

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
2025 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Admission by Registration Badge Only

Thursday, July 10, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration and Credentials	Top of Escalators
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Official Department Headquarters Office Legion	Arcade
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	POST & SAL Officer & Operations Training ...	Dream Makers Theater
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Children & Youth Standing Committee	Grand Island II
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Perm. Time & Place/Resolutions Assignment	Dream Makers Theater
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Internal Affairs Standing Committee.	Grand Island I
6:30 p.m.	DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Dream Makers Theater
8:00 p.m.	TOWN HALL MEETING – All Department Officer Candidates to address Zones, Districts and Members immediately following the DEC Meeting. This will replace candidates attending caucus meetings if desired	

Friday, July 11, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration and Credentials	Waters Edge Area
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Official Department Headquarters Office Legion	Arcade

CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Finance.	Grand Island I
	Constitution and By-Laws	Dream Makers Theater
	VA& R with VA/VS and VE & E.....	White Fish Point
	Children and Youth	Grand Island II
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Rules	Grand Island I
	Membership	Dream Makers Theater
	Reconnect	White Fish Point
	Credentials	Grand Island II
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Legislative	Grand Island I
	National Security & Foreign Relations.....	Dream Makers Theater
	Americanism	White Fish Point
	Media & Communications	Grand Island II

*****10:00 a.m.*****	SAL BUDGET COMMITTEE	Rapids Lounge
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1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. DISTRICT CAUCUSES

1 st District	White Fish Point
2 nd District	Drummand Island
3 rd District.....	Grand Island I
...4 th District.....	Mackinac Island
5 th District	Grand Island II
6 th District.....	Dream Makers Theater
7 th District.....	Dream Makers Theater

8 th District.....	Dream Makers Theater
9 th District	Sugar Island
10 th District	Maple Island
11 th District	Rapids Lounge
12 th District	Rapids Lounge
16 th District	White Fish Point
18 th District	Dream Makers Theater
19 th District.....	... Sky Box / VIP Room

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. ZONE CAUCUSES

1 st Zone	Grand Island II
2 nd Zone	Whitefish Point
3 rd Zone	Dream Makers Theater
4 th Zone	Grand Island I
5 th Zone	Rapids Lounge

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5:00 p.m. OFFICIAL OPENING – JOINT CONVENTION SESSION..... Dream Makers Theater

Advancement of Department Colors
Department Commander – Dan Cooper
Ray Carlson, Convention Chairman
Greetings, City of Sault Ste. Marie
Greetings, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Special Guest Speaker
Convention Credentials Committee Report
Convention Rules Committee Report
Approval of Department Officers' Reports, as printed in the Michigan Legionnaire
Introduction & Approval of 2025-2026 SAL Detachment Officers
Presentation of Distinguished Person Award by Past Department Commanders

CONVENTION SESSION STANDS IN RECESS UNTIL 9:00 AM SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025

*****7:00 p.m.** Distinguished Person Dinner (PDCs & invited guests)..... Whitefish Point
*****7:00 p.m.** Joint Memorial Service RehearsalDream Makers Theater
(District Commanders/Zone Commanders)

Saturday, July 12, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 Registration Top of Escalators
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Official Department Headquarters Office LegionArcade
9:00 a.m. **SAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**Grand Island I
9:00 a.m. **CONVENTION SESSION RECONVENES.....**Dream Makers Theater
Michigan Veteran's Affairs Agency
MVAA Director & Michigan Veteran Trust Fund Director

Save A Warrior

Columbia Southern University

Convention Committee Reports

Constitution & Bylaws Convention Committee Report (Addressing all amendments after report)
Resolutions Convention Committee Report (Addressing all resolutions after report)
Reconnect Convention Committee Report w/ James Schutze presentation
Media & Communications Convention Committee Report w/ Website of the Year award
Membership Convention Committee Report w/ Awards Presentations
Finance Convention Committee Report
Children & Youth Convention Committee Report
Legislative Convention Committee Report
Americanism Convention Committee Report
National Security & Foreign Relations Convention Committee Report
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Convention Committee Report

CONVENTION SESSION ADJOURNS UNTIL 10:00AM SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

3:00 p.m. * or as soon as the Convention is in recess *****
American Legion Riders.....Dream Makers Theater
Wilwin Lodge Board Meeting Grand Island I
Michigan American Legion Foundation Board Meeting Grand Island II

4:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. UP Party held at the Sault Ste Marie Post 3 (Shuttle Bus available 3:30pm – 7:30pm)

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Sunday, July 13, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Line Up for Memorial Service	Dream Makers Theater
8:00 a.m.	Joint Memorial Service	Dream Makers Theater
8:30 a.m.	Official Department Headquarters Office Legion	Arcade
10:00 a.m.	CONVENTION SESSION RECONVENES	Dream Makers Theater
	Introduction of 2025-2026 Auxiliary Department President	
	Convention Committee Reports (continued)	
	<i>Any other Business or Reports</i>	
	♦ Permanent Time and Place Committee Report on Conventions	

12:00 p.m.(or earlier if all other business is completed)
NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF 2025-2026 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS Dream Makers Theater

- o Department Commander
 - o Department 1st Vice Commander
 - o Department 2nd Vice Commander
 - o Department Finance Officer
 - o Department Sergeant-at-Arms
 - o Department Historian
 - o National Executive Committeeman
 - o Alternate Executive Committeeman
 - ♦ Confirmation of Newly Elected Department Zone Commanders
 - ♦ Confirmation of Newly Elected District Commanders and Alternate District Commanders
 - ♦ Confirmation of Delegates and Alternates to 2025 National Convention
- Benediction
Retirement of Colors

NOTE: Immediately following the delegation meeting, the initial meeting of the 2025-2026 Department Executive Committee will convene seated in the Convention Hall.

NOTE: Immediately following the initial meeting of the D.E.C., delegates and alternates to the 2025 National Convention will meet in front of the stage of the Convention Hall for the purpose of electing a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary and transacting such other business which may come before the delegation.

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