



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 5/23/19

2018-2019 Department Officers

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| 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

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| 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 | |

2018 Department Convention Schedule

Thursday, July 11, 2019

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| 11:00 a.m. | Finance Committee Meeting | Wilkie 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

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| 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 | Patriot Board 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

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| 9:30 a.m. | Assistant Sergeants at Arms Meeting | Grand Ballroom |
| 10:00 a.m. | Department Executive Committee | Freedom Hall B |
| | Color Guard Competition Meeting | Veteran 1 |
| 9:00 a.m. | CEWF/iVETS Committee | Harrison Room |
| 11:15 a.m. | Commander's Luncheon – Department Officers | Liberty Hall |
| 1:00 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

Friday, July 12, 2019, continued

Sons of The American Legion Achievement Award

Community Involvement Award

Benediction – Department Chaplain Norris Keirn

Recess

Other Friday, July 12, 2019 Convention Activities

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| 6:00 p.m. | Past Dept. Cmdr. Dinner – Invite Only – Post 64, 601 S. Holt Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46241 | |
| 7:00 p.m. | SAL Preconvention DEC | Salons B&C |

Saturday, July 13, 2019

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| 7:00 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 |
| 2 p.m. | SAL Officer's Training | Salons B & C |
| 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | SAL Kid's Party | 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

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| 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | American Legion Riders Chapter | Freedom B |
| 11:30 a.m. | Annual Convention Awards Luncheon | Liberty Hall North |

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

Saturday, July 13, 2019, continued

- 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**
- 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)
 - National Executive Committeeman
 - Alternate 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

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| 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

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| 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 |
| 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | SAL Meetings | Salon 5 |
| 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Committee Chair/Member Training | Freedom Hall B |