



# Empire American Legion, Inc. New York Department Convention Buffalo, New York July 17-20, 2019



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The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 101<sup>st</sup> Annual American Legion Department Convention, which will be held this July 18- 20, 2019 in Buffalo, is fast approaching. We will also be holding the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Auxiliary Convention and the 45<sup>st</sup> Annual SAL Convention. I hope you will join us as we continue the traditions of our American Legion founding fathers.

As you are well aware, in order to host a Convention, the magnitude of our organization, it requires an extensive fundraising campaign to support all activities including the sessions, buses, and the parade. We invite you to join with us as a Member, Post, Unit, Squadron, County, or District to contribute in a meaningful way by purchasing an ad in the Department Convention Program Book.

If you already have a formatted ad, you can send it to us electronically, and your check via regular mail. It is preferred that you have your ad printer-ready, but if you don't have a copy available, we will be glad to develop an ad with your information. To keep ad prices the same in our rising cost environment, all ads will be printed in black & white.

Enclosed you will find a letter with prices for ads and a booster sheet. Both can be copied and forwarded to members who may be interested. With the online fillable PDF format, you can enter the information, save to a file, and print it out at your work station, or send via email to [veteran14202@verizon.net](mailto:veteran14202@verizon.net) to be held until your check arrives.

As we meet in Buffalo, the Hyatt will serve as the Legion headquarters, and the Buffalo Grand, (formerly Adam's Mark) will serve as headquarters for the Auxiliary and the SAL. The convention sessions will be held at each headquarters hotel respectively. We are working with the local community to provide discounts for area restaurants and attractions. A lot of positive development has taken place in Buffalo downtown since you were last here.

We will have all 2019 Buffalo convention related information posted on the New York American Legion website, which is <http://nylegion.net/news-events/department-convention/>. If you have any questions you can reach our Erie County American Legion office at (716) 852-6500 or at [veteran14202@verizon.net](mailto:veteran14202@verizon.net). I can be reached at (716) 202-4203 or [jimboj799@aol.com](mailto:jimboj799@aol.com).

The Convention Committee and Officers of Erie County are hard at work preparing to host the 2019 Department of New York Convention in Buffalo. We are eagerly awaiting your arrival and if there is anything we can reasonably do to make your stay better, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours for the Legion,  
Jim Bojanowski  
Convention Chairman



The American Legion Family