



To All,

I received the below information from our NEC Mary Erdman regarding upcoming events at the National Convention in Minneapolis in Aug. Please take a look and put some of these events on your calendar if you plan on attending the National Convention, I'll have other things posted as I receive them:

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Ladies & Gentlemen,

We wanted to give each of you a quick update on what we are working on for our attendees' enjoyment at the 2018 National Convention. All are in the very early stages but wanted to provide for your information and planning as necessary. We are excited about the below opportunities so stay tuned as we progress to Minneapolis, MN for our 100th National Convention, August 24-30, 2018.

The Hilton Minneapolis will serve as The American Legion's and Sons of The American Legion's Headquarters Hotel. The Hyatt Regency will serve as the American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters Hotel.

1. Friday, August 24, 2018 – Color Guard Competition at 5:00PM. Rules and applications are on the website at [www.legion.org/convention](http://www.legion.org/convention) and [www.legion.org/convention/contests](http://www.legion.org/convention/contests).
2. Saturday, August 25, 2018 – Competitive Concert Band Contest and Exhibition Concert Band performance. Contests will start at 1:00PM.

More information to come regarding Color Guard and Band Contests.

3. Sunday, August 26, 2018 – Patriotic Memorial Service starting at 11:00AM featuring the Minnesota Boychoir.

4. Sunday, August 26, 2018 – National Convention Parade. Great parade route going right through the heart of downtown Minneapolis, starting at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Nicollet Mall and ending at 13<sup>th</sup> and Nicollet. The Department of Minnesota is working on a Post Parade Party to be held at the Convention Center. More information to come.

5. Tuesday, August 28, 2018 – National Commander’s Banquet. Your National Commander has selected Three Dog Night as the Banquet Entertainment. Tickets are \$48.00 per person and each table is a **round for TEN (10) people**. Departments may send their checks to the Convention & Meetings Office of The American Legion on or after January 1, 2018.

As communicated during Membership Workshops, starting in 2019 recommend budgeting \$50.00 per ticket.

6. We will have shuttle transportation, off-site/parade bus transportation costs as well as tour options to you on or before February 23, 2018.

7. Please check the website often for updated information regarding notable items, events, etc for Minneapolis at [www.legion.org/convention](http://www.legion.org/convention). Currently provided: the hotel listing by Department, alternative parking options, Posts that desire to host functions listing, High School Band Application for the parade and Uniformed Groups information. Also, with the Minnesota Twins Major League Baseball being in town, we are working with them for a possible American Legion Family Night, National Commander involvement, and/or discounted tickets on Saturday, August 25, 2018. You may want to save that date.

We are confident our American Legion Family members will enjoy the events we have planned thus far as well as the business sessions of The American Legion and other aspects of our 100th National Convention.

We thank each of you for your continued support and assistance. Please let us know if you have any questions. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to You and Yours.

Sincerely,

Your Convention & Meetings Team

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