



**Department Mid-Year Conference 2017  
Crowne Plaza Conference and Event Center  
Aurora, Colorado**

**Friday January 20, 2017**

- 9:30 am Membership and Leadership Training  
VA&R – Importance to Veterans – PDC Tom Florez
- 10:15 am Proper way to conduct post meetings – Jr Vice Robb Smith
- 11:00 am Organizing a post membership team  
for the final push – Sr Vice Terri Shelefontiuk
- 11:45 am B.P.O.T.S. – Commander Jay Bowen
- 12 noon Recess

**Break for Lunch**

- 1:00 pm Legion DEC Meeting - Salon B
- 2:00 pm Auxiliary DEC Meeting - Salon C
- 6:00 pm-7 pm Troop Induction Ceremony - Salon A
- 7:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting -
- 7:30 pm - 10 pm Auxiliary Fun Night – Salon B/C

**Saturday January 21, 2017**

- 7-8 am Breakfast - Americanism and Children and Youth
- 8am – 3 pm Boys State/Girls State silent auction
- 8:30 am **JOINT OPENING SESSION -**

**Call to Order**

Commander Jay Bowen  
President Evelyn Espinola  
Commander Jim Gaddis

**Posting of Colors -**

Invocation – Pastor Stan Hamomoto  
Pledge of Allegiance – Robb Smith  
National Anthem – Miranda Fling  
*(Signing by Unit 2 Jr Member KaLee Nurre)*  
POW/MIA Empty Chair - Tom Moermomd  
Military Child Table Ceremony - Jr Auxiliary  
Preamble – Ann Rittaco

Blue Star Banner presentation – Jim Gaddis

**Introductions**

SAL Detachment Officers – Jim Gaddis  
 Auxiliary Department Officers and Juniors – Evelyn Espinola  
 Charter Presentation Unit 9 - LaJunta - Evelyn Espinola  
 Girls State Samsung Scholarship winner – Susie Bozella  
 Girls Nation Vice President - Susie Bozella  
 North West Division VP -Virginia Nelson – Susie Bozella  
 Legion Department Officers – Jay Bowen

**Break to separate sessions**

10:00 am  
 10:15 am –5 pm Auxiliary Session - Silverton Room  
 10:15 am –5 pm Sons of The American Legion Session  
 10:15 am - Jr Auxiliary meeting – Beaver Creek  
 10:00 am –10:20 am **Committee reports** (10 minutes each)  
     Female Veterans Action Deb Davis  
     Oratorical Roger Masse  
 10:20 am –10:45 am **Presentations**  
     Resolution Writing Dean Noechel  
 10:45 am – 11:45 am Planting the Seed Tony DuMosch

12:00 -1:15 pm Past Commanders Club Lunch – Breckenridge Room  
 12:00 – 1:15 pm Auxiliary Lunch – Steamboat Room  
 1:15 pm Membership Awards – Salon A – Terri Shelefontiuk

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm Boys State Training  
 Service Office Training

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm Workshops – Session #1  
 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Workshops – Session #2  
     Jr Shooting Workshop – Harry Fisher  
     Chaplains workshop Pastor Stan Hamamoto  
     Adjutants workshop – Pat Smith  
     Media Workshop – Darrell Myers – Terri Shelefontiuk

6 pm - 7 pm Social Hour  
 7 - 9 pm Jeff Luginbuel Media Awards Banquet – Steamboat/Silverton

**Award Winners**

Small Print Newspaper; Medium Print Newspaper  
 Large Print Newspaper; Radio Station  
 Television Station

**Sunday January 22, 2017**

8:30 am - 9:30 am 4 Chaplains Memorial Service  
 Closing comments- Commander Bowen, President Espinola,  
 Commander Gaddis