

A Proud Tradition... ***A Stronger Future***

State Guard Convention ★ Myrtle Beach ★ September 21-24

This year's SGAUS Conference will be like no other. It will be an event that can be shared with your entire family. Held on South Carolina's beautiful coastline, the conference will incorporate a formal military, an outstanding leadership panel discussion along with world class state guard training. Register now to insure your reservations!



EMBASSAY SUITES RESORT

Nestled on the north end of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on the Grand Strand, Embassy Suites Myrtle Beach-Oceanfront Resort is part of a complex of Myrtle Beach hotels offering an array of amenities including nine swimming pools, Splash! Waterpark, the full-service Royale Day Spa, and the 50,000-sq. ft. Sport and Health Club. Enjoy easy access to the Boardwalk, Broadway at the Beach, the House of Blues, Barefoot Landing and Tanger Outlet Mall. Tee off at one of over 100 Myrtle Beach golf courses nearby.

Start each day with our free, cooked-to-order breakfast. After a relaxing day on the beach, enjoy a cold beverage at our oceanfront bar or join friends at the complimentary Evening Reception.

All 255 of our two-room suites boast private balconies and picturesque views of the resort, North Myrtle Beach and the Atlantic Ocean. Each suite features a separate living room with a sofa bed and a

private bedroom. Stay connected with WIFI or catch a movie on one of the two flat-screen TVs. Feel at home with a refrigerator and microwave. If you need to catch up on work, the large table provides a well-lit work space. SGAUS has negotiated special rates for conference attendees.

See video ... [video](#).



★ *Salute to Heroes* ★

SALUTE TO HEROES BANQUET **Saturday Night**

This will be a formal military banquet to remember. The evening will include outstanding guests, special honorees, a tribute to our Armed Forces complete with a military band and choir. Following the formal banquet, a big band will provide music for dancing. Individuals who would only like to attend this banquet and not the entire conference may do so, however you must still register on the SGAUS website. Dress will be ASU's or suit and tie.



Leadership Forum

LEADERSHIP PANEL **Saturday 1300-1500**

National military leaders along with state and federal elected officials will come together in this extraordinary leadership panel to discuss the increasingly important role that State Guard forces are playing across the country. SGAUS President and Commander of the South Carolina State Guard Thomas Mullikin will moderate this panel of leaders which includes invited guests...the Commanding General United States Army Central Command, Lieutenant General Michael Garrett, South Carolina Congressmen Tom Rice ([Ways and Means Committee](#)) and Joe Wilson ([House Armed Services Committee](#)), Former Senator Jim DeMint, 9th Air Force Commander, Major General Scott Zobrist, SC Lieutenant Governor Kevin Bryant and SC State Senator Thomas Alexander (Chairman, Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee).



HURRICANCE HIKE
Saturday 0700-0900

The S.C. State Guard' six annual Hurricane Hike will be held during the SGAUS Conference on the beach Saturday morning, September 23rd. This year, it will be slightly modified 5k for all conference participants. For those attending the conference, this will be a walk on the beach. A team building event so come and participate.

The Hurricane Hike has been used as a training and conditioning exercise aimed at helping prepare members of the State Guard and first responders for any scenario in which they might be tasked with moving into areas deemed impassable by vehicles in the aftermath of a disaster. Members of the S.C. National Guard, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps., U.S. Army (including the Special Forces community), cadets from The Citadel, emergency responders and others have participated in past Hurricane Hikes with the State Guard.

You can register as a Competitor (carry a 45lb backpack required) or as a Participant (no backpack required). All ages may take part in this fun event which starts and finishes on the beach in front of the hotel. Everyone who takes part will receive a commemorative Hurricane Hike tee shirt.



TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Thursday (1200-1700), Friday (0800-1700) & Saturday (0800-1200)

This year's conference will offer a variety of training and professional development classes from which to choose. You will be able to secure your spot by registering on-line. The classes are:

Chaplain – Thursday 1400-1700, Friday 0800-1700, Saturday 0800-1200

We will offer a variety of courses that will enhance Chaplain skill, knowledge and ability. A host of outstanding professionals from around the country will be teaching the classes which include Moral Injury, Stress management, Secondary Trauma, Ministry Skills, Introduction to Chapel, Foundation of Chaplaincy, Ministry of Presence, Ministry of Purpose, Servant Leadership, Ethics and War, Privilege Communication, Ethical Boundaries, Military Funerals, Defining Chaplaincy, Theological Foundations, and Legal Boundaries.

Judge Advocate General (JAG) – Friday 0800-1700

State Guard JAG's from multiple states, will converge upon the Embassy Suites for a MILOPS lectures and a rigorous trial advocacy skills practicum. Highly respected guest lecturers will talk on a variety of legal topics, including Cyber-Security and Anti-Terrorism. CLE credit is offered for most courses, but is not guaranteed for all attendees.

