGA website

Or Call:

1-888-670-2250

Group Rate Code: **NGANGAA**

The Stone Mountain Park Entry Fee has been waived for our group. Refer to our event when entering the Park and you will not have to pay the \$15 entry fee!

Conference Registration...

Conference Registration Fee: \$85

Register and pay online @
www.ngaga.org

Or make checks payable to NGAGA and mail together with your registration form on the back of this bulletin to:

Marshall Kennemer
POB 714
Hinesville, GA 31310



Saturday Business and Professional Development Session



Business meeting and professional development will be held in the Evergreen Ballroom beginning at 0730 until approximately 1330 on Saturday 3 June. Coffee service and continental breakfast will start at 0700. An informative and productive business session has been planned. We have invited Georgia Governor Nathan Deal;

Georgia Lt Governor Casey Cagle; Georgia Senators Johnny Isakson and David Perdue; General Joseph Lengyel, Chief, National Guard Bureau; LTG Gary H. Cheek, Director, Army Staff; LTG H. R. McMaster, Director, Army Capabilities Integration Center; NGAUS President, BG (Ret) Roy Robinson; and several legislators. Additionally, your Professional Development Session will also include strategic leadership presentations made by, Brigadier General Joe Jarrard, The Adjutant General, Georgia; Brigadier General Jesse Simmons, Commander, Georgia Air National Guard; and Brigadier General Tom Carden, Commander, Georgia Army National Guard.

As you can see, this will be a great opportunity for you to hear first hand from strategic leaders about the contemporary issues impacting the Georgia Guard and also have a chance to interact with them. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Uniform: Army ACU; Air ABU/Flight Suit; and civilian business casual.

30th ANNUAL RONNIE GRIFFIN GOLF TOURNAMENT



We are looking forward to a great 30th Annual Ronnie Griffin Memorial Golf Tournament, on Friday, 2 June 2017, with a shotgun start at 0900. The golf tournament will be held at the Stone Mountain Golf Course. The tournament will begin promptly, so please arrive by 0800 to register and get your sausage biscuit. Teams will be configured to include one Corporate Sponsor in each foursome. When you register, you will only register yourself as a member of a threesome. Maximum participation will be limited to 144 players (36 teams), so register early. Tournament Entry Fee will be \$55.00 for each player. In addition to a generous goody bag, lunch and beverages will be provided on the course. We will have numerous challenge contests!

POC is CSM John Smiley, john.e.smiley4.mil@mail.mil

WINNERS CIRCLE - HOSPITALITY ROOM



Thursday - all you early birds stop by the Willow Room upon your arrival so that we can welcome you. We will have libations, including those peach things, snacks, music, and great fellowship!

Friday - Join us for Fun, Food, Libations, Music, Photo Booth and Dancing, in the Willow Hospitality Room. Fun racing activities will take place with prizes for those that make the Winners Circle!

Win, Place or Show!

David and Suzy Callaway along with Billy and Renee West are your hosts!



FRIDAY EVENTS



You'll register in Evergreen Ballroom from noon until 1800. Friday night buffet dinner begins at 1800 in the Waterside Room. The buffet will feature seafood (including crab legs); prime rib; several chicken entrees and a dessert bar. You won't have to rush to dinner upon your arrival as it will be served from 6-10 pm. There will also be plenty of time for fun and fellowship when Winners Circle Hospitality begins at 6 pm in the Willow Room/Poolside including music, dancing, fun horse racing, and beverages to top off the evening! Keep an eye out for special guests stopping by! Rise Up!

You will also want to slip in some time to enjoy the famous Stone Mountain Laser and Fireworks Show. It is the highlight of the park and it's free for our group! Dress: Casual



Discounted tickets for Stone Mountain Park will be available at the front desk of the hotel. Take time to explore and enjoy the park. There is so much to see and do. The new water attraction for kids of all ages called Geyser Towers will be open! "Ride the Ducks", see the Stone Mountain Covered Bridge, ride the train, take the sky ride, and so much more. Check out the insert for details!

CHILDCARE



Mrs. Joni and Mrs. Amanda will have a wonderful program again for our children. Registration and prices are on the back of the newsletter and the website www.ngaga.org. On Friday night there will be a Magic Party, Saturday Morning a Duck Ride Party, and Saturday night there will be lots of movies, video games, dancing, crafts and so much more. Childcare is for ages 3 -12 but special arrangements can be made by contacting Mrs. Joni at joni4229@yahoo.com (912) 222-2746 by 1 June. There will be children's activities and goody bags for the kids during registration on Friday. Childcare located in the Rhododendron Room.

Saturday Spouse Breakfast



Don't miss the Georgia Derby Garden Party on Saturday at 9:30 am in the beautiful Rotunda Room of Evergreen Conference Center. After a delicious southern breakfast, the fun will

begin! Back by popular demand will be Mark Ballard, Macon, Georgia's favorite son. Mark is a renowned artist, designer, author, columnist, entertainer, and television personality! You will be laughing nonstop. Please come and enjoy the Derby Garden Party! Wear your cutest Derby Hat! Prizes will be awarded! We are going to have a blast!

Resort Casual

Cost: \$15

(Hats are optional.)



Saturday Night Formal - Run for the Roses

Put on your most elegant attire and attend the formal Run for the Roses Banquet on Saturday evening beginning at 1800 in the Evergreen Ballroom. Banquet seating will be at 1900. A real treat has been planned for the entertainment! It will be an evening full of glamour, fun, dancing, and surprises. A photographer will be available to take pictures of you looking like a "million"!

*Dress Blues, Mess Dress, Civilian Equivalent
Coat and Tie is acceptable*





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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

NAME/RANK _____

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME _____

CHILDRENS NAME AGE AND GENDER IF ATTENDING (3-12 Years)

UNIT _____ EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

MAIL ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Conference Registration Fees are PER ADULT ATTENDEE

Regular Conference Fee.....() x \$85 per person = \$ _____

Spouse Breakfast.....() x \$15 per person = \$ _____

Child Care (cost per session)

One Child=\$15 Two Children = \$25 Three or More Children = \$35

Friday Night # of Children _____ \$ _____

Saturday Morning # of Children _____ \$ _____

Saturday Night # of Children _____ \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE REMITTED \$ _____

Register on line @ www.ngaga.org or

Make check payable to NGAGA and mail along with registration form to:
Marshall Kennemer, POB 714, Hinesville, GA 31310

Golfers please register online @ www.ngaga.org or print off
completed Golf Registration form from website and mail along with separate check made
payable to NGAGA. Mail to: Marshall Kennemer, POB 714, Hinesville, GA 31310