



## THE AMERICAN LEGION

### AMERICAN LEGION & SAL REGISTRATION

#### BALLROOM FOYER

Friday, February 14, 2025 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 15, 2025 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

1:00 pm Marketing Commission – Room 397  
Promotions & Revenue Enhancement Committee  
Media & Communications Committee  
3:00 pm Department Finance Commission – Room 397

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

8:30 am Be The One Master Trainer Training – Iowa B  
9:00 am Convention Commission – Room 397  
10:00 am National Affairs Commission – Room 292  
10:00 am Internal Affairs Commission – Iowa C  
Strategic Planning Committee  
Membership Committee  
Training Committee  
Sons of The American Legion Committee  
American Legion Riders Committee

10:00 am Americanism Commission – Iowa B  
Community Service Committee  
Children & Youth Committee  
Boy Scout Committee  
Baseball Committee  
Oratorical Contest Committee  
Junior Shooting Sports Committee  
10:00 am Legislative Commission – Room 398  
10:00 am VA & R Commission Meeting – Room 396  
Veterans' Benefits Committee  
Health Administration Committee  
11:00 am Resolution Sub-Committee – Room 175  
12:00 pm DEC Luncheon – Iowa E  
1:00 pm DEC Meeting – Iowa B-C  
5:00 pm Color Guard Practice – ALR/SAL/ALA/TAL – Ballroom  
5:00 pm Programs Fair Setup – Iowa A  
5:00 pm Liaison Committee – Iowa B-C  
**6:30 pm Prelude – Ballroom**  
**7:00 pm Joint Session – Ballroom**  
Call to Order – Brian Ring, Sr., Department Commander  
Posting of Colors – ALR / SAL / ALA / TAL Durant Post #430  
Invocation – Karen Ripperger, Auxiliary Chaplain  
POW/MIA Empty Chair – Tom Ryan, Department Sergeant-at-Arms & Gerald Bennett, Department Vice Commander  
Pledge of Allegiance – Ed Fontes, Department Vice Commander  
Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion – Bob Colin, Department Vice Commander  
Welcome & Introductions – Brian Ring, Sr., Department Commander  
Remarks – John Derner, Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT)  
Welcome – Doug Honse, SAL Detachment Commander  
Address – John Lawrence (LA), SAL National Vice Commander

Welcome – Verlinda Prior, ALA Department President

Address – Kenzie Banicky, ALA Department Junior President

Address – Rosemarie W. Hauck (MO), ALA Central Division National Vice President

**Presentations**

Membership Awards

TAL Department Historian Awards

American Legion of Iowa Foundation Donor Awards

Address – John (Jay) Bowen (CO), Candidate for National Commander

Address – James A. LaCoursiere, Jr. (CT), National Commander

**Recess**

Evening Hospitality & Entertainment – Courtyard

Root Beer Floats Hosted by SAL – Room 160

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025**

7:00 am Iowa Foundation Breakfast – Iowa E

**7:30 am Programs Fair – Iowa A**

9:00 am SAL Detachment Executive Committee – Westview

**9:00 am Workshops – Ballroom North**

9:00 Be The One Training

10:00 Starting an American Legion Riders Chapter

11:00 Filing a VA Claim

**9:00 am Workshops – Iowa B&C**

9:00 Running a Commission/Committee

10:00 Boys State, what is it?

**9:00 am Workshops – Ballroom South/Central**

9:00 VA Death Benefits

10:00 Planned Giving / Retirement Planning

11:00 Flag Retirement Ceremony

11:00 am Baseball Meeting – Room 397

12:00 pm Past District Commanders' Luncheon – Iowa E

**1:00 pm**

**Workshops – Ballroom North**

1:00 Be The One Training

2:00 How to Write a Resolution

**1:00 pm**

**Workshops – Iowa B&C**

1:00 Starting/Reviving a SAL Squadron

2:00 Cyber Security

**1:00 pm**

**Workshops – Ballroom South/Central**

1:00 Membership Recruiting

2:00 Making your Post Attractive

1:00 pm

Scouting Q&A – Room 397

**3:30 pm**

**District Caucuses**

First – Iowa C

Second – Ballroom North

Third – Room 397

Fourth – Iowa B

Fifth – Room 292

Sixth – Ballroom Central/South

Seventh – Room 396

Eighth – Westview Central/South

Ninth – Westview North

4:30 pm

American Legion Riders – Iowa B&C

5:30 pm

Protestant Services – Ballroom North

5:30 pm

Catholic Services – Ballroom South/Central

6:30 pm

Women Veterans Forum – Room 397

6:30 pm

Past Department Commanders/Past Department Presidents/Past Detachment Commanders Social & Dinner – Iowa D&E

7:00 pm

Oratorical Contestant & Staff Briefings – Ballroom North

Evening

Hospitality & Entertainment – Courtyard

Root Beer Floats Hosted by SAL – Room 160

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

7:00 am Oratorical Briefing Room – Iowa E

8:00 am Department Oratorical Finals – Ballroom North

**9:30 am Joint Session – Ballroom**

Call to Order – Brian Ring, Sr., Department Commander

Memorial Service – Cindy Yslas, Department Chaplain

Presentations – Girls State Director & Boys State Director

Girls Nation Senators

Boys Nation Senators

Samsung Scholarship Recipient

Address – Tony Cross, Be The One

Oratorical Results & Awards Ceremony

Closing Remarks – Doug Honse, Detachment Commander

Closing Remarks – Verlinda Prior, Department President

Closing Remarks – Brian Ring, Sr., Department Commander

Retire POW/MIA Flag – Tom Ryan, Department Sergeant-at-Arms &  
Gerald Bennett, Department Vice Commander

Benediction – Cindy Yslas, Department Chaplain

Retire Colors – ALR / SAL / ALA / TAL Durant Post #430



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025**

7:00 pm Joint Session – Ballroom

Evening Root Beer Floats Hosted by SAL – Room 160

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9:00 am Detachment Executive Committee – Westview Room

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**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025**

4:30 pm American Legion Riders Meeting – Iowa B&C