Unit Public Affairs Representative (UPAR) – Friday 0800-1700

Modeled after SGAUS's Chaplain and Judge Advocate General (JAG) trainings, the SDF UPARs training will train unit PAOs to tell the SDF story: the who, what, when where, and why of the SDF mission. The need for PAOs in the 21st century is increasingly important due to the way news and information is distributed through the internet. The agenda for the 8-hour training will include: basic news writing, social media, photography, photo captioning, operational security, PIO exercise and presentation, and conclude with an AAR for future trainings.

Scuba – Friday 0800-1000

The State Guard Dive Team will be offering a short introductory in water SCUBA experience to State Guard members and their spouses. This program is NOT a SCUBA certification course. It is designed to provide interested guardsmen and spouses with a short class and pool dive the opportunity to see if they would like SCUBA diving. After a short class on SCUBA gear and a safety briefing each SCUBA inexperienced diver will don SCUBA gear and will be accompanied by a SCUBA certified dive team member underwater.

Self Defense – Friday 0800-1000

The South Carolina State Guard Provost Marshal will offer Self Defense Tactics to SGAUS attendees and family members. Due to an increase in crime and in the violent nature of crime, the chances of being confronted by a violent offender has increased to an alarming level. Defensive Tactics are based largely on traditional Martial Arts techniques, and are designed to allow a person to avoid or escape a violent encounter. This course is designed and taught by CSM Lawrence Jordan, a 24-year veteran of active duty Special Forces. His extensive Martial Arts experience has also earned him a place in the World Martial Art's Hall of Fame. He is the author of a best-selling book (The Dirty Dozen, Paladin Press).

National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR) – Friday 0800-1700 & Saturday 0800-1200

The Introduction to Search and Rescue (ISAR)/SARTECH III course is designed to provide knowledge concerning the general responsibilities, skills, abilities, and the equipment needed by persons who would be participating in a search or rescue mission. The course is based around rural and wilderness environments but the material is recommended as a base of knowledge for all SAR environments. ISAR/SARTECH III is the first course in a stepping stone approach to higher level NASAR courses of training for emergency personnel. It provides a common starting point in training for the new person to SAR and in many cases, an excellent refresher course for the more experience SAR worker. This common starting point provides continuity during SAR operations and future training of all team members. The recommended number of hours for the course is (16) sixteen. ISAR is also designed to prepare the student for SARTECH III certification, according to the knowledge objectives defined in the NASAR Certification Criteria for SARTECH III.

Engineer (ISR) – Friday 0800-1200 (Training) & Saturday 1000-1200 (ESQiD Meeting)

Engineer (ISR) – Friday 0800-1200. The National Guard Bureau has established the ISR program to develop a macro model which is annually populated with data from the field to establish infrastructure spending priorities. This course will emphasize the importance of identifying the root cause of the “Infrastructure Crisis” and of maintaining its viability for a functioning society. It will delve into the metrics used in the ISR program to evaluate facilities and well as the building science of what you will be expecting.

Engineer (ESQiD) - Meeting Saturday (1000-1200). The Engineer Specialist Qualification Designation (ESQiD) program was developed to create a set of credentials to identify a soldier as a qualified individual for providing engineering support to their State. Unlike the MEMS program, which has a consistency across jurisdictions, the ESQiD program is made to be tailored to each State’s engineering mission and their unit’s METLs. As such, each State runs it's own ESQiD program with the individual State program approved by the ESQiD Academy. The purpose of this meeting is to re-introduce the program to the SDFs that have not seen it prior and to have a working session to further the programs of participating SDFs.

Medical – Saturday (1000-1200)

SGAUS is planning to institute a Medical Academy. There will be an organizational meeting at the upcoming SGAUS Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC. All Medical personnel attending the SGAUS convention are encouraged to participate in this initial meeting. Personnel invited include physicians, dentists, nurses, advanced nurse practitioners, veterinarians, medical service corps officers, behavioral health professionals, physician assistants, EMTs, and paramedics as well as any other interested parties. The purpose of this meeting is to determine the types of medical organizations existing in the various State Defense Forces and to develop plans for appropriate medical training which can and should be offered by SGAUS as well as to develop a sharing of concepts and cooperation between medical activities of the various state defense forces. This initial meeting will last approximately 2 hours. If you wish to discuss your state defense force organization, audio visual equipment to allow short power point slide presentations will be available.

Military Emergency Management Specialist (MEMS) – Saturday 1000-1200 (Meeting)

The MEMS program, started in 1998 is open to all SGAUS members, in uniform or not, SDF member or not. The program fully complies with current US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), Incident Command System (ICS), National Incident Management system (NIMS), National Response Framework (NRF) and Homeland Security

Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5) and (PPD-5) requirements for emergency management personnel. The goal is to promote and advance the practice of emergency management. That goal remains the same for a SDF soldier, a National Guard soldier, a Civil Air Patrol cadet, or a local Volunteer Firefighters.