2020 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN
DES MOINES, IOWA
FEBRUARY 13 – 16, 2020

“ONWARD AND UPWARD”

“100 YEARS OF SERVICE NOT SELF”

02/10/2020
THE AMERICAN LEGION
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
& AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

AMERICAN LEGION & SAL REGISTRATION

Friday, February 14, 2020  9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 15, 2020  7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020

BLOOD DRIVE – Iowa Room B – 11:00 a.m.– 3:40 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETINGS & EVENTS: See Page 5 for details

JOINT SESSION:  Ballroom / 7:00 p.m.
Call to Order – James Kessler, Department Commander
Present Colors – American Legion Riders
Present Colors – Sons of The American Legion
Present Colors – American Legion Auxiliary
Present Colors – The American Legion
Invocation – Mary Mooberry, Auxiliary Chaplain
POW/MIA Empty Chair – David Honse, Department Sergeant-at-Arms &
                      Stan Merrell, Department Vice Commander
Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Jardon, Department Vice Commander
Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion – Dick Hogan,
                      Department Vice Commander
Welcome – James Kessler, Department Commander
Welcome – Mike Monserud, SAL Detachment Commander
Address – Clint Bolt (VA), SAL National Commander
Welcome – Kelly Elliott, ALA Department President
Presentation – ALA History & Chaplain Books
Address – Ashley Thompson, ALA Department Junior President
Presentations – Membership Awards
                          American Legion of Iowa Foundation Donor Awards
                          Department Historian Awards
Address – Randall Fisher (KY), Candidate for National Commander

ENTERTAINMENT – COURTYARD
8:00–10:00 p.m.  Karaoke
SPECIAL MEETINGS & EVENTS: See Page 5 for details

PROGRAMS FAIR: Iowa Room A / 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION – Ballroom South/Central/North
9:00 a.m. Legion Act
   Membership Eligibility Changes
   Buddy Checks
   Preamble Changes
9:30 am What to Do Before a Veteran Dies
   Estate Planning & Planned Giving
   Funeral Preparation
11:30 Lunch Break

GENERAL SESSION – Ballroom South/Central
1:00 p.m. Oratorical Contest Resources
   Boy State – From Reservation to Graduation
2:30 p.m. Resolution Process
3:00 Duties of Post Officers
3:30 p.m. Recess

OTHER WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS:
11:00 a.m. Baseball Meeting – Room 398
11:30 a.m. Women Veterans Forum – Room 292
1:00 p.m. Post Historian Workshop – Des Moines Room

S.A.L. MEETINGS: Westview Rooms
8:30 a.m. SAL Detachment Executive Committee
1:00 p.m. SAL Leadership Seminar

AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT CAUCUSES:
3:30 p.m. First – Room 397
   Second – Iowa Room E
   Third – Room 396
   Fourth – Iowa Room B
   Fifth – Room 394
   Sixth – Iowa Room C
   Seventh – Room 292
   Eighth – Room 398
   Ninth – Iowa Room D
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS:
4:30 p.m. Westview Room

RELIGIOUS SERVICES:
Catholic Services – Christ the King Catholic Church, 5711 SW 9th St
   Saturday – 5:00 pm
   Sunday – 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am
Protestant Services, Ballroom North
   Saturday – 5:30 pm

ENTERTAINMENT – COURTYARD
7:00–10:00 p.m. Band – Burning Sensations

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

SPECIAL MEETINGS & EVENTS: See Page 5 for details

DEPARTMENT ORATORICAL FINALS: Ballroom North / 8:00 a.m.

JOINT SESSION: Ballrooms Central and South / 9:30 a.m.
Memorial Service – James Fenceroy, Department Chaplain
Call to Order – James Kessler, Department Commander
Presentations – Girls State Director/Boys State Director
   Girls Nation Senators
   Boys Nation Senators
Oratorical Results/Awards Ceremony, Chairman Frank Andrew
Closing Remarks – Kelly Elliott, Department President
Closing Remarks – James Kessler, Department Commander
Benediction – James Fenceroy, Department Chaplain
Sweepstake Drawing

ROOM LOCATIONS
American Legion Headquarters - Room 298

West View Rooms
Located on second floor, use Lobby elevator.

Rooms 292, 298, 394, 396, 397, 398
Use Lobby elevator to second and third floors

Iowa Rooms
North of the Main Ballroom Area

Room 175
Use hallway behind café
SPECIAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

THE AMERICAN LEGION & SAL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020

1:00 p.m.   Marketing Committee – Room 397
3:00 p.m.   Department Finance Commission – Room 397

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020

11a.m.- 4p.m.  Blood Drive – Iowa B
9:00 a.m.   Convention Commission – Room 397
10:00 a.m.  Internal Affairs Commission – Iowa Room C
10:00 a.m.  VA & R Commission Meeting – Room 396
10:00 a.m.  Legislative Commission – Room 398
10:00 a.m.  Americanism Commission – Iowa Room D
10:00 a.m.  National Affairs Commission – Room 292
11:00 a.m.  Resolution Sub-Committee – Room 175
12:00 p.m.  DEC Luncheon – Iowa E
1:30 p.m.   DEC Meeting – Iowa Rooms C & D
2:00 p.m.   Iowa American Legion Press Association – Room 292
5:00 p.m.   Color Guard Practice – Ballrooms
5:00 p.m.   Programs Fair Set Up – Iowa Room A
5:00 p.m.   Liaison Committee – Iowa Rooms C & D

