



**The American Legion  
Department of Colorado  
2022 Convention Agenda  
June 30 – July 3, 2022  
Crowne Plaza Hotel`  
Denver, Colorado**

**Thursday June 30, 2022**

- 1:00 pm DEC Meeting – Breckenridge Room  
4:30 pm Committee Meetings -Resolutions, Constitution and By-Laws,  
Apportionment, Rules and Oder, Credentials

**Friday, July 1, 2022**

- 8:00 am Registration opens – Crowne Plaza Hotel – Frisco Room
- 9:00 am **Joint Opening Ceremony** - Commander Kossow, President Brandt,  
Commander Jones– Steamboat/Silverton Room  
Call for Advancement of Colors - American Legion Post 22  
National Anthem - Kaye Kerr  
Invocation - Chaplain Stan Hamamoto  
Pledge of Allegiance -  
POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony -  
Preamble – President Elect Bettina Kossow  
Military Child Table – Jr Auxiliary  
Blue Star Banner Presentation – Robert Jones
- 9:10 am Introduction of Past Detachment Commanders – Commander Robert Jones  
Introduction of SAL Officers - Detachment Commander Robert Jones  
NEC – Scott Garrett; ANEC - Nick Arceo; Sr. Vice Commander -Walter Weld;  
Jr. Vice Commanders; Jim Gaddis, Ron Noakes, Richard Humphrey;  
Adjutant – Scott Garrett; Finance Officer – Rick Baldessari;  
Asst Finance Officer - Jim Gelwicks; Chaplain – Brad Henderson;  
Historian – Vacant; Sgt-At-Arms – Teddy Kuntz;  
Judge Advocate – Richard Humphrey; Advisor – Shane Hasert  
Introduction of Past Department Presidents – President Theresa Brandt  
Introduction of NW Division Vice President Dee Dee Buckley  
Introduction of American LegionAuxiliary Officers - President Theresa Brandt  
NEC – Laurie Kuntz; President Elect – Bettina Kossow; Vice President - Janelle  
Mendelson; Secretary/Treasurer – Terry Lena; Chaplain – Donna Rae Smith;  
Historian – Nancy Diefenderfer; Sgt-At-Arms – Cathy Barger;  
Parliamentarian Donna Thompson; Honorary Jr. President – Kailey Fobare

- Introduction of Past Department Commanders – Commander Chip Kossow  
 Introduction of American Legion Officers - Commander Chip Kossow  
 NEC - Tom Florez; ANEC – Terri Clinton; Sr. Vice Commander – Dean Casey;  
 Jr. Vice Commanders –Mike Crow, Richard Devlin, Annette Johnson, Shane  
 Hasert, Willard Leight, Cornell Penn; Finance Officer – Marvin Weaver Jr;  
 Chaplain – Stan Hamamoto; Service Officer - Will Davis;  
 Historian – Deb Davis; Sgt-At-Arms – Joe Schmidt; Asst Sgt-At-Arms - Jesse  
 Montoya, Mike Bosshardt; Judge Advocate- Carl McGuire;  
 Staff –Accountant - Susan Abeyta; Service Office Admin – Sherry Hoang.
- 9:20 am Introductions of guests for greetings – Commander Chip Kossow  
 Katie Purswell – VA&R Director – Washington D.C. office  
 Presentation of Eagle Scout of the Year to Charlotte Beatson by Steve Hayes
- 10:00 am Presentations and introductions of Directors of Colorado Living Centers  
 Presentations and introductions of Directors of VA Medical Centers
- 12:00 NOON **Lunch on your own**
- 1:30 pm Auxiliary session – Telluride Room  
 1:30 pm SAL Session -Vail Room
- 1:30 pm **Call to Order** - Commander Chip Kossow – Steamboat/Silverton Room  
 Reading of Convention Call – Department Adjutant Pat Smith  
 Rules and Order Report – Terri Clinton  
 1st Reading of Credentials Report – Paul Erickson
- 1:40 pm Report of Officers and Committees  
 Department Commander Report – Chip Kossow  
 Jr Vice Commanders Reports  
 NEC Report and VA&R – Tom Florez  
 Finance Officer Report -- Marvin Weaver Jr.
- American Legion Programs Committee Reports**  
 Americanism – Annette Johnson; Baseball - Dan Reyez;  
 Boy Scouts – Steve Hayes; Boys State – Jay Bowen;  
 Children and Youth – Jesse Montoya; Community Service – Richard Devlin;  
 Jr Shooting - Larry Underwood; Legion Riders – Steve Hayes;  
 Legislative – Jim Stanko; National Security – Cornell Penn;  
 Oratorical – Terri Clinton; POW/MIA - Mike Crow.
- 2:00 pm Post Service Officer Training – Will Davis - Aspen Room  
 3:00 pm VA&R Director - Katie Purswell – Aspen Room  
 4:30 pm Benediction - Department Chaplain -Stan Hamamoto  
 6:00 pm Friends of Bill W (AA Recovery Meeting)– Breckenridge Room  
 6:00-9:00 pm Hospitality Room

