



## 2024 Schedule of Events • 106th Annual Department Convention

July 11-14, 2024 • Hilton-Washington Dulles • Herndon, VA  
(Schedule subject to change)

### Administrative Information

#### Department Headquarters Office

Thursday	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Sully
Friday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Sully
Saturday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Sully
Sunday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Sully

**Note:** Delegates and Alternates present their Credential Cards at the Department Headquarters Office

#### Registration Desk: (Pre-registration only)

Thursday	12:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Belmont Foyer
Friday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	
Saturday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	

**Note:** Registration badges must be worn or displayed at all scheduled functions. They serve as admission to all meetings and with paid tickets, to the Convention Banquet and both evening's events.

#### Thursday, July 11

Thursday Night Cookout 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Outdoor patio/Piedmont  
(Admission by \$30 Ticket Only)

#### Friday, July 12

Department Commander's Breakfast Meeting 7:30 AM Red Fox  
(Department Vice Commanders, District Commanders and District Membership Chairmen)

### MEETING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS - DEPARTMENT STANDING COMMITTEES

Boys State	9:00 AM	Tarara
Media & Communications	9:00 AM	Colvin I
Resolutions Assignment Committee	9:00 AM	Corcoran
Credentials Committee	9:00 AM	Sully
Drill Team Competition	9:00 AM	Colvin II
Finance Committee	9:00 AM	Piedmont
Oratorical	9:00 AM	Belmont III
Membership	9:00 AM	Red Fox
Historian's Association	10:00 AM	Colvin I
VALMA	10:00 AM	Belmont III
Athletic	10:00 AM	Tarara
Convention and Conference	10:00 AM	Piedmont
VAVS	10:00 AM	Colvin II
Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program	10:00 AM	Corcoran



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**DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** 11:00 AM Belmont I & II

### **MEETING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS - CONVENTION COMMITTEES**

Convention Committee on Americanism	1:00 PM	Belmont I & II
Convention Committee on Children & Youth	1:00 PM	Piedmont
Convention Committee on Constitution & By-Laws	1:00 PM	Tarara
Convention Committee on Finance	1:00 PM	Belmont IV
Convention Committee on National Security/ Foreign Relations	1:00 PM	Belmont III
Convention Committee on Resolutions	1:00 PM	Corcoran
Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	1:00 PM	Colvin

### **DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER'S LEADERSHIP MEETINGS 2:00 PM**

Vice Commander Vaughn (Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 11 & 12)	Belmont III
Vice Commander Owens (Districts 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10)	Piedmont
Vice Commander Stein (Districts 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17)	Belmont IV

Convention Committee on Legislation	3:00 PM	Tarara
20&4	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Corcoran
Joint Welcoming Session	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Potomac
Sons of The American Legion Executive Board	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Corcoran
Legion Riders In House Poker Run	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Piedmont
Bingo Night	9:00 PM - 12:00 AM	Red Fox / Mosby
<b>(Admission By \$10.00 Ticket Only)</b>		

### Saturday, July 13

General Session	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Belmont
Sons of The American Legion Sub-Committee	9:00 AM	Tarara
Commander's and Adjutant's Club Luncheon (members only - admission by ticket)	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Piedmont
Sons of The American Legion Convention	12:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Colvin I & II
General Session Reconvenes	1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Belmont
Past Department Commander's Reception (by invitation only)	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Piedmont
Convention Banquet <b>(Admission \$50.00 ticket only)</b>	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Belmont I & II

### Sunday, July 14

Joint Religious Service	9:00 AM	Belmont I & II
New Department Executive Committee	10:00 AM	Belmont III & IV



## 106th Annual Department Convention Program

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### Friday, July 12

<b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Joint Welcoming Session of The American Legion &amp; Auxiliary</b>	<b>Potomac</b>
	Call to Order	Sonnie Dickerson, Department Commander
	Pledge of Allegiance	Sonnie Dickerson, Department Commander
	Introduction of Auxiliary	Darla Lisbon, Department President
	Remarks	President Darla Lisbon & Commander Dickerson

### Saturday, July 13

<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>General Session</b>	<b>Belmont</b>
	Call to Order	Tony Vaughn, Department Vice Commander
	Advancement of Colors	Guard of Honor, Unit 4, Post 290
	Prayer	Rev. Dennis W. Madtes, Department Chaplain
	Pledge of Allegiance	Tony Vaughn, Department Vice Commander
	Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion	Robert Owens, Department Vice Commander
	Presentation of Dept. Commander	Mark Stein, Department Vice Commander
	Proclamation of Convention	Dave Stein, Convention Secretary
	Introduction of Department Officers and Past Department Commanders	Sonnie Dickerson, Department Commander
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Keynote Address	
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Reports of Convention Committees	
	Americanism	
	Children & Youth	
	Constitution & Bylaws	
	Finance	
	National Security & Foreign Affairs	
	Resolutions	
	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	
	Legislative	
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Convention in recess until 1:30 PM</b>	
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>General Session reconvenes</b>	
	Credentials Committee Report	Co –Chairman Johnny Baker / Joyce Miller



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<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Election of Officers 2024-2025</b> Department Sergeant-at-Arms Department Chaplain Department Vice Commanders (3) Department Commander	
	Remarks	Department Commander– Elect
<b>2:45 PM</b>	Final 2023-2024 Membership Turn-In Presentation of Awards Americanism Children & Youth Department Service Trophy Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Post Commander of the Year District Commander of the Year Department Vice Commander of the Year	Sonnie Dickerson, Department Commander Sonnie Dickerson, Department Commander
	Final Report, Membership Presentation of Gift to Outgoing Commander	Sonnie Dickerson, Department Commander Rick Oertel, Immediate Past Commander
	Presentation of Department Commander's Pin	Sonnie Dickerson, Outgoing Department Commander
	Election of Delegates & Alternates to the 105th Annual National Convention Introduction of Department Officers & District Commanders	
	Obligation of Department Officers Memorial Prayer	Department Commander-Elect A.B. Brown, Department Judge Advocate Rev. Dennis W. Madtes, Department Chaplain
	2025 Membership Turn-In	Department Commander-Elect

### Sunday, July 14

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Joint Religious Service</b> Rev. Dennis W. Madtes, Department Chaplain Elizabeth Shepherd, Department Auxiliary Chaplain Robert Wilson, Sr., Sons of The American Legion Chaplain	<b>Belmont I &amp; II</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>New Department Executive Committee</b>	<b>Belmont III &amp; IV</b>
<b>Adjournment</b>		