



**The American Legion,
Department of Colorado
2017 Convention Agenda
June 22 - 25, 2017
Hotel Elegante
Colorado Springs, Colorado**

Thursday June 22, 2017

- 12:00 Noon Committee Meetings - Credentials, Rules & Order -
2:00 pm **DEC Meeting** - Salon E
4:00 pm **Opening Session** – Salon E
Reading of Call to Convention - Department Adjutant Pat Smith
Reading of Credentials Report – Paul Erickson
Rules and Order Report – Robb Smith
4:30 pm Committee Meetings -Resolutions, Constitution and By-Laws, Apportionment -
5:30-9:00 pm VA&R Awards and Recognition Ceremony – Security Post 38

Friday, June 23, 2017

- 8:00 am Registration opens - Hotel Elegante – Convention Lobby
8:15 am Assemble Processional of Past Department Commanders,
Past Department Presidents, & Past Detachment Commanders
8:30 am Announcement of Processional - Adjutant Pat Smith, Secretary Rhonda Larkowski,
SAL Adjutant Scott Garrett – Salon A & B
8:45 am Call to Order - Commander Bowen, President Espinola, Commander Gaddis -
Call for Advancement of Colors - Colorado Springs Post 209
National Anthem - Miranda Fling
Invocation - Chaplain Stan Hamamoto
Pledge of Allegiance - Robb Smith
POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony
Preamble – Ann Ritacco
Blue Star Banner Presentation - SAL Commander Jim Gaddis
9:00 am Introduction of SAL Officers - SAL Detachment Commander Jim Gaddis
NEC - – Pete Sierminski; ANEC Scott Garrett; Sr. Vice Commander
Ron Noakes; Jr. Vice Commanders – Ken Taylor; Dave Smith;
Adjutant – Scott Garrett; Assistant Adjutant - Ken Yanke;
Finance Officer – Jim Gelwicks; Chaplain – Nick Arceo;
Historian – Rick Kettering; Sgt-At-Arms – Pierce Hasert, Aaron Valdez;
Asst Sgt-At-Arms Ilyas Hasert, Ken Wederski;
Judge Advocate – Richard Humphrey; Advisor – Tom Florez

- Introduction of American Legion Auxiliary Officers President Evelyn Espinola
 NEC – Susie Bozella; President Elect – Ann Ritacco; Vice President – Laurie Kuntz; Secretary/Treasurer – Rhonda Larkowski; Chaplain – Theresa Brandt; Historian – Marilyn Myazima; Sgt-At-Arms – Tracy Trujillo; Parliamentarian Roberta Morrow; Honorary Jr. President – Madison Couture
- Introduction of American Legion Officers Commander Jay Bowen
 NEC Frank McCurdy; ANEC – Jim Gillis; Sr. Vice – Terri Shelefontiuk; Jr. Vice Commanders – Robb Smith, Lou Brackett, Dean Noechel; Adjutant - Charles “Pat” Smith; Deputy Adjutant - Tom Bock; Acting Finance Officer – Paul Erickson; Chaplain – Stan Hamamoto; Service Officer - Dean Casey; Historian - Jim Stanko; Photographer - Darrell Myers; Sgt-At-Arms - Tom Moermond; Asst Sgt-At-Arms - Jerry Lollar; Office Manager-Elaine Bock; Accountant-Amy Grubb
- 9:15 am Introductions of guests for greetings – Commander Jay Bowen
 Greetings - Post 38 and District 7 Commander Mike Hall
 Greetings - Unit 38 - Auxiliary President Sharon Fite
 Greetings - District 7 President Jackie Bowen
- 9:20am Introduction of Past National Commander Marty Conatser –Jay Bowen
 Introduction of Past National President Sharon Conatser – Suzie Bozella
- 9:30 am Charter Presentation CSU Unit 1879 - President Evelyn Espinola
 Introduction of Girls State Senators - Director Kristi Hensley
- 9:50 am Remarks by SAL Detachment Commander Jim Gaddis
- 10:00 am Remarks by Commander Jay Bowen
 Charter Presentation Limon Post 2017 - Commander Jay Bowen
 Introduction of Boys State Senators - Chairman Carol Kennedy
 Introduction of Oratorical Winner Ryan Klimek – Roger Masse
 Introduction of Eagle Scout of the Year - Chairman Jerry Lollar
- 10:30 am Employment Awards - Chairman Darrell Myers
- 10:45 am **Break for separate sessions**
- 11:00 am Membership Report and Awards
- 12:00 NOON **Lunch on your own**
- 1:30 pm **Call to Order** - Commander Jay Bowen
- 1:40 pm NEC Report – Frank McCurdy
- 1:55 pm Report of Officers and Committees
 Department Commander Report – Jay Bowen
 Finance Officer/Committee Report -- Paul Erickson
 Public Relations Report and Awards -Darrell Myers
 Centennial Committee Report – Jim Gillis
- 4:30 pm Benediction - Department Chaplain -Stan Hamamoto
- 5:30 pm Security Post 38 – Dinner

Saturday, June 24, 2017

- 7:00 am **Membership Breakfast** – Foothills Room
8:00 am Delegate Registration – Convention Lobby
9:00 am **Reconvene** – Commander Jay Bowen – Salon A & B
9:15 am Reports.
Site Selection Committee Report – Tom Florez
Update of Credentials Report – Carol Kennedy
Resolutions Committee Report - Tom Bock
Constitution and By-Laws Report – Doug Wooddell
10:00 am Post Adjutant Training Session – Pat Smith, Elaine Bock, Amy Grubb –Salon G
10:00 am Leading vs Management in The American Legion – Commander Bowen
Video Presentation – Simon Sinek – Why Leaders Eat Last
Panel Discussion – Participants chosen by District Caucus's
12:00 NOON **Past Commanders Lunch** – Foothills Room
1:30 pm **Reconvene** - Commander Jay Bowen - Salon A & B
Final Update of Credentials Committee Carol Kennedy
Nominations & Elections of Department Officers
Apportionment Committee Report
District Caucuses - Elect Nat'l Convention Delegates
Ratification of Delegates & Alternates to National Convention
Installation of Newly Elected Department Officers – PNC Marty Conatser
Unfinished Business
Good of the Legion
Announcements
Benediction - Department Chaplain Stan Hamamoto
4:00 pm **Legion Riders Meeting – Salon F**
6:30 pm Cocktail Reception - Lobby
7:00 pm Testimonial Banquet – Salon A
Commander Bowen, President Espinola, Commander Gaddis
8:15 pm Installation of new Legion Commander, Auxiliary President,
SAL Detachment Commander
8:30 pm Key-note Speaker – Past National Commander Marty Conatser (IL)

Sunday, June 25, 2017

- 7:00 am Past Department Commanders Meeting – Salon G
8:30 am Combined Memorial Service – Salon A
9:30 am Department Executive Committee Meeting – Salon E
10:30 am **Adjourn**

