

National Convention 2015

Baltimore, Maryland

August 28 – September 3rd, 2015

CALL
for the
95th Annual National Convention
of the
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
to meet in
Baltimore, Maryland
August 28- September 3, 2015

In conformity with Article VI, Section 1 of the National Constitution, which provides that the annual national convention of the American Legion Auxiliary shall be held at the same time and place as The American Legion convention, the 95th Annual National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called to meet in Baltimore, MD, from August 28 – September 3, 2015. The convention business sessions will be in the Charlotte Convention Center.

PURPOSE

The annual national convention is the legislative body of the American Legion Auxiliary. The convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the National Constitution & Bylaws, receiving reports of national officers and committees, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected on September 2, 2015.

REPRESENTATION

Representation in the convention shall be by department and in accordance with the provisions of the National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2.

Each department shall be entitled to five delegates and one additional delegate for each 1,500 members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received by the national treasurer 30 days prior to the meeting of said convention, and to one alternate for each delegate.

In addition to the above, members of the National Executive Committee (including the national president, national vice president, national division vice presidents, past national presidents, national chaplain and national historian) are delegates-at-large to the national convention with vote, to be exercised with their departments.

Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any delegates absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from her department.

ALTERNATES

An alternate will have the power to vote only in the absence of her regular delegate.

The selection of alternates to represent absent delegates is a matter for decision by the respective department delegation.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A Pre-Convention Meeting of the 2014-2015 National Executive Committee is hereby called and will be held at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, August 29, 2015, in Room 307, Baltimore Convention Center, as provided by National Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2.

A Post-Convention Meeting of the 2015-2016 National Executive Committee will be held in Room 327/328, Baltimore Convention Center, on Thursday, September 3, 2015 (National Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2).

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Department officers, unless elected as delegates or alternates to the national convention, have no privilege in the convention except as guests of their respective delegations.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Pre-Convention Committee Meetings will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2015, from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. in the Baltimore Convention Center. Locations will be provided in your convention program book. Each department shall designate one delegate or one alternate to a committee meeting and notify her of the time and location. Departments shall electronically file a list of the designees with the national secretary. Any substitution should be filed with the chairman or secretary of the convention committee.

DIVISION CAUCUS MEETINGS

The Division Caucus Meetings will be held Saturday, August 29, 2015, from 3-4:30 p.m. as follows:

Central Division	Room 310	Baltimore Convention Center
Eastern Division	Room 309	Baltimore Convention Center
Northwestern Division	Room 307	Baltimore Convention Center
Southern Division	Room 308	Baltimore Convention Center
Western Division	Room 302	Baltimore Convention Center

CREDENTIALS

Each delegation secretary shall transmit to National Headquarters no earlier than July 31, 2015, and no later than August 10, 2015, the official Certification of Delegates and Alternates Form and electronic delegate and alternate lists. Electronic lists must contain the following information:

1. Name of department.
2. Number of units in the department.
3. Paid-up membership according to the books of the national treasurer on Friday, July 31, 2015, which is 30 days prior to the meeting.
4. Date and place of the department convention at which delegates and alternates were selected.
5. Name of delegation chairman.
6. Name of delegation secretary.
7. Names, complete member numbers, complete addresses and email addresses, and unit affiliations of delegates.
8. Names, complete member numbers, complete addresses and email addresses, and unit affiliations of alternates.
9. Electronic signature of department president, attested by department secretary.

CREDENTIALS FEES

A registration fee of \$25 for each delegate, each alternate in attendance, and guest in attendance must be paid to the national treasurer by the delegation secretary no earlier than July 31, 2015, and no later than August 10, 2015.

SECURING CREDENTIALS IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Delegation secretaries can secure credentials August 27 and 28, 2015, in Hall G, Baltimore Convention Center.

GUEST REGISTRATION

Departments will be able to register guests to the National Convention. Guest registration will begin July 31, 2015 and continue through registration cut-off. Guests may still also register via The American Legion.

DELEGATION HEADQUARTERS

Each department delegation will establish headquarters in the hotel to which assigned. Upon arrival in the convention city, all members of department delegations will report to their delegation headquarters. They will receive all necessary instructions from the secretary of their delegation.

ADMISSION TO CONVENTION SESSIONS

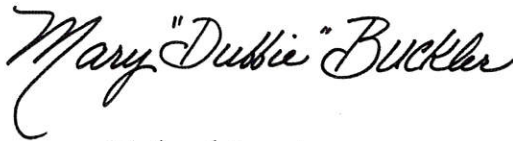
Admission to convention sessions will be by delegate, alternate or guest badge. All visitors who wish to attend convention sessions must register with The American Legion.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OFFICE

The American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters Convention Office will be in Hall G, Baltimore Convention Center, August 26- September 3, 2015.

DATED: May 2015

ATTEST:



National Secretary



National President

American Legion Auxiliary
Baltimore, Maryland

DISTRIBUTION:

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Past National Presidents
National Executive Committeewomen
Alternate National Executive Committeewomen
National Chairmen
National Committee Members
Department Presidents
Department Secretaries

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www.ALAforVeterans.org/Meetings/National-Convention/

THE AMERICAN LEGION 97th NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Baltimore, Maryland

REGISTRATION/TICKETS

Name _____
PLEASE PRINT

Post / Unit # _____

REGISTRATION – Please check all that apply.

