



# National Convention

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## National Convention

Who can attend National Convention?



Do I need to go for the entire week?

What happens at a National Convention?

How do I register and reserve my room?

### Delegates & Alternates to the National Convention

Each department is entitled to:

- Five at-large delegates & alternates
- An additional delegate & alternate for each 1,000 members (or major fraction thereof) 30 days before the convention.

Other delegates:

- National Executive Committee Members
- Past National Commanders

### Delegates & Alternates to the National Convention

The Department's five at-large delegates:

- Immediate Past Department Commander – Delegation Chair
- Department Adjutant – Delegation Secretary
- Department Commander
- Department Service Officer
- Department Finance Officer

*Vacancies are filled by the Delegation Chair*

### **Delegates & Alternates to the National Convention**

The delegates & alternates for each 1,000 members (or major fraction thereof) are selected at the District Spring Conferences.

The number of delegates and alternates for each district is determined by the membership of the district.

### Delegates & Alternates to the National Convention

Can I attend National Convention if I am not elected as a Delegate or Alternate?

- Yes! You can attend National Convention as a Guest.

What happens if a district does not fill its delegates or alternates?

- Delegates, Alternates, and Guests from other districts move up to fill vacancies, pending approval from the District Commander, and ratification at Department Convention.

## National Convention Schedule

### Thursday

- Legacy Run Arrival

### Friday

- Community Outreach Project
- Color Guard Contest

## National Convention Schedule

### Saturday

- Standing Commission & Committee Meetings
- Training Sessions
- Band Contest
- Iowa Party



## National Convention Schedule

### Sunday

- Convention Committees
  - Each Department is entitled to one representative on each of the Convention Committees. Representatives are appointed by the Delegation Chair
- Patriotic Memorial Service
- Iowa Caucus
- Festival/Event

## National Convention Schedule

### Monday

- Pre-Convention NEC Meeting
- Training Sessions

### Tuesday

- General Session
- Central States Caucus

## National Convention Schedule

### Wednesday

- General Session
- States Dinner (ALA National President's Banquet)

### Thursday

- General Session
- Post-Convention NEC

### National Convention General Sessions

#### Department Leaders on the Floor

- Delegation Chair – Immediate Past Department Commander
- Delegation Secretary – Department Adjutant
- Department Commander
- National Executive Committee Member

*These four will have the written copies of the Convention Committee Reports and copies of resolutions coming before the convention.*

# National Convention General Sessions

## Tuesday

- Call to Order
- Opening Ceremony
- Youth Champions
- Spirit of Service Awards
- Guest Speakers
- Convention Committee Reports

## National Convention General Sessions

### Wednesday

- Guest Speakers
- Convention Committee Reports
- Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
- Firefighter of the Year

# National Convention General Sessions

## Thursday

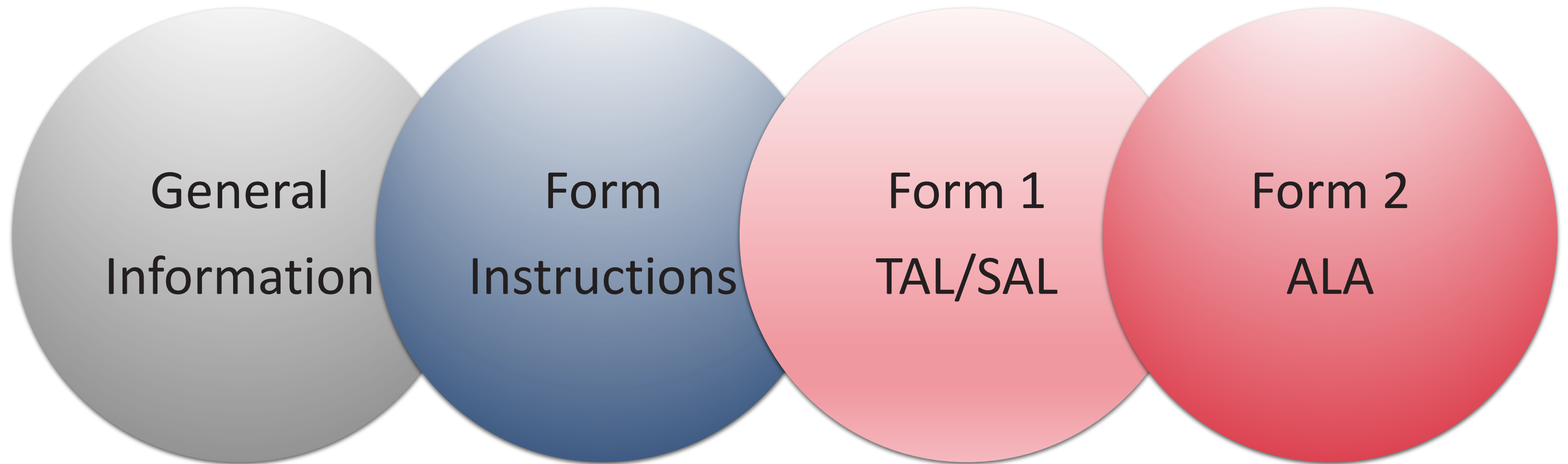
- Convention Committee Reports
- Election of Officers

### National Convention – Other Events

- Exhibits & Emblem Sales Store
- ANAVICUS Breakfast (members only)
- National Historians Luncheon
- National Chaplain's Breakfast
- Past Department Commander's Club Luncheon (members only)
- Baseball & Football Games
- Tours & Attractions



## How to Register – Department Forms



**Read the Instructions**



**Follow the Instructions**



**Adhere to Deadlines**

## National Convention Registration Forms

### General Information:

- Schedules and general information
- Registration information for events not administered by the department
- Resources

### Form Instructions:

- Instructions for completing forms
- Registration hours

## National Convention Registration Forms

### Form 1:

- TAL & SAL Registration for Delegates, Alternates, & Guests
  - Use a separate form for each registration
- Iowa Party and National Commander Banquet Tickets
- Room Reservations

### Form 2:

- ALA Registration for Delegates, Alternates, & Guests
- States Dinner

### Suggestions & Tips

- Plan your days in advance.
- Attend meetings, events, and training sessions which interest you.
- Arrive at events early and stay late.
- Visit with members from other departments – gain a new perspective!
- Attend at least one training session.
- Explore the city – see the sights and experience local cuisine.



**QUESTIONS?**