



## 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 147th NGAUS General Conference and Exhibition

Date: 24 March, 2025

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1. The 147th General Conference & Exhibition of the National Guard Association of the United States meets August 22-25, 2025, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This year's theme is **America's National Guard: Affordable, Accessible, Lethal**
  2. 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.
  3. The opening ribbon-cutting ceremony is Saturday, August 23 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 24 and the third and final General Business/Professional Development Session starts on Monday, August 25 at 11:30 am.

The Joint Resolution Committee meeting is on Friday, August 22 at 2:00 pm and the Army and Air separate sessions are Monday, August 25 at 8:30 am. Attire for all Business/Professional Development sessions for military state affiliates will be the Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) uniforms.

4. This year's States Dinner will be Monday evening; projecting a "Supper Club" theme (an attire guide will be published and posted on website)
5. NGAUS will host Professional Speaker sessions at the Minuteman Stage on the tradeshow floor. The NGAUS Corporate Advisory Panel (CAP) will host industry specific events for our exhibitors featuring a New Industry Partner Forum on Saturday, a workshop on Sunday and CAP open and closed meetings on Monday. We will post the speaker's topics, meeting times, and any schedule changes on our website at [www.ngaus.org](http://www.ngaus.org) or the conference mobile app.
6. This year's Board of Director's elections include Areas I and IV positions, Retired/Separated Air position, and Company Grade Air position.
7. Our Conference block hotels are the Aloft (Marriott), Courtyard (Marriott), Double Tree (Hilton), Drury Plaza, Hawkeye (Holiday Inn Express, Tru and Home 2), Hilton, Hyatt Regency, Hyatt Plaza, Marriott, Residence Inn, Spring Hill Suites (Marriott), and Westin (Marriott).
8. Commercial bus transportation transfers from the Airport to the downtown area hotels will run continuously from 10:00 am– 8:00 pm on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm. On August 26<sup>th</sup>, commercial bus transportation transfers from downtown hotels to Airport from 6:00 am – 1:00 pm. Transportation fee is \$10 each way paid upon conference registration. Milwaukee airport is a 25-minute drive into the city. Buses depart every 30 minutes.
9. Visit the [NGAUS.org](http://NGAUS.org) website for additional information and make plans to attend NGAUS's 147<sup>th</sup> General Conference and experience the revitalization of downtown Detroit. Please direct any questions to the 2025 NGAUS General Conference Coordinator Jim Simms at [james.simms@ngaus.org](mailto:james.simms@ngaus.org) or 859-327-4769.