

## CONVENTION INFORMATION

The 51st Annual Convention will be held at the Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort & Spa at Grande Dunes. Rates for guestrooms are \$89 per night, plus tax, single or double occupancy. Reservations must be received prior to the cut-off date of 20 March 2012. Reservations not received by this date will be reserved at the group rate on an availability basis only. Special room requests should be directed to the Marriott.

The Marriott is located right on the ocean and all rooms feature balconies. A European spa and health club is also located in the hotel. You'll also find an indoor pool and large tropical oceanfront pool with water slide.

The convention officially begins Friday with an afternoon business session, but the Educational Foundation holds their annual Golf Tournament and Reverse Drawing on Thursday. These events are fundraisers for the scholarship program. An application for the golf tournament is located in this issue of the magazine and separate tickets can be purchased for the Reverse Drawing by calling the Foundation office at 919-851-3390 ext 5. Please join us for these events as well....you'll have a great time!

After the business session on Friday, hospitality rooms with food and drinks are open. This is a great time for you to get to know members running for a seat on the Executive Council and to renew acquaintances. Afterwards, we are having a dance with a very entertaining DJ.

Saturday morning we will have our second business session to include the Awards & Installation Ceremonies. **We are changing our format this year. Instead of a banquet on Saturday evening, a luncheon will held immediately following the Saturday business session for all registered attendees.** Special guest speakers have been invited to speak on Guard issues that affect the Guard Family such as legislation that affects Guard retirement benefits; current and future Guard programs; and a discussion on employment opportunities for the Guard Family. We hope you and your spouse/guest attend the luncheon – you do not want to miss these very informative briefings.

Three different entertainment venues have been selected for guests to choose from on Saturday evening. You can choose from the Big "M" Casino Boat, Alabama Theatre or Legends in Concert. The Big "M" Casino Boat will include an all you can eat buffet dinner, \$5 bet on the roulette table, \$10 casino cash or \$20 casino match play, and more. Bus transportation will be provided to the Big "M" Casino boat.

Alabama Theatre, known for some of the best concerts and shows in Myrtle Beach, as well as a top-notch variety show, will be another option. Information on performers will be made available at a later date. And, last but not least, is Legends in Concert, the place to go for superstar look-alikes (and sound-alikes) such as the Blues Brothers, Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson, and many other legends. Alabama Theatre and Legends in Concert are both located within several blocks of the hotel. Transportation may or may not be provided, but will depend upon the numbers of attendees that register for each show. Both are within an easy driving distance from the hotel.

Make your reservations today and send us your registration form. You don't want to miss the fun!

## **NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION 51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION 20-21 APRIL 2012**

### **Tentative Schedule of Events**

#### **Thursday, 19 April 2012**

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Educational Foundation  
Golf Tournament

6:00 p.m. until Educational Foundation  
Reverse Drawing-SC Armory

#### **Friday, 20 April 2012**

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration/Exhibitors/  
Silent Auction

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. First Business Session

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Unit Representative Workshop

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Hospitality Rooms Open

8:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Dance/DJ/Cash Bar

#### **Saturday, 21 April 2012**

7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Silent Auction

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Registration/Exhibitors

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Second Business Session  
Awards & Installation Ceremony

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. NCSGA Auxiliary Business Session

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Luncheon/Guest Speakers

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Educational Foundation  
Annual Meeting

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pick up Silent Auction Items

6:00 p.m. until Big "M" Casino  
Alabama Theatre  
Legends in Concert