



For God and Country

May 15, 2026

**CALL TO THE 63rd
ANNUAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION
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In compliance with Article V, Section 2, of the Detachment Constitution, the **63rd ANNUAL CONVENTION** of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, is called for **JULY 10 and 11, 2026 in Springfield, Illinois.**

The purpose of this Convention is to establish Detachment policy; amend the Constitution, if necessary; elect Detachment Officers; elect Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention; and any other Detachment business that may be necessary.

REPRESENTATION: Representation in the Convention shall be by Squadrons. Each Squadron in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate and in addition shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof, above the first twenty-five (25), as reported on the June 12, 2026 Membership Report, as required by Article V, Section 3, of the Detachment Constitution. A Squadron to be in good standing must have a minimum of ten (10) members and no indebtedness to the Detachment. Delegates-at-Large must be present at the Convention in order for their District to cast their vote. Squadrons not certified as to eligibility of 2025-2026 officers will lose their vote.

REGISTRATION: Registration will be held at the appropriate locations on the convention site. Delegates, Delegates-at-Large, Alternates and Guests may register on Friday, July 10th, from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM; on Saturday, July 11th, from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM. Delegate forms are included in this mailing and will also be available at the registration table. **Please do not mail in registration forms.**

A REGISTRATION FEE OF \$15.00 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED.

Registration fee is to be paid onsite at Convention, not in advance

CONVENTION COMMITTEES: The Convention Committees will convene at 11:00 AM, Friday, July 10th, in our convention hall at the Bank of Springfield Center, if necessary. Scholarship judging will also be at 11:00 AM in the same location.

DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The Detachment Executive Committee will meet at 12:30 PM on Friday, July 10th in our convention hall at the Bank of Springfield Center and again on Saturday, July 11th, immediately following the close of the National Convention Delegates & Alternates meeting in our convention hall.

BUSINESS SESSIONS: The Business Sessions of the 63rd Annual Detachment Convention shall convene at 2:30 PM, July 10th, in our convention hall at the Bank of Springfield Center; and again at 9:30 AM (**SHARP**) on Saturday, July 11th; for the remaining business and the election and installation of Officers of the Detachment of Illinois.

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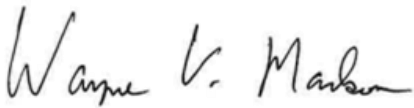
MEETING OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES & ALTERNATES: There will be a meeting of all elected Delegates and Alternates to the 54th Annual National Convention immediately following the adjournment of the final Business Session of the Detachment Convention, on Saturday, July 11th, in our convention hall.

JOINT FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE: A Joint Family Memorial Service, under the direction of the Department Chaplain, will be held at 8:00 AM, Saturday, July 11th, in the main Convention Hall for the American Legion, Department of Illinois, located in the Bank of Springfield Center.

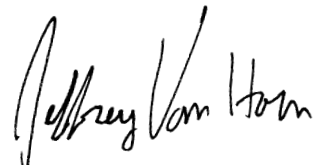
HOUSING: Housing forms have been mailed out and also available on Detachment and Department websites.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS: Through out the Convention, Department Officers of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary, as well as National Officers and Candidates for National Office may be in attendance.

ACTIONS OF THE 63rd ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS, SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS.



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