



ASDF RECORDER



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Deputy Commander, Air

COL John Griscom
Deputy Commander, Army

COL William Morris
Chief of Staff

CSM John Blackburn
Command Sergeant Major

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New SGAUS President

Major General (AL) Charles Rowe, commander of the Alabama State Defense, was installed as the incoming President of the State Guard Association of the United States, held in September in Huntsville, AL at the SGAUS annual convention.

This year's convention was hosted by the ASDF and coordinated by members of the 1st Bde under the direction of COL (AL) William Edwards, 1st Bde Commander.

The convention was attended by more than 120 members from state and Puerto Rican organizations that make up SGAUS.

Hurricane Gustav

The Alabama State Defense Force was called upon for assistance to evacuees as a result of Hurricane Gustav hitting the Gulf Coast.

ASDF personnel reported to the Joint Forces Headquarters Joint Operations Center on 29 August to coordinate ASDF support requirements for county EMA and other local missions.

3rd Brigade was tasked with augmenting Mobile County EMA and shelter support operations.

On 31 August, the scope of ASDF operations was expanded when 2nd Brigade was tasked to provide support to the Birmingham Chapter of the

American Red Cross for shelter support for Louisiana evacuees in Jefferson and Shelby Counties. The 204th Battalion of the 2nd Brigade was given the mission of supporting Russell County with EMA augmentation and shelter support functions.

The ASDF support requirements were terminated on 5 September when the last shelter was closed and the evacuees returned home.

ASDF personnel expended approximately 1,000 man-hours in support of the mission and are to be commended for again answering the call to assist their State, communities and neighbors.

Salute to America's Veterans

World War II Veterans were the main attraction at the Salute to America's Veterans held at the Alabama National Fair in Montgomery on 3 October.

The WWII Veterans, from the Montgomery area, were being honored on the evening prior to their departure Saturday morning to Washington, DC to visit the National World War II Memorial.

Participants in the Salute were the American Legion's Patriot Guard Riders who escorted the buses to the Fairgrounds; Sons of the American Revolution; the 98th Army Band from Fort Rucker; Dr. Fran Carter,

one the original "Rosie the Riveter's"; the Woodlawn Warblers; and members of the "Howlin' Mad" Smith Detachment of the Marine Corps League who did a reenactment of the Iwo Jima flag raising.

Twelve members of the Alabama State were on hand to provide assistance in the setup of the arena. An ASDF information and recruiting booth were also displayed during the Salute.

The ASDF has been asked to participate next year. Details to be announced.

ASDF Association

Members of the ASDF Association nominating committee have been selected are compiling a slate of nominees to go before the ASDF Association membership for elections to be held in December.

Positions for consideration as officers are: President, 1st Vice-President; 2nd Vice-President; Secretary; and Treasurer. Other nominees will be slated for the Board of Directors with four designated for three year terms, three for two years terms, and two for a one year term.

The ASDF Commander and Command Sergeant Major are designed as defacto mem-

AAEM Awards

COL Gerald Harding, commander of 2nd Bde, and COL Will Wakefield, deputy commander, of 2nd Bde, were awarded the Advanced Level Emergency Manager certification at the Alabama Association's summer conference at Orange Beach in September. This award required a minimum of 1000 hours in a combination of FEMA EMI independent study courses, exercise/disaster operations, education, and other subject matter courses.

Information on this program is available on the AAEM website at <http://www.aaem.us/>

A special thanks for all that you do in support of your State, communities, neighbors, and the ASDF. God bless you.

ASDF Command Information

1st Brigade Huntsville COL William Edwards Commander COL Owen Pharr Deputy Commander CSM David Crooks Command Sergeant Major	2nd Brigade Birmingham COL Gerald Harding Commander COL Will Wakefield Deputy Commander CSM Bobby Randall Command Sergeant Major	3rd Brigade Mobile BG Ronald Noland Commander Vacant Deputy Commander CSM David Ballard Command Sergeant Major	Training Command Ozark COL James Henderson Commander CPT Robert Gullede Executive Officer CSM John Blackburn Command Sergeant Major
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Commanders Call
 18 Oct 2008

 ASDF Association
 Ballot Mailing
 November 2008

General Election
**** Vote****
 4 November 2008

Veterans Day
 11 November 2008

 HQ Christmas Party
 1 Dec 2008

 ASDF Association
 Ballot Return and Count
 December 2008

Commanders Call
 ASDF Association
 Officers and Board Installed
 17 January 2009

 Commanders Call
 18 April 2009

 Exercise Roarin' Winds '09
 2-5 May 2009

 Blue Star Salute
 American Village
Memorial Day
 25 May 2009

 Commanders Call
 18 July 2009

Commanders Call
 17 October 2009

Veterans Day
 11 November 2009

 HQ Christmas Party
 7 Dec 2009

Tentative Dates
 CERT Olympics at Alabama
 Fire College in Tuscaloosa
 April-May 2009?
 Salute to
 America's Veterans
 Alabama National Fair
 October 2009
 SGAUS Annual Convention
 Richmond, VA
 Date TBD

2009 HQ Drill Dates
 5 January
 2 February
 2 March
 6 April
 4 May
 1 June
 6 July
 3 August
 8 September (Tuesday)
 5 October
 2 November
 7 December

Need Input
 The staff of the ASDF Recorder is looking for input from units on events relating to activities, promotions, awards, recruiting or anything else that presents ASDF activities. This is very important in that it provides information to others about your contributions and service to the State, your communities, and your neighbors.

What would you like to see in the ASDF Recorder?
 Do you have a recommendation for a different name?
 Send any recommendation or input to:
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LTC John Birmingham (left), HQ, 2nd Bde and 1LT Tom King, HQ, 204th Bn, Salute to America's Veterans, 3 Oct. held at the Alabama National Fair in Montgomery