



146th NGAUS GENERAL CONFERENCE
Detroit, MI
August 23-27, 2024



Welcome to **Detroit**, commonly known and referred to as **THE Motor City**. Detroit is bustling at the seams with culture and life, and they are ready for your arrival.

Conference Registration. Conference registration is a little different this year. Currently Serving O1-O3, WO1-CW2 and one guest are FREE. Currently Serving O4-O6, CW3-CW5 and one guest is \$50.00 per person. **All other Retirees, Corporate Guests or additional guests are \$180.00 per person.** Registration and conference information is available on the [NGAT website](http://ngat.org). If for some reason you are unable to attend the conference and cancel after Jul 15, 2024, you will be refunded your registration fee less a \$15.00 processing fee. To cancel, email NGAT at tbz@ngat.org. For verification that you are registered, you should receive an email confirmation from NGAT. Please contact NGAT if you do not receive your registration receipt. Conference registration includes 10 NGAT trading pins, conference materials, Company/Field Grade/Warrant Officer Mixer for officers in this rank, business sessions, Governor's reception, spouses' luncheon, hospitality night, transportation during the conference, defense industry exhibition and the states dinner.

Schedule of Event. See the last page of this letter for a schedule or events. Optional events are available for an additional cost.

Registration Packet. Your registration packet contains the conference schedule, name tag, tickets, and information you will need throughout the conference. Packets will be distributed at the meet and greet. **You must contact Terri Marshall at 512-659-1686 to obtain this packet if you miss the meet and greet.** Your packet will include a name tag. This name tag must always be worn to get into events. Yes, you will need to wear this badge even while in your military uniform. This includes hospitality rooms so that hotel staff will know you are with the NGAUS conference.

Hotel Reservations. Texas will be staying at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, 400 Renaissance Dr W, Detroit, MI 48243. The room rate is \$151.00 per night plus tax. This rate is available three days before and three days after the conference. You can only get the discounted rate by booking a hotel room with your registration. Please note: If for some reason, you are unable to attend the conference and cancel your room after Aug 16, 2024, you could be charged a cancellation fee. POC for room cancellations is MSG (Ret) Billeck-Zuniga at tbz@ngat.org or 512-454-7300. We are unable to predict if the hotel will be able to check you in if you arrive before 1500 hours on Aug 23, 2024. If you do arrive early, the hotel will hold your luggage while you explore the area and wait for check in. **Rooms must be booked no later than July 1, 2024.** If you need a room after that date, contact the NGAT office to make a reservation.

Hotel Parking. If you plan to get a rental car, there is a \$27.00 daily self-parking fee or a \$40.00 daily valet fee.

Arrival/Departure/Flight Schedule. When scheduling your arrival at the Conference, please arrive before **1500 hours on Aug 23, 2024**, to allow time for travel and hotel check-in. Please keep in mind if you are a Company/Field Grade Officer or Warrant Officer, your mixer will start on Friday, Aug 23, 2024, at 1800 hours. Registration packets will be distributed at the meet and greet on Fri, Aug 23, 2024, at 1600 hours. Your departure time to return home can be scheduled at any time on Aug 27, 2024.



Air Transportation. Southwest Airlines flies to Detroit and is normally the most affordable airline. Delta Air Lines is pleased to offer special discounts for those flying to Detroit for the conference. Click [here](#) or call Delta Meeting Network® at 1-800-328-1111* Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (EST) and refer to Meeting Event Code NM3JH.

Ground Transportation. NGAUS will be providing transportation to all conference attendees to/from the airport to their assigned hotels upon your arrival and departure. Cost of transportation is \$9.00 each way and should be booked with your registration. Airport transportation will only be available on Aug 22, 23 and 27. NGAUS will also provide transportation to conference attendees for all events that are not within walking distance of your assigned hotel during the conference.

Orientation. There will be a Texas meet and greet on **Fri, Aug 23, 2024, at 1600 hours** at a location to be determined. We will more than likely email you or text you the location on Thursday, Aug 22, 2024, when we arrive at the hotel. The purpose of the Texas meet and greet is to meet all participants, distribute registration packets and ensure everyone understands the conference program and to discuss Texas planned activities.

Uniform. The uniform for all currently serving military personnel for general business sessions and professional development sessions will be the OCP uniform. Attire for military retirees and guests is business casual. Visit the NGAT website for photos of the suggested attire for all other events.

States Dinner Attire. The States Dinner this year will have a **World War II theme** to celebrate and reflect the military and civilian population during that era. Attire: Men and women – WWII military and industry attire from that period. A special concert is to be held at the States Dinner and will be announced in the weeks ahead.



Pin Exchange. During the conference you will have individuals from other states ask to exchange pins with you. Each Texas delegate will be given 10 pins free from NGAT. 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 pin from a specific state.

Guest/Spouse. If you are bringing a guest or spouse and they plan to attend conference events with you, they must also register for the conference. No one is allowed into conference events without a name badge.

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.

Optional Events. Optional events are events that are not included with your conference registration. Most require an additional fee to participate. This year Detroit will be offering a Golf Tournament and 5K Urbanathlon. Be sure to pay attention to the dates of some of the optional events, most will require you to arrive at the conference a day earlier to participate.



NGAUS Hospitality Night. Texas will not be hosting our own hospitality room on Hospitality Night. We will be going in with some other states. More information to follow. **We ask that you wear your Texas colors proudly on Hospitality Night.** The following are locations where you can order Texas flag shirts from if you are interested in purchasing one to wear on hospitality night.

[Amazon Texas Flag Shirt](#)

[The Flag Shirt](#)

[Texas Flag T-Shirt](#)

[Texas Shirts on Ebay](#)

Hospitality Room. More information about our Hospitality Night is coming soon.

NGAT Logo Shirts. NGAT logo shirts can be purchased prior to the conference. The NGAT Logo shirt is available in various colors and styles. Prices range from \$7 - \$20. We also have a limited supply of NGAT logo shirts in ladies' sizes as well. Please order your shirt prior to the conference as we will not have an inventory of these shirts on hand at the conference.

POC's on site will be NGAT Executive Director, LTC (Ret) Marvin Harris and CW4 (Ret) Terri Marshall. We look forward to seeing you at the conference. Please contact us if you have any questions concerning the conference.

Download the NGAUS App in the iTunes App Store or Google Play. NGAUS will use the App during the conference to communicate with conference attendees.

As additional information becomes available, we will post it on our website.

<https://ngat.org/ngaus-conference/>





[Click here for a detailed NGAUS Schedule of events.](#)

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, Aug 23, 2024

Travel Day

Texas Meet & Greet

Golf Tournament – Country Club of Detroit

Joint Resolutions

Field Grade Mixer

Company Grade/Warrant Officer Mixer/Senior Warrant Officer Mixer –
Belle Isle (Bringing the Virgin Island Carnivale to the Isle)

Saturday, Aug 24, 2024

Fun Run – Ford Tough Urbanathlon (5k)

Army/Air Resolutions

Professional Development/Caucus Mtg/General Session

Trade Show

Governor’s Reception – Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum

Sunday, Aug 25, 2024

Religious Services

Professional Development/Caucus Mtg/General Session

NGAUS Spouse Luncheon – Spouses Choice

Detroit Institute of Arts

Retirees Luncheon – Yacht Charter

Warrant Officers Luncheon

Task Force Meetings

Trade Show

Hospitality Night – Greektown

Monday, Aug 26, 2024

Trade Show

Army/Air Sessions

Professional Development/General Session

States Dinner – Sound, Taste and Culture of Detroit – TCF Center
(World War II theme)

Tuesday, Aug 27, 2024

Travel Day