

107th Annual Department of Arkansas Convention

Program of Events

Friday June 19, 2026

8:00 am- Noon	Registration	Silver City 6
8:00 am – 9:00	Executive Committee Meeting	Silver City Room 1-2
9 :30 am	Joint Opening Session	Silver City Room 1 & 2
Program Call to Order		
Advance Colors		
National Anthem Sung by TBD		
Invocation		
POW/MIA		
Pledge of Allegiance		
Preamble to the Constitution		
Introduction of Department Officers		
Introduction of Past Department Commanders		
Introduction of Department Auxiliary Madam President		
	Patty Tucker	
Introduction of SAL Detachment Commander		
	Michael Chenoweth	
Introduction of ALR Department Director		
	Johnny Kelly	
Convention Committee Instructions		
	Kevin Caldwell	

Welcome and Greetings

North Little Rock Mayor Representative	Terry Hardwick
VA Regional Office, Fort Roots, N. Little Rock	Patrick Zendervan
ALA President	Patty Tucker
VA Medical Director Little Rock	Dr. Michael Moore
VA Medical Center Director Fayetteville	George Velez
VA Volunteer Coordinator Fayetteville	Sue Hess
VA Volunteer Coordinator LR	Michael Dobbs
Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs	Wayne Rethven -Chief of Staff
VFW Commander	

Meeting and Room Announcements

11:30 am – 1 pm **RECESS / LUNCH**

*******Certification of Delegates Cease at 12:00 Noon*******

1:00 pm	CONVENTION RECONVENES	Silver City Room 1 and 2
1:00 pm	Roll Call for Quorum	
1:15 pm	Certification of Credentials	
1:20 pm	Convention Rules	
1:30 pm	Activities Committee Report	
1:45 pm	Americanism Program	
	Reports:	
	Boy Scout Chairman	Baseball Chairman
	Boys State Chairman	Jr. Shooters Chairman
	Oratorical Chairman/Foundation Report	
2:15 pm	Membership Report	
2:40 pm	American Legion Riders Report	
3:00 pm	Financial Officer Report	
3:15 pm	Training Committee	
3:30 pm	Policy Committee Report	

Announcements:

Benediction

Adjourn

Friday Schedule of Events

Hospitality Room Open
7:00 am – 9:30 am
Huntersville & DeCantilion

Vendor Hall
7 am – 7 pm
Silver City 6

Hospitality Room
11:30 – 1:00 pm
Huntersville & DeCantilion

8:00 – 12:00
Registration
Silver City 5

Convention Rules Committee
12:00 pm
Silver City 5

Hospitality Room
4:00-6:30 pm and 9:00 pm.-11:00 pm
– Closed during Red, White and Blue Party

Red, White and Blue Party
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm
Silver City Rooms 2 – 4

Saturday June 20th 2026

9:00 am **Open Session** Silver City Room 1 & 2
Call to Order - Colors in Place Hand Salute -
Invocation -
Pledge of Allegiance

Department Distinguished Guests / Awards

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year – TBD
Boys State Senators – TBD
Boys State Governor – TBD
Oratorical Winner –

10:00 – 10:15 am **RECESS**
10:15 am Convention Committee Report Silver City Room 1 & 2
10:30 am Resolution Committee
11:00 am Constitution & By-Laws Committee
11:15 am Announcements
Hospitality Room (Morning, Noon, and Evening- Closes at 6)
Religious Services Sunday Morning
Delegate Selection Committee

***** 11:30 – 1:00 pm **RECESS/LUNCH** *****

1:00 – 1:30 Guest Speaker – TBD
1:30 pm Commander’s Awards
1:45 pm Legislative Report
2:00 pm Children & Youth Report
2:20 pm Post & District Awards (Children & Youth and Americanism)
2:30 pm Membership Awards
2:45 pm Department Officers Reports
3:30 pm Recess
Colors in Place, Hand Salute – Benediction - Recess

Sunday June 21st 2026

7:00 am - 7:30 **Religious Service** Silver City Room 1 & 2
8:00 am Call to Order
Colors in Place, Hand Salute - Invocation – Buster Bush
Unfinished Business
1. Resolutions
2. Any Remaining Reports
New Business from the floor
Good of the Legion/Announcements
Election of Delegates to National Convention
Election of Department Officers
Commander’s Farewell Address
Installation of Department & District Officers
Announcements

- **Introduce Newly Elected Department Commander**
- **Introduce Newly Elected Department Auxiliary Madam President**
- **Introduce Newly Elected SAL Department Commander**
- **Introduce Newly Elected ALR Department Director**

CLOSING CEREMONY

Saturday Schedule of Events

Hospitality Room Open
7:00 am – 8:30 am
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Huntersville & DeCantilion Rooms

Vendor Hall
7 am – 3 pm
Silver City 6

SAL Convention
9:00am – 12:00 pm
Silver City 5

Past Dept. Commanders Lunch
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Razorback West

Legion Rider Convention
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Silver City 5

Foundation Meeting Working
Lunch Blue Dog Room

Western BBQ Buffet 6:00 – 9:00
Silver City 5 & 6 (Ticket holders
only)

Sunday Schedule of Events

Announcement: Newly Elected Department Commander and Officers, in keeping with Article 1, Sec. 1, of the American Legion Department of Arkansas By-Laws, the first 2025-2026 Executive Committee will meet on Saturday June 29th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Department Headquarters. Also meeting will be the Policy, and Budget & Finance Committees.