



# NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA

## 71<sup>st</sup> Annual State Conference

### Stone Mountain, Georgia

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*The National Guard: America's Trusted Sword and Shield*



President's Corner

***Make Your Plans*** now, to attend the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the National Guard Association of Georgia and the 43d Georgia Enlisted Association (EANGGA) Conference 31 May - 2 June 2019. 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 "***NGAGA GOES TO THE MOVIES***"! We will have lots of great activities related to this 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 is duty uniform and equivalent for civilians. We wind up Saturday with the evening gala, presentation of awards and have an exciting roll call of units for everyone to enjoy.

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

**COL ALEXANDER (ALEX) MCLEMORE**  
President, National Guard Association of Georgia



**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!**

Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort  
4021 Lakeview Drive  
Stone Mountain, Georgia

Rate \$127 - All Rooms  
Reservations

Online:

Click the special hotel link on the  
NGAGA website

<https://book.passkey.com/event/49823042/owner/13848151/landing>

Or Call:

1-888-670-2250

*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](http://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 1 June. Coffee service and continental breakfast will start at 0700. An informative and productive session has been planned. We have invited Georgia Governor Brian Kemp;**

**Georgia Senators Johnny Isakson and David Perdue; Congressman Buddy Carter; General Joseph Lengyel, Chief, National Guard Bureau; General Stephen J. Townsend, Commanding General, TRADOC; Major General Gary Brito, Commanding General, U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence; Major General Leopoldo A. Quintas, Jr., Commander, 3d Infantry Division; and BG (Ret) Roy Robinson NGAUS President. Additionally, your Professional Development Session will also include strategic leadership presentations made by, Major General Tom Carden, The Adjutant General, Georgia; Brigadier General Tom Grabowski, 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.*

*Dress: Duty Uniform; Civilian Equivalent*

## 32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL RONNIE GRIFFIN GOLF TOURNAMENT



We are looking forward to a great 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ronnie Griffin Memorial Golf Tournament, on Friday, 31 May 2019, 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 CW5 Pete Demkow, [peter.j.demkow.mil@mail.mil](mailto:peter.j.demkow.mil@mail.mil)

## HOLLYWOOD PARTY - 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/Saturday - Join us for Fun, Food, Libations, Music, Photo Booth and Dancing, in the Hollywood Party Hospitality Room. Fun movie trivia and other activities will take place with prizes for winners! Barefoot Gazebo Friday Night, and a great, jamming DJ Saturday night beginning at 9 pm!  
Billy and Renee West are your hosts!*





# FRIDAY EVENTS



You'll register in Evergreen Ballroom from noon until 1800. Sign up for your banquet table at this time. 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 Hospitality Room opens at 6 pm in the Willow Room/Poolside including music, dancing, and beverages to top off the evening! Keep an eye out for special guests stopping by! Rise Up! *Casual Dress*



*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.*

# 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](http://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 -13. Ages 10-13 will have their own special program including "Make a Movie"; Virtual Reality; Poolside Movies, Scavenger Hunt and more. We will not need teen volunteer helpers this year. There will be children's activities and goody bags for the kids during registration on Friday. Located in the Rhododendron Room.

## Saturday Spouse Breakfast



*Don't miss the Spouse Breakfast on Saturday at 9:30 am in the Rotunda Room. After a delicious southern breakfast, the fun and laughter will begin! Our movie theme is *Steel Magnolias*.*

Also, 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! Mark has some new tricks up his sleeve and you will be laughing nonstop. Please come and enjoy this fun event! We have plenty of door prizes to give away. We are going to have a blast!

*Resort Casual*

*Cost: \$20*



## Saturday Night Formal - "The Great Gatsby"

*Put on your most elegant attire and attend the *Great Gatsby* gala 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 on Saturday. A real treat has been planned for the entertainment! It will be an evening full of glamour, fun, dancing, and surprises. A free *Selfie Station* with a great backdrop will be available to take pictures of you looking like a "million"!*

*Dress Blues, Mess Dress, Civilian Equivalent*

*Coat and Tie is acceptable*

*Flapper Dress and Feather Headband will be right in style - but not required*





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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

NAME/RANK \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDRENS NAME AGE AND GENDER IF ATTENDING ( 3-13 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Golfers** please register online @ [www.ngaga.org](http://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