# **CALL**

for the

# **100th Annual National Convention**

of the

# **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

to meet in

### Phoenix, Arizona

# August 27 - September 2, 2021

In conformity with Article VI, Section 1 of the National Constitution, which provides that the annual National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary shall be held at the same time and place as The American Legion National Convention, the 100th Annual National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called to meet in Phoenix, Arizona, from August 27-September 2, 2021. The convention business sessions will be in the Phoenix Convention Center.

#### **PURPOSE**

The annual National Convention is the legislative body of the American Legion Auxiliary. The convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the National Constitution & Bylaws, receiving reports of national officers and committees, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected September 1, 2021.

### REPRESENTATION

Representation in the convention shall be by department and in accordance with the provisions of the National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2.

Each department shall be entitled to five delegates and one additional delegate for each 1,500 members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received by the National Treasurer 30 days prior to the meeting of said convention, and to one alternate for each delegate (National Standing Rule II. National Convention, #2).

In addition to the above, members of the National Executive Committee (including the National Vice President, National Division Vice Presidents, Past National Presidents, National Chaplain, and National Historian) in good standing with their respective units are delegates-at-large to the National Convention with vote to be exercised with their departments.

Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from the delegate's department.

#### **ALTERNATES**

An alternate will have the power to vote only in the absence of the regular delegate.

The selection of alternates to represent absent delegates is a matter for decision by the respective department delegation.

#### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A Pre-Convention Meeting of the 2019-2021 National Executive Committee is hereby called and will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, August 28, 2021, Phoenix Convention Center (ALA National Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2).

A Post-Convention Meeting of the 2021-2022 National Executive Committee will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, September 2, 2021, location TBD, Phoenix Convention Center (ALA National Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2).

#### **DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

Department officers, unless elected as delegates or alternates to the National Convention, have no privilege in the convention except as guests of their respective delegations.

#### **CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Pre-Convention Committee Meetings will be held Saturday, August 28, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. – noon and 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Phoenix Convention Center. Locations will be listed in the agenda provided on site in Phoenix. Each department shall designate one delegate or one alternate to a committee meeting and notify the delegate of the time and location. Departments shall electronically file a list of the designees with the National Secretary. Any substitution should be filed with the chairman or secretary of the convention committee.

#### **DIVISION CAUCUS MEETINGS**

The Division Caucus Meetings will be held Saturday, August 28, 2021, from 3 - 4:30 p.m. as follows:

Central DivisionPhoenix Convention CenterEastern DivisionPhoenix Convention CenterNorthwestern DivisionPhoenix Convention CenterSouthern DivisionPhoenix Convention CenterWestern DivisionPhoenix Convention CenterPhoenix Convention Center

#### **CREDENTIALS**

Each delegation secretary shall transmit to National Headquarters no earlier than July 31, 2021, and no later than August 13, 2021, the official Certification of Delegates and Alternates Form and electronic delegate and alternate lists. Electronic lists must contain the following information:

- 1. Name of department.
- 2. Number of units in the department.
- 3. Paid-up membership according to the National Treasurer on July 31, 2021, which is 30 days prior to the meeting.
- 4. Date and place of the department convention at which delegates and alternates were selected.
- 5. Name of delegation chairman.
- 6. Name of delegation secretary.
- 7. Names, complete member ID numbers, complete home addresses, accurate email addresses, and unit affiliations of delegates.
- 8. Names, complete member ID numbers, complete home addresses, accurate email addresses, and unit affiliations of alternates.
- 9. Electronic signature of department president, attested by department secretary.

#### **CREDENTIALS FEE**

A registration fee of \$25 for each delegate, each alternate in attendance, and guest in attendance must be paid to the National Treasurer by the delegation secretary no earlier than July 31, 2021, and no later than August 13, 2021.

#### SECURING CREDENTIALS IN PHOENIX

Delegation secretaries can secure credentials August 26 and 27, 2021, at the Phoenix Convention Center.

#### **GUEST REGISTRATION**

Departments will be able to register guests to National Convention. Guest registration will begin August 3, 2021, and continue through registration cut-off. Guests may still also register via The American Legion. There will be no onsite registration, all guest registration must be done prior to arrival at convention.

### **DELEGATION HEADQUARTERS**

Each department delegation will establish headquarters in the hotel to which it is assigned. Upon arrival in the convention city, all members of department delegations will report to their delegation headquarters. They will receive all necessary instructions from the secretary of their delegation.

#### ADMISSION TO NATIONAL CONVENTION SESSIONS

Admission to National Convention sessions will be by delegate, alternate, or guest badge. All visitors who wish to attend convention sessions must register.

## ALA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OFFICE

The American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters Convention Office will be in the Phoenix Convention Center, August 27 – September 2, 2021.

DATED: May 2021

ATTEST:

National Secretary

National President

Thirde Clapp

American Legion Auxiliary Phoenix, Arizona

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National Chairmen
National Committee Members
Department Presidents

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