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020

7:00 a.m.   Iowa Foundation Breakfast – Iowa Room E
11:30 a.m.  Past District Commanders’ Luncheon–Iowa Rms B & C
11:30 a.m.  Women Veterans Forum – Room 292
4:30 p.m.   American Legion Riders – Westview Room
5:00 p.m.   Catholic Services – Christ the King Catholic Church
5:30 p.m.   Protestant Services – Ballroom North
6:30 p.m.   Past Department Commanders/Past Department Presidents/Past Detachment Commanders Social & Dinner – Iowa Rooms D & E
7:00 p.m.   Oratorical Contestant/Staff Briefings – Ballroom North

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

7:00 a.m.   Oratorical Briefing Room – Iowa E
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

AUXILIARY REGISTRATION: Ballroom Foyer
February 14, 2020: 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and
February 15, 2020: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 NOON

POPPY SHOW: Iowa Foyer – February 15, 2020
8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Pick up your entries by 4:00 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020

8:00 a.m.  Mid-Winter Convention Committee Meeting – Room 394
8:30 a.m.  Finance Committee Meeting – Room 394
9:00 – 11 a.m.  Set up for Diva and Dudes Day – Westview Room
11:00 a.m.  VA & R Representative Meeting – Room 394
11:45 a.m.  Junior Camp Board Meeting – Room 394
11:00 a.m.  “Diva and Dudes Day” – Westview Rooms
1:00 p.m.  Department Executive Committee – Room 397
3:30 p.m.  Girls State Board – Room 394
4:30 p.m.  75th Anniversary Committee – Room 394
5:00 p.m.  Pages Practice – Grand Ballroom
5:00 – 7 p.m.  Set-up Programs Fair – Iowa Hall Rooms A
7:00 p.m.  Joint Legion Family Session – Ballroom

2:00 p.m.  Iowa American Legion Press Association – Room 292

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020

7:30 a.m.–4 p.m.  Centennial Displays – Iowa Hall A

7:30-8:30 a.m.  Joint Program Fair – Iowa Hall Room A - Committees will have information tables and be in attendance for questions.

9:00 a.m.  Joint Legion Family Session – Ballroom

10:00 a.m.  Convene Auxiliary – North Ballroom
Opening and Welcome – President Kelly Elliott
Prayer – Chaplain Mary Mooberry
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance – Americanism Chair – Mary Sypherd
National Anthem – Americanism Chair – Mary Sypherd
Preamble – Governing Documents Chairman – Sandy Deacon
Welcome – President Kelly Elliott
NEC & Liaison Committee Report – Ann Crawford
Future Focus – Jayne Soppe
Centennial Committee – Diana Shadduck
Membership Report – Judy Ring, Chairman
    Jammie Phillips, Alida Kolthoff

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VA&R Service to Veterans – Joyce Elliott
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – Judy Neal

Finance Report-Dawn Aberle, Linda Sue Mullen, Julie Rosenboom
Historian Report-LaDonna Runner
Chaplain Report-Mary Mooberry
Parliamentarian-Diana Shadduck
Governing Documents/Policy report-Sandy Deacon

11:30 a.m. Past District Presidents’ Luncheon – Iowa D & E
1:00 p.m. Junior Activity – Room 394
1:00 p.m. Reconvene – Ballroom North
1:30 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS
   Pink - Ballroom North
   Green - Iowa B
   Yellow - Iowa C

Americanism | Children & Youth | Leadership
AEF | Junior Camp | Legislative
Community Service | Junior Activities | Past Pres Parley
Public Relations | Education | National Security
                 |                | Poppy

4:00 pm Reconvene Auxiliary – North Ballroom
Junior Musical Presentation
Girls State – Mary Andersen, Bev Copple, Ann Rehbein
75th Girls State Anniversary Committee – Mary Andersen
Poppy Award Winners – Pam Clark
Announcements

5:30 p.m. Catholic Services
Christ the King Catholic Church
5711 SW 9th St
Saturday – 5:00 pm
Sunday – 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

5:30 p.m. Protestant Services – Ballroom North

5:30 p.m. Silent Auction – Hosted by Girls State – Courtyard

6:30 p.m. Social & Dinner for Past Department Commanders, Past Department Presidents, and Past Detachment Commanders and their guests – Iowa Rooms D & E

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020 - Follow the American Legion schedule.
CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Conference Committee.................................................. Darla Davidson & Lu Rolfes
Distinguished Guests..................................................... Mary Jo Berning & Jayne Soppe
Pianist................................................................................. Sue Schlitter
Chairman of Pages.............................................................. Melinda Habben
Assistant Chairman of Pages ........................................... Michelle Long
President's Page ................................................................. Jan Carlton
Executive Director's Page ................................................ Judy Neal
Registration: .............................................................. Department Membership Clerk Jeannie McKeever

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

National President ............................................................... Nicole Clapp
National Executive Committee ........................................ Ann Crawford
ALA Girls Nation Committee Chairman ................................. Wendy Riggle
VA&R Committee Central Division Chairman ......................... Ann Crawford
Junior Activities Committee Central Division Chairman ........... Bev Copple
Poppy Committee Central Division Chairman ......................... Mary Sebben

Please note that you must have your registration name tag on to attend events.

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