

## **WHAT IS THE STATE GUARD ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES (SGAUS)?**

SGAUS is a non profit 501(c) (6) organization representing state defense forces established under United States code Title 32, Section 109 (*maintenance of other troops*).

Membership is open to all active and retired state defense force personnel.

SGAUS is the only existing national level organization advocating for the advancement and support of state defense forces.

## **THE CURRENT ORGANIZATION OF SGAUS**

Executive Committee comprised of:

- President and President Elect
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Presidents
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Past President
- At large members
- Executive Director

Board of Directors with state representatives



## **MISSION OF THE STATE GUARD ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES**

SGAUS advocates for the advancement and support of regulated state military forces established by state governments under the authority of Title 32, Section 109, of the United States Code

## **THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF SGAUS**

EDUCATE public officials and communities that state defense forces are:

- Legal and professional military organizations
- Separate from private militias
- Beneficial to establish and maintain

## **FACILITATE**

- Cooperation between state defense forces, the Department of Defense, the National Guard Bureau, and active/reserve federal forces
- The exchange of best practices between state defense forces

ESTABLISH and promote uniformed and professional state defense force standards.

SUPPORT state defense force recruitment and retention programs.

SPONSOR and promote federal and state legislation in support of state military forces.

## **THE VISION FOR THE SGAUS FOR 2010 AND BEYOND**

Increase public awareness of SGAUS and State defense forces at local, state and national levels

Increase awareness of importance of state defense forces to national defense position and homeland security

Increase membership and participation in state defense forces and associated increase in SGAUS membership

Position SGAUS to identify and develop future leaders at state and national levels

Development initiatives covering:

- Leadership
- Joint training exercises for state defense force
- Recruitment and retention of state defense force members



### ***What are State Defense Forces?***

State Defense Forces (also known as State Guards, State Military Reserves or State Militias) are military units that operate under the authority of a state government.

State Defense Forces are regulated by the National Guard Bureau (NGB 10-4) and are authorized by state and federal law. They are under the command of the governor of each state.

Currently, there are twenty three active State Defense Forces (including Puerto Rico) and existing statutory authority allows for the establishment of state defense forces in all fifty states.



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