**74th NSDC OPENING CEREMONY**

***WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 • 7:30 P.M. • EXHIBIT HALL 2 (AUDITORIUM)***

1. Special Music

2. Master of Ceremonies - Andy Allemao

3. Presentation of Colors – Barksdale AFB

4. Pledge of Allegiance – Michael Streby

5. National Anthem/Patriotic Song - Andy Allemao

6. Invocation Square Dancers Prayer – Doug & Don Sprosty

7. Welcome—City and/or State Official(s)

i. Mayor of Shreveport OR Chairman of the Travel and Tourism Bureau, Better Business Bureau or Deputy Mayor– 5 minutes

ii. Mike Walsworth, The Legislator that introduced the bill to make Square Dance the state dance.

iii. Lt Governor Billy Nungesser

8. Welcome — Ted and Tonia Hofmeister (Convention General Chairman)

9. Special Guest Recognition

10. Media Recognition and Blue Line Induction Ceremony (Publicity Chairman)

11. Special Event (Ribbon Cutting or other)

12. Introduce President of NEC

13. Ted and Tonia Hofmeister (Convention General Chairman)

14. Andy Allemao (Master of Ceremonies) will make any closing remarks, additional

announcements, etc.

\*The 74th NSDC Opening Ceremonies will begin at 7:30 p.m. following the Dennis Swanberg event from 6-7 p.m. We will have a sign-in table available in front of the Auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m. with signage for the Media Recognition Event. As soon as the Swanberg event concludes we will be able to escort our MRE guests to the reserved seating area. If you are attending the Swanberg show, we ask that you do come visit the sign-in table afterward so we know you are in attendance and can show you to your seat for the Opening Ceremonies.

For the Media Recognition Ceremony, we will conduct our portion of the program from the floor (no need to climb stairs to the stage). The area immediately in front of the stage will be set up for clogging, therefore, reserved seating will be set back slightly from the main stage. The Blue Line Club induction will immediately follow.

The Opening Ceremony will be followed by Trail’s End dances from 8-10 p.m.