

THE AMERICAN LEGION OF IOWA

106TH DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

HOLIDAY INN DES MOINES AIRPORT CONFERENCE CENTER
DES MOINES, IOWA – JULY 17, 18, 19, & 20, 2025
HEADQUARTERS OFFICE – ROOM 298

THURSDAY – JULY 17, 2025

- 3:00 p.m. **Marketing Commission** – Room 397
- 5:00 p.m. **Resolutions Assignment Committee** – Room 175

FRIDAY – JULY 18, 2025

AMERICAN LEGION REGISTRATION – BALLROOM FOYER – 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

- 8:00 a.m. **Credentials Committee** – Room 292
- 9:00 a.m. **Commission & Committee Chair Meeting** – Iowa C
- 9:30 a.m. **Rules Committee** – Room 292
- Department Commission Meetings**
- 9:00 a.m. Convention Commission – Iowa B
- 10:00 a.m. Americanism Commission – Iowa E
- Baseball Committee
 - Boy Scout Committee
 - Children & Youth Committee
 - Community Service Committee
 - Junior Shooting Sports Committee
 - Oratorical Contest Committee
- 10:00 a.m. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission – Iowa C
- Health Administration Committee
 - Veterans Benefits Committee
- 10:00 a.m. Legislative Commission – Room 396
- 10:00 a.m. National Affairs Commission – Room 398
- 10:00 a.m. Internal Affairs Commission – Iowa D
- Training Committee
 - Membership Committee
 - S.A.L. Committee
 - Strategic Planning Committee
 - American Legion Riders Committee
- 1:00 p.m. **Convention Committee Meetings**
- Americanism – Iowa E
 - Internal Affairs – Iowa D

National Affairs – Room 398
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – Iowa C
Legislative and Constitution & Bylaws – Room 396
Finance and Marketing – Room 394

- 2:30 p.m. **Liaison Committee** – Iowa B
- 4:00 p.m. **General Session** – Ballroom
- Call to Order – Brian Ring, Sr., Department Commander
 - Advancement of Colors – American Legion Post #430, Durant
 - Invocation – Cindy Yslas, Department Chaplain
 - POW/MIA Flag – Tom Ryan, Department Sergeant-At-Arms
 - Bob Colin, Department Vice Commander
 - Pledge of Allegiance – Ed Fontes, Department Vice Commander
 - Preamble – Jeff Large, Department Vice Commander
 - Greetings – Veterans Organizations & Public Officials
 - Call to Convention
 - Report of Rules Committee
 - Report of Credentials Committee
 - National Executive Committee Member Report, Dennis Soppe
 - Department Officer Reports
 - Department Service Officer, Shane Pankonen
 - Department Chaplain, Cindy Yslas
 - Department Historian
 - Department Adjutant, John Derner
- 6:00 p.m. Recess
- 6:00 p.m. **Color Guard Contest Registration & Meeting** – Iowa B
- 7:00 p.m. **Joint Session** – Ballroom
- The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary & Sons of The American Legion
 - Call to Order – Brian Ring, Sr., Department Commander
 - Receive donations for American Legion Family programs
 - Address – Doug Honse, Detachment Commander
 - Sons of The American Legion
 - Address – Mike Monserud (IA), National Vice Commander
 - Sons of The American Legion
 - Address – Kenzie Banicky, Department Junior President
 - American Legion Auxiliary
 - Address – Verlinda Prior, Department President
 - American Legion Auxiliary
 - Address – Trish Ward, National President
 - American Legion Auxiliary
 - Address – Brian Ring, Sr., Department Commander
 - The American Legion
 - Address – James Kellogg (MN), National Vice Commander
 - The American Legion
 - Adjourn Joint Session
- 9:00 p.m. **Hospitality - Courtyard**

