



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Department of California

105th DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

VISALIA, CA

303 E. Acequia Ave, Visalia, CA 93291

June 27th– 30th, 2024

AGENDA

Wednesday June 26th, 2024

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Credentials Meeting** June 26 at 2 pm hybrid (in person and via ZOOM)

THURSDAY, JUNE 27th, 2024

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 28th, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **District Caucus** (Exhibit Hall)

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Opening Session: 105th Department Convention**

- Advancement of Colors
- Invocation
- POW/MIA
- Pledge of Allegiance
- National Anthem
- Preamble
- Call for the 105th Department Convention

Welcome by the 15th District

- 15th District Commander, Chris Wenzinger

Announcements

- Department Adjutant, Sam Flores

Introduction of State Dignitaries – Department Adjutant

– Honorable Senator Bob Archuleta

Introduction of Local Dignitaries – Department Commander

– Mayor Brian Pochigian, Mayor Frank Gonzalez,

Greeting

- Department Commander, John Aldridge

Acknowledgement of Past Department Commanders – Distinguished Chair Nick Rosa

Acknowledgement of American Legion Family Dignitaries – Department Commander

American Legion Auxiliary

- Department President, Glenda Schultz

Sons of The American Legion

- Detachment Commander, Sean Brandon
- National Commander SAL, Donald “JR” Hall

Committees of the Convention – Diane Devries

Credentials / Organization & Rules / Parliamentarians / Resolutions Assignment

Credentials Committee Report

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Opening Session (Continued)

Call for Department Office Nominations

- Commander
- Sergeant-At-Arms
- National Executive Committee Person
- Alt National Executive Committee Person
- 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 – DSO, Matthew Jackson

105th 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.

105th Convention Reconvenes

Announcements – Department Adjutant

Department Vice-Commander Reports

Baseball Presentation – Judy Leonardi

Guest Presentation

-Waco Hoover, National Be The One Initiative

-Lindsey Sin, CalVet Secretary

Presentation of Awards and Citations

- Chaplain of the Year – Department Chaplain Dr. Kathy Cash
- Fire Fighter of the Year – Law and Order Commission
- Law Enforcement Officer of the Year – Law and Order Commission
- Legionnaire of the Year – Leadership Commission
- Lifetime Achievement – Leadership Commission
- Media & Communications Award – Media & Communication Commission

Posting of Proposed Amendments to Department By-Laws – Mark Rice

Credentials Report – Diane Devries

Department Officer Reports

- Department Commander – John Aldridge
- National Executive Committeeman – Robert Heinisch
- Department Adjutant – Sam Flores
- Department Judge Advocate – Amado Salinas
- Department Chaplain – Dr. Kathy Cash
- Department Historian – Auggie Galaviz
- Department Sergeant at Arms – Jeff Jewell

Call for National Convention Nominations

- At-Large Delegates
- Alternate At-Large Delegates

Resolutions/Special Resolution – Scott Sinclair

Convention Standing Committee Reports

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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 29th, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

District Caucus

105th Convention Reconvenes

ROLL CALL

Announcements – Department Adjutant

Acknowledgement of National Guest – Alt NEC Larry Leonardo

- Following Candidate, National Commander, Dan Wiley, Dept of Kansas 2025-2026

Credentials Update Report – Diane Devries

American Legion Riders

- Department Director, Michael Smith

Department Candidate Remarks

- Commander
- Sergeant-At-Arms
- National Executive Committee Person
- Alt National Executive Committee Person
- 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 & Girls State Report – Gary Leach

2024 Boys & Girls State Winner – Governor or Governess

Department Oratorical Report – Mildred Wright-Pearson

Legislative Representation Report - Seth Reeb

Reading and Approval of Amendments to Department By-Laws

- Mark Rice

Memorial Service – Department Chaplain, Dr. Kathy Cash

105th CONVENTION IN RECESS UNTIL 1:15 p.m.

11:00 a.m. – Noon
1:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Morning Training Workshops (See Training Schedule)

105th Convention Reconvenes

Announcements – Department Adjutant, Sam Flores

Credentials Report

Department Eagle Scout of the Year

- Commission Chair, Michael Heckenlaible

Resolutions continued

- Commission Chair, Scott Sinclair

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Finance Chair

- Commission Chair, Hugh Crooks

Membership Awards

- Membership Director, Jeff Freeman

Convention Standing Committee Reports (continued)

105th CONVENTION IN RECESS UNTIL SUNDAY, JUNE 30th, 2024

Evening Training Workshops (See Training Schedule)

Commanders & Presidents Banquet (Visalia Convention Center)

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 30th, 2024

8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

District Caucus

9:00 a.m. – Noon

105th Convention Reconvenes

Announcements

- Department Adjutant, Sam Flores

Color Guard Competition Report

- Commission Chair, James Higuera

Finance Report – Commission Chairman, Hugh Crooks

Elections

- Department Commander
- Department Sergeant-At-Arms
- National Executive Committee Person
- Alt National Executive Committee Person
- 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 2024 – 2025 Department Officers

- Capping and pinning of Department Commander
- Capping of Department Officers
- Floral Presentations to incoming/outgoing First Ladies
- Recognition of Department Staff

Retirement of 2023 – 2024 Department Officers

Retirement of Department Colors

105th Convention Adjourns

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Noon – Close Post-Convention Department Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting

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