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NGATN – 83rd CONFERENCE OFFICIAL CALL

December 1, 2011

SUBJECT: Official Call of the 2012 Annual General Conference (83rd) of the National Guard Association of Tennessee (NGATN), March 1-4, 2012

TO: All Members of NGATN, EANGTN, their Spouse and or Guest

The 83rd Annual General Conference of the National Guard Association of Tennessee will be held in conjunction with the 35th Conference of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Tennessee at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, March 1-4, 2012. All activities of the Conference will be conducted at the Embassy Suites Murfreesboro Hotel and Conference Center, 1200 Conference Center Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

Tentatively, our speakers for the Business Session, Saturday Morning, March 3, 2012 are our Commander-In-Chief, Governor Bill Haslam; Chief of National Guard Bureau, General Craig McKinley; and the Adjutant General of Tennessee, MG Terry "Max" Haston.

NGATN and EANGTN members will meet jointly to hear from our guest speakers, but will meet separately to conduct their Association business.

The Conference Registration Form, **enclosure #1** of this announcement, is required for your attendance at the General Conference. Please complete the form and return it to this office, with the appropriate registration fees, no later than Wednesday, February 1, 2012 to take advantage of the reduced pre-registration cost. If you are an NGATN or EANGTN member and desire to register online, go to www.ngatn.org, navigate to the Association tab and click on 2012 Conference. Any registrations received after February 15, 2012 will be processed at the conference hotel.

Seating for the Saturday evening banquet can be made in advance. If you register on line, you will also be able to make your table reservations.

1. The registration page will include the table arrangement for the banquet and will show which seats are available.
2. You can move the cursor over each table to see which guests have seats reserved.
3. You will select desired seats for yourself and each guest.
4. You will receive an email confirmation once your registration is submitted and seats are reserved.
5. Once submitted, any changes to your registration or seating must be made by contacting this office.

For those of you who do not reserve your seating online, you can reserve your seat(s) when you pick up your packet.

The Agenda and the Conference Committee listing will be posted December 15, 2011 at www.ngatn.org. Each committee member will be mailed a separate notification.

All resolutions must be prepared using the NGAUS resolutions template and forwarded to Christi Flowers at Christi@ngatn.org no later than January 12, 2012.

Hotel reservations at the Embassy Suites Murfreesboro Hotel and Conference Center must be confirmed by February 9, 2012 in order for you to take advantage of the special group rate. All hotel accommodations require a \$118.00 room deposit, which is fully refundable if cancellation is received 24 hours prior to your arrival date. To reserve your room, call 1-615-890-4464 and ask for reservations. Be sure and tell them that you are attending the NGATN Conference in order to get the reduced rate. A room reservation includes a complimentary, cooked-to-order breakfast. There are 280 rooms reserved at the Embassy Suites. In the event that more rooms are needed, **enclosure #2** lists hotels within a five mile radius of the Embassy Suites.

Embassy Suites has agreed again this year for the hospitality rooms to be located in the conference area. As a reminder, all hospitality rooms will **remain closed** during the **business session** on Saturday morning.

The 16th Annual NGATN Golf Scramble will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at the Old Fort Golf Club in Murfreesboro, TN. Lieutenant Nash LeGrand is the point of contact and the registration form is enclosed as **enclosure #3**.

The President's & TAG's Reception on Friday Evening will be held in the **Mirabella Grand Ballroom E & E**, 6 PM – 12 midnight. The Skyline Drive Band will provide the entertainment from 8 PM – 12 midnight. Arm Bands will be provided for this event.

Once again the 117th RTI Alumni Association will be hosting their Annual Alumni Breakfast on Saturday, March 3, 2012. Information is furnished in **enclosure #4** of this announcement.

This is an election year for NGATN and there are nine positions for consideration. Please check **enclosure #5** for the position vacancies and requirements for each.

Information concerning the NGATN Auxiliary activities is enclosed as **enclosure #6** of this announcement. Please remind your spouse or guest that they are invited to attend the business session of NGATN in addition to all functions of the NGATN Auxiliary.

The NGATN Retiree Committee is hosting a Retiree Luncheon, Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 11:45 a.m. The luncheon is sponsored by Humana Military Healthcare Services and the RSVP date is February 17, 2012. See **enclosure #7** for reservation information.

COL Patricia Jones and the J9 team will host informational briefings on their Military and Family Readiness programs, Friday afternoon, March 2, 2012. See **enclosure #8** for more details.

There will be a roll call of Army MACOMS, Air Wing Commands and Geographically Separated Units at the beginning of the business session. The response during previous year's conferences have been most gratifying and it is anticipated that your unit will be well represented, and heard, by all when you answer the roll call this year! The 100% awards will be presented at this time as well.

There will also be a medical break-out from 1200-1300 hrs on Saturday, March 3, 2012.

Dress for Friday Evening will be casual. Saturday morning dress is ACUs /ABUs, BDUs, flight suits or business attire. Saturday evening is Dress Blues/Mess Dress or business attire as appropriate for Army Guard personnel and Mess Dress or Class A's (service dress) for Air Guard personnel.

Registration packets can be picked up from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM on Friday, March 2, 2012 and on Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 7:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

Please support your association and make plans now to attend this 83rd Annual General Conference of NGATN on March 1-4, 2012, along with your spouse, and or guest and fellow members!

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Sincerely,



Larry McKnight
Executive Director

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