

Detroit is brimming with culture, history, and innovation, with countless activities to fill your time. Whether you're interested in exploring world-class museums, enjoying live music, or indulging in the local food scene, you'll find the Motor City will defy your expectations. Conference information (to include this letter) is available on-line at https://ngat.org/eangus-conference/.

Conference Registration. https://eangusconference.org/2024-conference-registration/

You must register for the conference to attend at the above link. Registration is free for all currently serving and retired enlisted attendees and one guest until July 1, 2024. After July 1 the registration cost will be \$195.00 per person except for Professional Development personnel on orders they will remain free. When registering you will be required to pay a \$100 deposit. This deposit will be applied to your hotel room.

Hotel Reservations. https://book.passkey.com/event/50805727/owner/437/home

Texas attendees will be staying at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, 400 Renaissance Dr W, Detroit, MI 48243. Book your hotel room at the above link and use Access Code: EANGUS2024. Rooms must be booked no later than Jul 26, 2024. After that date, please contact the NGAT office concerning room vacancies. The room rate is \$145.00 per night, plus taxes. You will be required to pay for the room and apply for reimbursement with your travel voucher if you are on military orders. Please note if for some reason you are unable to attend the conference and need to cancel your room after Aug 7, 2024, you could be charged a cancellation fee. POC for room cancellations is MSG (Ret) Theresa Billeck-Zuniga at <a href="text-abc-uniga-thz-abc-uniga-t

<u>Air Transportation.</u> Delta is offering flight discounts for anyone traveling to DTW. Travelers can call Delta Meeting Network® at 1.800.328.1111* Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. (EST) and refer to Meeting Event Code NM3JH. Please note there is not a service fee for reservations booked and ticketed via our reservation 800 number. Travelers can also book online. <u>Please click here to book your flights.</u> Safeguarding the Soldiers & Airmen of the National Guard and their Families If you are flying Delta Airlines, we encourage you to enter the EANGUS Delta Sky Bonus ID: US0027320. When booking your flight, the EANGUS Delta Sky number can be entered in additional to any personal rewards program ID you may have. Look for the EANGUS POC's in the baggage claim area if you have questions or need assistance.

Flight Information. As soon as you have booked your flight, please email your flight information to tbz@ngat.org.

Arrival/Departure. When scheduling your arrival at the Conference, please arrive before 1700 hours on Aug 17, 2024, to allow for time to check-in to the hotel and to make the 1900 hours meeting in the location to be determined. For scheduling your return flight home, you can schedule the earliest flight on Aug 22, 2024.



<u>Ground Transportation</u>. The Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) is located just outside of the city center of Detroit. The National Guard Association of Michigan (NGAM) has arranged for a shuttle service from the airport to the hotel. The shuttle schedule will be made available prior to the conference. Ride shares from the airport are also available.

Orientation. There will be a mandatory Texas meet and greet at a location to be determined at 1900 on Sat, Aug 17, 2024. We will text you the location on Friday, Aug 16, 2024. Everyone must attend. The purpose of the Texas meet and greet is to receive your conference registration packet, name tag, and to meet all participants and ensure everyone understands the conference program and to discuss Texas planned activities.

Professional Development. The Chief of the National Guard Bureau, General Daniel R. Hokanson, and our Adjutant General, Maj Gen Thomas Suelzer has authorized you to attend this quality professional development activity in a duty status. For those attending the conference on military orders in a professional development status, you will be required to attend all professional development sessions.

<u>Uniform.</u> Attendees on Professional Development and other paid military orders will wear the OCP, ACU or ABU uniform. Don't forget your headgear. Attire for military retirees and guests is business casual. Delegates and other conference attendees will wear Business Casual attire during all business sessions. The All-States Banquet on Monday night is a formal dinner requiring the wear of the Army Service Dress Uniform - Formal (bow tie) or Blue Service/Dress Uniform, with guests in formal gowns/cocktail dresses or suit & tie/tuxedo. You will need to bring casual civilian clothes for all the conference evening events. Shorts are acceptable for the evening events; however, no cutoffs and shirts should have a collar and be in good taste.

<u>Registration Packet.</u> Many of the events include your meal for the day. Your registration packet will contain the conference schedule, name tag, tickets, and information you will need throughout the conference. The name tag in your packet must always be worn during the conference to get into all events. Yes, you will need to wear this badge even while in your military uniform. Please note if you <u>will not be</u> arriving on time to make the 1900-hour meeting, please contact Marvin Harris upon your arrival to arrange for your packet pick-up.

<u>Hospitality Room/Meals.</u> The Area IV Hospitality Room location is to be determined, more information to follow. Please use this room to network and meet other EANGUS members attending the conference. Most evening meals will be provided at the EANGUS Conference events, and there will be nightly activities in our Area IV hospitality room. Area IV consists of National Guard members, both active and retired from AR, KS, LA, MO, MS, OK, and TX.





Pin Exchange. On Wed, Aug 21, 2024, during the All-Area Hospitality Night, states will exchange individual state pins. Each Texas attendee will be given 10 pins free from the National Guard Association of Texas. Any pins after the 10 free ones are \$1.00 each. It is up to you who you exchange your pins with. Normally every state has a pin to exchange, so be selective if you're looking for a specific pin from a specific state.

<u>Guest/Spouse.</u> If you are bringing a guest or spouse, they must be registered for the conference to attend events with you. Please be sure that MSG (Ret) Theresa Billeck-Zuniga knows their name so that their registration packet can be picked up with the others and be available for you upon your arrival.

Schedule. The agenda is at https://eangusconference.org/conference-agenda/ Create a profile on the SCHED platform, and customize your schedule. The agenda is subject to updates. The schedule will be updated on this platform in real time. For those who have attended the EANGUS Conference before please take note that event nights have changed for the Junior Enlisted Night, All States Banquet & Awards Dinner and the All Area Hospitality Night. Still the same great events only on a different night.

<u>Caucus Meetings.</u> Everyone will attend the daily Area Caucus meetings. **Texas is in Area IV** and the first area caucus meeting will be at 0800 hours on Sunday, Aug 18, 2024.

<u>Contact Info.</u> Texas POCs are MSG (Ret) Theresa Billeck-Zuniga, <u>tbz@ngat.org</u>, 512-454-7300/512-983-7268; Onsite POC - LTC (Ret) Marvin Harris, 512-659-8351, <u>mharris@ngat.org</u>. We look forward to seeing you at the meet and greet. Please contact us if you have any questions concerning the conference.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sat, Aug 17 **5K Run/Walk \$25.00**

Attendees Travel Day

Sun, Aug 18 Expo Open

EANGUS Shooting Competition Starts 1430

Conference Begins Welcome Night

Mon, Aug 19 Expo Open

EANGUS Shooting Competition Continues

Conference Continues

All States Banquet & Awards Program

Tues, Aug 20 Final Day of Expo

EANGUS Shooting Competition Ends (1400)

Conference Continues Junior Enlisted Night

Wed, Aug 21 Final Day of Conference

All Area Hospitality Night

Thurs, Aug 22 **Golf Tournament \$150.00**

Attendees Travel Day