

2026 AZ National Guard State Conference Information

First and foremost, **THANK YOU** for joining us for the 2026 AZ National Guard State Conference in Phoenix.

If you have not done so, make your room reservation ASAP. The room reservation block cut-off at the Arizona Grand Hotel is **May 6, 2026**. After this date, the group room rate may not be available. Make your reservations today online at <https://www.ngaaz.org/event/national-guard-association-of-az-and-golf-tournament-annual-conference/> or by calling **877 800 4888** Mention Group Code: **060526AGRNAAA** or just **Arizona National Guard Conference May 29-30**.

The conference's main ballroom will be available TENTATIVELY on Friday, May 29th from 2000 to 2359 (depending on if used that evening for another event) and again at 0500-0700 on Saturday morning for booth set up. Ballroom diagrams for Saturday with table assignments/locations will be taped to each table. There will be several association members present Friday/Saturday to assist vendors with booth setup. Please let me know if you need anything special at your booth (power, internet, TV, etc.). Also, let me know if you have any items you want to give-away at the conference (drawings/etc.).

This year the golf tournament will be a shotgun start at **0630** on Friday May 29th at the Arizona Grand Golf Club. All players should report for registration at 0530-0630. After the golf tournament, there will be a luncheon and awards ceremony in the Arizona Grand. Any vendor who wants to play golf will have plenty of time after lunch and awards to make it to the main ballroom for booth set up later that evening. Golf registration is available at <https://eanga.org/2025-ngaaz-eanga-golf-tournament/>

We also collect as many items as possible for our golf tournament and other raffles. We use these items to include in each golfer's goodie bag or the golf raffle. We expect 144 golfers. Normally these are things like gift cards, foursomes, golf equipment, golf balls, tees, hats, promotional items, etc. You can ship any donated items to NGAAZ, 5640 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix AZ, 85008. Let me know if you ship anything.

The Friday (May 29th) night opening reception will begin at 1900. There will be a cash bar, and our community partners will have a chance to meet and interact with the Arizona National Guard leadership team and Soldiers and Airmen from the ranks.

Attendees will start visiting the booths during registration from 0700-0800 on Saturday morning May 30, 2026 (all booths should be open during this hour). We expect 1,000+/- Soldiers and Airmen this year. There will be an additional two breaks on Saturday between 0800 and 1230. Booths should also be open during these breaks. Keep in mind, most booths are located inside the main ballroom (not in a separate room). Each conference attendee will receive a "Bingo" card in their registration packet. This card will contain a square for each sponsor/booth. Each sponsor/booth will be given a stamp to be used as attendees visit their booth. If all squares on an attendee's card are stamped, then they will be eligible for prizes. Hopefully, this will get people around to visit all the booths. Booths will remain in place until Saturday, May 30th at 1230. Booth tear down should be completed by 1330 on Saturday.

We need your most current Logo. Please email your logo to paul.aguirre@ngaaz.org AND vittjc@aol.com. (Better quality = best result.) **We can use the 2025 logo if there has not been a change. Any format is acceptable, (except '.eps').**

The Saturday Civilians, Airmen and Soldiers of the Year Awards Banquet will start at 1830 in the main Ballroom. (Cocktail / Social Hour is from 1730-1830). If you plan to attend, you need to register and pay separately. If your sponsorship level includes CASY meals, you need not pay.

RSVP for the CASY Banquet by emailing Paul Aguirre at paul.aguirre@ngaaz.org with the number of attendees from your organization. He will either apply it to your sponsorship level or arrange for your payment. Please do this right away and as importantly, PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR CELEBRATION OF OUR BEST-OF-THE-BEST!

Shipping information

Arizona Grand Resort

Receiver (Name of person who will be signing for the packages on-site)

C/O (Arizona National Guard Conference)

May 29-30, 2026

8000 S. Arizona Grand Parkway

Phoenix, AZ 85044

Phone: 602-438-9000

Hold for : Arizona National Guard 2026 (and add your name and organization & arrival date)

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Multiple packages within a single shipment should be numbered in sequence (i.e. 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3).

Should you have any additional questions, please contact the hotel directly at 602-438-9000. Paul Aguirre 602-214-4650 (cell) paul.aguirre@ngaaz.org (email) or John Vitt 602-769-4999 (Cell) vittjc@aol.com (email) can troubleshoot if needed.

Again, **THANK YOU** for your participation in this year's Arizona National Guard State Conference!