



## National Guard Association of the United States

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Officers and Members, NGAUS Board of Directors  
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FROM: MG (Ret) Francis McGinn, NGAUS President

SUBJECT: Call of the 146th NGAUS General Conference and Exhibition

Date: March 26, 2024

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1. The 146th General Conference & Exhibition of the National Guard Association of the United States meets August 23-26, 2024, in the "The Motor City," Detroit, Michigan. This year's theme is **The National Guard: Built to Defend America.**
  2. In alignment with the 2024 Presidential election, NGAUS has invited the presumptive Democrat and Republican nominees to speak to our attendees.
  3. NGAUS must receive award nominations by May 15, proposed bylaw changes by May 31, and State resolutions by June 30. NGAUS will announce award winners in mid-July.
  4. The opening ribbon-cutting ceremony is Saturday, August 24 at 10:00 am, followed by the opening of the exhibition floor for conference-badged attendees. At 12:30 pm, the First General Business/Professional Development Session will begin with the renowned Annual Roll Call of States and Territories. The Second General Business/Professional Development session will start at 8:00 am, Sunday, August 25 and the third and final General Business/Professional Development Session starts on Monday, August 26 at 11:30 am. The Joint Resolution Committee meeting is on Friday, August 23 at 2:00 pm and the Army and

Air separate sessions are Monday, August 26 at 8:30 am. Attire for all Business/Professional Development sessions for military state affiliates will be the Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) uniforms.

5. This year's States Dinner will be Monday evening; theme will be WWII & Rosie the Riveter (men WWII work/military/other attire; ladies Rosie the Riveter attire).
6. For the second year in a row, NGAUS will host Professional Speaker sessions at the Minuteman Stage on the tradeshow floor and the NGAUS Corporate Advisory Panel (CAP) will hold an open-and-closed event for our Defense Industry Partners featuring a New Industry Partner Feedback Forum on Saturday. We will post the speaker topics, meeting times, and any schedule changes on our website at [www.ngaus.org](http://www.ngaus.org) or the conference mobile app.
7. This year's Board of Director's elections include all Executive Committee positions (Chairman, Vice Chair Army, Vice Chair Air, Treasurer and Secretary), Areas III and VI, the Army Company Grade Director position and the Warrant Officer Director position.
8. Our Conference block hotels are the Westin Book Cadillac, Cambria, Courtyard Marriott, DoubleTree, Hollywood Casino, Indigo, Renaissance Center Marriott, and the Fort Pontchartrain Wyndam, which sits next to the Convention Center. Commercial bus transportation transfers from DTW to the downtown area hotels will run continuously from 10:00 am– 8:00 pm on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The first pick up is at Evans Terminal on the :00 and next pick up is at McNamara Terminal on the :15. Buses depart every 30 minutes.

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, commercial bus transportation transfers from downtown hotels to DTW Airport from 6:00 am – 3:00 pm, based on load and go, continuous shuttles. Transportation fee is \$9 each way paid upon conference registration. NGAUS will post the link for this bus service on our website so you can track bus departure and pickup times. Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport is a 25 minute drive into the city, airport code DTW.

9. Visit the [NGAUS.org](http://NGAUS.org) website for additional information and make plans to attend NGAUS's 146<sup>th</sup> General Conference and experience the revitalization of downtown Detroit. Please direct any questions to the 2024 NGAUS General Conference Coordinator Jim Simms at [james.simms@ngaus.org](mailto:james.simms@ngaus.org) or 859-327-4769.