

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PROGRAM
The 100th Annual Convention of The American Legion - Department of Minnesota
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA*****July 19-21, 2018

THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 19, 2018

- 7-8:00 A.M. CAUCUS OF ALL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES BY DISTRICTS
- 8:30-9 A.M. Music
- 9:00 A.M. AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION SESSIONS – Mayo Civic Center, Presentation Hall, Rochester
CALL TO ORDER: Mike Schaffer, Department Commander, Fulda
ADVANCEMENT OF THE COLORS -- 2017 Champions – Waite Park Post 428
POW/MIA FLAG: Jim Kellogg, NS/FR Committee, Taopi
Garylee Davenport, Department Sergeant at Arms, Atwater
INVOCATION: Ralph Schneekloth, Department Chaplain, Mabel
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
"THE PREAMBLE" -- Recital by Commander and Delegates
GREETINGS: The Honorable Ardell F. Brede, Mayor, Rochester
Joe Brown, Commander, WM. T. McCoy Post 92
Lester Shaunce, First District Commander, Albert Lea
Reid Oberle, General Convention Chairman, Rochester
- 9:30 A.M. READING OF THE CONVENTION CALL: Randy Tesdahl, Department Adjutant, St. Paul
APPROVAL OF DEPT CONVENTION PUBLISHED PROGRAM BY CONVENTION ATTENDEES
REPORT OF CONVENTION CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
REPORT OF CONVENTION RULES COMMITTEE
ADVANCE READING OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RESOLUTIONS:
Greg Colby, Department Judge Advocate, Northfield
- 9:45 A.M. GREETINGS: Larry Shellito, Commissioner, MN Department of Veterans Affairs
Patrick Kelly, Director, Minneapolis, VA Health Care System
Other Veterans Service Organizations
Robbie Robinson, President, Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers
RESPONSE: Rosemary Niesen, Department Vice Commander, Cologne
- 10:00 A.M. "REPORTING NATIONALLY" – Marland Ronning, National Executive Committeeman, Maple Grove
- 10:10 A.M. Al Zdon, Communications Director, St. Paul
- 10:15 A.M. REPORT: Neal Loidolt, President/CEO, Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans
- 10:25 A.M. REPORT: Robin Picray, Finance Committee, Chairman, St. Paul
Finances in relation to Department Committee Structure
- 10:35 A.M. REPORT: Greg Colby, Department Judge Advocate, Northfield
Responsibilities of Post, District, & Department Officers
- 10:50 A.M. PRESENTATIONS BY:
Carl Moon, Employment Committee Chairman, St. Joseph
GREETINGS: Scott Mills, Federal Director, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS)
Jim Finley, State Director, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS)
- 11:00 A.M. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEPARTMENT CONVENTION COMMITTEES AND INSTRUCTIONS
Randy Tesdahl, Department Adjutant, St. Paul
- 11:05 A.M. RECESS
- 11:15 A.M. JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE – Mayo Civic Center, Presentation Hall

1:00 P.M. MEETINGS OF ALL CONVENTION COMMITTEES.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Members serving on Convention Committees will please be prompt in attendance at assigned committee meetings.
2. Each committee will elect its own Chairman and Secretary. When work is finished, the Chairman or Secretary, (or both) will report to the Convention Department Headquarters at the Mayo Civic Center, Legion Headquarters Office, for assistance in preparing a typewritten report for presentation to the Convention assembled on Friday, July 20, 2018.
3. All Convention Committee reports should be presented and accepted in final form before adjournment on Friday, July 20, 2018, thus disposing of all business other than that which has been scheduled for Saturday morning.

2:00 P.M. GAMBLING SEMINAR, Mayo Civic Center, Presentation Hall
Moderator: Peggy Moon, Legislative Committee Chairman, St. Joseph

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 20, 2018

7-8:00 A.M. CAUCUS OF ALL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES BY DISTRICTS --

8:30 A.M. CALL TO ORDER: Mike Schaffer, Department Commander, Fulda
INVOCATION: Ralph Schneekloth, Department Chaplain, Mabel
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8:45 A.M. REPORT: Credentials Committee, Lynne Nottage, Chairman, Minneapolis

8:55 A.M. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES:
SAL REPORT: Shawn Davis, SAL Detachment Commander, Brooklyn Center
BOY SCOUT OF THE YEAR, Tom Hallett, Boy Scout Chairman, Mankato
2018 LEGION BOYS STATE GOVERNOR, Thomas Nelson, Director, Jackson
2018 ORATORICAL CONTEST WINNER, Linda Dvorak, Chairman, Le Center

