



THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

WE CHANGE LIVES

101st Annual State Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana
Rodney Strong, Commander
July 11-14, 2019

ALL TIMES AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – Updated 6/5/19

2018-2019 Department Officers

Commander, Rodney Strong	Finance Officer, James Tracy
Northern Vice Commander, Donald Cole	Assistant Finance Officer, Harold Hensley
Northern Vice Commander, Ken Heckathorn	Membership Chairman, Ron Hoaks
Southern Vice Commander, Ed Giltner	Chaplain, Norris Keirn
Southern Vice Commander, Herb Hoffman	Sergeant At Arms, Don Hudson
National Executive Committeeman, Jerry Jordon	Historian, Steve DeFeo
Alternate National Executive Committeeman, Ed Trice	Department Adjutant, John Crosby
Judge Advocate, Joseph Bumbleburg	Rehabilitation Director, John Hickey
Assistant Judge Advocate, Terry Smith	

2018-2019 District Commanders

First District, Kevin Urbanczyk	Fifth District, J. David Burnette	Ninth District, Jerry Melton
Second District, Larry Burkhart	Sixth District, Richard Culp	Tenth District, Laurie Bowman
Third District, Wayne Zeman	Seventh District, Ken Pridemore	Eleventh District, Joe Allen
Fourth District, John Custer	Eighth District, Sue Hunt	

2019 Department Convention Schedule

Thursday, July 11, 2019

11:00 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	Harrison Room
10:00 a.m. – Noon	Rehabilitation Commission	Salon C
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	New Department Officer Orientation	Freedom Hall B
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Department Headquarters Open	Freedom Hall A
2:00 p.m.	Resolutions Screening	Harrison Room
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Delegate Registration	Salon E
	Membership Turn-In	Freedom Hall A
	National Convention Volunteer Training	Salons A & B

Friday, July 12, 2019

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Delegate Registration	Salon E
	Department Headquarters Open	Freedom Hall A
	Membership Card Turn-In	Freedom Hall A
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Centennial Celebration Committee	Freedom Hall A
8:30 a.m.	Convention Committee Liaisons	Private dining room
9:00 a.m.	CEWF/iVETS Committee	Harrison Room
9:30 a.m.	Convention Committee Meetings	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AmericanismConstitution and By-LawsLegislativeRehab and Children & YouthTrophies and Awards	Salon A
		Salon B
		Salon C
		Salon D
		Wilkie Room

Friday, July 12, 2019, continued

9:30 a.m.	Assistant Sergeants at Arms Meeting	Grand Ballroom
10 a.m.	Department Executive Committee	Freedom Hall B
10:30 a.m.	Color Guard Competition Meeting	Wilkie Room
11:15 a.m.	Commander's Luncheon – Department Officers	Liberty Hall
1 p.m.	Distinguished Guest Lounge	Salon D

First General Session – 2:00 p.m. Grand Ballroom

Opening Ceremonies

- Call to Order
- Posting of Colors
- POW/MIA Ceremony
- Invocation ~ Dept. Chaplain
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Recitation of Preamble
- National Anthem
- Welcome to Convention Delegates and Alternates

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Call of Convention – Department Adjutant John Crosby

Report: Rules and Permanent Organizations – Department Judge Advocate Joe Bumbleburg

Report on Credentials – Department Judge Advocate Joe Bumbleburg

General Announcements – Department Adjutant John Crosby

Special Greetings

Announcement by PNC Jim Koutz

Distinguished Service Award Presentations

Committee Reports

- Resolutions Screening Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Rehabilitation and Children & Youth Committee
- Trophies and Awards Committee
- Americanism Committee
- Constitution & By-Laws Committee

National Convention Report – Department Adjutant John Crosby

Americanism Awards

Membership Awards

Special Greetings

- Betty Slagle, President, American Legion Auxiliary, Indiana Department
- Doug Heiser, Commander, Sons of The American Legion, Indiana Detachment

Sons of the American Legion Achievement Award

Community Involvement Award

Benediction – Department Chaplain Norris Keirn

Recess

Other Friday, July 12, 2019 Convention Activities

5:00 p.m.	Past Dept. Cmdr. Dinner – Invite Only	Freedom Hall B
7:30 p.m.	SAL Preconvention DEC	Salons B&C

Saturday, July 13, 2019

6:00 a.m.	Color Guard Competition	Post 495
7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Delegate Registration	Salon E
7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Membership Card Turn-In	Freedom Hall A
	Department Headquarters Open	Freedom Hall A
	Distinguished Guest Lounge	Salon D
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	SAL Convention	Salons B&C

Second General Session 8:00 a.m. – Grand Ballroom

Department Memorial Service – Precedes Session

Call to Order

- Salute to Colors
- Invocation – Department Chaplain Norris Keirn

Distinguished Public Service Awards

Announcements – Department Adjutant John Crosby

Hoosier Boys State – introduction and awards

The American Legion Family Scholarships

Indiana Legion Rider of the Year Award

Public Relations Awards

Benediction

Recess

11:30 a.m.	Annual Convention Awards Luncheon	Liberty Hall North
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	American Legion Riders Chapter	Freedom Hall B

Third General Session 1:00 p.m. – Grand Ballroom

Call to Order – Department Cmdr. Rodney Strong

Convention Contests, Chairman

- Introduction of Color Guard Champions

Military Person of the Year

Law & Order/FF/EMS Awards

- Police Officer of the Year
- Firefighter of the Year
- EMS/EMT of the Year

Educator of the Year Awards

Children & Youth Awards

Rehabilitation Awards

Vice Commander’s Award to Commander

Introduction of Department Officers

Introduction of Department Staff

Introduction of 2018-2019 District Commanders

Rules of the 2019-2020 Election

Saturday, July 13, 2019, continued

Nomination and Election of 2019-2020 Officers

- Three (3) Alternates-at-Large
- Department Sgt. at Arms
- Two (2) Department Vice Commanders (Northern Districts)
- Two (2) Department Vice Commanders (Southern Districts)
- Alternate National Executive Committeeman
- National Executive Committeeman

Election of Department Commander:

- Nomination
- Oath of Office
- Remarks – Newly Elected Commander

State of the Legion

Special Presentations to Outgoing Commander

Closing Remarks

Salute to Colors

Benediction

Adjourn

Other Saturday Convention Activities

30 Min. after Close of Convention	DEC Meeting	Freedom Hall B
Immediately after DEC Meeting	Department Officers' Official Photos	Freedom Hall B
Immediately after DEC Meeting	Hoosier Boys State BOD Meeting	Salon A
6:00 p.m.	CMDR's Banquet for Heroes	Liberty Hall
8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Department Commander's Party	Liberty Hall

Sunday, July 14, 2019

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Newly Elected Commander's Reception	Salons 1 – 4
8:00 a.m. – Noon	Post Service Officer's Training	Salons 6 – 8
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	SAL Meetings	Salon B&C
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Committee Chair/Member Training	Freedom Hall B