

PROGRAM

101st 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

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

Greetings General Convention Chairman	James Bojanowski Buffalo Convention Chairman
Welcoming Remarks	
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. Spedaliere, 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 19th , 2019

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 20th, 2019

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

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

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

**SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN REPORTS
BY CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

American Legion College	Dean	Tim Collmer
American Legion Riders	Director	Robert Wallace
Americanism	Chairman	John Konkol
Audit - Internal	Chairman	Joseph Porempski
Back to God	Chairman	Robert A. Conway
Baseball	Chairman	Bruce A. Mayfield
Blood Donor	Chairman	Ken Weaver
Bowling	Chairman	Ritchie Turk
Children & Youth	Chairman	Jennifer Napolitano
Constitution & By-laws	Chairman	W. Patrick Falvey
Compensation	Chairman	John C Clancy
Compliance	Chairman	Dennis McCarthy
Contest Advisory & Awards	Chairman	John P. Siefert
Convention	Chairman	James R. Bojanowski
Credentials	Chairman	Richard K. Morris
Distinguished Guests	Chairman	Mikel P. Buczkowski
Education & Scholarship	Chairman	John E. Murphy
Employment	Chairman	Thomas C. Rielly
Energy & Conservation	Chairman	Thomas Wagner
Family Support/Heroes to Hometowns	Chairman	Kathryn Kindle
Finance	Chairman	Denis McEaney
Foreign Relations	Chairman	Gabe Mui
Golf Tournament	Chairman	Auseklis "Aus" Krumins
Homeland Security & Civil Preparedness	Chairman	Anthony DeNatale
Jr. Shooting Sports Program	Chairman	Lawrence L. Behling
Law & Order	Chairman	David Riley
Legionnaire of the Year Award	Chairman	Michael Mc Dermott
Legislative	Chairman	Frank LaMarsh
Media & Communications	Chairman	Robert Stronach
Membership	Chairman	Paul Dietrich
Mid-Winter Conference	Chairman	Harvey Martel
National Security	Chairman	Richard A. Johnston
National Security	ROTC Advisor	John R. Kasmer, Jr.
Oratorical	Chairman	Anthony L. Paternostro
POW/MIA Liaison	Chairman	Dennis E. McLoone
Protocol	Chairman	Susan L. Rumsey
Resolutions	Chairman	John B. Sampson
SAL	Advisor	Maurice Arthur
Scouting	Chairman	Stephen A. Mataraza
VAVS	Chairman	Eilene Fisher
Veterans' Cemeteries	Chairman	Robert J. Dyer
Veterans' Preference	Chairman	Al Etkin
WINAL Rehabilitation	Chairman	Mary McLoone

2018-2019 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

COMMANDER

GARY SCHACHER

DEPARTMENT VICE-COMMANDERS

Districts 1 & 9 Conrad Flickenschild
District 2 & 10 Frank Fazio
Districts 3 & 4 Edward Lupian
Districts 5 & 6 Leslie Crossett
Districts 7 & 8 Thomas Schreck

ADJUTANT

James W. Casey

TREASURER

John C Clancy

CHAPLAIN

Rev. Robert J. Sweeney

HISTORIAN

Frank Carletta

JUDGE ADVOCATE

W. Patrick Falvey

NEC

Edward Bertrand

ANEC

William Kearsing

MASTER-at-ARMS

Richard F. Calbo

Historian Emeritus

Raphael J. Blevins

Judge Advocate Emeritus

Charles G. Mills

DISTRICT COMMANDERS

1st Harvard Tang
2nd Michael P Rodriguez
3rd Eilene Fisher
4th John McCullough
5th C. Lee Hinkleman
6th Thomas Ryan
7th Timothy Collmer
8th John Miga
9th Robert Young
10th Paul Schottenhamel

