



American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Michigan

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TO: Unit Presidents
FROM: Deborah Williamson, Department President
SUBJECT: Information on 2019 Department Convention

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION convenes on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at the Radisson Hotel in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The registration desk will open for early registration on Wednesday evening from 5-7 pm.

REGISTRATION: ANYONE attending the Convention Delegate, Alternate, Member or Guest, **MUST REGISTER** with the Convention Corporation. The registration form is enclosed. Please follow the mailing and payment instructions on the form. The registration fee is \$15.

HOUSING:

The hotel reservations **MUST** be made directly through the Radisson Hotel in Kalamazoo, MI. A Hotel Information sheet with instructions is also enclosed.

CREDENTIAL INFORMATION: THE "Official Call for Department Convention" appeared in the April/May issue of the Auxiliaire. The Certification of Unit Delegates form is enclosed. The number of Delegates each Unit is allowed is based on the number of members 30 days prior to Convention, this year being May 26th.

Please note that if you are allowed 4 Delegates, as an example, if you pay to register 4 Delegates, **even if only one Delegate attends, that delegate can vote all 4 votes.** If you only register 2 Delegates, you would only get to vote two of the four you are allowed. You should also list the same number of Alternates in the event a Delegate cannot attend.

Please advise your delegates that they **must present their convention name tag** at the official credentials desk in Kalamazoo before 8:30 am on Saturday, June 29, 2019 to receive the appropriate sticker in order to be entitled to vote in the election to be held Saturday morning.

FLAG REHEARSAL: The rehearsal for the Flag Processional will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday afternoon, June 27, 2019 in the Convention meeting room. Please be sure to advise the Department Headquarters if you are planning to bring your colors to the convention. A form is enclosed for this purpose. **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION OF COLORS IS JUNE 1.** Be sure to designate someone who is responsible for picking up your flag and stand after the closing of the Convention. Be sure to clearly label your flag and stand.

DISTRICT CAUCUS: Your delegates should attend their District Caucus on Thursday afternoon at 3:00 pm and return to the caucus following the pre-convention meetings.

PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS: The District Presidents will assign a meeting for a delegate to attend. The delegate will report back to the caucus what was talked about at the meeting.

Your delegates and alternates should be instructed to be seated with your District Delegation in the Convention Hall. They will follow the direction of the District President.

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
TENTATIVE 99th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Early Registration Lower Plaza Level

Thursday, June 27, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration and Credentials Lower Plaza Level
 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Auxiliary Headquarters Office Gilmore Board Room
 9:00 a.m. Registration of Colors Coat Room
 Displays Glens Room I-III
 11:30 a.m. Chairmen Luncheon for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Room 813
 1:00 p.m. **DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING** Meadows Room
 2:00 p.m. Flag Rehearsal Glens Room I-III
 3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. **District Caucuses**
 3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. **Pre-Convention Meetings**
 3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Return to District Caucuses
 4:30 p.m. Credentials Committee Stone Theater
 5:00 p.m. Resolutions Committee Stone Theater
 7:00 p.m. **OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 2019 CONVENTION** Glens Room I-III

Friday, June 28, 2019

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration and Credentials Lower Plaza Level
 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Auxiliary Headquarters Office Gilmore Board Room
 8:30 a.m. **99TH ANNUAL CONVENTION RECONVENES** Glens Room I-III
 12:00 p.m. Recess for Lunch
 12:00 p.m. **V.A. & R. Volunteer Luncheon** Meadows Room
 2:00 p.m. **Opening Session of the 101st American Legion Convention** Arcadia Ballroom I & II
 3:00 p.m. **Reconvene, if needed, to conduct additional business**
 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **JUNIOR AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT CONVENTION** Stone Theater
 5:00 p.m. Joint Memorial Service Rehearsal Glens Room I-III
 6:00 p.m. Closing of Credentials Desk

Saturday, June 29, 2019

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Registration Lower Plaza Level
 9:00 a.m. **JUNIOR AUXILIARY CONVENTION RECONVENES** Stone Theater
 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 **99TH ANNUAL CONVENTION RECONVENES** Glens Room I-III
 1:00 p.m. **NEW DISTRICT PRESIDENTS/VICE PRESIDENTS TRAINING** Stone Theater
 2:00 p.m. **M.A.L.P.A** Oaks Room
 4:00 p.m. **U.P. Party** VFW Post 1527, 1920 E. Kilgore, Portage, MI
 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **2019-2020 Department Officer Meet & Greet** Meadows Room
 7:00 p.m. **American Legion Riders** Stone Theater

Sunday, June 30, 2019

7:30 a.m. **Line Up for Memorial Service** Lower Plaza Level
 8:00 a.m. **Joint Memorial Service** Glens Room I-III
 9:30 a.m. **99TH ANNUAL CONVENTION RECONVENES** Glens Room I-III

Note: Immediately following the adjournment of the Convention session, delegates and alternates to the National Convention will meet in the Glens Room I-III.

