



**The American Legion,
Department of Colorado
2018 Convention Agenda
June 21 - 24, 2018
Hotel Elegante`
Colorado Springs, Colorado**

Thursday June 21, 2018

- 8:00 am VA&R Workshop- Chairman Tom Florez - Foothills
Reception and lunch - Garden area
- 4:00 pm Color Guard competition - Salon A
- 5:00 pm Committee Meetings - Resolutions, Constitution and By-Laws,
Apportionment, Credentials, Rules & Order - Salon E
- 6:30 pm **DEC Meeting - Salon E**
- 8:30 pm **Opening Session** - Salon E
Reading of Call to Convention - Department Adjutant Pat Smith
1st reading of Credentials Report
Rules and Order Report

Friday, June 22, 2018

- 8:00 am Registration opens - Hotel Elegante` - Convention Lobby
- 8:00 am Boys State/Girls State silent auction - Friday and Saturday - Salon D
- 8:15 am Processional - Convention Center - Ballroom A&B
- 8:30 am Call to Order - Commander Clinton, President Ritacco, Commander Gaddis
Call for Advancement of Colors
National Anthem - Melissa Flaherty
Invocation - Chaplain Stan Hamamoto
Pledge of Allegiance - Robb Smith/Teddy Kuntz
POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony - Sgt-At-Arms
Preamble - Lauri Kuntz
Blue Star Banner Presentation - SALCommander 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; Nick Acero; Robert Wall;
Robert Jones; Aaron Valdez; Adjutant - Scott Garrett; Assistant Adjutant -
Ken Yanke; Finance Officer - Jim Gelwicks; Chaplain - Trystan Cline;
Historian - Rick Kettering; Sgt-At-Arms - Pierce Hasert;
Asst Sgt-At-Arms Llyas Hasert, Ken Wederski
Judge Advocate - Richard Humphrey; Advisor - Shane Hasert
Introduction of American Legion Auxiliary Officers President Ann Ritacco

NEC – Susie Bozella; President Elect – Laurie Kuntz; Vice President – Tracy Trujillo; Secretary/Treasurer – Rhonda Larkowski; Chaplain – Theresa Brandt; Historian – Marilyn Myazima; Sgt-At-Arms – Janell Patton; Parliamentarian -Kristine Hensley; Honorary Jr. President – KaLee Nuree

- Introduction of American Legion Officers - Commander Terri Clinton
NEC Tom Florez; ANEC – Jay Bowen; Sr. Vice – Robb Smith;
Jr. Vice Commanders –Lou Brackett, Dean Noechel; Tony DuMosch; Greg Jackson; Mike Crow; Anthony Jones.
Adjutant - Charles “Pat” Smith; Deputy Adjutant - Tom Bock;
Finance Officer – Paul Erickson; Chaplain – Stan Hamamoto;
Service Officer - Dean Casey;
Historian – Deb Davis; 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
Greetings - District Commander Chip Kossow
District President Jackie Bowen
City Officials
- 9:20 am Introduction of Past National Commander Ron Conley –Commander Clinton
- 9:30 am Remarks by President Ann Ritacco
- 9:50 am Remarks by SAL Detachment Commander Jim Gaddis
- 10:00 am Remarks by Commander Terri Clinton
Presentation of Operation Bear Hug – Henry Seen, Alexandria Knappe
Presentation of Legionnaire of the Year – Terri Clinton
Introduction of Boys State Senators - Chairman Carol Kennedy
Introduction of Oratorical Winner– Roger Masse
- 10:30 am Employment Awards - Chairman Darrell Myers
- 10:45 am **Break for separate sessions**
Auxiliary Session – Salon C
Sal Session – Salon E
- 11:00 am Membership Report and Awards – Robb Smith
- 12:00 NOON **Lunch on your own**
- 12:00 NOON Past Department Commanders Lunch - Salon G
- 1:30 pm **Call to Order** - Commander Terri Clinton – Ballroom A&B
- 1:40 pm NEC Report – Tom Florez
- 1:55 pm Report of Officers and Committees
Department Commander Report – Terri Clinton
Finance Officer/Committee Report -- Paul Erickson
Female Veterans Action Committee – Deb Davis
Centennial Committee Report – Deb Davis
Public Relations Report and Awards -Tony DuMosch
POW/MIA Committee Report – Richard Humphrey – Ed Wearing
- 4:30 pm Benediction - Department Chaplain -Stan Hamamoto
- 4:30 pm Future Soldiers lunch – Foothills Room
- 5:30 pm Troop Induction – Hotel Elegante` Ballroom A&B
- Saturday, June 23, 2018**

- 7:00 am **Membership Breakfast** - Foothills Room
- 8:00 am Delegate Registration – Convention Lobby
- 9:00 am **Reconvene** – Commander Terri Clinton
- 9:15 am Reports.
- Site Selection Committee Report – Tom Florez
 - 2nd reading of Credentials Report
 - Resolutions Committee Report
 - Constitution and By-Laws Report – Doug Wooddell
- 10:00 am CO-ALPA meeting – Salon G
- 10:00 am American Legion Programs Reports
- Americanism – Jay Bowen; Baseball – Paul Gremse, Lynn Peterson;
 - Boys State – Carol Kennedy; Children and Youth – Annette Johnson;
 - Jr Shooting – Harry Fisher; Legion Riders – Frank Serrano;
 - Oratorical Committee - Roger Masse; VA&R -Tom Florez;
 - Boy Scout Report – Jerry Lollar
 - Community Service Awards – Tony DuMosch; CO-ALPA Tony DuMosch
- 12:00 NOON **Past Commanders Lunch** - Foothills Room
- 1:30 pm **Reconvene** - Commander Terri Clinton
- Final Report of Credentials Committee
 - 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 Ron Conley
 - Unfinished Business
 - Good of the Legion
 - Announcements
 - Benediction - Department Chaplain Stan Hamamoto
- 2:00 pm Legion Riders meeting – Salon F
- 6:30 pm Cocktail Reception - Lobby
- 7:00 pm Testimonial Banquet – Ballroom II
- Commander Clinton, President Ritacco, Commander Gaddis
- 8:15 pm Key-note Speaker – Past National Commander Ron Conley (PA)
- 8:45 pm Installation of new Legion Commander, Auxiliary President,
SAL Detachment Commander

Sunday, June 24, 2018

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

