



(This agenda is subject to change as invited speakers confirm and are scheduled)

**85th ANNUAL CONVENTION
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF CALIFORNIA
JUNE 27 – 30, 2024
VISALIA, CA**

AGENDA

Thursday, June 27, 2024

ON SITE REGISTRATION DAYS & TIMES:

S.A.L. OFFICE, Convention Center, San Joaquin “B” (next door to T.A.L. Office)

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2024; 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Noon).

NO FURTHER ON SITE REGISTRATION.

4:30 PM – Conclusion, the Granite Room, Marriott

Pre-Convention D.E.C. Chaired by 2023-2024 Detachment Commander Sean Brandon

- Call to order by Commander Brandon
- Invocation by Chaplain Matt Mazzarella
- Presentation of POW/MIA flag by Sgt.-At-Arms Joseph Meraz
- Pledge of Allegiance by Jr. Vice Commander Charles Curtis
- Preamble of the Sons of The American Legion by Sr. Vice Commander Tim Saucedo
- Reading of the Pre-Convention D.E.C. Call by Adjutant Alex Brandon
- Reading of the last D.E.C. Minutes by Adjutant Alex Brandon
- Presentation of Finance Commission Report Chairman PDC Frank Meraz
- Presentation of Internal Affairs Commission Report PDC Paul Mesmer
- Assistant Officer Appointments for Convention
- Old Business

- New Business
- Good of the Sons
- Closing Prayer
- Salute to the Colors
- Adjournment

Friday, June 28, 2024, In the Ballroom at the Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, Visalia, CA.

9:00 AM Official Opening Ceremony of 85th Annual Detachment Convention

First Business Session

- Call to order by Detachment Commander Sean Brandon
- Presentation of Colors by Sgt-At-Arms Joseph Meraz
- Invocation by Chaplain Matt Mazzarella
- Presentation of POW/MIA flag by Assistant Sgt.-At-Arms Joey Curtis
- Pledge of Allegiance by A1VC Al Delsid
- Preamble of the Sons of The American Legion by A2VC Jeff Driskell
- Blue Star Banner presentation by A3VC Curtis Hammil
- Reading of the Convention Call by Adjutant Alex Brandon
- Roll call of Duly Certified Squadrons by Adjutant Alex Brandon
- Roll call of Detachment Officers by Adjutant Alex Brandon
- Opening Remarks by Commander Sean Brandon
- Introduction of Distinguished Guests by National Executive Committeeman Ned Fox, PDC, PNVCW
- Credentials Committee Report by Chairman TBD
- Convention Appointments by Commander Sean Brandon
- First Reading of Resolutions (incl. C & B) by IA Chairman Paul Mesmer, PDC

11:30 AM Salute to the Colors

Recess until 1:00 PM for lunch (on own)

1:00 PM Reconvene Convention (Ballroom)

Salute to the Colors

Detachment Reports:

- Vice Commander Area 1 – Al Delsid
- Vice Commander Area 2 – Jeff Driskell
- Vice Commander Area 3 – Curtis Hammil
- Vice Commander Area 4 – Tashaka Starwell
- Vice Commander Area 5 – Derek Bellefueille
- Vice Commander Area 6 – Jon Jackman
- Finance Officer Report by Alex Kay
- NEC Report Ned Fox, PDC, PNVCW
- First reading of proposed 2024-2025 Budget by Finance Chairman Frank Meraz, PDC
- First Nomination of Detachment Officers for 2024-2025
- First Nomination of National Convention Delegates & Alternates for 2024-2025
- Announcements
- Salute to the Colors

Recess until Saturday, June 29, 2024, at 9:00 AM

Break-out sessions:

FIVE STAR TRAINING to begin 15 minutes after the recess on Friday, conducted by Charles Curtis, Jr. Vice Commander (same room).

Committee on Instruction to begin 15 minutes after the recess on Friday, Granite Room, Marriott.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29th, 2024

Saturday, June 29, 2024, In the Ballroom at the Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, Visalia, CA.

9:00 AM Reconvene 85th Annual Detachment Convention

Second Business Session

- Call to Order by Commander Sean Brandon
- Pledge of Allegiance by A4VC Tashaka Starwell
- Roll Call of Officers and Squadrons by Adjutant Alex Brandon
- Membership Report and Awards by Sr. Vice Commander Tim Saucedo
- Largest Squadron Membership Increase Award Presentation by Commander Sean Brandon
- Introduction of Distinguished Guests by NECman Ned Fox, PDC, PNVCW
 - Remarks by State Sen. Bob Archuleta, then accompany him over to Legion floor.
- Second Reading of Resolutions by IA Chairman Paul Mesmer, PDC
- Announcements
- Salute to the Colors

11:00 – 11:30 AM Memorial Service by Chaplain Mazzarella, then Recess until 1:00 PM for lunch

CATERED LUNCH FOR ALL S.A.L. REGISTERED DELEGATES
(You must have your convention credential with you for lunch)
Granite Room, Mariott

1:00 PM Reconvene Convention (Ballroom)

- Roll Call of Detachment Officers and Squadrons by Adjutant Brandon
- Commander's Final Report
- SAL Commission Report by TAL Department Chairman Lee Lombard
- Americanism Commission Report & Awards Presentation by Jr. Vice CDR Charles Curtis
- Commander's Awards (including Son of the Year Award and Legionnaire of the Year) by Commander Sean Brandon
- Second Nomination and **Election of Detachment Officers for 2024-2025**
- Second Nomination and Election of National Convention Delegates & Alternates 2024-2025
- Installation of Officers
- Good of The Sons / Announcements

- Retirement of Colors by Sgt-At-Arms Joseph Meraz
- Benediction by Chaplain Mazzarella
- Adjournment/Dismissal of Delegates

Sunday, June 25, 2024, In Granite Room, Marriott.

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Post – Convention D.E.C. Chaired by 2024-2025 Detachment Commander

- Call to order by Commander
- Invocation by Chaplain
- Presentation of POW/MIA flag by Sgt.-At-Arms
- Pledge of Allegiance by Jr. Vice CDR
- Preamble of the Sons of The American Legion by Sr. Vice CDR.
- Roll Call of new Detachment Officers for 2024-2025 by Alex Brandon
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Approval of Commander's Appointed Detachment Officer positions
 - Approval of Commander's Commission and Committee Appointments
 - Collection of Detachment Officers Data Sheets
 - Announcement of future Detachment Executive Committee meeting location and dates
 - Review National Convention Delegate List (email, phone, and Squadron number) for Aug. 23 – 27 in New Orleans, Louisiana
- Good of the Sons
- Closing Prayer
- Salute to the Colors
- Adjournment

Officers and appointees please wear a tie for pictures.

Remember...

“LEADERSHIP IS AN ACTION – NOT A POSITION.” – Donald McGannon