

## Update from National Headquarters

Greetings to you all!

With Spring NEC Meetings concluded, we wanted to provide an update on the 2021 National Convention. We are hopeful to meet once again and, in order to do so, safety, flexibility and compliance are necessary. The 102nd National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona is planned August 27 – September 2, 2021. The Sheraton will currently serve as The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion Headquarters Hotel. The Hyatt will serve as The American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters hotel.

- Friday, August 27, 2021 – Color Guard Competition at 4:00 PM in the Phoenix Convention Center. We currently have received one application from Fountain Hills, Arizona.

Please spread the word: Rules and applications are on the website at [www.legion.org/convention](http://www.legion.org/convention) and [www.legion.org/convention/contests](http://www.legion.org/convention/contests).

Applications must be received no later than July 23.

- The Competitive Concert Band Contest and Exhibition Concert Band will not take place this year.

- Sunday, August 29, 2021 – Patriotic Memorial Service starting at 11:00 AM in the Phoenix Convention Center. The Phoenix Boys Choir is scheduled to perform.

- The National Convention Parade will not take place this year.

- Tuesday, August 31, 2021 – National Commander's Banquet. Your National Commander has selected Craig Morgan as the Banquet Entertainment. At this time the Banquet is SOLD OUT. Rounds of 4.

- Tour Opportunities - AZA Events will offer many tour options. Please visit our website for more detailed tour descriptions.

- The Arizona Diamondbacks are in town and at this time we are working to have an American Legion Family Night at Chase Field on Monday, August 30 where the National Commander may potentially throw out the first pitch. Discounted tickets may be available. Once we have more information will send to you.

- ANAVICUS - NO Breakfast this year. This will be an invitation only beverage reception for inductees on Sunday, August 29, tentatively at 4PM at the Sheraton.

- PDCC (Past Department Commander's Luncheon) – Monday, August 30- same time as normal- at the Sheraton. Due to physical distancing measures, this event will be at a maximum of 400. Rounds of 4 currently. More information forthcoming from National.

**\*\*\* all convention related events are subject to change \*\*\***

There are other useful items on our website from alternative parking options, scooter rentals, airport shuttle options, RV parks, a list of Posts that desire to host functions, etc. Please check the website often for updated information regarding notable items, events, etc. for Phoenix at [www.legion.org/convention](http://www.legion.org/convention).

In addition, The American Legion focuses on creating a safe national convention experience for all who desire to attend. As part of that effort, please see attached for current safety measures and protocols to keep in mind. This will appear tomorrow on the website. We will be providing you additional information for your delegation in the coming weeks. A Know Before You Go document will be produced after August 1 so you can share with your delegations. The liability waiver is forthcoming.

As we progress towards August, we will keep you abreast of the latest information due to the fluid situation. We are confident our American Legion Family members will still enjoy all events planned thus far as well as the business sessions of The American Legion, while keeping each other safe during these times!

We thank each of you for your continued support, assistance, and flexibility.

Take care and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Your Convention & Meetings Team

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