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR AWARD

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LEGIONNAIRE</u>	<u>POST NAME & NUMBER</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
1980	Edward Scribner*	Schoharie Post 1261	Schoharie	3 rd
1981	Donald Heath*	Honeyford Memorial Post 110	Greene	3 rd
1982	Estelle Mohr*	Staten Island Women's Post 1598	Richmond	2 nd
1983	Edward Lawrence	Kirk-Casey Post 366	Seneca	7 th
1984	James A. Capasso*	Henry Cornell Post 234	Saratoga	4 th
1985	Howard Bushart*	Williamson Post 394	Wayne	7 th
1986	Frederick C. Schmaling*	Port Chester Post 93	Westchester	9 th
1987	Levi Bentley*	Johnson-Costello Post 355	Yates	7 th
1988	David Ossman*	Leo Laders Post 130	Rockland	9 th
1989	Vincent J. Tripi*	Harvey L. Brady Post 354	Livingston	7 th
1990	Albert A. Sheldrake*	Medos A. Nelson Post 504	Clinton	4 th
1991	Helen G. Jacob*	Erieco Women's Post 1586	Erie	8 th
1992	Francis R. Tripi*	Harvey L. Brady Post 354	Livingston	7 th
1993	Edward J. Klimek*	Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520	Albany	3 rd
1994	John J. Glegota, Jr.*	Niagara Frontier Post 1041	Erie	8 th
1995	Peter Holowecki*	Williston Post 144	Nassau	10 th
1996	Richard F. Williams*	Town of Esopus Post 1298	Ulster	3 rd
1997	Thomas P. McKee*	Betowski-Van De Mark Post 492	Tioga	6 th
1998	Joseph E. Sills, Jr.	Kingston Post 150	Ulster	3 rd
1999	Vincent J. Buccigrossi*	Geo. Washington Memorial Post 1872	Kings	2 nd
2000	James W. Wyckoff*	Manning-Lilla Post 463	Seneca	7 th
2001	Andrew Affrunti	Floyd Bennett Post 1060	Kings	2 nd
2002	Paul A. Cortright*	John B. Lyman Post 904	Jefferson	5 th
2003	Louis D. Ulino	Massapequa Post 1066	Nassau	10 th
2004	Dennis McCarthy	West Seneca Post 735	Erie	8 th
2005	Alfred DeMizio*	Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520	Albany	3 rd
2006	Steven W. Bowman	Russell B. Childs Post 769	Clinton	4 th
2007	Alwin H. O'Donnell	South Buffalo Post 721	Erie	8 th
2008	Salvatore Ascione	Dept. of Water Supply Gas & Electric	New York	1 st
2009	Charles W. Dolson	Sergeant Ronald Grey Post 1542	Putnam	9 th
2010	John A. Murray	Kirk-Casey Post 366	Seneca	7 th
2011	Edward R. Lupian	Gerald O'Neil Post 1683	Rensselaer	3 rd
2012	Walter T. Gaun	Kirk-Casey Post 366	Seneca	7 th
2013	Frank F. Gee	Lt. B.R. Kimlau Post 1291	New York	1 st
2014	Charles Schack	East Aurora Post 362	Erie	8 th
2015	Linda Yelle	Montgomery Post 912	Clinton	4 th
2016	Joseph Mondello	Minkler-Seery Post 252	Columbia	3 rd
2017	Betsy Gips	Madison Post 1556	Madison	6 th
2018	Robert Gardner	George F. Riordan Post 974	Broome	6 th

*Deceased

SERVICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

YEAR	SERVICE OFFICER	POST	COUNTY	DISTRICT
1998	Robert G. Mitchell	Adirondack Post 70	Saratoga	4 th
1999	Edward L. Mazzochi	Argyle Post 1518	Washington	4 th
2000	Derek M. Davey	Beaver River Memorial 1663	Lewis	5 th
2001	Warren J. Manor*	Plattsburgh Post 20	Clinton	4 th
2002	Jerold A. Klein	Northport Post 694	Suffolk	10 th
2003	Robert B. Whitbeck	Greenville Post 291	Greene	3 rd
2004	Franklin E. Tower*	Butts-Clark Post 204	Orleans	8 th
2005	James A. Carra	James Cooke Post 931	Ontario	7 th
2006	Albert D. Ramsey	Frank A. Rea Post 1163	Westchester	9 th
2007	John B. Sampson	Hughes-Skiba Post 535	Cattaraugus	8 th
2008	P. Earle Gleason	Johnson-Costello	Yates	7 th
2009	Ronald Romaszka	Wilson Ritch Post 432	Suffolk	10 th
2010	Daniel Morea	Beacon Post 302	Dutchess	9 th
2011	Denis Oliver	Charles E. Westcott Post 173	Steuben	7 th
2012	Nelson E. Rivera	Arlington-Town of Poughkeepsie 1302	Dutchess	9 th
2013	Frank E. Hollister	Walter Klein Post 532	Livingston	7 th
2014	Steven W. Bowman	Russell B. Childs Post 769	Clinton	4 th
2015	Donna W. Kestner	Homer Russell Smith Post 587	Oswego	5 th
2016	Peter J. Fazio	Watertown Army & Navy Post 61	Jefferson	5 th
2017	William Rodriguez	William Merrit Hallock Post 155	Suffolk	10 th
2018	Eder E. Paredes	Donald M Konrad Post 1954	Westchester	9 th

