

## 106th Annual Department of Arkansas Convention

### Program of Events

#### Friday June 19, 2025

8:00 am- Noon	Registration	Silver City 6
8:00 am – 9:00	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>	Silver City Room 1-2
9 :30 am	<b>Joint Opening Session</b>	Silver City Room 1 & 2
Program Call to Order		
Advance Colors		
National Anthem Sung By Shelly Bradley and Lisa Hussmaster		
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	Pearl Gordon	
Introduction of SAL Detachment Commander	Martie Roberts	
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
National Be the One Manager	Tony Cross
ALA President	Pearl Gordon
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	Elvin Tate

#### Meeting and Room Announcements

11:30 am – 1 pm **RECESS / LUNCH**

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

1:00 pm	<b>CONVENTION RECONVENES</b>	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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

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 – Sgt Nick Thompson - Cabot  
Boys State Senators – Isiah Marshall, Ft. Snith Southside High School  
Ian Lee-King, Conway High School  
Boys State Governor – Flynn Capps, Hot Springs High School  
Oratorical Winner – Nadia Young – Crossett High School

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 – Tony Cross, National Be the Manager  
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

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## **Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

7:00 am - 7:30    **Religious Service**                      Silver City Room 1 & 2  
8:00 am                      Call to Order  
Colors in Place, Hand Salute - Invocation - Richard Liles  
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

Legion Rider Convention  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Silver City 5

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

Foundation Meeting Working Lunch  
Blue Dog Room

SAL Convention  
1:00 – 3:00 pm  
Silver City 5

Department Commander's Banquet  
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.