

THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION BEST WESTERN INN OF ALEXANDRIA

June 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2025

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

8:00 AM	Dept HQ & Registration (Legion, Aux & SAL).....	Lobby
10:00 AM	Americanism.....	Sunflower
11:00 AM	Children & Youth.....	Azalea
1:00 PM	Constitution & By-Laws.....	Dogwood
2:00 PM	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation.....	Sunflower
3:00 PM	Internal Affairs.....	Dogwood
6:00 PM	DEC.....	Rose Garden

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

08:00 AM	US Flag Raising – Hotel Flag Pole	Hotel Front Entrance
08:00 AM	Department Headquarters.....	Lobby Boardroom
	Registration Badges Legion & Auxiliary & SAL	
09:00 AM	Opening Session.....	Rose Garden
	Call to Order.....	Angela Gomon <i>Department Commander</i>
	Advance of Colors.....	Willis London <i>Department Sgt-at-Arms</i>
		Otis Baskerville & Wilber Vallier, Sr <i>Department Color Bearers</i>
	Advance of District Colors.....	District Commanders District Color Bearers
	Invocation.....	Keith Fontenet <i>Department Chaplain</i>
	Pledge of Allegiance.....	Frank Richard <i>Department Vice Commander</i>

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POW/MIA ChairAnthony Haywood
Department Vice Commander
Preamble.....Carl McGee
Jr Past Department Commander
Memorial Service.....Keith Fontenot
Department Chaplain
Presentation of Convention Gavel.....Rudy Bourg, Sr
National Executive Committee

Greetings:

Introduction of Honored Guests.....Angela Gomon
Department Commander
City of
Alexandria.....Jacques Roy
Mayor
City of Pineville.....Joseph Bishop
Mayor
Disable American Veterans.....Pam Russell
Dept. 1st Jr Vice Commander
40 & 8.....Philip Legendre
Grand Chef de Gare
VFW.....Debbie McElhannon
Commander
AMVETS.....Emmett Bailey
Commander
Introduce Past Department Commander.....Carl McGee
Past Department Commander

Reports & Awards:

Department 4H & FFA Scholarship Awards.....Michael Peats
Chairperson
Department C.L. Stiffel Award.....Hoston Whitley
Chairperson
Report of Post CredentialsTony L. Betts
Department Adjutant
1:00 PM - NALC Training.....(1:00-4:00 PM).....NALC Training Team
Room 140
3:00 PM M.C. “Mike” Gehr Blue Cap Club.....Rodney Holliday, *President*
Pelican Room
4:00 PM Joint Children & Youth.....Plantation Room
Anthony Haywood *Chairperson*
5:30 PM Cash Bar – Testimonial.....Solarium
6:00 PM SAL DEC Session.....Pelican Room
6:00 PM Doors open for Testimonial Dinner
7:00 PM Joint Testimonial Dinner (Legion, Auxiliary & SAL.....Rose Garden
7:00pm-11:00pm DJAtrium

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SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

08:00 AM. Registration Legion, Auxiliary & S.A.L.....Lobby Boardroom
Department Headquarters
09:00 AM.. Reconvene Legion Joint Session (with Auxiliary, S.A.L)Rose Garden

Call to Order.....Angela Gomon
Department Commander

Greetings:

American Legion Auxiliary.....Yolanda Robertson
National Executive Committeewoman

American Legion AuxiliaryAmy Watts
Department President

Sons of the American Legion..... Camille A. LeJeune, Jr.
National Executive Committeeman

Sons of the American Legion.....John Lawrence
National Vice Commander

Sons of The American Legion.....Gerald Mott
Detachment Commander

Department JROTC Cadet of the Year.....Garry Winchester
Chairperson

Department Eagle Scout of the Year.....Garry Winchester
Chairperson

VA Medical Center Shreveport.....Richard Crockett
Director

LA Department of Veterans Affairs.....Charlton Meginley
Secretary

LA Army & Air National Guard.....Thomas Friloux
Major General

Introduction of National Guest.....Rudy Bourg, Sr
National Executive Committeeman

National Vice CommanderJoseph Lysaght

10:00 AM.. Junior Auxiliary.....Sunflower

The Auxiliary and S.A.L members will be dismissed to their respective Conferences

Awards/Reports:

