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#### August 4, 2017

Welcome to the 139th NGAUS General Conference and Exhibition in Louisville, Kentucky, September 7-10, 2017. Enclosed with this letter is all the information you will need to prepare for the conference. However, highlighted below are the most pertinent items.

We will provide a welcome reception for you, your guests and our Patriot Partners from 6:30-7:30 pm, Thursday, September 7, in the downstairs reception room of our hotel, the Louisville Marriott Downtown. Major General Durr Boyles will address the membership. At 7:30 pm, we will conduct a brief caucus to present administrative information and the delegation will make a decision on support for candidates to the elected positions of the NGAUS Board of Directors. Food and drinks will be provided at the reception. It is very important that everyone attend.

The NGAMS Hospitality Room will officially open for lunch at noon on Thursday, September 7 and will be open daily beginning at 6:30 am. We do not have the room number as of today but will update as soon as we receive it.

Company Grade/Warrant Officer Mixer is Thursday, September 7, 7:30-11:00 pm at 4th Street Tavern/Capitol Sports Club & Social Club.

Opening session for the conference will be Friday, September 8, beginning at 12:00 pm at the Kentucky Exposition Center, East Hall A and B. Subsequent sessions the following two days will also be held at the same location. Please see enclosed schedule for details.

The Kentucky Governor's Welcome Reception will be Friday, September 8, 6:00-10:00 pm at Churchill Downs.

Spouses Luncheon will be Saturday, September 9, 11:00 am-1:00 pm at the Galt House Hotel.

SEC Hospitality Night is Saturday, September 9, 6:00-11:00 pm at The Tavern on Fourth located at Fourth Street Live, right around the corner from our hotel.

States Dinner will be Sunday, September 10, 7:30-9:30 pm at the Kentucky Exposition Center, East Hall A and B. There will a cocktail reception starting at 6:00 pm.

See the attached schedule for details regarding dress codes and other events. We are awaiting a complete bus schedule. However, there will be transportation from our hotel to all events. We strongly urge you to download the conference app found at <a href="https://www.ngaus2017.org">www.ngaus2017.org</a>.

Delegates will receive their stipend at the conference and are reminded they must attend the Thursday caucus and all business meetings to qualify.

If you have questions, or need assistance, please contact us at the NGAMS Office at 601-354-7555. However, please be aware that I and the NGAMS staff will be leaving for Louisville on Monday, September 4 to prepare for your arrival. We will be providing updates via Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NationalGuardAssociationofMississippi">www.facebook.com/NationalGuardAssociationofMississippi</a>, Twitter @TNGAMS and email. As always, you can reach me on my cell phone at 601-540-2794.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Louisville.

Sincerely,

C. Allen McDaniel II Executive Director



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#### Dear Spouses:

On behalf of the National Guard Association of Mississippi, I want to personally welcome you to the 139th NGAUS General Conference and Exhibition in Louisville, Kentucky, September 7-10. It is an opportunity for you to learn more about our service, meet your fellow spouses and have a great time.

The enclosed letter to members highlights the most pertinent items for everyone. Further, the enclosed schedule gives details on dress codes, times and locations of various events. However, I wanted to give a little more detail in hopes it enhances your experience.

Please make every effort to attend the Welcome Reception from 6:30-7:30 pm, Thursday, September 7 in the downstairs reception room of our hotel, the Louisville Marriott Downtown. The Adjutant General of Mississippi, Major General Durr Boyles will speak to you and you will get any last minute information. Further, it is a great way to meet the other spouses and members.

Take advantage of the NGAMS Hospitality Room. It will officially open for lunch at noon on Thursday, September 7 and will be open daily beginning at 6:30 am for breakfast and lunch. It is a great place to relax throughout the day and meet other spouses and members.

During the opening session for the conference on Friday, September 8, we will have an opening act followed by the Roll Call of the States. The opening act is normally a musical tribute associated with the host state and the roll call is an incredibly fun experience. You may then leave prior to the remainder of the official business taking place.

The Kentucky Governor's Welcome Reception is casual attire. However, it is at Churchill Downs so please feel free to wear Kentucky Derby attire.

On Saturday please make plans to attend the Spouses Luncheon and SEC Hospitality Night.

Wind up the conference with your best Kentucky Derby dresses and hats at the States Dinner on Sunday evening. Also, if your spouse doesn't have a seersucker or similar suit, a navy blazer and slacks are appropriate.

