

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Minnesota

FALL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

October 26-28, 2017
Willmar Conference Center
Willmar, Minnesota

P R O G R A M

Thursday, October 26, 2017 – Willmar Conference Center, Gallery 7

2:00 P.M. Gambling Seminar - Peggy Moon, St. Joseph, Legislative Committee Chairman

7:30 P.M. Department Executive Committee Meeting

Friday Morning, October 27, 2017 – Willmar Conference Center, Gallery 7

8:00 A.M. Call to Order – Mike Schaffer, Fulda, Department Commander

Advancement of Colors – Silver Star Post 428, Waite Park

POW/MIA Chair – Garylee Davenport, Atwater, Department Sergeant at Arms
Jim Kellogg, Taopi, National Security/Foreign Relations Committee

Invocation – Ralph Schneekloth, Mabel, Department Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance – Steve Klinkner, Madelia, Department Vice Commander

Preamble - In unison, led by the Department Commander

8:10 A.M. Greetings: Duwayne Underthun, General Chairman of Conference, Willmar Post 167
John Krouth, Willmar, Commander, Willmar Post 167
Richard Wog, Willmar, Seventh District Commander
Marv Calvin, Mayor, City of Willmar
Brett Reistad, Virginia, Candidate for National Commander
Larry Shellito, Commissioner, MN Department of Veterans Affairs

8:35 A.M. Larry Shellio, Commissioner, MN Department of Veterans Affairs
Update the state of MN Veterans Affairs

9:10 A.M. National Security/Foreign Relations Jim Kellogg, Taopi, Chairman
Military Achievement Awards
Presentation: Julie Asmus, Home Front – Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

10:10 A.M. *Bringing Americanism into Action* Major Alan Duff (USAR, Ret)

11:00 A.M. Quilts of Valor Jenny Caughey, Perham, State Coordinator

11:30 A.M. RECESS/LUNCH

Friday Afternoon, October 27, 2017 — reconvene

1:00 P.M.	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation <i>Fort Snelling National Cemetery & Burial Benefits</i>	Jeremy Wolfsteller, St. Paul, Dept. Service Officer Robert Roeser, Supervisory Management & Program Analyst, Fort Snelling Natl Cemetery
2:00 P.M.	100 Year Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee -Post History	Denise Milton, Bagley, Member Jim Kellogg, Taopi, Member & National Staff
3:00 P.M.	Public Relations Committee	Jennifer Havlick, Two Harbors, Chairman
3:15 P.M.	Education and Training Committee	Jeff Gay, Jackson, Member
3:25 P.M.	American Legion Foundation	Lloyd Ricker, Dawson, President
3:30 P.M.	Commander's Project	Mike Schaffer, Fulda, Department Commander
3:45 P.M.	RECESS	
4:30 P.M.	Hospital Association Annual Meeting, Willmar Conference Center, Gallery 7	
6:30 P.M.	Family Feud - sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary	
Immediately following Family Feud	Hospitality Night, Best Western Suites, Pool Area	

Saturday, October 28, 2017 – Willmar Conference Center, Gallery 7

8:00 A.M.	Reconvene General Session	Mike Schaffer, Fulda, Department Commander
	Salute to Colors	Garylee Davenport, Atwater, Dept. Sergeant at Arms
	Invocation	Ralph Schneekloth, Mabel, Department Chaplain
	Pledge of Allegiance	Steve Klinkner, Madelia, Dept. Vice Cmdr.
	Preamble	In unison, led by the Department Commander
8:05 A.M.	"The Chaplain's Corner"	Ralph Schneekloth, Mabel, Department Chaplain
8:10 A.M.	"Reporting Nationally"	Marland Ronning, Maple Grove, NECman
8:20 A.M.	Dept Convention Corporation	Pat Logan, Bloomington, Chairman
8:30 A.M.	Donna Arends, Willmar , Department President, MN American Legion Auxiliary Sandie Deutsch, St. Paul, Department Secretary	
8:40 A.M.	Shawn Davis, Richfield, Detachment Commander, Sons of The American Legion	
8:50 A.M.	Legion Riders	Richard Oelschlager, Andover, Liaison
9:00 A.M.	Legionville	Wayne Gilbertson, Zimmerman, President
9:10 A.M.	History of The American Legion	Al Zdon, St. Paul, Editor/Communications Director
10:00 A.M.	National Commander Candidate	Brett Reistad, Virginia

10:20 A.M.	Youth Programs	Isaac Winnes, Minneapolis, Oratorical Contest Dale Swanson, New Brighton, Boys State Counselor & father of two past Boy Staters Other Youth Programs
10:50 A.M.	Legislative Committee	Peggy Moon, St. Joseph, Chairman
11:05 A.M.	Membership Report	Larry Ryan, Oakdale, Membership Director
11:30 A.M.	Closing Remarks and Conference Wrap-Up	Mike Schaffer, Fulda, Department Commander
	Benediction	Ralph Schneekloth, Mabel, Department Chaplain
	Retirement of Colors	Silver Star Post 428, Waite Park
	Adjournment	