*Deceased

Convention Sites

YEAR	#	DEPARTMENT	NATIONAL	YEAR	#	DEPARTMENT	NATIONAL
1919	1 st	Rochester	Minneapolis	1970	52 nd	Buffalo	Portland
1920	2 nd	Albany	Cleveland	1971	53 rd	Rochester	Houston
1921	3 rd	Jamestown	Kansas City	1972	54 th	Syracuse	Chicago
1922	4 th	Syracuse	New Orleans	1973	55 th	Binghamton	Hawaii
1923	5 th	Saratoga Springs	San Francisco	1974	56 th	Niagara Falls	Miami
1924	6 th	Alexandria Bay	St. Paul	1975	57 th	Rochester	Minneapolis
1925	7 th	New York City	Omaha	1976	58 th	Syracuse	Seattle
1926	8 th	Niagara Falls	Philadelphia	1977	59 th	Binghamton	Denver
1927	9 th	Troy	Paris, France	1978	60 th	Syracuse	New Orleans
1928	10 th	Schenectady	San Antonio	1979	61 st	Rochester	Houston
1929	11 th	Utica	Louisville	1980	62 nd	New York City	Boston
1930	12 th	Saratoga Springs	Boston	1981	63 rd	Syracuse	Hawaii
1931	13 th	Syracuse	Detroit	1982	64 th	Syracuse	Chicago
1932	14 th	Brooklyn	Portland	1983	65 th	Buffalo	Seattle
1934	16 th	Buffalo	Miami	1984	66 th	Buffalo	Salt Lake City
1935	17 th	Rochester	St. Louis	1985	67 th	Rochester	New Orleans
1936	18 th	Syracuse	Cleveland	1986	68 th	Syracuse	Cincinnati
1937	19 th	Troy	New York City	1987	69 th	Lake Placid	San Antonio
1938	20 th	Endicott	Los Angeles	1988	70 th	Niagara Falls	Louisville
1939	21 st	Albany	Chicago	1989	71 st	Buffalo	Baltimore
1940	22 nd	Schenectady	Boston	1990	72 nd	Binghamton	Indianapolis
1941	23 rd	Rochester	Milwaukee	1991	73 rd	Rochester	Phoenix
1942	24 th	Syracuse	Kansas City	1992	74 th	Buffalo	Chicago
1943	25 th	New York City	Omaha	1993	75 th	Syracuse	Pittsburgh
1944	26 th	Buffalo	Chicago	1994	76 th	Niagara Falls	Minneapolis
1945	27 th	Troy	Chicago	1995	77 th	Rochester	Indianapolis
1946	28 th	New York City	San Francisco	1996	78 th	Albany	Salt Lake City
1947	29 th	Niagara Falls	New York City	1997	79 th	Syracuse	Orlando
1948	30 th	Saratoga Springs	Miami	1998	80 th	Buffalo	New Orleans
1949	31 st	Buffalo	Philadelphia	1999	81 st	Binghamton	Anaheim
1950	32 nd	Syracuse	Los Angeles	2000	82 nd	Niagara Falls	Milwaukee
1951	33 rd	New York City	Miami	2001	83 rd	Rochester	San Antonio
1952	34 th	Saratoga Springs	New York City	2002	84 th	Albany	Charlotte
1953	35 th	Rochester	St. Louis	2003	85 th	Syracuse	St. Louis
1954	36 th	New York City	Washington, DC	2004	86 th	Buffalo	Nashville
1955	37 th	Buffalo	Miami	2005	87 th	Binghamton	Hawaii
1956	38 th	Rochester	Los Angeles	2006	88 th	Rochester	Salt Lake City
1957	39 th	Syracuse	Atlantic City	2007	89 th	Niagara Falls	Reno
1958	40 th	New York City	Chicago	2008	90 th	Albany	Phoenix
1959	41 st	Syracuse	Minneapolis	2009	91 st	Buffalo	Louisville
1960	42 nd	Buffalo	Miami	2010	92 nd	Syracuse	Milwaukee
1961	43 rd	Albany	Denver	2011	93 rd	Binghamton	Minneapolis
1962	44 th	New York	Las Vegas	2012	94 th	Rochester	Indianapolis
1963	45 th	Rochester	Miami	2013	95 th	Niagara Falls	Houston
1964	46 th	Syracuse	Dallas	2014	96 th	Albany	Charlotte
1965	47 th	Buffalo	Portland	2015	97 th	Buffalo	Baltimore
1966	48 th	Albany	Washington, DC	2016	98 th	Binghamton	Cincinnati
1967	49 th	Buffalo	Boston	2017	99 th	Syracuse	Reno
1968	50 th	Syracuse	New Orleans	2018	100 th	Rochester	Minneapolis
1969	51 st	Niagara Falls	Atlanta	2019	101 st	Buffalo	Indianapolis
				2020	102 nd	Binghamton	