



148th National Guard of the United States (NGAUS) General Conference Social Event Style Guidance

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Sponsor and Attendee Golf Outing

Thursday, August 27, 2026, and Friday, August 28, 2026

The Brickyard Crossing Golf Course, Speedway, Indiana

Theme: The NGAUS golf outings will take place at the Brickyard Crossing Golf Course, which is located at the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The course originally opened as a Bill Diddel design in 1929 and was resigned in 1992 by world renowned golf course architect Pete Dye, who began his design career in Indiana. Dye also designed such tracks as The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island, the Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass, and Harbour Town Golf Links in Hilton Head. The course features four holes inside the oval of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Did You Know? In September 1964 in the height of their fame, the Beatles visited what is now known as Brickyard Crossing, where they enjoyed the practice green and did a photo shoot outside the clubhouse. One of the photos was used as the cover for a two-track LP that included the song “Eight Days A Week” released in 1964.

Logistics: The entire event will take place outdoors at the Brickyard Crossing Golf Course and will start and end at the course’s clubhouse, which features food and beverage facilities and a pro shop where participants can purchase equipment and souvenirs as needed. Bus transportation will be provided to and from the event.

Attire: Standard Golf Course Attire. Given that this event takes place in August we recommend lightweight, moisture-wicking polo shirts and breathable fabrics to help with comfort.

- Collared Golf Shirt
- Golf shorts or pants (men)
- Golf shorts, golf skirts, or golf dresses (women)



Company Grade, Field Grade, and Senior Warrant Officer Mixers

Friday, August 28, 2026

Victory Field

Theme: For this event, guests will enjoy a classic ‘night at the ballpark’ as the hometown Indianapolis Indians (AAA-PIT) face the Columbus Clippers (AAA-CLE). The Indianapolis Indians are the second oldest team in minor league baseball, having been in continuous operation since 1902. The team boasts notable alumni ranging from Roger Maris and Harmon Killebrew to today’s stars like Paul Skenes and Gerrit Cole. Victory Field is widely regarded as one of the best ballparks in minor league baseball.

Did you know? In 2026, Victory Field is celebrating its 30th anniversary.

Logistics: Each attendee will receive a ticket to the game and an additional credential that will get them access to the hospitality area that corresponds with their mixer. Instructions will be provided for how to access each respective area. The entire event will take place outdoors at Victory Field. Guests will be responsible for their own transportation to Victory Field, which is located adjacent to the Indiana Convention Center.



Attire: Guests will be invited to wear casual attire as one may wear to an outdoor baseball game. Please be mindful of the weather as it can get quite hot and humid in August in Indianapolis.

- Shorts or pants
- T-Shirts or short sleeve button downs or polos
- Comfortable skirts or dresses

TAG Reception

Friday, August 28, 2026

Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum

Theme: The beating heart of Indiana moves through the famed 2.5-mile oval of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, known as the “Racing Capital of the World.” Each year, the track hosts the “Greatest Spectacle in Racing”, the Indianapolis 500 along with the annual NASCAR Brickyard 400 and numerous other racing events. This event will be held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, which since 1956 has been located inside the track between turns one and two. Recently re-opened after a nearly two year renovation project, the museum offers guests the chance to experience the track and the legendary cars and drivers who make up the fabric and mythology of one of our nation’s most treasured institutions.

Did you know? On display inside the museum is the 1911 Marmon Wasp, which driver Ray Haroun piloted to victory in the first Indianapolis 500-mile race with an average speed of 74.6 miles per hour. The average speed of the 2026 Indy 500 was 162.02 with drivers reaching over 225 miles per hour.

Logistics: The entire event will take place inside the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum which is air conditioned. There is no outdoor component and the ground surface will be a combination of carpet and tile. Guests will receive bus transportation to and from the event.

Attire: Guests to the TAG reception are being asked to wear festive cocktail attire.

- Cocktail dresses or suits
- Suit or slacks and a jacket with no tie



5k Fun Run

Saturday, August 29, 2026

White River Canal

Theme: The 5K run will take follow a route that begins in front of the Indiana State Museum and follow along the below-grade downtown canal walk. Along the route, participants may see the Indiana Statehouse, the USS Indianapolis Memorial, the Medal of Honor Memorial, the Indiana 9/11 Memorial, and the NCAA Hall of Champions.

Did you know? The Indianapolis Downtown Canal Walk is a remnant of a failed 1836 canal project that was originally slated to go nearly 300 miles connecting Peru, Indiana with Evansville, Indiana.

Logistics: The start and finish line for the event is in front of the Indiana State Museum, which is located adjacent to the JW Marriott Hotel and the Indiana Government Center. Participants must handle their own transportation to the start and finish line.

Attire: Participants are invited to wear typical running attire, being mindful of the weather forecast.

- Running Shorts or Leggings
- T-Shirts, Tank Tops



The States Dinner

Saturday, August 29, 2026

Indiana Convention Center Halls D and E.

BACK HOME AGAIN

States Dinner 2026

Theme: The theme of the 2026 NGAUS States Dinner will be “*Back Home Again*”.

Indiana is a state that is rooted in traditions – and one of our greatest traditions is the singing of ‘Back Home Again in Indiana’ prior to the start of the Indianapolis 500, the Greatest Spectacle in Racing. This tradition began in 1946, and this year’s rendition will represent its 80th anniversary.