Educator of the Year.....Linda Resendez
Chairperson

Children and Youth.....Anthony Haywood
Chairperson

Commission on Media and Communication.....Lynette Blanchard
Chairperson

Commission on Boys State.....Tina Cielatka
Chairperson

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	Commission on National Security & Governmental Affairs.....	Corey Moore
	<i>Firefighter of the Year</i>	<i>Chairperson</i>
	<i>Law Enforcement Officer of the Year</i>	
	<i>Citizen of the Year</i>	
	Commission on Baseball.....	Sidney Parfait
		<i>Chairperson</i>
	Commission on Finance.....	Sidney Parfait
		<i>Chairperson</i>
	Commission on Department Convention.....	Kendall Young
		<i>Chairperson</i>
	Constitution & By Laws Committee.....	Allen Dunn
		<i>Chairperson</i>
	Internal Affairs.....	Derrick Brock
		<i>Chairperson</i>
	Recess	
12:00 noon	Past Department Commander's Luncheon.....	Room 140
1:30 PM.	Reconvene.....	Rose Garden
	Call to Order.....	Angela Gomon
		<i>Department Commander</i>

VETERANS BENEFIT SESSION

This is an open meeting for those interested in Veterans Affairs, Veterans Rehabilitation problems, and Veterans Legislation.
** Open to the Public (convention badges are not required) **

1:30 PM.	Commission on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation.....	James Jackson
		<i>Chairperson</i>
	<i>Richard Crockett, Overton Brooks VA Medical Center</i>	
	<i>Fernando Rivera, New Orleans Medical Center</i>	
	<i>Eric Kuyper, LDVA Commission Representative</i>	

District Caucus Room Assignments (Candidates visits 15 minutes)

3:00 PM.	1 st District.....	Sunflower
	3 rd District.....	Dogwood
	5 th District.....	Azalea
	7 th District.....	Orchid
4:00 PM.	2 nd District.....	Sunflower
	4 th District.....	Dogwood
	6 th District.....	Azalea
	8 th District.....	Orchid
5:00 PM	Past Post Commanders Club.....	Dogwood

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5:00 PM - Children's Workshop.....National American Legion College Alumni
7:00 PM . Atrium

6:00 PM. Department Auxiliary President Reception.....Solarium

7:00 –11:00 PM DJ.....Atrium

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SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

09:00 AM. Department Headquarters.....Lobby Boardroom
Registration Legion, Auxiliary & SAL

09:00 AM Reconvene for Final Session.....Rose Garden

Call to Order..... Angela Gomon
Department Commander

Invocation.....Keith Fontenot
Department Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance.....Anthony Haywood
Department Vice Commander

Preamble.....Frank Richard
Department Vice Commander

Judge Advocate Report.....William Stroud
Department Judge Advocate

Report of Department Vice Commanders

Membership Awards.....(Districts 4,5,7,8).....Frank Richard
(Districts 1,2,3,6) Anthony Haywood
Department Vice Commanders

M.C. “Mike” Gehr Blue Cap AwardRodney Holiday
President

Report of Department Commander.....Angela Gomon
Commander

Introduction of New Detachment Commander.....Angela Gomon
Commander

Other Business requiring action of Convention.....Angela Gomon
Commander

Presentation of Caps to New District Commanders/DEC’s..... Rudy Bourg, Sr
National Executive Committeeman

Introduction/Installation of New Dist Cmdrs & Dist DEC.....Angela Gomon
Commander

Presentation of Caps to Outgoing Department officers.....Rudy Bourg, Sr
National Executive Committeeman

Final Report of Credentials & Voting Eligibility, Post Roll Call.....Tony L. Betts
Department Adjutant

Nomination of Candidates running for Department Officers (3 minutes time limit)

VOTING RULES

Election Order of Department Officers

- (1) Alternate NEC
- (1) NEC
- (2) Color Bearers
- (1) Sergeant-at-Arms
- (2) Vice Commanders
- (1) Commander

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Election of Delegates (10) & Alternates (5) to National Conv.....Tony L. Betts
Department Adjutant
Presentation of Caps to Newly Elected Department Officers..... Rudy Bourg, Sr
National Executive Committeeman
Installation of Newly Elected Department Officers..... Angela Gomon
Jr Past Department Commander
Pinning of Department Commander and Vice Commanders
Colors will remain in place.

*The Post-Department Convention Department Executive Committee
(DEC) meeting will be held immediately following adjournment of
Department Convention.*

All 2025-2026 Department Officers, District Officers plus District DEC Members
must attend.

Adjourn

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SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

POST CONVENTION DEC MEETING

Call to Order & Salute the Colors.....Department Commander

Invocation.....Department Chaplain

POW/MIA.....Department Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance..... Department Vice Commander

Preamble..... Department Vice Commander

Roll Call of Voting DEC Members.....Adjutant

Recommendation on Appointment of Department Adjutant.....Angela Gomon
Junior Past Department Commander

Recommendation on Appt of Dept. Asst. Adjutant.... Angela Gomon
Junior Past Department Commander

Appointment of Other Department Officers.....Department Commander

Appointment of Commission Chairpersons.....Department Commander

Other Business for the DEC.....Department Commander

Benediction.....Department Chaplain

Retrieve POW/MIA Flag.....Department Vice Commanders

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