

MINUTES
CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION
27 JANUARY 2012

The above named committee met on the date indicated above on call of Committee Co-Chairman Shane Evans. The meeting was held at the Myrtle Beach Marriott Hotel, and the following members were present:

Co-Chairman Shane Evans, John Henson, Kevin Hinton, Charles Jackson, Kelly Jackson, Hank Thomas, Jay White and Tom Russell. Vice President John Atkinson, Executive Director Adene Tyler and Peggy Robinson, Educational Foundation, were also present.

Co-Chairman Jim Carper and Greg Jenkins were unable to attend.

(The members met in the lobby of the hotel at 11:30 a.m. and took a tour of the hotel given by Amy Devlin, Catering Manager for the hotel.)

Co-Chairman Evans declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Upon motion, committee minutes dated 8 December 11 were approved for the record.

(1) Report from John Henson, Sgt-at-Arms/Color Guard:

- The Whiteville ROTC will post the colors on Friday. (Colors will not be retired on Saturday.) Group has requested that lunch be provided for them.

(2) Report from Kevin Hinton, Transportation & Distinguished Guests:

- Working on new source for bus transportation for Saturday night. Tyler was quoted \$400 for a 47-passenger bus to transport attendees from hotel to Big "M" Casino. They have reserved one bus, but no contract has been initiated at this point. Will follow-up once registrations start coming in.

(3) Report from Hank Thomas, Events/Entertainment:

- DJ Barry Miller agreed to reduce original quote by \$150.

(4) Report from Jay White and Tom Russell, Door Prizes:

- Sample letters emailed to committee members.
- Jay has commitments for a case of wine, quilt and gift cards.
- Executive Council members will be requested to donate one door prize each.
- All committee members were tasked with providing at least one door prize.
- Mary Kay Cosmetics will prepare gift bags for attendees.

- Tom is working with Carolina Italian Americans Association and they have offered their support in obtaining door prizes.

(5) Report from Peggy Robinson, Educational Foundation:

- No changes to their schedule.
- Map to Black Bear Golf Course will be available and also published on website.
- Reverse Drawing will be held at SC National Guard Armory. Tickets are \$40 per couple.

The committee then reviewed a draft of committee responsibilities during convention. These duties will primarily affect the Sgt-at-Arms and Events/Entertainment Chairmen. However, they will require assistance from other committee members.

Under other business, the committee discussed the following:

- Someone to sing the National Anthem during Friday afternoon business session. Several names were mentioned, and Adene will follow-up with individual(s).
- Photographer for convention - It was suggested that we contact Beverly Bizzell to determine if she would share any photos she takes during convention. Adene will contact PAO.

The committee then discussed topics for guest speakers to address during the Saturday luncheon.

- Topics for Rich Green, Legislative Director, NGAUS:
 - How do NGAUS and the Guard Bureau see cutbacks affecting the Guard?
 - Changing entitlements - What are they and what is NGAUS's position on the proposed changes? How will NGAUS lobby for this? What can the states do?
- Topics for John Nicholson, Military Affairs Advisor
 - How will military downsizing affect the NC National Guard?
 - Anything of interest state-wide that affects Guard Members and their families.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 1 March 12 at 2:00 p.m. and will be conducted via tele-conference.

There was no further business to come before the committee, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Adene T. Tyler, Executive Director