

# PROGRAM

## 101<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION – Buffalo NY 2019-THE AMERICAN LEGION – DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

The order of the program is subject to change without notice therefore, it is important that Delegates and Alternates be present at all times. It is VERY IMPORTANT that ALL Delegates and Alternates be in their seats at all times in order to do justice to the County which they represent AND as a mark of respect for the people who have come to address our Convention attendees. For your convenience and to allow for relaxation, sessions are limited to the morning hours only.

### WEDNESDAY – July 17, 2019

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Registration of Delegates, Alternates, and Guests at **Hyatt Regency Buffalo**  
(Thursday – Saturday registration begins at 7:00 AM.) Registration - Mezzanine Level

1:30 PM – Department Executive Committee Meeting - Genesee Room – Lobby Level

### THURSDAY – July 18, 2019

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| 9:00 AM | Convention Assembles  |   |
|         | Call to Order         | Department Commander Gary Schacher        |
|         | Advancement of Colors | Department Color Guard, Marion Minutemen  |
|         | Invocation            | Department Chaplain Fr. Robert J. Sweeney |
|         | Pledge of Allegiance  | Department Master-at-Arms Richard Calbo   |
|         | National Anthem       |   |
|         | Call to Convention    | Department Adjutant James W. Casey        |

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| Greetings General Convention Chairman   | James Bojanowski Buffalo Convention Chairman          |
| Welcoming Remarks                       | Mark Poloncarz, Erie County Executive                 |
|   | Mayor Byron Brown City of Buffalo                     |
|   | Patrick Kaler, President & CEO                        |
|   | Visit Buffalo Niagara Convention                      |
| Memorial Service                        | Fr. Robert J. Sweeney, Department Chaplain            |
| Report                                  | Department Commander Gary Schacher                    |
| Report                                  | Department Treasurer John C. Clancy                   |
| Report                                  | Credentials Chairman Richard K. Morris                |
| Address, National Vice Commander        | Paul I. Spedalieri, NVC - CT                          |
| Presentation of Legionnaire of the Year | Chairman, Michael McDermott                           |
| Report                                  | American Legion College Dean Timothy Collmer          |
| Report                                  | Resolutions Chairman John B Sampson                   |
| Report                                  | National Executive Committeeman Edward Bertrand       |
| Presentation of Law & Order Awards      | Chairman, David Riley                                 |
| Report - Eagle Scout of the Year        | Chairman Stephen Mataraza                             |
| Report                                  | Jr. Shooting Sports Program Chairman Lawrence Behling |
| Presentation of Americanism Awards      | Chairman John E. Konkol                               |
| Presentation of Dept. Membership Awards | Chairman Paul Dietrich                                |
| The American Legion Mountain Camp Trust | John C. Clancy, Trustee                               |

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**RECESS – Followed by District Caucuses**

**FRIDAY – July 19<sup>th</sup> , 2019**

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| 9:00 AM                                  | Convention Assembles |  |
|  | Call to Order        | Department Commander Gary Schacher               |
|  | Invocation           | Department Chaplain Rev. Robert J. Sweeney       |
|  | Pledge of Allegiance | Department Master-at-Arms Richard Calbo          |
|  | National Anthem      |  |
|  | Roll Call            | Department Adjutant James W. Casey               |
| Greetings                                |                      | A/L Auxiliary President Marie Mock               |
| Report                                   |                      | Department Historian Frank Carletta              |
| Address & Presentation                   |                      | Legislative Committee Chairman Frank LaMarsh     |
| Report                                   |                      | AL Boys' State Executive Director John E. Murphy |
| Report                                   |                      | AL Boys' State Program Coordinator David O'Brien |
| Remarks                                  |                      | 2019 American Legion Boy's State Governor        |
| Report and Introduction                  |                      | Oratorical Chairman Anthony L. Paternostro       |
| Address                                  |                      | 2019 Oratorical Winner                           |
| Report                                   |                      | Credentials Committee Chairman Richard K. Morris |
| Report                                   |                      | Resolutions Committee Chairman John B. Sampson   |
| Report                                   |                      | Public Relations Chairman Robert G. Stronach     |
| Presentation                             |                      | Department Public Relations Award                |
| Report                                   |                      | Veteran Service- Patrick Rourk-Chairman          |
| Presentation                             |                      | Meritorious Service Award –Patrick Rourk         |
| Presentation Service Officer of the Year |                      | Veterans Services Consultant - R. Michael Suter  |
| Report                                   |                      | A System Worth Saving- Steve Bowman Chairman     |
| Presentation                             |                      | Bowling Chairman Richard Turck                   |
| Presentation                             |                      | Employment Chairman Thomas C. Rielly             |
| Presentation                             |                      | Children & Youth Chairman Jennifer Napolitano    |

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**5:30 PM Parade Formation**

**6:30 PM Parade Steps Off**

**SATURDAY – July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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| 9:00 AM | Convention Assembles |   |
|         | Call to Order        | Department Commander Gary Schacher        |
|         | Invocation           | Department Chaplain Fr. Robert J. Sweeney |
|         | Pledge of Allegiance | Department Master-at-Arms Richard Calbo   |
|         | National Anthem      |   |
|         | Roll Call            | Department Adjutant James W. Casey        |

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| Greetings                         | James Coates, Detachment Commander SAL           |
| Report                            | Director American Legion Riders Robert Wallace   |
| Final Report                      | Credentials Committee Chairman Richard K. Morris |
| Final Report                      | Resolutions Committee Chairman John B. Sampson   |
| Presentation – Scholarship Awards | Education Chairman John E. Murphy                |
| Report                            | JROTC Advisor John R. Kasmer, Jr.                |
| Remarks                           | JROTC Cadet                                      |
| Report                            | Parade Competition Chairman John P. Siefert      |

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Presentation of Colors to Retiring Department Commander

Nomination of Department Officers

Election of Department Officers

Installation of Officers

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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| Raffle Drawing – Sweepstakes & 50/50 | Department Commander Gary Schacher          |
| Benediction                          | Rev. Robert J. Sweeney, Department Chaplain |
| Retirement of Colors                 | Department Color Guard – Marion Minutemen   |

**ADJOURNMENT**

**NEWLY ELECTED DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Regency Room - AB**