



**Department Mid-Year Conference 2018**  
**Hilton Garden Inn**  
**Arvada, Colorado**

**Friday January 26, 2018**

- 11:00 am Organizational meeting for a Past District  
 Commanders Club – Wadsworth Room -Terri Clinton
- 1:00 pm Legion DEC Meeting – Wadsworth Room
- 2:00 pm Auxiliary DEC Meeting – Swadley Room
- 4:00 pm Past Dept Commanders Meeting with Candidates - Wadsworth
- 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting - Swadley Room
- 7:00 pm -10 pm American Legion Family Carnival – Post 161

**Saturday January 27, 2018**

- 7-8 am Breakfast – Open to all – Reno Room
- 7:30 am – 8:00 am Registration – Lobby area
- 8:30 am **JOINT OPENING SESSION** – Hilton Garden Inn Ballroom  
**Presentation by North Ridge HS Drum Corps**  
**Call to Order**  
 Commander Terri Clinton  
 President Ann Ritacco  
 Commander Jim Gaddis  
**Posting of Colors – Arvada Post 161**  
 Invocation – Pastor Stan Hamamoto  
 Pledge of Allegiance – Robb Smith  
 National Anthem - Audra Weeden Casseday  
 Signed by KaLee Nuree  
 POW/MIA Empty Chair - Vice Cmdrs Jackson, DuMosch  
 Military Child Table Ceremony - Jr Auxiliary  
 Preamble - Laurie Kuntz  
 Blue Star Banner presentation - Jim Gaddis  
 Introductions of Arvada City Officials – Commander Ed Shreeve  
**Video Presentations**  
 Start with Why – Simon Senik – Terri Clinton  
 A few minutes with Abe Lincoln – Ann Ritacco  
**Introductions**

SAL Detachment Officers - Jim Gaddis

Auxiliary Department Officers and Juniors – Ann Ritacco  
North West Division VP – Peggy Miller - Susie Bozella

Legion Department Officers – Terri Clinton  
Western Division Vice Commander – Paula Stephenson  
Children and Youth awards – Laurie Kuntz, Scott Garrett  
Joe and Jackie Ross – Jim and Judy Gates  
COALPA rollout – Tony DuMosch

10:00 am                    **Break to separate sessions**  
10:15 am - 5 pm        Auxiliary Session – Post 161  
10:15 am - 5 pm        Sons of The American Legion Session Post 161  
10:15 am - 5 pm        Jr Auxiliary meeting – Post 161

**Legion Session**

10:15 to 11:15 am      **Post Operations** - Wadsworth Room  
                                  Post Constitution and By-Laws – Tony Jones  
                                  Post Officers Responsibilities - Tony DuMosch  
  
11:15 am                    **Break**  
12:00 pm 1:15 pm        Past Commanders Club Lunch – Swadley Room

**Reconvene – Ballroom**

1:30 pm 2:15 pm        Membership Awards - Robb Smith

2:15 pm- 3:15 pm        **“Working the Programs”**  
                                  Americanism – Jay Bowen – Greg Jackson  
                                  Baseball – Paul Gremse  
                                  Boy Scouts – Jerry Lollar  
                                  Centennial Committee – Deb Davis  
                                  Community Service – Tony DuMosch  
                                  Employment – Darrell Myers

3:15 pm -                    **Break**

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm        Children and Youth Programs – Paul Erickson  
                                  Foreign Relations/National Security – Chip Kossow  
                                  Legion Riders – Frank Serrano  
                                  POW/MIA Committee – Richard Humphrey  
                                  National Emergency Fund – Jim Hartshorn  
                                  Oratorical – Roger Masse – Janelle Rodriquez

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm        CO-ALPA meeting - Tony DuMosch – Board Room  
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm        Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation  
                                  Tools for Post Service Officers – Tom Florez

2:15 pm - 4:30 pm            Boys State Training - Swadley Room

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm        Reception for national committee appointees - Swadley Room

6:30 pm - 7 pm            **Social Hour - Post 161 banquet room**

7 - 9 pm                    Jeff Luginbuel Media Awards Banquet  
                                  Post #1 Color Guard Five Hat Ceremony  
                                  Mark Sutton - President NALPA - Key Note address

**Media Award Recipients**  
                                  Small Print Newspaper; Radio Station; Television Station  
                                  PR Chairman Tony DuMosch

### **Sunday January 28, 2018**

8:00 am - 9:00 am        **Go to Church** - Hilton Ballroom - Wadsworth Room  
                                  Four Chaplain's and Department Memorial service  
                                  Pastor Stan Hamamoto

9:00 am - 9:15 am        Closing ceremony - Hilton Ballroom  
                                  Commander Clinton,  
                                  President Ritacco,  
                                  Commander Gaddis



The American Legion Family