

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Items to share with your post members at your next post meeting or to display on the bulletin board.

Quick Reference for Post and SAL Leadership

This issue highlights youth and community programs that are currently accepting applications/nominations for the 2025-2026 year. Please share with your Post members and local schools to encourage participation.

Oratorical Contest - "A Constitutional Speech Challenge"

For over 87 years, this contest has inspired students to learn, speak, and lead through the U.S. Constitution.

- Deadline: December 5, 2025 (registration)
- District Contests: by Jan. 25, 2026
- Zone Contests: by Feb. 22, 2026
- State Finals: March 28, 2026, Lansing
- National Finals: May 15-17, 2026, Hillsdale College
- Scholarships: Up to \$25,000 (National); up to \$2,000 (State)

👉 www.michiganlegion.org/oratorical

Brewer & Wilson Scholarships - Supporting Michigan Students

Twenty scholarships are available for descendants of veterans.

- Brewer: \$500 (HS seniors or college students)
- Wilson: \$1,000 (HS seniors, attending a Michigan school)
- Deadline: January 5, 2026

👉 www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships

Scouting Awards

- Eagle Scout of the Year: \$1,000 (State) + National competition eligibility (\$10,000 National) -Due March 1, 2026
- Square Knot Award: For Legion Family members supporting Scouting (apply year-round).
- 👉 www.michiganlegion.org/scouting

Skilled Trades Scholarship

For ages 17-21 pursuing construction, automotive, manufacturing, or energy careers.

- Two awards: \$1,000 per year (2- year award)
- Deadline: April 3, 2026
- 👉 www.michiganlegion.org/trade-scholarship

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Junior Shooting Sports

Air rifle program teaching safety, responsibility, and competition.

- Registration Opens: Sept. 1, 2025
- Scholarships: \$1,000-\$5,000 available

👉 www.michiganlegion.org/juniors shooting

Law & Order Awards – Honoring First Responders

Recognizing Michigan's top Law Officers, Firefighters, EMTs, and Paramedics.

- Deadline: January 9, 2026
- Department winners advance to National consideration.
- 👉 www.michiganlegion.org/firefighter
 - www.michiganlegion.org/lawofficer

Teacher of the Year \$500 Award

Honors five outstanding Michigan educators who inspire patriotism and civic responsibility.

- Deadline: March 6, 2026
- 👉 www.michiganlegion.org/teacher

Youth Law Cadet Program (Student Trooper)

A week-long training with the Michigan State Police Academy.

- Dates: July 19-24, 2026
- Deadline: May 1, 2026
- Cost: \$475 (usually Post-sponsored)
- Scholarships Available (4): Up to \$1,000
- 👉 www.michiganlegion.org/trooper

Boys State – Civic Leadership in Action

Hands-on mock government program for high school juniors.

- Dates: June 21-27, 2026 (tentative)
- Deadline: May 1, 2026 (tentative)
- Cost: \$425 (includes sponsor fee)
- Scholarship Opportunity: Samsung Scholarship (up to \$10,000)
- 👉 www.michiganboysstate.org

Stay Connected

For full program details, applications, and updates:

🌐 Visit www.michiganlegion.org → “Programs”

📢 Follow us on Facebook:

facebook.com/TheAmericanLegionDepartmentofMichigan

The American Legion Family Department of Michigan Winter Meeting 2026



February 5, 6, 7, and 8, 2026

BlueWater Convention Center,
800 Harker St., Port Huron, MI

On the Water - Below the BlueWater Bridge



Hosted by the Mid-Michigan Convention Corp and Genesee County Convention Corp



REGISTRATION FORM



Online at >> <https://www.zeffv.com/en-US/ticketing/american-legion-family-winter-convention>

Or mail form below

The American Legion requires each person attending register with the corporation and be issued proper credentials to attend any meeting, session, or event in connection with the Conference.

(Please print legibly so we can correctly spell your name on your conference badge.)

Name: _____ Group: ☐ Leg ☐ Aux ☐ Sons ☐ ALR

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

email address: _____ Cellphone: _____

Location Post/Unit (# & city) _____

Additional registrants covered under same payment:

Name: _____ Group: ☐ Leg ☐ Aux ☐ Sons ☐ ALR

Name: _____ Group: ☐ Leg ☐ Aux ☐ Sons ☐ ALR

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Total registrations _____ times (x) \$25.00 per person = \$ _____

Will you be staying at local hotel? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If staying at local hotel which one? ☐ DoubleTree ☐ Hampton Inn ☐ Holiday Inn Express

Please make your check payable to: **GENESEE COUNTY CONVENTION CORP**

and mail with this form to: **AMERICAN LEGION GCCC, P. O. Box 441, Linden, MI 48451**

Confirmation of registration being received will be emailed back by dianea7171@yahoo.com

Contact: with any questions. Tim Hill at text or call 810-444-8644 timothy_w_hill@yahoo.com

National Commander's Dinner Reservations must be made separately. Refer to TAL

Department Website at <https://michiganlegion.org/>

Room reservations at hotels are your responsibility and should be made directly with them.