**Saturday, July 2, 2022**

- 7:00 am Legion Breakfast – Breckenridge Room
- 8:00 am Delegate Registration - Crowne Plaza Hotel – Frisco Room
- 8:30 am **Reconvene** – Commander Chip Kossow – Steamboat/Silverton Room
- 8:30 am Reports.  
Resolutions Committee Report - Ralph Bozella  
Constitution and By-Laws Report – Robb Smith  
2nd reading of Credentials Report – Paul Erickson
- 10:00 am Convention Site Selection Committee Report – Jay Bowen
- 10:15 am Introduction of Department Oratorical Winner to Emily Kastens  
by Oratorical Chair Terri Clinton
- 10:30 am Commander’s Awards
- 11:00 am Membership Report and Awards – Sr Vice Commander Dean Casey
- 12:00 NOON **Past Commanders Lunch – Breckenridge Room**
- 1:30 pm **Reconvene** - Commander Chip Kossow  
Final Report of Credentials Committee – Paul Erickson  
Nominations & Elections of Department Officers  
Apportionment Committee Report - Mike Crow  
District Caucuses - Elect Nat’l Convention Delegates  
Ratification of Delegates & Alternates to National Convention  
Installation of new Department Officers – PNC Tom Bock  
Unfinished Business  
Good of the Legion  
Announcements  
Benediction - Department Chaplain Stan Hamamoto
- 4:00 pm Riders Meeting – Aspen Room
- 6:30 pm Cocktail Reception – Cash Bar – Lobby of Salon B
- 7:00 pm **Testimonial Banquet** – Commander Kossow, President Brandt, Commander Jones  
POW/MIA Remembrance Service – Denver Post 1 Honor Guard - Salon B

**Sunday, July 3, 2022**

- 8:30 am **The Four Chaplain’s and Department Memorial Service**  
Pastor Stan Hamamoto – Steamboat/Silverton Room
- 9:30 am **Adjourn**
- 9:45 am Department Executive Committee Meeting - Breckenridge Room



# American Legion Auxiliary Department of Colorado

**2022 CONVENTION AGENDA  
JUNE 30-JULY 3, 2022  
CROWN PLAZA HOTEL, DENVER, CO**

## **Thursday - June 30, 2022**

**2:00 pm** Pre-Convention Department Executive Board Meeting – **Vail Room**  
Pre-Convention Committee Meetings (Rules, Credentials, Resolutions, Constitution & Bylaws, Appointments) To be arranged as needed by Chairman

## **Friday - July 1, 2022**

**8:00 am** Registration Open – **Lobby outside Vail Room**  
*Only elected unit officers will be allowed to pick up membership cards for their Units*

**9:00 am** **Joint Opening Ceremony-Steamboat / Silverton Room**

- Commander Chip Kossow, President Theresa Brandt, Commander Robert Jones
- Call for Advancement of Colors – American Legion Post 22
- National Anthem – Kaye Kerr
- Invocation-Chaplain Stan Hamamoto
- Pledge of Allegiance
- POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony
- Preamble – President Elect Bettina Kossow
- Military Child Table – Jr. Auxiliary
- Blue Star Banner Presentation-Commander Robert Jones

**9:10 am** **Introductions**

- Introduction of Past Detachment Commanders – Commander Robert Jones
- Introduction of SAL Officers – Detachment Commander Robert Jones
- Introduction of Past Department Presidents - President Theresa Brandt
- Introduction of National Northwest Division Vice President- Dee Dee Buckley
- Introduction of American Legion Auxiliary Department Officers – President Theresa Brandt
- Introduction of Past Department Commanders -Commander Chip Kossow
- Introduction of American Legion Officers – Commander Chip Kossow

**9:20 am** Introductions of guests for greetings – Commander Chip Kossow

**10:00 am** Presentations and introductions of Directors of Colorado Living Centers  
Presentations and introductions of Directors of VA Medical Centers

