

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Minnesota

FALL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

October 22-24, 2020
Breezy Point Conference Center
Breezy Point, Minnesota

P R O G R A M

Thursday, October 22, 2020 – Breezy Point Conference Center, Minnesota Room

- 2:00 P.M. Gambling Seminar – Robert Hart, Oak Park Heights, Legislative Committee Chairman
3:00 P.M. Committee Meetings
7:00 P.M. Department Executive Committee Meeting, Nisswa American Legion Post 627

Friday Morning, October 23, 2020 – Breezy Point Conference Center, Minnesota Room

- 8:00 A.M. Call to Order – Mark Dvorak, LeCenter, Department Commander
 Advancement of Colors – Charles Borak Post 45, New Prague
 POW/MIA Chair – Richard Skillestad, Eyota, Department Sergeant at Arms
 Jim Kellogg, Taopi, National Security/Foreign Relations Committee
 Invocation – Betty Jass, Lake Crystal, Department Chaplain
 Pledge of Allegiance – Tim Haugen, Moorhead, Department Vice Commander
 Preamble - In unison, led by the Department Commander
- 8:05 A.M. Greetings: Mark Dvorak, LeCenter, Department Commander
 Ray Dezurik, General Chairman of Conference, Nisswa Post 627
 Susan Edwards, Brainerd, Commander, Nisswa Post 627
 Paul Edwards, Brainerd, Sixth District Commander
 Tim Haugen, Moorhead, Department Vice Commander
 Mayor, City of Nisswa
 Tom Lillehei, Mayor, City of Breezy Point
- 8:30 A.M. Quilts of Valor
- 8:45 A.M. Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Larry Herke, St. Paul, Commissioner
- 9:15 A.M. National Security/Foreign Relations Jim Kellogg, Taopi, Chairman
 Military Achievement Awards
 Presentation
- 10:15 A.M. Minnesota National Guard Brigadier General Sandra L. Best
- 10:30 A.M. Legion College Sub-Committee Update Denise Milton, Bagley, Chairman
 myLegion Sub-Committee Update Linda Dvorak, LeCenter, Chairman

11:00 A.M.	Bowling Tournament Update	Bob Mace, Waite Park, Chairman
11:15 A.M.	Upper Lakes Foods Presentation	Jim Bradshaw, Chief Operating Officer
11:30 A.M.	Adjutants Updates	Mike Maxa, St. Paul, Department Adjutant
11:45 A.M.	RECESS/LUNCH	

Friday Afternoon, October 23, 2020 — reconvene

1:00 P.M.	Commander's Comments	Mark Dvorak, LeCenter, Department Commander
1:15 P.M.	Department Convention Corporation Legislative Legionville Brain Science Boys State Oratorical Department Legion Baseball Americanism Minnesota American Legion Foundation Finance Hospital Association	Phil Bellefeuille, Callaway, Chairman Robert Hart, Oak Park Heights, Chairman Eugene Leifeld, Zumbrota, President President Kyle Oldre, Luverne, Director Cliff Newman, Blaine, Chairman Randy Schaub, Danube, Director Art Tobkin, Bagley, Chairman Lloyd Ricker, Dawson, President Carl Hendrickson, Cloquet, Chairman Roger Stoick, Albertville, President
2:15 P.M.	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Pat Cliff Award VA&R Speaker	Jeremy Wolfsteller, St. Paul, Dept. Service Officer Robert P. McDivitt, FACHE, Executive Director VA Midwest Healthcare Network (VISN 23)
3:30 P.M.	Adjutants Updates Announcements	Mike Maxa, St. Paul, Department Adjutant
3:45 P.M.	RECESS	
4:30 P.M.	Hospital Association Annual Meeting, Breezy Point Conference Center, Minnesota Room	
6:30 P.M.	Membership Challenge for the American Legion Family sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Breezy Pt Conference Center, White Birch 1&2, Second Floor - <u>Legionnaires are encouraged to attend.</u>	

Immediately following Hospitality Night, Breezy Point Inn & Suites
Aux. Membership Challenge

Saturday, October 24, 2020 – Breezy Point Conference Center, Minnesota Room

8:00 A.M.	Reconvene General Session	Mark Dvorak, LeCenter, Department Commander
	Salute to Colors	Richard Skillestad, Eyota, Dept. Sergeant at Arms
	Invocation	Betty Jass, Lake Crystal, Department Chaplain
	Pledge of Allegiance	Tim Haugen, Moorhead, Dept. Vice Cmdr.
	Preamble	In unison, led by the Department Commander

8:15 A.M.	Greetings:	Mary Hendrickson, Cloquet, Department President, MN American Legion Auxiliary Marsha Bible, St. Paul, Department Secretary Nicole Clapp, Iowa, National President, escorted by Raleen Tolzmann, Cleveland, NEC David Vulcan, North Mankato, Detachment Commander, Sons of the American Legion Paul Hassing, Montgomery, MN American Legion Riders Director
9:15 A.M.	Department Awards & Presentations	
	Employment	Carl Moon, Walker, Chairman
	Eagle Scout of the Year	Tom Hallett, Mankato, Chairman
	Oratorical Champion	Cliff Newman, Blaine, Chairman
	Children & Youth	Karen Welander, Sunburg, Chairman
	Consolidated Post Reports	Art Tobkin, Bagley, Chairman
	Law & Order Officer of the Year	Susan Edwards, Brainerd, Chairman
	Firefighter of the Year	Susan Edwards, Brainerd, Chairman
	Blood Program	Terry Larson, Shafer, Chairman
	Community Service	Tom Clabo, Hutchinson, Chairman
	School Safety Patrol	Jim Blakesley, Aitkin, Chairman
10:15 A.M.	"Reporting Nationally"	Bill Barbknecht, Battle Lake, NECman
10:30 A.M.	National Vice Commander	Bruce Feuerbach, Iowa, National Vice Commander
10:50 A.M.	Membership Update & Awards	Sylvan Fix, Brownsville, Membership Director
11:30 A.M.	Final Thoughts	Mike Maxa, St. Paul, Department Adjutant
	Commander's Project Update	Mark Dvorak, LeCenter, Department Commander
	Closing Remarks and Conference	
	Wrap-Up	
	Benediction	Betty Jass, Lake Crystal, Department Chaplain
	Retirement of Colors	Charles Borak Post 45, New Prague
	Adjournment	