

AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS  
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
North Little Rock, Arkansas  
January 21-22, 2023



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
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Riverfront Wyndham  
JANUARY 21-22, 2023

AGENDA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21st , 2023

8:00 AM Call to Order..... Silver City 1&2

Sgt-at-Arms will secure the door, everybody please take their seats

Colors in place – Hand Salute

Department Chaplain – Gives Invocation

**Area Vice Commander - POW/MIA Empty Chair ceremony**

Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble of The American Legion:

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER; TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT AMERICANISM; TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS IN ALL WARS; TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION; TO COMBAT THE AUTOCRACY OF BOTH THE CLASSES AND THE MASSES; TO MAKE RIGHT THE MASTER OF MIGHT; TO PROMOTE PEACE AND GOOD WILL ON EARTH; TO SAFEGUARD AND TRANSMIT TO POSTERITY THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY; TO CONSECRATE AND SANCTIFY OUR COMRADESHIP BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULNESS.**

All Past Department Commanders to Rise and Be Recognized.

**Guests to Bring Greetings**

Dee Smith, Auxiliary President

Bob Wade, Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander

Pat “Doc” Phillips, American Legion Riders Director

Special Presentations

Drawing for Mid-Winter Sweepstake Winners

**9:00 AM** Dismiss the Auxiliary, SAL, Guests

**9:15 AM** Greetings and Announce the purpose of this meeting

**9:30 AM – 11:30** DEC in Recess for Purpose of Committee Meetings / Post Officer Training

1. Convention Committee– Razorback Room 9:30 – 11:00 AM
2. C&B/L Committee – Razorback Room from 11:00 am on
3. Budget and Finance/Policy Committee – Executive Board Room upstairs

**11:30 – 12:30 PM** Lunch on Your Own

**Announcements:**

1. Post Constitution and By-laws – 0930 – 1130 – Silver City 5 – Michael Westergren
2. Service Officer – 0930 – 1200 – Arkansas Traveler – Tony Gordon
3. Advance Legion College/Parlimetary Procedures – 1300-1600 –Arkansas Traveler Rm – TBD
4. Post Operation/Conduct – 1300-1600 – Silver City 5 – Becky Dillon

**12:30 PM** Reconvene DEC

- a. Sergeant at Arms gives Instructions
- b. Secretary Nate Todd, Col (Retired), Guest Speaker

Roll Call of Department Executive Committee – Adjutant Bob Renner

Crucial Business for the DEC

Accept Minutes from Previous Meetings June 18-20 (Conv.), July 10 (DEC)

**1:00 PM** Department Officers Reports:

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| A) | N.E.C             | Mary V. Erdman     |
| B) | SW Area Vice Cmdr | Tony Gordon        |
| C) | NW Area Vice Cmdr | Marie Wilbanks     |
| D) | NE Area Vice Cmdr | Pat “Doc” Phillips |
| E) | SE Area Vice Cmdr | Gary Moore         |
| F) | Judge Advocate    | Michael Westergren |
| G) | Membership        | Tony Gordon        |

Americanism Program Reports

Ralph Sims

- A) Baseball.....Jeral Howard, Commissioner
- B) Boy Scout ..... Becky Dillon, Chairman
- C) Boys State .....Len Cotton, Chairman
- D) Shooting Sports..... Chuck Eick, Chairman
- E) Oratorical .....Roger Lacy, Chairman

Approve Report of Americanism Committee

American Legion Foundation Report

Roger Lacy, Chairman

Real Properties Management

Marvin Jumper

Convention Committee

Bob Pepper

Policy Committee

J..W. Smith

Constitution and By-Laws/Resolution Committee

Michael Westergren

Public Relations

Keith Dover

Children & Youth

Becky Dillon

Department Service Officer

Tony Gordon

Department Training

Michael Westergren

Budget & Finance

Chuck Eick

Activities Committee

Doug Warner

Department Commander Report

Bill "Doc" Sheets

New Business Commander

New Business from Department Executive Committee

Good of the Legion

Announcements

**5:00 PM Adjourn until 9:00 Sun Morning**

**Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**8:00 AM** Patriotic Memorial Service – Silver City 1 & 2

**9:00 AM** DEC Reconvenes

Unfinished Business carried over from Saturday Meeting

Adoption of Resolutions

Acceptance of Finance Committee Report

Department Chaplain gives closing Benediction

Colors in place – Hand Salute

**12:00 PM** Meeting of 2023 Midwinter Conference adjourned.