

**NGAUS 128<sup>th</sup> General Conference AAR**  
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I had the privilege to attend the 128<sup>th</sup> NGAUS General Conference in Albuquerque, NM. 15-19 September 2006. I had not previously attended a national NGAUS conference and would like to share my experiences with you.

After I arrived and registered for the conference I was given a schedule and required credentials to attend all of the events. I was very impressed with the organization and professionalism of the national staff and the Iowa delegation that organized this event.

Over the course of the conference Company Grade Mixers, Brunches and Professional Development Seminars were provided. All of these events were relevant and provided excellent opportunities to meet other company grade officers and warrant officers from around the nation. The Professional Development Seminars covered the following:

Saturday 16 Sept	0730-0900	Transformational Leadership A Historical Perspective Leading Change
	1030-1200	Company Grade Seminar/Brunch
Sunday 17 Sept	1400-1730	Leadership and Emergency Response Katrina and Emergency Response NGB Updates
Monday 18 Sept	1300-1430	Developing Tomorrow's Adaptive Leaders Generations Apart
	1430-1600	Faces of Leadership Mentorship/Leadership

In addition to the activities listed above I was able to attend multiple business sessions over the course of the conference. This again was an opportunity to meet other Soldiers from around the nation. But, more importantly I was able to participate in affecting change for our National Guard as this was an election year for many of the offices held at the national level. My vote is making a difference for our Soldiers and Airmen everyday. Prior to attending this conference I didn't realize how much of an impact NGAUS makes in the readiness of our states, units and Soldiers, our National Guard. I strongly endorse and highly recommend that all officers attend future conferences at the national level as well as participating in our own Iowa National Guard Officers Association. Besides, it's fun!

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