SATURDAY – JULY 19, 2025

AMERICAN LEGION REGISTRATION – BALLROOM FOYER – 8:00 AM–2:00 PM

- 7:00 a.m. **Foundation Breakfast** – Iowa D & E
- 9:00 a.m. **General Session** – Ballroom
Call to Order – Brian Ring, Sr., Department Commander
American Legion of Iowa Foundation Grant Awards –
Steve Dixon, President
Boys State Report – Charlie Bowser, Boys State President
Mike Vaughn, Boys State Director
Commission/Committee Reports
Americanism Commission – James Kessler, Chair
Educator of the Year – James Kessler, Chair
5th Grade Flag Essay – Cindy Yslas, Chair
Boy Scouts – William Greenleaf, Chair
Baseball – Michael Weber, Chair
Oratorical – Bob Waugh, Chair
Junior Shooting Sports – Gary Palas, Chair
Children & Youth – Cindy Yslas, Chair
Community Service – Roger Hopwood, Chair
Finance Commission – Bob Waugh, Chair
Report – Candice Lanning, Department Finance Officer
Marketing Commission – Darrin Alderson, Chair
Promotions & Revenue Enhancement –
Charlie Bowser, Chair
Media & Communications – Jennifer Rehbein, Chair
- 11:30 a.m. Recess
- 11:30 a.m. **Past District Commanders' Luncheon** – Iowa D & E
- 1:00 p.m. **General Session** – Ballroom
Call to Order – Brian Ring, Sr., Department Commander
Art McLaughlin Legionnaire of the Year Award
Commission/Committee Reports (Continued)
National Affairs Commission – Fidell Wadsworth, Jr., Chair
Internal Affairs Commission – Jennifer Rehbein, Chair
Membership – Tim McLaughlin., Chair
Sons of The American Legion – Gary Quinlan, Chair
Strategic Planning – Dennis Soppe, Chair
Training – Sam Johnson, Chair
American Legion Riders – Cliff Barker, Chair
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – Dixie Kapayou, Chair
Health Administration – Janet Grass, Chair
Veterans Benefits – Jerald Hansen, Chair
Legislative Commission – Randy Johnson, Chair
Convention Commission – Stanley Elliott, Chair
- 1:50 p.m. Recess

- 2:00 p.m. **District Caucuses**
1st Westview N
2nd Iowa C
3rd Room 396
4th Westview S
5th Room 292
6th Ballroom
7th Room 397
8th Iowa B
9th Westview C
- 3:30 p.m. **Convention Committee Meetings** (Continued)
Convention Place – Room 396
- 5:00 p.m. **American Legion Riders** – Iowa B & C
- 5:00 p.m. **Color Guard Practice** – Ballroom South
5:30 p.m. **Color Guard Contest** – Ballroom South
5:45 p.m. **Color Guard Judging** – Room 292
- 6:00 p.m. **Iowa Military Veterans Band Practice** – Iowa A
- 7:00 p.m. **Iowa Military Veterans Band Concert** – Iowa A
- Evening **Hospitality** – Courtyard

SUNDAY – JULY 20, 2025

AMERICAN LEGION REGISTRATION – BALLROOM FOYER – 8:00 – 10:00 AM

- 8:00 a.m. **Memorial Service** – Ballroom
- 9:00 a.m. **General Session** – Ballroom
Call to Order – Brian Ring, Sr., Department Commander
Report of Convention Committees
 Americanism
 Internal Affairs
 National Affairs
 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
 Finance and Marketing
 Legislative and Constitution & Bylaws
 Convention Place
Special Order of Business –
 American Legion of Iowa Boys State Annual Meeting
Ratification of Department Constitution & Bylaws
Election and Ratification of Delegates & Alternates to
 2025 National Convention – Tampa, FL
Report of Liaison Committee – Jim Zacharias, Chair
Nomination & Election of Department Officers
Benediction – Cindy Yslas, Department Chaplain
Retire POW/MIA Flag – Tom Ryan, Department Sergeant-At-Arms
 Jeff Large, Department Vice Commander
Retirement of Colors
Adjourn
- DEC Photos** – Iowa D
- Boys State Board Meeting** – Iowa B & C
- Post-Convention DEC Meeting** – Iowa B & C

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT CONVENTION

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SATURDAY - JULY 19, 2025

SAL REGISTRATION – BALLROOM FOYER – 8:00 AM–2:00 PM

- 8:30 a.m. **SAL Memorial Service** – Des Moines Room
- 9:00 a.m. **Detachment Convention** – Des Moines Room
- Close of Convention **Detachment Executive Committee** – Des Moines Room