

# 2023 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

## Admission by Registration Badge Only

*\*\*Schedule subject to change\*\**

### Thursday, July 6, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration and Credentials .....	Waters Edge Area
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Official Department Headquarters Office Legion .....	Arcade
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Q &amp; A 2023 National Convention &amp; The LIT (all invited)</b> .....	Dream Makers Theater
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Perm. Time & Place/Resolutions Assignment (Full Committee Called).....	Bingo Hall
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Internal Affairs Standing Committee Meeting .....	Bingo Hall
7:00 p.m.	<b>DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b> .....	Dream Makers Theater

### Friday, July 7, 2023

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
	Americanism .....	Dream Makers Theater
	VA& R with VA/VS and VE & E .....	Bingo Hall
	Children and Youth .....	Grand Island II
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Rules .....	Grand Island I
	Membership .....	Dream Makers Theater
	Reconnect .....	Bingo Hall
	Credentials .....	Grand Island II
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Legislative.....	Grand Island I
	National Security & Foreign Relations.....	Dream Makers Theater
	Constitution and By-Laws/Internal Affairs .....	Bingo Hall
	Media & Communications .....	Grand Island II
10:00 a.m.	<b>SAL BUDGET COMMITTEE</b> .....	Upper Tahquamenon
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>DISTRICT CAUCUSES</b>	
	1 <sup>st</sup> District .....	Sky Box
	2 <sup>nd</sup> District .....	Woodlands
	3 <sup>rd</sup> District.....	Dream Makers Theater
	4 <sup>th</sup> District.....	Mackinac Island
	5 <sup>th</sup> District.....	Grand Island II
	6 <sup>th</sup> District.....	Dream Makers Theater
	7 <sup>th</sup> District.....	Upper Tahquamenon
	8 <sup>th</sup> District.....	Bingo Hall
	9 <sup>th</sup> District.....	Sugar Island
	10 <sup>th</sup> District.....	Dream Makers Theater
	11 <sup>th</sup> District.....	Maple Island
	12 <sup>th</sup> District.....	Drummond Island
	16 <sup>th</sup> District.....	Grand Island I
	18 <sup>th</sup> District.....	Bingo Hall
	19 <sup>th</sup> District.....	Neebish Island
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>ZONE CAUCUSES</b>	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Zone.....	Grand Island II
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Zone .....	Bingo Hall

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3rd Zone .....Dream Makers Theater
4th Zone ..... Upper Tahquamenon
5th Zone .....Grand Island I

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

Advancement of Department Colors
National Anthem sung by Ewen / Trout Creek High
Department Commander – Marilyn Britten
Ray Carlson, Convention Chairman
Greetings, Don Gerrie, Mayor of Sault Ste. Marie
Greetings, Austin Lowes, Chairman - Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Greetings, National Vice Commander Hylton
Greetings, Past National Commander & Adjutant Robert Spanogle
Special Guest Speaker U.S. Army Veteran & POW - Jessica Lynch
• Convention Credentials Committee Report
• Convention Rules Committee Report
Approval of Department Officers’ Reports, as printed in the Michigan Legionnaire
Introduction of 2023-2024 SAL Detachment Officers
Presentation of Distinguished Person Award by Past Department Commanders

CONVENTION SESSION ADJOURNS UNTIL 9:00 AM SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023

7:00 p.m. Distinguished Person Dinner (PDC’s & invited guest).....Woodlands

7:00 p.m. Joint Memorial Service Rehearsal.....Dream Makers Theater
& Bingo Hall
• (District Commanders/Zone Commanders)

Saturday, July 8, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Registration ..... Waters Edge Area
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Official Department Headquarters Office Legion ..... Arcade

9:00 a.m. SAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING..... Upper Tahquamenon
9:00 a.m. CONVENTION SESSION RECONVENES.....Dream Makers Theater

Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report
Michigan Veteran’s Homes
Michigan Veteran Trust Fund & MVAA Director
Membership Awards & Department Trophies
Convention Committee Reports
• Americanism (includes Baseball; Education & Scholarship; American Legion Boys’ State; Law & Order and Scouting)
• Children & Youth
• Finance
• Legislative
• Media & Communications
• Membership
• National Security & Foreign Relations
• Post Development
• Reconnect
• Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (includes VA/VS and VE&E)

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CONVENTION SESSION ADJOURNS UNTIL 10:00AM SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

3:00 p.m.

American Legion Riders..... Bingo Hall  
Wilwin Lodge Board Meeting ..... Grand Island I  
Michigan American Legion Foundation Board Meeting .....Grand Island II  
\*\*\* or as soon as the Convention is in recess \*\*\*

4:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.

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

## Sunday, July 9, 2023

7:30 a.m.

Line Up for Memorial Service ..... Bingo Hall

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 2023-2024 Auxiliary Department President

Convention Committee Reports (continued)

*Any other Business or Reports*

- ♦ Permanent Time and Place Committee Report on Conventions

12:00 p.m.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF 2023-2024 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

*(or earlier if all other business is completed)* .....Dream Makers Theater

- ♦ Department Commander
- ♦ Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander
- ♦ Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander
- ♦ Department Finance Officer
- ♦ Department Sergeant-at-Arms
- ♦ Department Historian (if needed)
- ♦ National Executive Committeeman
- ♦ Alternate National 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 2023 National Convention
- ♦ Benediction
- ♦ Retirement of Colors

*NOTE: Immediately following the delegation meeting, the initial meeting of the 2023-2024 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 2023 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.*