

SGAUS Members,

Once again I was honored and humbled to be selected the 2016-2017 Association Command Sergeant Major at the National Convention in Puerto Rico in September.

I want to thank the Puerto Rico State Guard and BG Martinez for a wonderful convention. I think everyone who attended had a great time. If you did not attend this year, you missed some excellent briefings and presentations and you missed a beautiful location.

I am looking forward to working with MG Mullikin in the coming year. MG Mullikin and I have a great working relationship from working together daily now. I am excited about helping him take his vision for the State Defense Forces forward.

Please take an opportunity to look at the website and the training courses available. Our goal is to add more classes and make it easier for all State Defense Forces to get quality training. Keep checking back on the website for updates to the courses and classes.

I would like to personally challenge and encourage current SGAUS Members to keep recruiting new members to SGAUS. We still need more enlisted members. Together we can make all State Defense Forces a more standardized and viable force.

I would like to invite all of you to the 2017 Annual Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. We are working hard to keep making the Annual Conference better and informative and also to try to throw in some fun. You will get some good training, lessons learned, best practices and make lifelong friends and memories. Please make plans now to attend.

I look forward to being able to help the enlisted Membership with meeting their goals and making a stronger NCO Corp. Once again I am proud to serve as your Command Sergeant Major. I want to again thank each of you for your service.

Very Respectfully,

CSM Mark Freeman