

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Minnesota

FALL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

October 25-27, 2018
Southwest Minnesota State University
Marshall, Minnesota

P R O G R A M

Thursday, October 25, 2018 – Southwest State University, Conference Center, Lower Ballroom

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

7:30 P.M. Department Executive Committee Meeting

Friday Morning, October 26, 2018 – Southwest State University, Conference Center, Upper Ballroom

8:00 A.M. Call to Order – Darrel Redepenning, Fridley, Department Commander

Advancement of Colors – Silver Star Post 428, Waite Park

POW/MIA Chair – Ryan Hill, Brewster, Department Sergeant at Arms
Jim Kellogg, Taopi, National Security/Foreign Relations Committee

Invocation – Bonnie Hanson, Rockford, Department Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance – Richard Wog, Willmar, Department Vice Commander

Preamble - In unison, led by the Department Commander

8:10 A.M. Greetings: Jeff Gay, General Chairman of Conference, Marshall Post 113
Kenneth Versaevel, Marshall, Commander, Marshall Post 113
Jeff Gay, Jackson, Seventh District Commander
Robert Byrnes, Mayor, City of Marshall
Mike McElhiney, Chief of Staff, MN Department of Veterans Affairs

8:35 A.M. Mike McElhiney, Chief of Staff, MN Department of Veterans Affairs
Update of the state of MN Veterans Affairs

9:05 A.M. National Security/Foreign Relations Military Achievement Awards Presentation Jim Kellogg, Taopi, Chairman

10:05 A.M. National Commander Candidate Bill Oxford, North Carolina

10:15 A.M. Etiquette of a Legion Meeting

11:30 A.M. RECESS/LUNCH

Friday Afternoon, October 26, 2018 — reconvene

1:00 P.M.	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation <i>Veterans and Cannabis, MN Program</i>	Jeremy Wolfsteller, St. Paul, Dept. Service Officer Minnesota Department of Health
2:00 P.M.	Virtual Medical Room	Angela Nichols, MPLS VA Health Care System
2:30 P.M.	Legionville School Safety Patrol Training Center	Sgt. Neil Dickenson, MN State Patrol, Public Information Officer NE Region Wayne Gilbertson, Zimmerman, President
3:00 P.M.	Speaker	Paul Blanchard, Baseball Coach Southwest MN State University
3:20 P.M.	American Legion Baseball	Mike Perry, Minnetonka, Director
3:30 P.M.	Commander's Project <i>Anoka Eagle's Healing Nest</i>	Darrel Redepenning, Department Commander Melony Butler, Chair/Director
3:45 P.M.	RECESS	
4:00 P.M.	Hospital Association Annual Meeting, Southwest MN State University, Conf. Center, Upper Ballroom	
6:30 P.M.	Membership Challenge for the American Legion Family sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Ramada Inn, Chaparrel/Frontier Rooms - Legionnaires are encouraged to attend.	
Immediately following Aux. Membership Challenge	Hospitality Night, Southwest Minnesota State University, Lower Ballroom	

Saturday, October 27, 2018 – Southwest Minnesota State University, Conference Center, Upper Ballroom

8:00 A.M.	Reconvene General Session	Darrel Redepenning, Fridley, Department Commander
	Salute to Colors	Ryan Hill, Brewster, Dept. Sergeant at Arms
	Invocation	Bonnie Hanson, Rockford, Department Chaplain
	Pledge of Allegiance	Richard Wog, Willmar, Dept. Vice Cmdr.
	Preamble	In unison, led by the Department Commander
8:05 A.M.	"Reporting Nationally"	Marland Ronning, Maple Grove, NECman
8:15 A.M.	Dept Convention Corporation	Pat Logan, Bloomington, Chairman
8:25 A.M.	POST ADJUTANT'S DUTIES.....??	
8:35 A.M.	Jean Walker, Warren, Department President, MN American Legion Auxiliary Sandie Deutsch, St. Paul, Department Secretary	
8:45 A.M.	Shawn Davis, Brooklyn Center, Detachment Commander, Sons of The American Legion	
8:55 A.M.	Help with VA Benefits & Medicare Coverage	Advocate Health Advisors

9:25 A.M.	Legislative Committee Plaque presentation to Senator Bruce Anderson	Peggy Moon, St. Joseph, Chairman
9:40 A.M.	Boys State Presentation	Marshall P-113 2018 Boys State Participants
9:50 A.M.	Minnesota American Legion Foundation	Lloyd Ricker, President
10:00 A.M.	<i>Six Great War Stories</i>	Al Zdon, St. Paul, Communications Director/Editor
10:50 A.M.	Recruitment	Randy Tesdahl, St. Paul, Department Adjutant
11:05 A.M.	Membership Report	Mike Maxa, LeCenter, Membership Director
11:30 A.M.	Closing Remarks and Conference Wrap-Up	Darrel Redepinning, Fridley, Department Commander
	Benediction	Bonnie Hanson, Rockford, Department Chaplain
	Retirement of Colors	Silver Star Post 428, Waite Park
	Adjournment	