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The National Guard: America's Trusted Sword and Shield



President's Corner

Make Your Plans now, to attend the 70th Annual Conference of the National Guard Association of Georgia and the 42nd Georgia Enlisted Association (EANGGA) Conference 1-3 June 2018. Once again, we will be hosting the conference 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. The conference theme this year is "Mardi Gras"! This is to highlight our National Conference being held in New Orleans, Louisiana this year... home of all things Mardi Gras! We will have lots of great activities related to the theme for you to enjoy throughout the weekend!

The featured dinner Friday night is AYCE (an all you can eat seafood and prime rib buffet). YES, you read that right! 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! This year's Saturday Business Session and Professional Development have a phenomenal line up. This will be a great opportunity to hear about contemporary issues and interact with the speakers. Dress this year will be "Business Casual" or Duty Uniform. Spouses are also welcome to attend the Business Session this year. We will present awards and have an exciting roll call of units for everyone to enjoy. We wind up Saturday with the evening gala, and a fun masquerade ball/dance.

Your NGAGA Board and Conference Planning Committee is working hard to make this another great conference.

Let's get **EXCITED** about the National Guard!

BG REGINALD (REG) NEAL
President, National Guard Association of Georgia



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!

Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort
4021 Lakeview Drive
Stone Mountain, Georgia

Rate \$122 - All Rooms
Reservations

Online:

Click special link on NGAGA website

Or Call:

1-888-670-2250

Group Rate Code: **NGDNGDA**

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: \$95

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 2 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 Joseph Anderson, HQ Dept of the Army, Dep Chief of Staff G3/5/7; BG Thomas Carden, Deputy Commander, Multinational Division South East; NGAUS President, BG (Ret) Roy Robinson; and several legislators. Additionally, your Professional Development Session will also include strategic leadership presentations made by, Major General Joe Jarrard, The Adjutant General, Georgia; Major General Jesse Simmons, Commander, Georgia Air National Guard; and Brigadier General Randall Simmons, 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: All may wear civilian business casual. ACU, OCP, or ABU/Flight Suit is acceptable but not required.

31st ANNUAL RONNIE GRIFFIN GOLF TOURNAMENT



We are looking forward to a great 31st Annual Ronnie Griffin Memorial Golf Tournament, on Friday, 1 June 2018, 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 \$60.00 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

BOOGALOU BAYOU- 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, swamp juice, snacks, music, and great fellowship!

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

Billy and Renee West, along with David and Suzy Callaway 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 Restaurant. 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 the Boogalou Bayou Hospitality opens at 6 pm in the Willow Room/Poolside including music, dancing, fun Mardi Gras activities, and beverages to top off the evening! Keep an eye out for special guests stopping by! Rise Up! *Dress: Mardi Gras Casual (Shorts, colorful shirts, blouses)*



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! 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.



Saturday Night Formal - Masquerade Ball

Put on your most elegant attire and attend the formal Masquerade Ball on Saturday evening beginning at 1800 in the Evergreen Ballroom. Make sure to sign up for your table ahead of time at registration on Friday. 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. Wear your mask to make your entrance to the ball! 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
Masks are not required*

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 Mardi Gras Le Petit Déjeuner



Don't miss the Spouse Mardi Gras Le Petit Déjeuner on Saturday at 9:30 am in the Stone Mountain Ballroom. This new venue allows plenty of room for everyone! After a delicious southern breakfast, the fun and laughter 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 this fun event! Wear your cutest Mardi Gras Mask or use one of ours! Prizes will be awarded! We are going to have a blast!

Resort Casual

Cost: \$20





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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 \$95 per person = \$ _____

Spouse Breakfast.....() x \$20 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