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Date: October 23, 2018
From: General Rufus J. Rodgers, Grand Commanding General
To: Division Commanders, Brigade Commanders, Company Commanders and Antlered Guard Members
Subject: 2019 National Antlered Guard Encampment

The 2019 National Antlered Guard Encampment will be held March 13, 2019 to March 17, 2019 at the Hotel Elegante, 2886 S. Circle Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906. **Rooms are \$119.00 per night + 10.25 % tax (\$119.00 + \$12.20 tax=\$131.20 per night).** Individuals are to make their reservations by calling the hotel directly at 719-576-5900. **You must guarantee your room with a first night room deposit or major credit card. If you are mailing in your reservation your one night stay must be guaranteed by a major credit card or money order only. The hotel does not accept personal checks.** Those who are paying their rooms in cash upon arrival will also be required to deposit a one-time incidentals fee of \$50.00. It will be returned to you upon check-out if you don't use it. Credit card payers will have a \$50.00 hold put on your card which will be released after you check out. The group name is National Antlered Guard Encampment and the group reservation number is 2261086. The cut-off date is February 10, 2019. **The Hotel will be holding firm to this cutoff date.** After this date, room rates may be higher. There is free parking at this hotel. There is complimentary hotel shuttle service to and from Colorado Springs International Airport. The hotel shuttle has a phone in the baggage claim area which you can use to arrange transportation. When Division Commanders, Brigade Commanders and Staff Members arrive, sign-in with your room number with BG Linda McDonald, Grand Adjutant General.

There will be a staff breakfast meeting Thursday morning at 9:00 AM. The cost will be \$30.00. **Staff members; your \$30.00 for the staff meeting is to be sent to BG Linda S. M. Edwards, Grand Adjutant General, 28 Rutledge Rd., Seale, AL 36875. Make checks/money orders payable to "Special Projects".** As has always been the practice, these funds are to cover the cost of the breakfast, Staff roster, ID cards and Grand Lodge/Grand Temple Convention Souvenir Journal ad. You will receive a current staff roster at this time. This meeting is also open to non-staff members who would like to attend for \$30.00. **If you choose to wait until you**

arrive at the Encampment to pay your \$30.00 you will have to pay cash onsite. No checks or money orders will be accepted at the encampment for the staff breakfast.

Division Commanders, included are copies for your members of Pre-Registration forms for the Encampment. Please see that your Brigade and Unit Commanders receive all pertinent information as soon as possible. Remember you are responsible to your members and there should never be complaints from them about not receiving information. **All members should pre-register so that we can get a count for the Lady Generals Luncheon.** The honoree for this year is Maj. Gen. Mattie Hall. Extra banquet tickets are \$35.00. The disco ticket is \$10.00 (not included in your registration) and extra ball tickets are \$15.00. Do not forget to bring the names of your deceased members to turn in to BG. Linda McDonald for the Memorial Service.

All Generals who did not attend the National Encampment in March 2018 or previous encampments, and/or will not be attending in Colorado Springs, are to send the \$25.00 per year non-attendance fee with someone or mail it to me directly to me by check/money order for \$25.00 per year missed made payable to "Special Projects". This does not apply to those who have been granted exemption. I will have a list of those who pre-registered and registered at the encampment and those who previously sent their money to me. Remember to always get a receipt and save it. If you are paying for someone at the encampment be sure to get a receipt noting that person's name on the receipt. All fees paid onsite are to be paid to BG Linda McDonald, Grand Adjutant General. This will continue to be standard practice so govern yourself accordingly. If you have problems and need to be exempted or excused contact me and I will work with you, but remember work is not an excuse. Any staff member who has not attended the National Encampment in the last three years may be relieved of their duties if they do not attend this Encampment unless exempted by me prior to the Encampment.

An ad contract for ads for the National AG Souvenir Journal is enclosed in this communication. The price for ads are full page \$75.00, half page \$40.00 (photo \$5.00 extra), quarter page \$20.00 (photo \$5.00 extra). **The cutoff date for ads is February 1, 2019.** All checks/money orders are to be made payable to "Special Projects". **NOTE: ONLY ADS are to be mailed to LTG Garner at her address given below. ALL AD MONEY is to be mailed to BG Linda S. M. Edwards, Grand Adjutant General, 28 Rutledge Rd., Seale, AL 36875.** Division Commanders are required to put in a full-page ad. Brigade Commanders are required to put in a half page ad and Staff Members a quarter page ad. Division Commanders, Brigade Commanders and Staff Members, your ads will automatically be placed in the Souvenir Journal. You will be billed for your ad if your funds are not received. If you desire special wording or a picture, please forward this information to **Lt. Gen. Shelley Garner, 401 Magnolia Avenue, Hattiesburg, MS. 39401, phone number, 1-601-307-9080** prior to February 1, 2019 and notate on your ad that this is a required ad. Please make sure your Companies receive the information for ads.

Division Commanders and Brigade Commanders, remember if you are sick or unable to perform your duties and your second in command or someone else has to represent you, that person should receive the same rights, privileges and amenities that you receive. Be sure that your representative has a letter of representation from you or they will not be recognized as your representative. A copy of that letter should be sent to me via mail or email prior to the encampment.

I look forward to seeing you in March at the National Encampment in Colorado Springs, CO. Bring a new member with you to Colorado Springs. Every new member of the Lodge or Temple should be a new member of the Antlered Guard, if you are a Company Commander that is on the ball! Any questions, concerns, etc., feel free to email, call or write me.

Militarily Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rufus J. Rodgers', written in a cursive style.

RUFUS J. RODGERS, GENERAL
GRAND COMMANDING GENERAL
NATIONAL ANTLERED GUARD DEPT.

AIRPORT AND TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Springs airport can be somewhat costly to fly into and you may find it more economical to fly into the Denver International airport. Keeping in mind that the hotel only provides transportation from and to the Colorado Springs airport, you will need to arrange for shuttle transportation from and to Denver airport if you choose to fly in and out of Denver airport.

A company called Colorado Shuttle does offer transportation between Denver and Colorado Springs. At present, the earliest pick-up time from the hotel to Denver airport is at 2:15 AM with an airport arrival time of 4:20 AM. The roundtrip fare is \$90.00. If you are considering flying in and out of Denver airport, please be mindful of your arrival and departure times as it relates to the operational hours of the shuttle company.

You can do your own research by contacting the shuttle company directly at 877-587-3456 or by email at: www.coloradoshuttle.com.