



# **THE AMERICAN LEGION**

## **Department of California**

### **104th DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

VISALIA, CA  
303 E. Acequia Ave, Visalia, CA 93291  
June 22nd– 25th, 2023

## **AGENDA**

### **Wednesday June 21st, 2023**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Credentials Meeting (District Secretaries)**

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 22nd, 2023**

9:00 a.m. – Noon **Pre-Convention Department Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting**  
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Convention Committee Meetings**

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd, 2023**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **District Caucus** (Exhibit Hall)  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Opening Session: 104<sup>th</sup> Department Convention**

- Advancement of Colors
- Invocation
- POW/MIA
- Pledge of Allegiance
- National Anthem
- Preamble
- Call for the 104<sup>th</sup> Department Convention

#### **Welcome by the 15<sup>th</sup> District,**

- 15<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Ralph Wenzinger

#### **Announcements**

- Department Adjutant, Sam Flores

**Introduction of Local Dignitaries** – Mayor Steven Nelsen, Mayor Frank Gonzalez, Judy Leonardi

#### **Greeting**

- Department Commander, Jere Romano

Presentation Memorial

#### **Acknowledgement of National Guest**

#### **Acknowledgement of Past Department Commanders**

#### **Acknowledgement of American Legion Family Dignitaries**

##### **Western Regional National Vice Commander**

- Past National Vice Commander, James Higuera

##### **American Legion Auxiliary**

- Department President, Gloria Williams

##### **Sons of The American Legion**

- Detachment Commander, Jeffrey Flynt

#### **Committees of the Convention**

**Credentials / Organization & Rules / Parliamentarians / Resolutions Assignment**

**Credentials Committee Report**

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### **AGENDA**

FRIDAY, June 23rd, 23 **Opening Session (Continued)**

#### **Call for Department Office Nominations**

- Commander
- Sergeant-At-Arms
- Vice-Commander Area 1
- Vice-Commander Area 2
- Vice-Commander Area 3
- Vice-Commander Area 4
- Vice-Commander Area 5
- Vice-Commander Area 6

#### **Department Service Officer Report – Interim DSO, Mark Campos**

#### **104<sup>th</sup> CONVENTION IN RECESS UNTIL 2:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. – Noon

#### **Morning Training Workshops (See Training Schedule)**

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

#### **Afternoon Training Workshops (See Training Schedule)**

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### **104<sup>th</sup> Convention Reconvenes**

#### **Announcements – Department Adjutant**

#### **Department Vice-Commander Reports**

#### **Presentation of Awards and Citations**

- Community Service Awards – Community Service Commission
- Children & Youth Awards – Children & Youth Commission
- Blood Donor Award – Blood Donor Committee
- James Fiske Award – Americanism Commission
- Employment Awards – Veterans Employment Commission
- Law Enforcement Officer of the Year – Law and Order Commission
- Legionnaire of the Year – Leadership Commission

#### **Posting of Proposed Amendments to Department By-Laws**

#### **Credentials Report**

#### **Department Officer Reports**

- Department Commander – Jere Romano
- National Executive Committeeman – Robert Heinisch
- Department Adjutant – Sam Flores
- Department Judge Advocate – Joseph McCann
- Department Chaplain – Dave Whalen
- Department Historian – Fred Shacklett
- Department Sergeant at Arms – Manual Vital

#### **Call for National Convention Nominations**

- At-Large Delegates
- Alternate At-Large Delegates

#### **Resolutions**

#### **Special Resolution – Mark Rice**

#### **Convention Standing Committee Reports**

#### **104<sup>th</sup> CONVENTION IN RECESS UNTIL SATURDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

#### **Evening Training Workshops (See Training Schedule))**

4:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

#### **Color Guard Competition**

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 24th, 2023**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**District Caucus**

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**104<sup>th</sup> Convention Reconvenes**

**ROLL CALL**

**Announcements – Department Adjutant**

**Introduction of Local Dignitaries – Senator Shannon Grove**

**Credentials Update Report**

**American Legion Riders**

➤ Department Director, Michael Smith

**Department Candidate Remarks**

➤ Commander

➤ Sergeant-At-Arms

➤ Vice-Commander Area 1

➤ Vice-Commander Area 2

➤ Vice-Commander Area 3

➤ Vice-Commander Area 4

➤ Vice-Commander Area 5

➤ Vice-Commander Area 6

**Boys State Report – Gary Leach**

**2023 Boys & Girls State Winner – Governor or Governess**

**Department Oratorical Report – Mildred Wright-Pearson**

**2023 Department Oratorical Winner – Mahee Haswani**

**Legislative Representation Report - Seth Reeb**

**Reading and Approval of Amendments to Department By-Laws**

**Memorial Service – Department Chaplain, David Whalen**

**104<sup>th</sup> CONVENTION IN RECESS UNTIL 1:15 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. – Noon

**Morning Training Workshops (See Training Schedule)**

1:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**104<sup>th</sup> Convention Reconvenes**

**Announcements – Department Adjutant, Sam Flores**

**Credentials Report**

**Department Eagle Scout of the Year – Commission Chair, Michael Heckenlaible**

**Resolutions continued**

**Finance Chair - Hugh Crooks**

**Membership Awards – Membership Director, Jeff Daly**

**Convention Standing Committee Reports (continued)**

**104<sup>th</sup> CONVENTION IN RECESS UNTIL SUNDAY, JUNE 25th, 2023**

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Evening Training Workshops (See Training Schedule)**

5:30 p.m.

**Commanders & Presidents Banquet (Wyndham Hotel)**

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 25th, 2023**

- 8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.      **District Caucus**
- 9:00 a.m. – Noon      **104<sup>th</sup> Convention Reconvenes**  
**Announcements – Department Adjutant, Sam Flores**  
**Color Guard Competition Report**  
**Finance Report – Commission Chairman, Hugh Crooks**  
**Elections**
- Department Commander
  - Department Sergeant-At-Arms
  - Department Vice-Commander Area 1
  - Department Vice-Commander Area 2
  - Department Vice-Commander Area 3
  - Department Vice-Commander Area 4
  - Department Vice-Commander Area 5
  - Department Vice-Commander Area 6
  - Department At-Large Delegates to National Convention
  - Department Alternate At-Large Delegates to National Convention
- Installation of 2023 – 2024 Department Officers**
- Capping and pinning of Department Commander
  - Capping of Department Officers
  - Floral Presentations to incoming/outgoing First Ladies
- Retirement of 2022 – 2023 Department Officers**  
**Retirement of Department Colors**  
**104<sup>th</sup> Convention Adjourns**
- Noon – Close      **Post-Convention Department Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting**

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