Note: Immediately following the close of the Convention session and the meeting of the delegates and alternates to the National Convention, the first meeting of the new Department Executive Committee will be held. This is in accordance with Article V, Section 3, Department By-Laws. The newly installed District Presidents are the voting members and must attend the Post Convention Executive Committee meeting. The location of this meeting will be the Glens Room I-III.

HOTEL INFORMATION

2019 American Legion Annual Convention

The hotel shall hold the block until 6-4-2019 or until the block fills, whichever occurs first. Reservations made after 6-4-2019 or above the contract block amount are subject to the availability and pricing availability of the hotel.

- Standard Rooms (King or Double Queen):

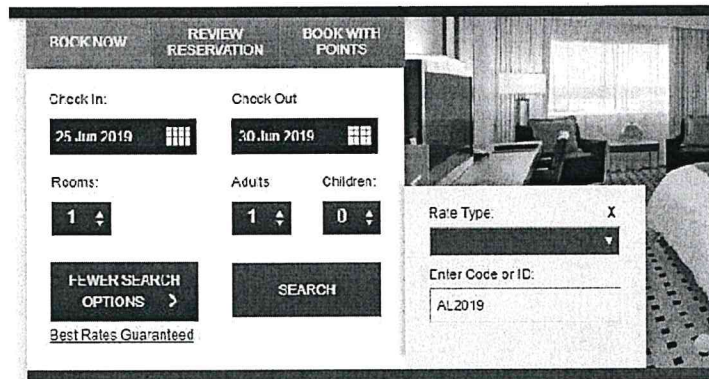
○ Single Occupancy:	\$115	Triple Occupancy:	\$125
○ Double Occupancy:	\$115	Quad Occupancy:	\$135

- Standard Concierge (King or Double Queen) – 9th Floor:

○ Single Occupancy:	\$155	Triple Occupancy:	\$165
○ Double Occupancy:	\$155	Quad Occupancy:	\$175

- Please call the hotel directly at **269-343-3333 (8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays)** to make your reservation (mention American Legion Convention to get the group rate). **OR** online booking available using Group Code: AL2019

- Online Booking Instructions:
 - Go to www.radissonkz.com
 - Put in the dates of stay between (6/25 – 6/30/2019)
 - Click on more search options
 - Under rate type, pick promotional code and then enter Group Code: **AL2019**



- Credit Card is required for all stays
- Special Room requests cannot be made through the online portal
- For Hospitality Rooms – Please contact Jerry Dennis at: gnd459@gmail.com or 616-901-1667
- Entire Property is non-smoking
- Free self-parking provided in parking ramp to hotel guest staying at the Radisson Hotel only.
- Parking Ramp maximum height 6'-7"
- **Valet Parking is NOT included**
- Trailer parking available for a fee at nearby surface lot
- When making online reservation – it will not disclose free self -parking, although it is included

**American Legion, Department of Michigan
2019 Convention Registration Form**

June 26 – June 30, 2019

**Radisson Hotel
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007**

**Hosted by the Grand Rapids American Legion Conv. Corp.
You must make your own reservation, Room Blocks Held Until June 4, 2019**

Kalamazoo Convention Registration Information

Registration Badge required for attendance at any meeting or session

The American Legion requires that each person in a room must register with the Corporation.
Registration fee is \$15. Make your **check payable to:**

Grand Rapids American Legion Convention Corp. or GRAL Convention Corp.

Mail to: Jerry Dennis, 840 Coit Ave N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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PLEASE PRINT	Legion, Aux., SAL or Guest	District	Zone
Name:			
Address:			
City/Zip:			
Guests' Names:			

Enclosed find: \$ _____ for _____ Registrations

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Hotel Reservation confirmed at Radisson Kalamazoo: Yes [] No []

If not staying at Radisson, what hotel are you staying at: _____

In case of questions, please provide contact information below:

Phone # _____ Email _____

FLOWER ORDER FORM

Members are encouraged to place their flower orders prior to convention. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY MAIL NO LATER THAN JUNE 17, 2019.** *Flowers ordered for the opening session must be picked up at the flower table by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday evening.* Flowers for Sunday may be picked up on Sunday morning before the Memorial Service. All flowers will be delivered to the Auxiliary flower table in the Lower Level Concourse of the Radisson Hotel.