Reserve your room early - Limited number of hotel rooms are available at discounted rates

Host Hotel attached to Convention Center

DoubleTree by Hilton

800 Harker St.
Port Huron

810-984-8000
Or Hotel Website

\$144 Plus 11% tax
Reference Code **GCC**

Price is reserved until 1/ 5/ 2026 or sold out

Approx 2.2 miles from Convention Center

Hampton Inn by Hilton

1655 Yeager St.
Port Huron

810-966-9000
Or Hotel Website

\$124 Plus 11% tax
Reference Code **ALD**

Includes free breakfast
Price is reserved until 1/ 6/ 2026 or sold out

Approx 2.2 miles from Convention Center

Holiday Inn Express

2021 Water St.
Port Huron

810-662-3400
Or Hotel Website

check back for updates Plus 11% tax
Reference Code **ALW**
Includes free breakfast

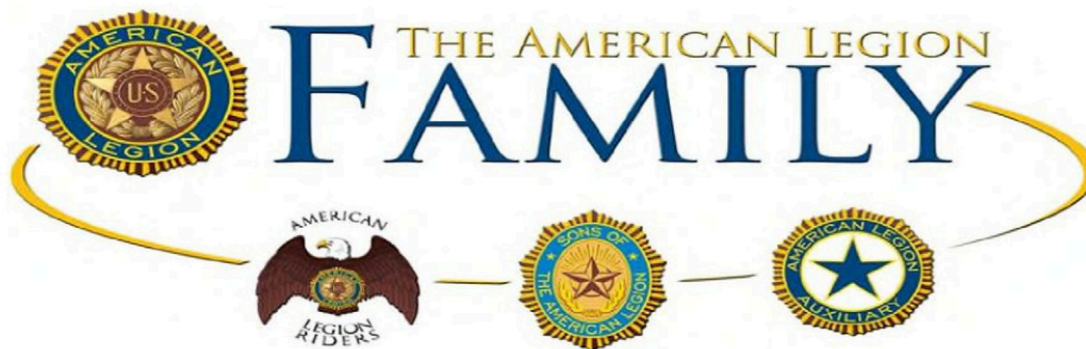
Price is reserved until 12/ 3/ 2026 or sold out

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Thumb Coast Flip Book

Downtown Port Huron



2026 NATIONAL COMMANDER BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Friday, February 6, 2026

DoubleTree Hilton Port Huron 800 Harker Street

Cash Bar & Social: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

Please select type of dinner and quantity of each:

BEEF	x # of dinners	_____	x \$50	=	\$ _____
CHICKEN	x # of dinners	_____	x \$50	=	\$ _____
FISH	x # of dinners	_____	x \$50	=	\$ _____

*** No Veggie Option this year ***

TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable and send to: The American Legion, Department of Michigan
212 N Verlinden Ave, Lansing, MI 48915
Attn: Banquet

Credit Card: _____ Exp Date: __/__/__ CVV: _____

Questions: Contact Ron adj@michiganlegion.org or 517.220.2748

Deadline for reservations is Monday, January 16, 2026. No refunds after this date

Tentative Program Dates for the 2025-2026 Year:

December 2025

December 5th- Oratorical Registrations deadline
December 15- JSSP First round postal match competition target set sales and registration closes.

January 2026

January 1st- Baseball registration opens on baseball.legion.org
January 5th- Brewer/Wilson Scholarship submission deadline.
January 9th- Law Officer of the Year submission deadline
January 9th- Firefighter of the Year submission deadline
January 25th- District Oratorical Contests deadline

February 2026

February 2- JSSP Targets due to the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) - must be postmarked on or before this date to be eligible for scoring.
February 22nd- Zone Oratorical Contests deadline.
February 16- JSSP Second round postal match competition targets mailed out by CMP.

March 2026

March 1st-Eagle Scout of the Year Award submission deadline
March 6th- Teacher of the Year Nominations deadline
March 28th-Oratorical State Contest at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing.

April 2026

April 1- End of 2nd round postal match competition. Targets due to CMP - must be postmarked on or before this date to be eligible for scoring.
April 3rd- Skilled Trades Scholarship Application deadline

May 2026

May 1st-Boys State Application submission deadline
May 1st- Student Trooper Application submission deadline
May 15th- Baseball insurance purchase deadline
May 15th-17th- National Oratorical Contest at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, MI

June 2026

June 1st- Final day for Baseball teams to register
June 21st-27th -Boys State program at Hillsdale College (tentative).

July 2026

July 1st-Robert Turner Baseball Scholarship submission deadline
July 15th- Diamond Baseball Scholarship deadline
July 19th-24th- Student Trooper Program
July 21-25- JSSP American Legion National Championship (Individual Tournament) at Hillsdale College.
July TBD- Class AA, Class A Senior Baseball State Tournaments in TBD.
July TBD- Junior Baseball State Tournament in TBD
(Baseball Tournament Dates/locations TBD in December 2025)

2025-26 Program Supplies Order Form

Brochure and Flyers: 200 max quantity each

Applications: No quantity limit

Boys State Supplies

- Brochure ----- qty
- Flyer----- qty
- Application----- qty

Baseball Supplies

- Turner Baseball Scholarship
Application----- qty
- Diamond Baseball Scholarship
Application-----
----- qty
- Baseball Booklet----- qty
- New Baseball Team Formation
Packet----- qty

Community Awards Supplies

- Law Officer of the Year Nomination
Form----- qty
- Firefighter of the Year Nomination
Form----- qty
- Teacher of the Year Nomination
Form----- qty

Oratorical Supplies

- Brochure ----- qty
- (Student Registration is completed online- no paper registration forms are available)

Scholarship Supplies

- Brewer/Wilson Scholarship
Application----- qty
- Skilled Trades Scholarship
Application----- qty

Scouting Awards Supplies

- Eagle Scout of the Year
Nomination Form----- qty
- Square Knot Award Requirements
Flyer----- qty

Student Trooper Supplies

- Brochure ----- qty
- Flyer----- qty
- Application----- qty

Please select one of the following options. (If you select the email option, you only need to fill out the name, Post/SAL #, and email address section)



Mail Supplies



Email PDF Copies

Name(Required): _____ Post/SAL # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address: _____

Return This Form To:

Michigan American Legion
Attn: Programs Coordinator
212 N. Verlinden Ave. Ste. A
Lansing, MI 48915

Or scan and email completed form to legion@michiganlegion.org