



American GI Forum

2017 State Conference • Houston, Texas



Transitioning Returning Patriots



B. Gen. Joe Ramirez

Come join the **American GI Forum Lucian Adams** and the **Greater Houston Women** at the **American GI Forum of Texas, Inc. 69th Annual State Conference** help newly returning Veterans. **“Transitioning Returning Patriots Back into Civilian Work, Home, Life”** is the theme of the conference. This features a new strategy – integrating education, employment, and entrepreneurship with solutions to meet employer & Veteran needs.

Returning Veterans continue to face employment challenges, including cultural challenges; transitioning into a full-time civilian environment; translating military experience for civilian employers; and increasing competition as the number of Veterans seeking civilian jobs rises. The **AGIF/NVOP** is working closely with the private sector in partnership with Federal agencies and Veterans groups to help Veterans gain meaningful employment.



Donald Benton, SSS

Featured on Thursday will be a Job Fair for our transitioning Heroes. We will work for solutions while enjoying this yearly event in continued fellowship and appreciate the remarkable speakers and presenters, talented entertainers and great food for the mind and body.

Learn what the American GI Forum Programs are doing to help veterans; how our chapters fundraise to award our young people scholarships. Learn and share new fundraising ideas such as Bingo nights, golf tournaments, dances, raffles and outdoor activities such as picnics, and food booths. Workshops and Seminars are scheduled as well as Breakouts of the Forum and Women’s Groups. An agenda will be available to all delegates.



Sheriff Ed Gonzales

Councilman Robert Gallegos and **Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez** will be welcoming the delegates. **No confirmation yet on the Keynote** for the Women/Youth Luncheon on Friday. **2-time Grammy Award Winner Jess Lopez**, who formerly performed with **Little Joe y La Familia**, will entertain at noon and also at the Ball following the Commander’s Awards Banquet and Gala. Keynote Speaker will be **Brigadier General Joe Ramirez** with a special awards presentation.



R. Gallegos, CCM

NVOP CEO Carlos Martinez will be our **Keynote** speaker at our Saturday NVOP Veterans Luncheon and our own **National Commander Angel Zuniga** will be reporting on the state of the National Organization. **U.S. Congressman Gene Green** and **Donald Benton, Selective Service** have been invited to address the assembly on Saturday.



Rep. Gene Green

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner is included with your registration every day during the conference. **A dress code of Business attire will be in place for the Commanders Banquet.** A Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Sunday morning after breakfast. The Corporation’s budget and finance report will be presented by the State CEO.



Cmdr. Angel Zuniga

**Thursday, June 8-10, 2017 • Hilton Garden Inn
7979 Willow Chase Blvd. • Houston Texas**

Hotel Reservations: (832) 912-1000.

\$79.00 Double, \$69.00 King includes Breakfast

Registration for Conference is \$147.00 Call:

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