



City of Palm Springs

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RE: Enlisted Association of the National Guard National Conference

On behalf of the City of Palm Springs, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support in hosting the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) Annual Conference. Palm Springs has a long and reputable history of hosting military leaders and troops and welcomes the opportunity to continue with that tradition.

Palm Springs' relationship with the military and armed services has included visits by many historic figures, including Generals MacArthur and Patton to President Dwight D. Eisenhower. In addition to training Patton's troops during WWII, many Army Air Corp servicemen called the Palm Springs Airport home when it was built in 1941.

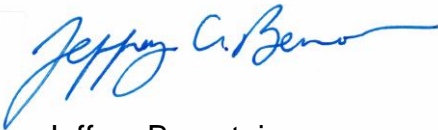
Aside from the historic facts, Palm Springs, as a convention destination offers the meeting venues, accommodations, activities, and entertainment that families and guests look for in a community. Our convention center hotels are unparalleled and easily accessible from our 261,000sf convention center. Our professional convention center staff hosts 100s of events annually and are some of the best in the nation. Our local restaurants run the gamut from local Mexican flare, Italian, steakhouses, and other specialty and chain-based restaurants.

For the family, there is shopping across the entire City, including our unique downtown shopping district with its original, local shops, along with some well-known name brands. Our Surf Park hosts national surfing events and includes water slides and a lazy river. Of course, Palm Springs has always been a golfer's destination with hundreds of holes of golf all within a few minutes drive (or walk!) from downtown. The Aqua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians casino and spa serves tourists by providing entertainment and relaxation just a few blocks from the convention center. One of our most unique assets, the Palm Springs Air Museum, showcases the history of military and aviation in Palm Springs and includes the opportunity to ride in classic airplanes including a T-28 Trojan and a P-51 Mustang.

Our outdoor beauty is unparalleled as a result of being surrounded by the San Jacinto and San Bernadino mountain ranges. Hiking, mountain biking, and trail running opportunities abound with 100s of miles of easy to difficult trails. The bravest can tackle the Cactus to Cloud hike, a 21-mile grueling hike from the desert floor to the peak of San Jacinto. An easier go is to take a ride on the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, a 10-minute, 2.5-mile ride up to 8,800 ft. From there, you can hike to the peak of San Jacinto at nearly 11,000 feet.

Palm Springs is a city that deeply appreciates the dedication and service of our National Guard members. We are committed to working closely with you to ensure a seamless and unforgettable conference experience. As one of the premier national destinations for conventions, I strongly believe Palm Springs reflects the EAGNUS mission of striving to be the premier professional association for enlisted National Guard members, veterans, retirees, and their families.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Bernstein
Mayor, City of Palm Springs