

TO: Association Representatives and Navy Personnel
FROM: Scott Verrenti, Association Administrator
SUBJECT: 2009 Annual Meeting – Columbia, South Carolina. October 22-24, 2009
DATE: July 15, 2009

You are invited to attend the 62nd meeting of the Association of NROTC Colleges and Universities. Join us in Columbia, SC for our annual meeting from October 22-24. Enclosed you will find a meeting registration form, information on hotel accommodations, and a tentative schedule of events.

Registration Form/Payment Information:

To register for the meeting, please fill out and return your registration form and payment to the Administrative Office no later than October 1, 2009. The registration fee for participants is \$200.00 for members and \$200.00 for guests. All registration forms post-marked after October 1 will pay an additional \$25.00 late fee. All participants will receive a receipt for registration payment in the registration packet upon check-in. Please mail payments to:

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Hotel Information:

Accommodations are available at the Hilton Columbia Center, 924 Senate Street, Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 744-7800 or 1-800-HILTONS. Reservations can also be made online at:

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/CAECCHF-NRTOC-20091022/index.jhtml>

Located in the center of the financial, entertainment and historic district, the Hilton Columbia Center offers 222 guestrooms and suites, with wired and wireless internet, high-definition flat LCD television, as well as voicemail and speakerphone in each room. A hair dryer, iron, ironing board and coffeemaker are standard in each room. The Hilton Columbia Center has a state-of-the-art business center, full-service bar, Ruth Chris Steakhouse, room service, outdoor pool, meeting space and valet parking. Shopping is conveniently located nearby in the Congaree Vista.

When you call the hotel for a room reservation, be sure to ask for the reservations office and indicate that you are with the Association of NROTC Colleges & Universities. The group room rate is \$119.00 per night for single or double occupancy rooms plus 11% tax. ***All reservations must be made by September 11, 2009.*** Rooms must be guaranteed with a credit card or advanced deposit of first night's stay when you make the reservation. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m.,

and check-out time is 12:00 p.m. Room cancellations made less than 24 hours in advance will be charged at full rate for the first night.

Directions/Transportation:

Unfortunately, the Hilton Columbia Center does not offer transportation to the Columbia Metropolitan Airport.

From the airport: Take I-26 west to I-126 downtown Columbia. Take I-126 and exit off to Huger Street. Turn left onto Gervais Street. Turn right on Park Street (Third light). The Hotel is located on the corner of Park & Senate Street.

A cab ride from the Columbia Metropolitan Airport to the Hilton Columbia Center is approximately \$20.00 one-way.

Self-parking is available at \$10.00 per car, per night, and valet parking is available at \$18.00 per car, per night.

Saturday Guest Program:

While no formal guest program is being offered this year, there will be plenty of opportunities for guests to meet with each other and explore the sites and attractions. A medley of shopping, restaurants, and landmarks are located nearby, offering variety and entertainment.

Navy Day/Afternoon Tour:

NSTC (Naval Service Training Command) and the University of South Carolina will be hosting Navy Day on Friday, October 23. This year's agenda includes visits to the Navy Nuclear Power School and Fort Sumter, as well as the opportunity for lunch on your own.

Members will be treated to a short snapshot of the Navy Nuclear Power Training Command. This is the schoolhouse for all Navy Nuclear Power candidates, officers and enlisted. It is the home of the Nuclear Power School and the "A" School, where enlisted service members learn specific hands-on skills on actual equipment they will operate onboard a submarine or surface ship. Officers go through a more intense version of the six month Navy Nuclear Power School but learn the hands-on training at a separate school know as "Prototype". The tour will consist of an overview brief and several stations consisting of laboratory and classroom settings. The Navy Nuclear Power School does not allow flip-flops, but does recommend wearing comfortable clothing and footwear that will allow standing for periods of time and climbing stairs.

Important Note Regarding Navy Day: The lessons that will be seen at the Navy Nuclear Power School are NOFORN, meaning that no foreign nations may see them. As a result, I need to ask for confirmation of United States Citizenship, date of birth, and social security numbers for both Association members and their guests. Also of note, the Navy Nuclear Power School does not have an elevator, so guests are being asked to climb at least one flight of stairs.

For any Association members and/or guests who are not US Citizens or require special accommodations, an alternative to the Navy Nuclear Power School is Patriot's Point

(where we will be boarding the ferry to take us to Fort Sumter) to tour their museum and see the USS Yorktown during the 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. timeframe. We will then meet up again after lunch to all board the ferry at Patriot's Point to continue on to Fort Sumter.

Optional Tour of the University of South Carolina:

The University of South Carolina will offer an optional tour of their campus via shuttle bus on Saturday morning from 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. for any Association member and their guest that is interested.

Agenda Items:

Representatives that have agenda item(s) should forward them by September 18 to:

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (585) 273-1765. I look forward to seeing you all in Columbia!