Corsages (Pin-on) - All Have Bows

(All prices include 6% sales tax)

Three Sweetheart Roses *	\$22.50
Dendrobium Orchids (White or Purple)	\$20.00
Mixture - Sweetheart Rose*, Miniature Carnation * & Daisy -	\$23.50
Miniature Carnation and Sweetheart Rose *	\$16.50
All Miniature Carnations *	\$12.50
Garden Mixture -Miniature Carnation * & Daisy	\$12.50
Daisies (White, Yellow, Lavender)	\$ 12.00
Single Carnation (Regular Size - Also in Purple) *	\$ 7.50
Add a wristlet (wrist corsage)	\$ 3.00

Boutonnieres

Dendrobium Orchid (White or Purple)	\$15.00
Single Regular Size Rose *	\$ 8.00
Two Sweetheart Roses *	\$ 9.00
Single Regular Size Carnation (Also in Purple) *	\$ 5.00
Two Miniature Carnations *	\$ 5.00
Sweetheart Rose/Miniature Carnation *	\$ 7.00
Daisies (White, Lavender, Yellow)	\$ 6.50

Arm Bouquets

½ Dozen Roses - (Please specify color) *	\$38.00
1 Dozen Roses - (Please specify color) *	\$58.00

*Note: *Rose and Carnation Colors - White, Red, Yellow, Pink*

You may have more than one color of roses and/or carnations. All Corsages and Boutonnieres have greens and filler flowers

* * * * * **Return order form to** * * * * *

DEBORAH CHAMBERS, FLOWER CHAIRMAN
874 4th Street, NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Qty.	Description	Color	Delivery Date	Cost

FULL PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ORDER. **Total Amount Enclosed \$** _____

*Checks should be made payable to: **"LILY'S FLORAL"***

Flowers are for: _____

Unit Number _____

District Number _____

Your Name _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Department of Michigan**

Annually, the NATIONAL VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL recognizes, promotes and supports the therapeutic influence of the Arts in the lives of Veterans with health challenges. These Veterans, submitting over 5000 judged entries, produce results that are astounding and inspiring.

This year Michigan was selected as the host state. This week-long event takes place October 28-November 3, 2019, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. As co-sponsor, the American Legion Auxiliary, a 501c-19 organization, will supply and host the Hospitality Room daily. Snacks, food items, non-alcoholic drinks, etc., along with "Welcome/Departure Bags" will be available to the Veterans and their companions cost free. This is an alternative source for those unable to purchase the \$25/per meal ticket. We also provide food and beverage items for off-campus venues and field trips. Our goal of \$25,000, if possible, will include a Sunday dinner banquet ticket for those unable to purchase.

This is where we need your help. Did you know, with our current membership of 25,222 paid-up members, we could easily meet our goal if everyone pitched in just a dollar! We are asking that your Unit consider a donation towards the NVCAF and every penny counts! We have already received donations totaling \$2,400, but much more is needed. All donations for this event can be paid from either your VA&R or Poppy Fund.

We have reached out to all Districts for a Hospitality Shower and have received a great response. We've also sent sponsor letters out to several corporations and businesses and are hoping for their support as well.

If your Unit is able to support, please send all donations to ALA - Dept. of Michigan - and earmark your check for 2019 NVCAF. Thank you ladies for your support!

In Service to Our Veterans,

Chris Reed and Barb Hoaglund

National Veterans Creative Arts Festival Committee Members

TO: All Unit and District Presidents

RE: Stand of Colors for Department Convention June 27 – 30, 2019



9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 27 Registration of Colors and Displays—Coatroom

Each Unit and District must bring their flags AND flag stands.

Please make sure each item is clearly marked with the name of your Unit or District

2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 27 Flag Rehearsal—Convention Hall **Flags NOT required for rehearsal**

DRESS CODE: Representatives who carry your Colors in the processional must be dressed in a PLAIN WHITE BLOUSE AND WHITE SKIRT. **NO** slacks or split skirts permitted. **NO** gloves will be worn and **NO** jewelry other than a watch and rings.

Those who attend rehearsal will lead the processional at the opening of Convention on Thursday evening. We cannot guarantee space for those who do not register their Colors by June 1st and are not present for the rehearsal.

LINE UP FOR PROCESSIONAL—at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 27th, outside the Convention Hall for the official opening of Department Convention at 7:00 p.m.

