

PROGRAM

106th ANNUAL CONVENTION – Niagara Falls, NY 2024 -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.

Tuesday 16, 2024

10:00AM – 3:00PM – Registration of Delegates, Alternates, and Guests at **Niagara Falls Convention Center**
(Thursday – Saturday registration begins at 8:00 AM.)

2:30 PM – Department Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday July 17, 2024

9:00 AM Convention Assembles

Call to Order	Department Commander Timothy J. Collmer
Advancement of Colors	Department Color Guard
Invocation	Department Chaplain Rev. Robert J. Sweeney
Pledge of Allegiance	Department Master-at-Arms Richard Calbo
National Anthem	
POW/MIA Remembrance	
Call to Convention/Roll Call	Department Adjutant James W. Casey

Greetings General Convention Chairman	Convention Chairman Robert Sondel
Welcoming Remarks	County Executive -
Welcoming Remarks	
Memorial Service	Department Chaplain Rev. Robert J. Sweeney
Report	Department Commander Timothy J. Collmer
Report	Department Treasurer Catherine E. Erwin
Report	Credentials Chairman Richard K. Morris
Report	National Executive Committeeman Timothy Van Patten
Report	National Security Chairman Peter Del-Debbio
Presentation of Legionnaire of the Year	Chairman, Joseph Goonan
Report	American Legion College David R. Riley, Sr.
Report	Resolutions Chairman Frank J. Peters
Presentation of Law & Order Awards	Chairman Cynthia Nelson
Report -	Scouting Chairman Jean Williams
Presentation	Eagle Scout of the Year Zachary Zibella
Report	Jr. Shooting Chairman Thomas Willard
Presentation of Americanism Awards	Chairman John Miga
Presentation of Dept. Membership Awards	Chairman Gene Ordmandy
The American Legion Mountain Camp Trust	Trustee

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Followed by District Caucuses**

Thursday July 18 2024

9:00 AM	Convention Assembles	
	Call to Order	Department Commander Timothy J. Collmer
	Invocation	Department Chaplain Rev. Robert J. Sweeney
	Pledge of Allegiance	Department Master-at-Arms Richard Calbo
	Roll Call	Department Adjutant James W. Casey
	Greetings	A/L Auxiliary President Karen St. Hilarie
	Report	Department Historian Frank Carletta
	Address & Presentation	Legislative Committee Chairman C. Lee Hinkleman
	Report	AL Boys' State Director David Cariddo
	Remarks	2023 American Legion Boy's State Governor -
	Report and Introduction	Oratorical Chairman Anthony Paternostro
	Address	2023 Oratorical Winner Nia Gooden
	Report	Credentials Committee Chairman Richard Morris
	Report	Resolutions Committee Chairman Frank J. Peters
	Report	Public Relations Chairman Robert Stronach
	Presentation	Department Public Relations Award –
	Report	Veteran Services Committee Chair Eilene Fisher
	Presentation	Sampson Service Officer of The Year Award Denise DiResta
	Report – DSO's	NYC David Sprinkle
	Presentation	Meritorious Service Award
	Presentation	Employment Chairman Thomas Rielly
	Presentation	Children & Youth Chairman Arthur Forman

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Friday July 19, 2024

9:00 AM	Convention Assembles	
	Call to Order	Department Commander Timothy J. Collmer
	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	Detachment Commander SAL Peter DeAngelis
	Final Report	Credentials Committee Chairman Richard Morris
	Presentation – Scholarship Awards	Department Commander Timothy J. Collmer
	Report	Veteran Preferences Al Etkin
	Report	
	Remarks	

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

	Presentation of Colors to Retiring Department Commander
	Nomination of Department Officers
	Election of Department Officers
	Installation of Department Officers

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

	Raffle Drawing – Sweepstakes & 50/50	Department Commander
	Benediction	Department Chaplain
	Retirement of Colors	Department Color Guard

ADJOURNMENT

NEWLY ELECTED DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING