



SGAUS Command Sergeant Major - Message!



SGAUS Convention 2017

At this time of year State Guard Association members can all begin looking forward to attending the annual SGAUS Convention. The 2017 convention will be held September 21-24 at the Embassy Suites at beautiful Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

As Command Sergeant Major of SGAUS, I would like to extend a personal invitation to each of you to attend the convention this year. You are guaranteed to have a great time! September is the perfect time to enjoy Myrtle Beach and all it has to offer. The weather and water are warm, the crowds have thinned, and the convention itself is going to be packed with good programs and events.

I would further like to extend a challenge to every state that has a State Defense Force to try to beat the attendance numbers of your host state, South Carolina. I would also like to specifically challenge the NCOs out there. NCOs are the "Backbone" of our operations, and I would like to see more of them when it comes to the numbers at convention. We need more NCOs to actively

participate in SGAUS. If you have never participated in SGAUS or attended a conference, there has never been a better time than now, and this year's convention, to begin.

The convention will include many great speakers, beneficial training, opportunities for great discussions, and memorable fellowship. I have personally been blessed by every convention I have attended. I truly enjoy the opportunities to meet members from other states. I have made some lifelong friendships with a number of members from previous conventions. I always learn from hearing what other State Defense Forces are doing in their home states. We can all benefit from these experiences and use new ideas to better our own State Defense Forces.

Your SGAUS Officers are working to create Standards for all State Defense Forces. Your input, ideas and attendance at convention can greatly impact this. SGAUS is here to work for you. Please help me make this a successful conference. I look forward to seeing each of you in Myrtle Beach in September! Conference registration and hotel reservation information will be published the first week in July so **Mark Your Calendar**.

SDF CSMs – I would appreciate an opportunity to communicate with you. Please send me your contact information. My email address is ...

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Respectfully,

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