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MEMORANDUM

TO: Officers and Members, NGAUS Board of Directors
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FROM: Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Roy Robinson, NGAUS President

SUBJECT: Call of the 140th NGAUS General Conference and Exhibition

The 140th General Conference & Exhibition of the National Guard Association of the United States will convene Aug. 24-27 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

We will gather this year under the theme *The National Guard: America's Trusted Sword & Shield*. The refrain reflects our pride in the force's deep connection with the American people and its dual role as both a warfighter abroad and the military's first responder at home.

The annual conference will start with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, followed by the opening of the exhibition along with brunch for all conference-badged attendees. The first business session begins at noon Saturday, Aug. 25. The second business session opens at 8 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 26. The third business session gets underway at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27.

NGAUS will conduct the Army and Air separate sessions at 8 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27. The annual event will end with the States Dinner that evening.

All business sessions will be held in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center theater. All other specific meeting times and updated changes will be listed on the NGAUS conference website at www.ngaus.org. Our launch for the conference mobile app will be the first week in August.

The Joint Resolution Committee meeting will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, following training for new members of the committee. All resolutions are due to NGAUS headquarters by July 1. The Board of Directors will review them at their summer meeting July 12.

All proposed by-law changes must be submitted to NGAUS headquarters by May 24 to be reviewed by the By-Laws Committee and considered by the Board of Directors at their summer meeting.

The deadline for nominations for NGAUS awards presented at the general conference is May 15. NGAUS will announce the recipients to the states in July.

The conference will continue with the full Retiree and Warrant Officer Caucus meetings and luncheon Sunday, Aug. 26.

The exhibition is progressing as always with a nice mixture of current and new NGAUS corporate partners. We have also placed on our conference website the recent Defense Department memorandum dated March 2 from the deputy defense secretary addressing engagements with industry.

NGAUS is allocating more time for our conference attendees to spend with industry exhibitors, who are vital to our mission's success.

As a reminder, the procession of the state flags will take place during the Roll Call of States and Territories at the first business session. State presentations during the roll call will be limited to 60 seconds. In order to allow the states greater creativity, we are eliminating the playing of the state songs at the request of multiple states.

Please join us in New Orleans in August for a NGAUS conference with a Mardi Gras flavor. The host state's "Team Zydeco" has planned some great events and venues.

The NGAUS general conference coordinator, Lt. Col. (Ret) Robert (Jake) Jakubek, can be reached at cos@ngaus.org and 202-408-5895.