We must know how much space will be necessary for placing the Colors on the Convention platform. If you are bringing your colors, please fill in the form below and return to Department Headquarters

NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2019

Deborah Williamson, Department President

-----✂CUT HERE AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION ✂-----

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Michigan
212 N. Verlinden Ave., Suite B
Lansing, MI 48915

Our (**circle one**) Unit / District Colors will be in the processional at the Department Convention opening on Thursday, June 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Unit _____

Signed _____

(Unit/District President or Secretary)

District _____

Phone/e-mail _____

PLEASE RETURN BY JUNE 1, 2019 TO DEPARTMENT

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
CERTIFICATION OF UNIT DELEGATES TO ATTEND 2019 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

DISTRICT NUMBER _____

UNIT NUMBER _____

I hereby certify that the following delegates and alternates were duly elected to represent

_____ of _____
(Unit Name) (Name of City Unit is in)

at the Department Convention to be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan on June 27-June 30, 2019. I further certify that all mandatory funds were paid by May 28, 2019.

(Unit President or Secretary)

NUMBER OF DELEGATES TO BE ALLOWED AS FOLLOWS:

1-50 members	= 1 delegate	451-550 members	= 6 delegates
51-150 members	= 2 delegates	551-650 members	= 7 delegates
151-250 members	= 3 delegates	651-750 members	= 8 delegates
251-350 members	= 4 delegates	751-850 members	= 9 delegates
351-450 members	= 5 delegates	851-950 members	= 10 delegates

PAID Unit Members on May 28, 2019 _____

Number of delegates allowed _____

DELEGATES

NAME	E-mail or phone number
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____

ALTERNATES

1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____

\$10.00 for each delegate—no charge for alternates.

Department will snail mail or e-mail to ONE person that this sheet was received.

Please provide the name, and e-mail or address where **confirmation of the credential sheet is to be sent:**

Name _____

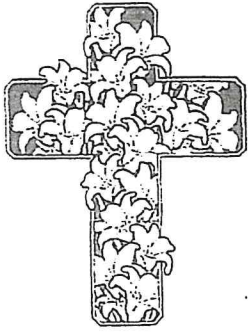
E-mail _____

Address _____

Mail completed form and payment to: ALA Department of Michigan

212 N. Verlinden Avenue, Ste. B, Lansing, MI 48915

CREDENTIALS DESK WILL OFFICIALLY CLOSE AT 8:30 AM, SATURDAY, JUNE 29th, 2019



Memory Gardens

2018-2019

Marcy Jorae, Chaplain

Vicki Kubek	District 2	Unit 29	08/03/2017
Iris Oakley	District 2	Unit 29	08/18/2018
Evelyn Seegert	District 2	Unit 117	12/04/2018
Susan Johnson	District 2	Unit 282	12/10/2018
Bonnie Aldous	District 2	Unit 324	12/02/2018
Donna Gregory	District 2	Unit 557	03/06/2018
Phyllis Widmayer	District 2	Unit 557	date unknown
Catherine Scott	District 4	Unit 26	12/03/2018
Juanita Diller	District 4	Unit 138	05/25/2018
Mary Ellen Enfield	District 4	Unit 138	10/15/2018
Sigurveig Beland	District 4	Unit 345	10/22/2018
Adah Goohand	District 4	Unit 365	12/16/2018
Lorie Ann Yoder	District 4	Unit 454	date unknown
Ann Clothier	District 4	Unit 484	01/20/2018
Marcia Yaw	District 4	Unit 484	07/17/2018
Susan Dewey	District 4	Unit 568	05/29/2018
Betty A. Boston-Byl	District 5	Unit 28	09/15/2018
Marjorie Brown	District 5	Unit 28	11/08/2018
Cheryl Fricke	District 5	Unit 28	10/25/2018

Memory Gardens (continued)

