
**CALL FOR THE NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Department of Minnesota**

The 98th Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota, is hereby called to be held in Mahanomen, Minnesota July 13, 14 and 15, 2017, for the purpose of:

1. Electing Department Officers
2. Considering any amendments which may be proposed for Unit, District, and Department Constitutions
3. Electing delegates and alternates to the 98th National Convention.
4. Receiving reports of Department Officers, National Committeewoman, District Presidents, and Chairmen of Department Committees.
5. The transaction of such other business as may be brought before the Convention in conformity with the provisions of the National and Department Constitutions.

REPRESENTATION: (Article VI, Unit Bylaws) "Each Unit shall be entitled to two delegates at the Department Convention one of whom shall be the Unit President, plus one additional delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof whose dues have been received by the Department Treasurer 30 days prior to the meeting of the Convention for which they are elected. Each Unit shall elect its delegates. In addition, each Unit shall elect alternate delegates to serve in the absence of delegates. The delegates shall serve in the order elected before any alternate delegates and then the alternate delegates shall serve in the order elected."
(Example: Units which have membership of 10 to 25 are entitled to 2 delegates, Membership of 26 to 75, 3 delegates; 76 to 125, 4 delegates, etc.)

The vote of each Unit shall be equal to the total number of delegates to which the Unit is entitled, provided there is a delegate from the Unit present to cast the vote. Alternates will have power to vote only in the absence of the delegate.

"To be eligible to candidacy for office or delegate to convention, a member must be a member in good standing." (Article VIII, Unit Bylaws.)

EXPENSES: The Convention expenses of Unit delegates must be borne by their Unit or by the delegates themselves unless they are Department Chairmen or members of the Department Committees,

CREDENTIALS: Necessary credentials will be sent to the Unit next month. The outgoing Unit President is the Chairman of your Unit's delegation. If she will not be attending the delegation she should elect a chairman of the delegation. It is best to have this done before the delegates leave home.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES: All delegates and alternates shall be elected at a regular Unit meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

WATCH THE DEPARTMENT BULLETINS AND THE LEGIONNAIRE FOR DETAILS regarding Convention plans.

CAROL KOTTOM
Department President

SANDIE DEUTSCH
Department Secretary

OFFICIAL CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION

A registration fee of \$15.00 for each person attending, whether a delegate, alternate or a guest, must accompany this form. Make your check payable to "CONVENTION CORPORATION". No credit cards will be accepted. Please mail this form with your check to: Ron Hendrickson, PO Box 31, Waubun, MN 56589.

Registration at the door will be \$18.00.

Legion _____ SAL _____ Auxiliary _____

District # _____ Post/Squad/Unit # _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Delegate _____ Alternate _____ Guest _____

Delegate at-Large (Auxiliary) _____

(As a Past Department President or member of the Department Executive Committee)

(Please check one of the above)

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Date: April 20, 2017

To: Unit Presidents

Re: Department Convention

The table below indicates the number of delegates and alternates to which your Unit is entitled for the annual Department Convention to be held at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen, Minnesota, July 13 – 15, 2017.

Unit Membership	Number of Delegates	Number of Alternates
10 to 25	2	2
26 to 75	3	3
76 to 125	4	4
126 to 175	5	5
175 to 225	6	6
226 to 275	7	7
276 to 325	8	8
326 to 375	9	9
376 to 425	10	10
426 to 475	11	11
476 to 525	12	12
526 to 575	13	13
576 to 625	14	14
626 to 675	15	15
676 to 725	16	16

We are enclosing two delegate and two alternate Credential cards. If your Unit is entitled to more than two delegates and two alternates, **please contact the Department Office for additional cards.** No cards are issued for guests.

Make sure the location and number of your Unit and District is on your Credential Card. Each delegate or alternate must show her Credential Card when she registers. This card **must be** signed by the Unit Secretary and should be carried by the delegate or alternate at the Convention in Mahanomen. All delegates **must** present their Credential card when voting for Department Officers.

Housing and reservation information are on separate sheets.

Sincerely,

Sandie Deutsch
Department Secretary