

2024 Department Convention

Admission by Registration Badge Only -

**** Schedule Subject to change****

Thursday, July 11, 2024

8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.	Registration and Credentials	Waters Edge Area
9:00 a.m.	Registration of Colors	Drummond Island
9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.	Displays (any displays turned in after 3 pm will not be judged)	Grand Ballroom
11:00 a.m.	Chairmen Luncheon for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025	Woodlands
12:30 p.m.	DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.....	Grand Ballroom
3:00 p.m.	Flag Rehearsal	Grand Ballroom
4:00 p.m.	Credentials Committee Sugar Island	Susan Svacha
5:00 p.m.	Resolutions Committee Maple Island	Miranda Jones
6:30 p.m.	OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 2024 CONVENTION	Grand Ballroom
	Convention Chairman	Sue Verville and Julie Erickson, Co-Chairman
	Sergeant-at-Arms	Helen Noel
	Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms	Linda Nasser
	Processional of District Colors and District Presidents	
	Processional of Unit Colors	
	Advancement of Department Colors	
	Presentation of Past Department Presidents	
	Presentation of Department Officers	
	Presentation of National Officers and Committee Members from Michigan	
	Advancement of President's District Colors	Darlene Jones and Barb Stutesman
	Advancement of President's Unit Colors.....	Miranda Jones and ShyLynn Jones
	Presentation of Department President Kim, escorted by Charly Mathews	
	Call to Order	Kim Champion, Department President
	Invocation	Anita Mennel, Department Chaplain
	Pledge of Allegiance.....	Darlene Jones, Americanism Chairman
	National Anthem.....	Anita Mennel, Music Chairman
	Preamble	Sharon Schulte, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
	Address of Welcome.....	Bonnie Taylor U.P.A.A. District President
	Response to Welcome.....	District with highest percentage membership 30 days prior to Convention
	Greetings.....	Brain Mohlman, Commander, The American Legion, Dept. of Michigan
	Greetings.....	John Beeman, S.A.L. Detachment Commander
	Greetings.....	National Representatives
	Marcy Jorae, National Executive Committeewoman/Membership Committee Member	
	Suzanne Knapp, Central Division Community Service Chairman	
	Anita Mennel, Central Division Americanism Chairman	
	Sue Verville, Central Division Membership Chairman	
	Introduction of Past Presidents.....	Deborah Williamson, Past Presidents Parley Chairman
	Roll Call.....	Shannon Werner, Department Secretary
	Introduction of Personal Pages-----	Abbie Jones 2023-2024 Junior President and Ava Stevens
	Reports of Department Officers:	
	First Vice President.....	Julie Becker
	Second Vice President	Dawn Gramza
	Secretary-Treasurer.....	Shannon Werner
	Chaplain.....	Anita Mennel
	Historian	Christine Merlington
	Parliamentarian	Ellen Jackson
	Closing Prayer	Anita Mennel, Department Chaplain