Darlene Syanage	District 4	Unit 204	06/05/2018
Sylvia Lee Strauss	District 4	Unit 344	01/23/2019
Janet Schripsema	District 5	Unit 33	10/07/2018
Phyllis Gilbert	District 5	Unit 102	11/14/2018
Edith Eaton	District 5	Unit 123	11/21/2018
Greta Hengel	District 5	Unit 123	05/13/2017
Judith Rosendall	District 5	Unit 305	08/12/2018
Pat Eckert	District 6	Unit 64	date unknown
Dona Goff	District 6	Unit 141	10/18/2018
Barbara Foote	District 6	Unit 269	11/18/2018
Peggy Kayanek	District 6	Unit 294	10/13/2018
Linda Pavlica	District 6	Unit 294	01/20/2019
Bernice Vealey	District 6	Unit 296	12/11/2018
Shirley Johnson	District 6	Unit 306	01/10/2019
Gladys Riehl	District 7	Unit 8	10/17/2018
Linda Sternhaus	District 7	Unit 8	01/09/2019
Shirley Teays	District 7	Unit 16	11/08/2018
Dawn Drent	District 7	Unit 181	10/24/2018
Susan Carlson	District 7	Unit 197	01/17/2018
Barbara A. Lemanski	District 7	Unit 197	11/27/2018
Rose M Betson	District 7	Unit 293	10/19/2018
Clara Rodgers	District 7	Unit 351	01/20/2019
Dorothy Weber	District 7	Unit 400	10/12/2018

Memory Gardens (continued)

Virginia Semos	District 7	Unit 566	07/24/2018
Nancy Morin	District 8	Unit 22	12/08/2018
Lori Smalley	District 8	Unit 153	01/20/2018
Phyllis Jean Reed	District 8	Unit 212	12/12/2018
Ellen Evleston	District 8	Unit 248	01/04/2019
Susan McKenzie	District 8	Unit 295	date unknown
Elaine Farrell	District 8	Unit 380	11/13/2018
Connie Burnett	District 8	Unit 439	11/26/2018
Angela Lofts	District 8	Unit 452	09/22/2018
Lynn Pete	District 9	Unit 10	01/12/2019
Mary Ann Anderson	District 9	Unit 69	December 2018
Donna C Brucato	District 9	Unit 76	12/31/2018
Alice Sinko	District 9	Unit 289	date unknown
Deborah Eitnrear	District 9	Unit 397	01/08/2019
Kritine Bradford	District 9	Unit 411	11/21/2019
Linda Cole	District 10	Unit 165	date unknown
Elizabeth Gardner	District 10	Unit 245	02/20/2019
Robin Peterson	District 10	Unit 245	12/10/2018
Maxine Burch	District 10	Unit 370	12/22/2018
Suzanne F Ippolito	District 10	Unit 374	date unknown
Joane Agin	District 10	Unit 404	04/21/2018
Carol Marie Forman	District 10	Unit 404	08/22/2018
Kathleen Donelson	District 10	Unit 416	12/16/2018

Memory Gardens (continued)

Wanita Lane	District 10	Unit 416	01/13/2019
Rosellen Bursick	District 10	Unit 422	10/15/2018
Almina Short	District 10	Unit 422	10/17/2018
Kay Tilley	District 10	Unit 422	11/20/2018
Penny Alexander	District 10	Unit 443	11/03/2018
Dorothy Miesbauer	UPAA	Unit 41	date unknown
Diana Higgins	UPAA	Unit 44	02/26/2019
Elsie A Parent	UPAA	Unit 44	12/28/2018
Pansy Craycraft	UPAA	Unit 74	date unknown
Delores Mills	UPAA	Unit 74	date unknown
Mary Anne Bovan	UPAA	Unit 131	07/17/2018
Ruthann Legault	UPAA	Unit 290	12/25/2018
Sandra Jackson	District 16	Unit 217	02/11/2019
Fern Kittle	District 16	Unit 231	12/30/2018
Dolores Leland	District 16	Unit 232	03/09/2019
Marion Wagner	District 16	Unit 232	02/07/2019
Paula Wilkenson	District 16	Unit 232	09/12/2017
Lucille Bastien	District 16	Unit 409	02/14/2018
Clara Cutting	District 16	Unit 409	09/11/2018
Sally Greenup	District 16	Unit 409	04/28/2018
Jeanne M Manard	District 16	Unit 409	01/09/2019
Irene McDonald	District 16	Unit 409	10/19/2018
Ann Dempsey	District 17	Unit 32	November 2018

Memory Gardens (continued)

Margaret Gatters	District 17	Unit 32	November 2018
Angel Lappek	District 17	Unit 32	11/30/2018
Vera Shagens	District 18	Unit 108	11/26/2018
Anna Findlay	District 18	Unit 233	11/18/2018
Evelyn Hoope	District 18	Unit 377	12/04/2018
Jeanette Boungart	District 19	Unit 65	07/04/2017
Patricia LaHaie	District 19	Unit 65	03/29/2018
Violet O'Brien	District 19	Unit 122	01/14/2018
Marcia Andrews	District 19	Unit 198	03/03/2019
Donanlda Barrett	District 19	Unit 463	03/07/2019
Deana S. Kleinschrodt		Unit 225	02/06/2018