**12:00 pm** Lunch on your own

**12:00 pm** PDP lunch (PDP's only) **Breckenridge Room**

**1:30 pm** Auxiliary Session Convenes-President Theresa Brandt – **Vail Room**

Junior Auxiliary Sessions Reconvenes

Opening Remarks-President Theresa Brandt

Minutes approval Committee

Roll Call

Dispensing of the Minutes

First reading of Credentials Report

Rules and Order Report

Resolutions

Constitution & Bylaws

#### **Committee Reports**

- Americanism- Judy Sadler
- Auxiliary Emergency Fund-Jackie Bowen
- Audit Report – Donna Thompson
- Cavalcade of Memories-Donna Thompson
- Children & Youth-Deb Jackson
- Strategic Planning Committee-Laurie Kuntz
- Community Service -Royce Hopper
- Education-Susie Bozella
- VA&R/Service to Veterans-Janelle Mendelson
- Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center-Diane Erickson
- Fitzsimmons Community Living Center-Aurora- Diane Erickson
- Fisher House-Terri Clinton
- PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Clinic- Colorado Springs-Linda O'Riley
- Bruce McCandless Veterans Community Living Center-Theresa Brandt
- Veterans Administration Medical Center - Grand Junction-Jennifer Avery
- Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake-Evelyn Espinola
- VA Community Living Center-Pueblo- Tracy Trujillo
- PFC James Dunn VA Clinic-Pueblo-Tracy Trujillo
- VA Community Living Center at Rifle-Jennifer Avery
- Spanish Peaks Veterans Community Living Center-Walsenburg -Margaret Gleisberg
- Finance Committee-Donna Rae Smith
- Fundraising-Theresa Brandt
- Presidents Project-Theresa Brandt
- Girls State-Kaylene Khosla

- Junior Activities-Faline Fobare
- Leadership-Nancy Diefenderfer
- Legislative-Terri Clinton
- Membership-Shelley McLatchie

Caretake Award - Children Caretakers Certificates - Theresa Brandt

Nominations of 2022-2023 Department Officers

Announcements

**5:00 pm** Recess

**6:00-9:00 pm** Hospitality Rooms

**Saturday - July 2, 2022**

**7:00 am** Membership Breakfast - All Auxiliary Members Welcome hosted by new membership chair for 2022-2023 **Vail Room**

**8:00 am -** **Registration Lobby outside of Vail Room**

**8:30 am** Auxiliary Reconvenes **Vail Room**

**8:30 am** Juniors Reconvenes

**8:30 am** Credentials-Final Reading  
 Constitution & Bylaws –Donna Thompson  
 Resolutions  
 Election of 2022- 2023 Officers  
 Girls State Director Kaylene Khosla  
 Girls State Governor  
 Poppy & Plaque-Evelyn Espinola  
 National Security-Laure Kuntz  
 Public Relations-Laurie Kuntz

**11:30 am** Recess

**12:00 pm** Past Presidents Parley Luncheon. All Auxiliary members welcome Hosted by PPP Chairman Ann Ritacco – **Vail Room**

**1:30 PM** Auxiliary Reconvenes – **Vail Room**

Juniors Reconvenes - Junior Activities Faline Fobare introduction of Junior Auxiliary 2022-2023 Officers Installation of Honorary Department Junior Officers

National Northwest Division Vice President – Dee Dee Buckley

Past President Parley-Ann Ritacco

PPP Health Professional Scholarship - Laurie Kuntz

Prayer Book Award-Donna Rae Smith

History Book awards-Nancy Diefenderfer

**Officers Reports:**

- District President's Reports 1-14
- NEC-Laurie Kuntz
- Department President Elect- Bettina Kossow
- Department Vice President- Janelle Mendelson
- Department Secretary / Treasurer – Terry Lena
- Department Chaplain-Donna Rae Smith
- Department Historian-Nancy Diefenderfer
- Department Sgt at Arms-Cathy Barger
- Department President-Theresa Brandt
- Appointment of National Convention Delegates-Terry Lena
- Courtesy Resolutions- Donna Thompson
- Newly elected President's remarks-Bettina Kossow
- 2022-2023 Membership Turn In
- Installation of new Officers to include DEC's
- Announcements Banquet information
- Adjournment

**6:30 pm** Cocktail Reception - **Salon B Room**

**7:00 pm** Banquet Commander Chip Kossow, President Theresa Brandt, SAL  
Commander Bobby Jones- **Salon B Room**

**Sunday - July 3, 2022**

**8:30 am** The Four Chaplain's and Department Memorial Service-Pastor Stan Hamamoto  
Adjournment of Convention – **Steamboat / Silverton Room**

**9:30 am** Post Convention Department Executive Board Meeting -**Vail Room**  
New DEC's instruction by NEC –Laurie Kuntz

**10:30 am** Adjourn



**Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Colorado  
2022 Convention  
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1:00 PM Legion DEC meeting

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8:45 am Joint Opening Session, Legion, Auxiliary, SAL

12:00 Noon Lunch on your own

1:00 pm SAL Pre-convention DEC meeting  
SAL Delegate Registration

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7:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am SAL convention meeting

11:45 am Recess for lunch

12:00 Noon Past Commanders lunch

1:30 pm Reconvene SAL meeting

7:00 pm Testimonial banquet

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