Recess until 8:30 a.m. Friday morning

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Friday, July 12, 2024

8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.	Registration and Credentials	Waters Edge Area
8:30 a.m.	103rd ANNUAL CONVENTION RECONVENES.....	Grand Ballroom
	Call to Order	Kim Champion, Department President
	Invocation	Anita Mennel, Department Chaplain
	Roll Call.....	Shannon Werner, Department Secretary
	Announcement of Convention Committee Appointments	
	Credentials Chairman	Susan Svacha
	Elections Chairman.....	Kathleen Huntley
	Rules Chairman.....	Nancy Knox
	Report of the Credentials Committee.....	Susan Svacha
	Report of the Rules Committee.....	Nancy Knox
	Report of the Department President.....	Kim Champion
	Report of Department Committees:	
	Administrative Advisory.....	Judy Lynch, Chairman
	Americanism	Darlene Jones, Chairman
	Auxiliary Emergency Fund.....	Kathy Copeland, Chairman
	Children & Youth	Maggie Merchberger, Chairman
	Community Service	Carol Burke, Chairman
	Constitution & Bylaws.....	Sharon Schulte, Chairman
	Education	Kim Lipman, Chairman
	<i>Introduction of "Memorial Scholarship" and other scholarships.</i>	
	Finance.....	Deanna Cortright, Chairman
	Girls State	Beryl Robbins, Chairman, Co-Chairman Rysta Brown
	<i>Introduction and Greetings — Girls State Governor</i>	
	Junior Activities.....	Dawn Burton, Chairman
	<i>Introduction and Greetings-2024-2025 Dept. Honorary Junior President</i>	
	<i>Introduction of Honorary Junior Officers for the 2024-2025 year</i>	
	Leadership Development	Connie Kovacs, Chairman
	<i>Introduction of "Unit Member of the Year"</i>	
	Legislative.....	Mary Anne Yuncker, Chairman
	Membership	ShyLynn Jones, Chairman
	Music	Anita Mennel, Chairman
	National Security	Dawn Gramza, Chairman
	<i>Introduction of "Service Member of the Year"</i>	
	Poppy	Candie Chase, Chairman
	<i>Introduction and Greetings — Junior Miss Poppy and Senior Miss Poppy</i>	
	Public Relations	Deb Weatherbee, Chairman
	Past Presidents Parley	Deborah Williamson
	Presentation of Honored Past President	Mary Anne Yunker
	Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.....	Julie Becker, Chairman
	Second Report of the Credentials Committee	Susan Svacha
	<i>Nomination and Presentation of Candidates for 2024-2025 Department Offices</i>	
	Closing Prayer.....	Anita Mennel, Department Chaplain
Noon	Recess for Lunch	
1:30 p.m.	Annual Convention Reconvenes	Grand Ballroom
5:00 p.m.	Opening Session of the 105 American Legion Convention.....	Dream Makers Theater
7:00 p.m.	Joint Memorial Service Rehearsal	Dream Makers Theater

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Saturday, July 13, 2024

8:00 a.m. — Noon	Registration Waters Edge Area
9:00 a.m. — Noon	103rd ANNUAL CONVENTION RECONVENES Grand Ballroom
	Call to Order Kim Champion, Department President
	Invocation Anita Mennel, Department Chaplain
	Roll Call Shannon Werner, Department Secretary
	Final Report of the Credentials Committee..... Susan Svacha
	Ballot Count
	Election of Department Officers for the 2024-2025 Year
	Election of District Presidents and Alternates for 2024-2025 Year Election of National Convention Delegates and Alternates
	Introduction of Auxiliary Convention Chairman, Introduction of Convention Committee Chairmen and Members
	Report of Department Committees:
	Closing Prayer..... Anita Mennel, Department Chaplain
	Retirement of Colors

Note: All displays and flags are to be picked up at the end of the morning session. The department will not be responsible for them. Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms will assist with the flag distribution to Units and Districts.

1:00/1:30 p.m.	NEW DISTRICT PRESIDENTS/VICE PRESIDENTS TRAINING Grand Ballroom
3:00 p.m.	American Legion Riders Whitefish Point
4:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.	2024-2025 Department Officer Meet & Greet will be held at the U.P. Party at Post #3

Sunday, July 14, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Line Up for Memorial Service.Dream Makers
8:00 a.m.	Joint Memorial Service Dream Makers Theater
10:00 a.m.	103rd ANNUAL CONVENTION RECONVENES Grand Ballroom
	Call to Order Kim Champion, Department President
	Roll Call Shannon Werner, Department Secretary
	Introduction of District Presidents and Acceptance of Reports:
	1st District Debbie Abraham
	2nd District Karen Kurzynowski
	3rd District Penny Wright
	4th District Kathie Hartman Gleason
	5th District Linda Walthorn
	6th District Susan Hilgris
	7th District Pam Wagner
	8th District Marcy Jorae
	9th District Dawn Gilbert
	10th District Charly Mathews
	UPAA District..... Bonnie Taylor
	16th District Pam Globke
	18th District -Ellen Jackson/. 1 st Vice Barb Stutesman
	19th District Carol Renis

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Report of Resolutions Committee

Unfinished Business

Recess 15 Minutes

New Business

Installation of 2024-2025 Officers by..... Marcy Jorae

Presentation of Past President's Pin and Ribbon by..... Deborah Williamson

Announcements

Retirement of Colors

Adjournment

Note: Immediately following the adjournment of the Convention session, delegates and alternates to the National Convention will meet in the Grand Ballroom

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 Grand Ballroom.