



**63rd ANNUAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION
10 - 11 JULY 2026
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

AGENDA

FRIDAY, 10 JULY 2026

REGISTRATION

9:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

BOS Center, B7 East

Eugene Gort, Detachment Assistant Adjutant/ Convention Registrar

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION JUDGING

11:00 A.M.

BOS Center, Lower Level TBD

Bill Hollis, Detachment Children & Youth Chairman

COVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

If necessary-Chairmen and/or Adjutant will inform ahead of time

11:00 A.M.

BOS Center, Lower Level TBD

DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

12:30 P.M.

BOS Center, B11D

Wayne Madson, Detachment Commander

Jeffrey Van Horn, Detachment Adjutant

American Legion Family Speakers will be stopping by through-out Friday and Saturday sessions.

ROY SMITH-----Department Commander (2025-26)
CELESTE LATHAM-----Department Sr. Vice Commander (2025-26)
JOSHUA THIELEN-----Department Adjutant
MARTY CONATSER-----Past National Commander
JAY BOWEN-----Leading Candidate for American Legion National Commander
JILL LAYTON-----Department President (2025-26 President)
LINDA IBERG-----Department 1st Vice President (2025-26)
SHARON CONATSER-----Past National President
PAM RAY-----National American Legion Auxiliary President

63rd ANNUAL CONVENTION — SESSION 1 CALL TO ORDER

2:30 P.M.

BOS Center, B11D

Wayne Madson, Detachment Commander

Jeffrey Van Horn, Detachment Adjutant

SALUTE TO THE COLORS-----Color Guard or Sgt-At-Arms

INVOCATION-----Bryson Taylor, Detachment Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----John Nemanich, Detachment Sr. Vice Commander

POW/MIA CEREMONY-----Wayne Madson, Detachment Commander / Glenn Kraemer, Detachment Sgt-At-Arms

PREAMBLE-----Shawn Morecraft, 4th Division Sr Vice Commander

CALL TO ANNUAL CONVENTION-----Jeffrey Van Horn, Detachment Adjutant

ROLL CALL-----Jeffrey Van Horn, Detachment Adjutant

RULES & CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS-----Garrett Slevin, Sr., Chairman

CREDENTIALS-----Eugene Gort, Chairman/Convention Registrar

FINANCE REPORT-----Phil Stander, Detachment Finance Officer

GUESTS-----Glenn Kramer, Detachment Sgt-At-Arms

Mike Monserud (IA) Trailing Candidate-----Kevin O’Connell, NEC

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AMERICANISM-----Mike Vozar, Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS-----Mike Vozar, Chairman

CHILDREN & YOUTH-----Bill Hollis, Chairman

LEADERSHIP & TRAINING-----Larry Miller, Chairman

LEGISLATIVE-----Glenn Kraemer, Chairman

NATIONAL SECURITY-----Kevin O’Connell, Chairman

VA&R-----Bruno Williamson, Chairman

DONATIONS

DIVISION COMMANDER’S REPORT-----Each Division Commander

RESOLUTIONS-----Jeff Trout, Chairman

NEC REPORT-----Kevin O’Connell, NEC

FINAL REMINDERS-----Jeff Van Horn, Detachment Adjutant

SESSION 1 WRAP-UP-----Wayne Madson, Detachment Commander

FREEDOM FEST

6:00 P.M. – TBD

SATURDAY, 11 JULY 2026

REGISTRATION

8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

BOS Center, B7 East

Eugene Gort, Detachment Assistant Adjutant/ Convention Registrar

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Promptly Begins at 8:00 A.M.

Bank of Springfield Convention Center, Main Hall

Bryson Taylor, Detachment Chaplain

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

MEMBER OF THE YEAR and HISTORY BOOKS----- Phil Shipley, Contest Promoter
SCHOLARSHIPS-----Bill Hollis, Children & Youth Chairman
PRESENTATION OF CHAPLAINS CROSSES-----Bryson Taylor, Detachment Chaplain
DISTRICT SQUADRON’S OF THE YEAR-----Jeff Van Horn, Detachment Adjutant
SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP REPORT and AWARDS-----John Nemanich, Detachment Sr. Vice Commander

Clyde Stillwell Trophy
Antony Badamo Trophy
James T. Cummings, Jr. Trophy
Roy Mitchell Trophy
1 Pin Awards

DETACHMENT COMMANDER’S REPORT-----Wayne Madson, Detachment Commander

UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS

NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATE NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT-----Thomas E. Cisna, Chairman

ELECTION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Detachment Sr. Vice Commander
Detachment Commander

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installing Officer, NEC Kevin O’Connell
Installing Chaplain, PNVC Harl Ray
Installing Sgt-At-Arms, PNC Thomas Cisna

DETACHMENT COMMANDER’S PIN PRESENTATION-----Wayne Madson, Retiring Detachment Commander
PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER’S PIN PRESENTATION-----Rick Allen, Past Detachment Commander
PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER’S PLAQUE PRESENTATION-----JR Stillwell, Past Detachment Commander
DEPARTMENT ADVISOR’S REPORT-----William Flanagan, Chairman
FOR THE GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION-----Open
BENEDICTION-----Bryson Taylor, Detachment Chaplain
RETIRE / SALUTE TO THE COLORS----- Color Guard or Sgt-At-Arms
ADJOURNMENT “SINE DI”-----Wayne Madson, Detachment Commander

THE ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THIS CONVENTION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NECESSARY

The actions of the 63rd Annual Convention of the Detachment of Illinois are subject to approval of the Department of Illinois “Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory) Committee” and reported by them to the Department Executive Committee.

NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATION MEETING

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE DETACHMENT CONVENTION.

All Elected Delegates of the 54th Annual National Sons of The American Legion Convention

This meeting is for the purpose of discussing items pertaining to the upcoming National Convention in Louisville, KY

DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATS.

The newly elected Detachment Commander, Detachment Senior Vice-Commander,

Division Commanders, Division Vice-Commanders, District Commanders, District Vice-Commanders,

National Executive Committeeman, Alternative National Executive Committeeman, and all Past Detachment Commanders

Commission and Committee Chairmen

Commander's Comments and goals for upcoming year

Discuss Officer Responsibilities, Budgets, etc.

This meeting is for the purpose of making appointments, announcements and any other business that may be necessary to come before it.

DISTRICT, DIVISION AND COMMISSION/COMMITTEE TRAINING – 1:00 P.M – 2:00 P.M.

BOS Convention Center, BOS Center, B11D

CHILDREN'S YOUTH ACADEMY – 1:00 P.M – 2:30 P.M.

BOS Convention Center, Downstairs

2026-2027 ILLINOIS LEGION FAMILY OFFICER'S RECEPTION – 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

BOS Convention Center, Downstairs

COMMANDER'S & PRESIDENT'S DINNER – 6:00 P.M. Cocktails, 7:00 P.M. Dinner

2025-2026 Department Commander, Department President, Detachment Commander
Abraham Lincoln DoubleTree

SUNDAY, 12 JULY 2026

PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S BREAKFAST

9:00 A.M.

Lulu's Diner, 608 South 9th Street, Springfield
Rick Allen, Immediate Past Detachment Commander



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