It is more than just a song, it is an entire state coming together with a common sense and purpose – a shared emotional ritual that emotes a strong sense of belonging, nostalgia and homecoming. The lyrics recall the warm feeling of being pulled back to a place that is familiar; to a simpler life and time strongly rooted in family and ordinary beauty.

This is a feeling that is meaningful far beyond Indiana, particularly in military communities where spending long periods of time far from home is all too familiar and where community and connection have never been more vital.

“Back Home Again” means coming back to the place you belong and the perfect way to kick off NGAUS in Indianapolis.

Did you know? This year marks the 25th anniversary of the last NGAUS meeting in Indianapolis and the 80th anniversary of the song “Back Home Again in Indiana” preceding the Indy 500.

Logistics: The entire event will take place inside the Indiana Convention Center in Exhibit Halls D and E. Portions of the ‘no host’ cocktail hour will take place in the pre-function area and inside the exhibit halls. There is no outdoor component, and the ground surface will be a combination of carpet and cement.

Color Palette: Dark Blue, Gold, Cream, Dark Red, and Deep Green.

Attire: Summer cocktail attire with a relaxed midwestern elegance –akin to what one might wear to a festive outdoor summer wedding or cocktail party, with an emphasis on fun, comfort, and accessibility for all guests.

- Lightweight sport coats or blazers
- Dress pants or tailored chinos
- Ties optional
- Cocktail dresses or jumpsuits
- Elevated sundresses
- Linen or cotton fabrics
- Heels, dress sandals or elegant flats
- Jacket or shawl for cooler convention center



Spouses Luncheon

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Indiana Roof Ballroom

Theme: The NGAUS Spouse Luncheon celebrates the resiliency, unit, and strength of National Guard families and will feature a blend of rustic charm and modern luxury. The luncheon will be held in the historic Indiana Roof Ballroom, a breathtaking facility that will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2027.

Known for its eclectic design that emulates a romantic European Village, the Indiana Roof Ballroom features a legendary 8,700 square foot circular dance floor that has hosted luminaries ranging from Tommy Dorsey and Frank Sinatra – to the Chainsmokers following their performance at the 2026 Final Four in Indianapolis.

The festive theme of the event will be *Bottles and Bling Bingo*, where guests will be constantly entertained by a series of local celebrities and entertainment acts including a DJ and live jazz band – all while winning fabulous prizes to take home.

Did you Know? *Due to its design, legendary performer Lawrence Welk once named the Indiana Roof Ballroom as having “the most comfortable dancing surface in the world.”*

Logistics: The entire event will take place inside the Indiana Roof Ballroom, which is located on the 6th (top) floor, accessible by elevator. The ground surface will be a combination of wood and carpet.

Color Palette: Deep Navy, Burgundy, Gold, and Ivory

Attire: Keeping with the elegant and festive theme, guests will be invited to wear brunch cocktail attire – which may include jumpsuits, sport coats and cocktail dresses.



TAG Spouse Luncheon

Monday, August 31, 2026

Governor’s Residence

Theme: Guests will travel to the official Indiana Governor’s Residence where they will enjoy a catered luncheon followed by a festive activity and a tour of the historic home’s grounds and gardens.

Logistics: The event will take place at the Governor’s residence. There is both an indoor and outdoor component to this event, and the ground surface will be a combination of carpet, hard surface, and grass. There will be transportation to and from this event, walking will be minimal.

Attire: Festive garden party attire, including sundresses or jumpsuits for women and trousers with a golf shirt or button down and blazer/sports jacket for men.



Governors Reception

Monday, August 31, 2026

Indiana State Museum

Theme: The Governor’s Reception will close out the 2026 NGAUS conference with a unique Hoosier style and flair that will celebrate Indiana as the Crossroads of America and our great country as it recognizes its history 250th birthday.



The event will be held at the Indiana State Museum where guests will be invited to leisurely roam the unique exhibits of Indiana history, all while experiencing world-class entertainment and some of the best views in the city – *and some surprises too*. Wind down with friends, both new and old and re-live some of the conference’s best moments under the classic ‘Indiana night’ sky.

Did you Know? *The outdoor terrace of the Indiana State Museum features a unique steam powered clock that plays ‘Back Home Again in Indiana’.*

Logistics: The entire event will take place at the Indiana State Museum which is in White River State Park. The event will be on multiple levels, accessible by both stairs and elevators and include outdoor components, weather permitting. The ground surface will be a combination of tile/hard surface and cement.

Color Palette: Red, White, and Blue

Attire: Elevated Casual Americana – classy, fun, and comfortable, akin to what one may wear to a classy summer barbeque or a hometown Fourth of July parade.

- Polos/Short Sleeved Collared Shirts
- Pants or Shorts
- Sundresses
- Tailored Separates



General Session and Professional Development Sessions

Saturday, August 28, 2026, through Monday, August 31, 2026
Indiana Convention Center

Logistics: Business and professional development sessions will take place inside the Indiana Convention Center.

Did you Know? *The Indiana Convention Center is connected to Lucas Oil Stadium, the home of the Indianapolis Colts. The stadium has previously hosted Super Bowl XLVI, four NCAA Men's Final Fours, the College Football Playoff, and three nights of Taylor Swift's Eras Tour.*

Attire: Members of the military should wear OCP uniform and civilians are requested to dress in business casual attire.