As stated previously, if you have questions, or need assistance, please contact us at the NGAMS Office at 601-354-7555. However, please be aware that I and the NGAMS staff will be leaving for Louisville on Monday, September 4 to prepare for your arrival. We will be providing updates via Facebook at www.facebook.com/NationalGuardAssociationofMississippi, Twitter @TNGAMS and email. As always,

you can reach me on my cell phone at 601-540-2794. We strongly urge you to download the conference app found at <a href="https://www.ngaus2017.org">www.ngaus2017.org</a>.

Thank you again for attending and supporting our Mississippi National Guard. We look forward to seeing everyone in Louisville.

Sincerely,

C. Allen McDaniel II

**Executive Director** 

#### **Events**

Mississippi Reception & Caucus

TBA

Member and Spouse

**NGAUS Golf Tournament** 

Persimmon Ridge Golf Course

Member and Spouse

Company Grade/Warrant Officer Mixer

4th Street Tavern/Capital Sport Club & Social Club

Member and Spouse

**Fun Run** 

Louisville Waterfront Park

Member and Spouse

**Opening Ceremony/Ribbon Cutting** 

Kentucky Exposition Center, C108

Member and Spouse

**First Business Session** 

Kentucky Exposition Center, East Hall A and B

Member and Spouse

Governor's Reception

Churchill Downs
Member and Spouse

**Second Business Session** 

Kentucky Exposition Center, East Hall A and B

Member

**Spouse Luncheon** 

Galt House Hotel

**Spouse** 

Retired/Separated Caucus/Luncheon/Election

Galt House Hotel

Member and Spouse

Warrant Officer Luncheon/Caucus

Kentucky Exposition Center, C203

Member and Spouse

September 7, 2017

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (Caucas begins 7:15 pm)

Casual

September 7, 2017

6:00 am Hotel Pick Up/ 8:00 am Shotgun

Collared shirt required

September 7, 2017

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Casual

September 8, 2017

5:00 am Hotel Pick Up

September 8, 2017

10:30 am - 10:40 am

**Business Casual (Member and Spouse)** 

September 8, 2017

1200 pm - 5:00 pm

**Business Casual (Member and Spouse)** 

September 8, 2017

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Business Casual** 

September 9, 2017

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Class B, Short Sleeved Open Collar Shirt

September 9, 2017

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Casual

September 9, 2017

12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

**Business Casual (Member and Spouse)** 

September 9, 2017

12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Class B, Short Sleeved Open Collar Shirt

**Business Casual (Spouse)** 

**Company Grade Caucus/Elections** 

Kentucky Exposition Center, B103-104

Member

**Hospitality Night** 

The Tavern on Fourth located on Fourth Street Live

Member and Spouse

September 9, 2017

September 9, 2017

1:00 pm - 4:15 pm

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Collegiate Attire or Casual

**Army Separate Session** 

Kentucky Exposition Center, East Hall A and B

Member

September 10, 2017 8:00 pm - 10:00 am

Class B, Short Sleeved Open Collar Shirt

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**Air Separate Session** 

Kentucky Exposition Center, South Wing A and B

Member

September 10, 2017 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Class B, Short Sleeved Open Collar Shirt

Third Business Session

Kentucky Exposition Center, East Hall A and B

Member

September 10, 2017 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Class B, Short Sleeved Open Collar Shirt

**No-Host Cocktail Reception** 

Kentucky Exposition Center, North Wing Lobby

Member and Spouse

September 10, 2017

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

**Derby Attire Required** 

**States Dinner** 

Kentucky Exposition Center, East Hall A and B

Member and Spouse

September 10, 2017 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

**Derby Attire Required** 

## **Event Locations**

# **Louisville Marriott Downtown**

280 West Jefferson Street Louisville, KY 402202 502-627-5045

# **Persimmon Ridge Golf Course**

72 Persimmon Ridge Drive Louisville, KY 40245 502-241-0819

#### Louisville Waterfront Park

231 E. Witherspoon Street Louisville, KY 40202 502-574-3768

#### Tavern on Fourth

427 S. 4th Street Louisville, KY 40202 502-588-8888

# **Kentucky Exposition Center**

937 Phillips Lane Louisville, KY 40208 502-367-5000

## **Churchill Downs**

7000 Central Avenue Louisville, KY 40208 502-636-4400

## **Galt House Hotel**

140 North Fourth Street Louisville, KY 40202 502-589-5200