

130th NGAUS General Conference Baltimore, Maryland September 20-22, 2008



The 130th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) is in Baltimore, Maryland this year. On Friday, September 19th, activities will begin with the resolutions committee, membership committee, TAG's Reception, Company Grade/Warrant Officer Mixer, and the NGAUS Golf Tournament. The first business session will convene on Saturday, September 20th and will adjourn with the States' Dinner on Monday, September 22nd. The Baltimore Convention Center will be the site for the main business meetings and exhibits.

The National Guard Association of Maryland is hosting the 130th NGAUS Conference. All Army and Air National Guard active and retired, Officers and Warrant Officers, and their families and friends are welcome to attend.

Required Reading: I encourage you to visit the conference website at www.ngaus.org and click on "Conference/Meetings". There you will find additional information about the 130th General Conference. Of particular interest, find the bold letter heading **Star Spangled City**. This is an excellent article about the conference from the March 2008 issue of National Guard magazine.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

If you are interested in attending this year's conference, complete the enclosed Registration Form and forward it to the Executive Director, National Guard Association of Pennsylvania (NGAPA), who will register all delegates prior to the conference. Delegates will not register at the conference. The registration fee is \$125.00 for non-NGAPA members, spouses, and guests. The NGAPA will pay the registration fee for all members with a 2008 paid membership, except for those that are otherwise being reimbursed. The registration fee covers the cost of the Governor's Reception, State's Dinner, Spouse's luncheon, TAG spouse's luncheon, Company Grade/Warrant Officer Mixer and luncheon. Not covered in the registration fee are the golf tournament, 5K Fun Run, and the Retired/Separated luncheon. **Registration forms and fees must be received NO LATER THAN August 14, 2008. Hotel rooms and conference rates will not be guaranteed after this date. Likewise, rates will not be guaranteed to date changes of previously made reservations.**

ACCOMMODATIONS

Our conference hotel is the **Sheraton Baltimore City Center Hotel**, 101 West Fayette Street. NGAPA has reserved 40 rooms at the Sheraton, which will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The room rate is \$135.00 plus tax, single or double occupancy. Only the Executive Director will deal directly with the hotel and will make reservations for all delegates. A deposit of \$100.00 is required to reserve a room, the full value of which will be credited to your room account. Additionally, if you would like to extend your stay in Baltimore, the hotel is offering the conference hotel rate for three days before and after the conference. Our hotel is two blocks from the Inner Harbor and within walking distance of the convention center. For more information on our hotel you may visit their web site

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1765>

TRANSPORTATION

You will likely be driving to the conference, but if you are flying into Baltimore/Washington International Airport, there is a **\$20** charge for roundtrip bus transportation. You must make your own flight arrangements.

GOLF

The 2008 NGAUS Golf Tournament will be held September 19, 2008. This is a separate conference ticketed event and the fee is \$85.00 per player.

5K FUN RUN

The 5K Fun Run will be held on September 20, 2008. . This is a separate conference ticketed event and the fee is \$20.00 per participant.

UNIFORMS

The uniform for all conference business activities is Class B. The State's Dinner will be Formal/Mess Dress.

ELECTIONS

NGAUS will elect a new slate of officers at the 130th Conference. Major General Jessica Wright, Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, has announced her candidacy for Vice-Chair Army. Members of the Pennsylvania Delegation will play an important role in supporting General Wright's candidacy.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All conference business activities take place at the Baltimore Convention Center

Friday, 19 September

- Golf Tournament
- Resolutions Committee
- Exhibitor's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- TAG Reception
- Company Grade/Warrant Officer Mixer
- NGAPA Orientation Meeting

Saturday, 20 September

- 5K Run
- Professional Development
- NGEDA Breakfast
- National Guard I-VI Meetings
- First Business Session
- Governor's Reception

Sunday, 21 September

- AGAUS Working Luncheon
- Second Business Session
- Professional Development
- Spouses' Luncheon
- Company Grade Luncheon/Caucus
- Retired/Separated Luncheon/Caucus
- Warrant Officer Luncheon/Caucus
- Task Force Meetings
- Committee on Nominations
- Hospitality Night

Monday, 22 September

- Third Business Session
- Army Separate Session
- Air Separate Session
- TAG Spouse Tour/Luncheon
- Professional Development
- States' Dinner, Convention Center

Tuesday, 23 September

- Travel Day



130th NGAUS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
Baltimore, Maryland September 20-22, 2008



Rank (if applicable), Last Name, First Name, MI (Badge Name)

Retiree (check if applicable)

Address _____ Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

<input type="checkbox"/> NGAPA Conference Registrant (Must be a current NGAPA/NGAUS member)	Total: \$ <u> 0 </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Guest Full Conference Registrant (\$125)	Total: \$ _____

Rank (if applicable), Last Name, First Name, MI (Badge Name)

The following events are included with your registration:
-Company Grade/Warrant Officer Mixer – 19 Sep -Governor’s Reception – 20 Sep
-Spouse Luncheon – 21 Sep -States Dinner – 22 Sep

Additional Ticketed Events (please check applicable categories):

NGAUS Golf Tournament – 19 Sep
 Conference Registrant: \$85.00 Spouse/Guest: \$85.00 Total: \$ _____

Fun Run – 20 Sep
 Conference Registrant: \$20.00 Spouse/Guest: \$20.00 Total: \$ _____

Retirees’ Luncheon – 21 Sep
 Retired NGAUS Members: \$5.00 All others: \$25.00 Total: \$ _____

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS: Deposit required to secure room: Total: \$ 100.00
Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

TRANSPORTATION:
Arrival Airline _____ Flt# _____ Arr. Date _____ Time _____
Departure Airline _____ Flt# _____ Dep. Date _____ Time _____
Bus Transportation From/To Airport - Roundtrip Total: \$ 20.00

Total registration fees, additional ticketed events & hotel deposit. Grand Total: \$ _____

Special Requests/Notes:

Please make checks payable to “NGAPA”.
Credit Cards Accepted: VISA MasterCard American Express
Name on Card: _____
Card # _____ Exp Date: _____

Mail registration form and check (or credit card information) to: NGAPA, Bldg 9-109, Fort
Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003-5002
OR: FAX registration and credit card information to 717- 861-5560

Registration form and fees must be received NLT: August 14, 2008

Questions... Call Dean Oswald, Executive Director (717) 649-3487 or oswalddean@aol.com