9:15 A.M. REPORT: V4V, Don Pankake, Member, Hutchinson

9:20 A.M. REPORT: Brain Science Foundation, Jim Munson, President, Burnsville

9:30 A.M. REPORT: Legionville Corporation, Wayne Gilbertson, President, Zimmerman
REPORT: "The Bog", Randy Tesdahl, Department Adjutant, St. Paul

9:45 A.M. REPORT: Armed Forces Service Center, Joe Jansen, Representative, Arden Hills

9:55 A.M. AWARDS PRESENTATIONS:

Marie Goede, President, American Legion Hospital Assn., Plainview
Karen Welander, Children and Youth Chairman, Sunburg
Art Tobkin, Americanism Chairman, Bagley
Don Skow, Education Chairman, Lindstrom
James Blakesley, Safety-School Patrol Chairman, Aitkin
Tom Conway, Law and Order Chairman, Argyle
Tom Sanders, Blood Chairman, Pine City
Glenn Mueller, Yearbook and Narrative History Books, St. Charles
Jennifer Kafka, Community Service Chairman, Blue Earth
Glenn Mueller, Operation Post Home, St. Charles
Peggy Moon, Legislative Chairman, St. Joseph
John Torma, Bowling Chairman, Eveleth

11:15 A.M. NATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICE AWARDS:

Marland Ronning, National Executive Committeeman, Maple Grove

Wilson Spence, Rehabilitation Committee, Duluth

PAT CLIFF AWARD to Outstanding Post Service Officer

MN PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR Award

11:35 A.M. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Jennifer Havlick, Chairman, Two Harbors

11:45 A.M. CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

12:00 Noon RECESS

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 20, 2018

1:30 P.M. CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

1:45 P.M. GREETINGS: Ms. Donna Arends, Department President, American Legion Auxiliary, Willmar
Sandie Deutsch, Department Secretary, American Legion Auxiliary, St. Paul

2:00 P.M. CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

2:30 P.M. FINAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS: Larry Ryan, Department Membership Director, Oakdale
Gold Brigade Winners - Premier Plaque - Other Membership Awards

3:00 P.M. NOMINATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICE

4:30 P.M. BENEDICTION
RETIREMENT OF THE COLORS
RECESS

VOTING AT MAYO CIVIC CENTER FOR ONE HALF HOUR (30 MINUTES) FROM TIME OF RECESS

7:00 P.M. CONVENTION PARADE - 6:00 P.M. Parade Line-up
AFTER PARADE BBQ – Immediately following parade, food & cash bar

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 21, 2018

8:00 A.M. - POLLS OPEN for voting at Mayo Civic Center
9:00 A.M. POLLS CLOSE

8:30 A.M. CONCERT: Ninth District Band

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER: Mike Schaffer, Department Commander, Fulda
ADVANCEMENT OF THE COLORS: 2018 Color Guard Winner
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM - Led by Ninth District Band
INVOCATION: Ralph Schneekloth, Department Chaplain, Mabel
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
"THE PREAMBLE" - Recital by Department Commander and Delegates
"CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICE": Ralph Schneekloth, Department Chaplain, Mabel

9:15 A.M. REPORT: David Bode, Parade Coordinator, Nicollet
FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS: Mike Schaffer, Department Commander, Fulda

9:25 A.M. REPORT: Mike Perry, American Legion Baseball Director, Minnetonka

9:35 A.M. REPORT: Bill Barbknecht, Legionnaire Insurance Trust, Chairman, Battle Lake

9:45 A.M. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
Presentation of Department Commander's Badge
Presentation of Past Department Commander's Insignia by Mike Schaffer's Family
Presentation of Miniature Department Colors to Retiring Commander
Denise Milton, Past Department Commander, Bagley
FIVE DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDERS - without numerical designation
CHAPLAIN
HISTORIAN
SERGEANT AT ARMS
MEMBER OF PUBLICATION BOARD - for three-year term
TWO/THREE DELEGATES-AT-LARGE TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION
FIVE ALTERNATES-AT-LARGE TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

NOTE: The Department is entitled to five (5) Delegates-at-Large and five (5) Alternate Delegates-at-Large. The Department Constitution provides, under Article 8, Section 1, that: "The Delegates-at-Large to which the Department is entitled in the National Convention shall be elected by the Convention and shall include the incoming Commander, the incoming Department representative on the National Executive Committee, and the outgoing Commander." The National Constitution provides, under Article 7, Section 3, that the National Executive Committeeman shall be a delegate with vote, which shall be exercised with their respective Departments.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS ELECT -- (to be announced)
BENEDICTION
RETIREMENT OF THE COLORS
ADJOURNMENT