_____ Legion Delegate (paid by Department)

_____ Legion Alternate - \$25 (paid by Alternate)

_____ Auxiliary Delegate (paid by Auxiliary)

_____ Auxiliary Alternate (paid by Auxiliary)

_____ Spouse/Guest - \$25 Name: _____

(Paid by guest – ALL guests must register with the Legion)

SOUTHERN BLOC BREAKFAST (LEGION ONLY)

Wednesday, September 2, 2015 (7:00am – 8:45am)
Baltimore Convention Center, Ballrooms 307-309 Level 300
Limited Tickets- first come, first serve

_____ tickets @ \$30.00 each = _____

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET

Tuesday, September 1st, 2015 (6:30pm- 9:30pm)
Baltimore Convention Center, Ballrooms, Halls A & B Level 100
Tickets are very limited – order early!

_____ tickets @ \$45.00 each = _____

FLORIDA SHIRTS (LEGION ONLY) Must have shirt to march in parade

Size small, medium, large and
Extra large are each \$15

_____ shirts @ \$15.00 each = _____

Size 2XL & 3XL are \$16 each

How many? _____ Size(s) _____

_____ shirts @ \$16.00 each = _____

FLORIDA PINS (Each Legion Delegate will receive 5 complimentary pins)

_____ pins @ \$1.75 each = _____

FLORIDA PARTY DETAILS

Monday, August 31st, 2015 - 6:00pm – 10:00 pm
Dewey Lowman American Legion Post #109
1610 Old Sulphur Spring Road
Halethorpe, MD 21227

_____ tickets @ \$25 each = _____

HOSPITALITY PARLOR ADMISSION (Details to follow)

Onetime fee per attendee

_____ attendees @ \$30 each = _____

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Please make checks payable to **The American Legion, Department of Florida**. If you prefer to pay with a credit card, please complete the information below. No cash will be accepted.

Name as it appears on credit card _____

MC _____ VISA _____ AMEX _____ DISCOVER _____

Credit Card No: _____ CVV # _____ Expiration date _____

Billing Zip Code: _____ Signature _____

Please return this form with payment BEFORE July 17, 2015 to:
The American Legion, Department of Florida
ATTN: Event Coordinator 1912A Lee Road, Orlando, FL 32810

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ROOM RESERVATION FORM

The Florida Delegation will be staying at the
Marriott Inner Harbor
110 South Eutaw Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Name _____ (Please Circle one)
Address _____ Post-Unit-Squadron: # _____
_____ Phone # _____
_____ Alternate Phone _____
_____ Email _____

SHARING ROOM WITH:

Name _____ Post # _____
Address _____ Phone # _____
_____ Alternate Phone _____
_____ Email _____

Arrival Date/Time _____ Departure Date/Time _____

ROOM SELECTION:

_____ King – 1 or 2 persons (*very limited!*).....\$154.00 per night + 15.50% tax = **\$177.87**
_____ Two Queen Doubles – 1 or 2 persons.....\$154.00 per night + 15.50% tax = **\$177.87**

****There is an additional \$24.00 charge a DAY for parking****

_____ I will NOT be staying at the Marriott Inner Harbor . These reservations will need to be made on your own. However, the Department would appreciate being notified of your arrangements.

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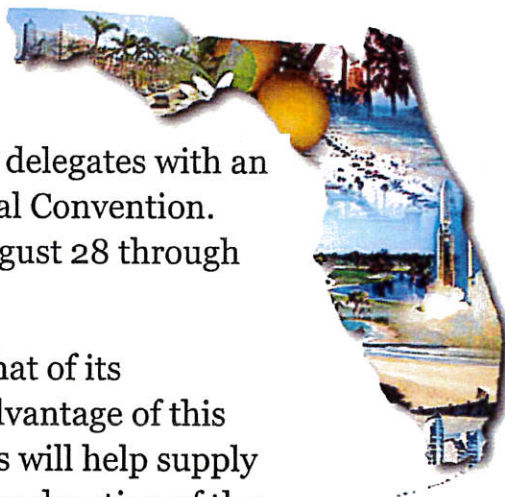
A credit card is REQUIRED to hold your hotel reservation. Please complete the information below.
No cash OR checks will be accepted as a deposit.

Name as it appears on credit card _____
MC _____ VISA _____ AMEX _____ DISCOVER _____
Credit Card No. _____ CVV _____ Expiration Date _____
Billing Zip Code _____ Signature _____

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Florida Hospitality Parlor

Hosted by Department of Florida



The Department of Florida is happy to provide our delegates with an exclusive Hospitality Parlor during the 97th National Convention. This room will be available to attendees Friday, August 28 through Wednesday September 3rd, 2015.

The success of this Hospitality Parlor will rely on that of its attendees. We are asking those who wish to take advantage of this parlor to contribute a onetime fee of \$30 *each*. This will help supply ice, drinks, mixers, snacks, cups, napkins, etc for the duration of the Convention.

FLORIDA HOSPITALITY ROOM

Room location and official hours of operation will be announced at Convention.

Department of Florida- Hospitality Parlor Contribution

Name(s): _____

We will have the following *house brand liquors * Please circle your preferred choice.

Vodka * Rum * Scotch * Gin * Whiskey * Tequila * Beer * Wine: Red/White

Special Requests: _____

NOTE: We will do our best to accommodate special requests for specific liquors within our budget; however due to cost restrictions, requests are not guaranteed.

Number of Attendees _____ x \$30 each = \$ _____ Enclosed

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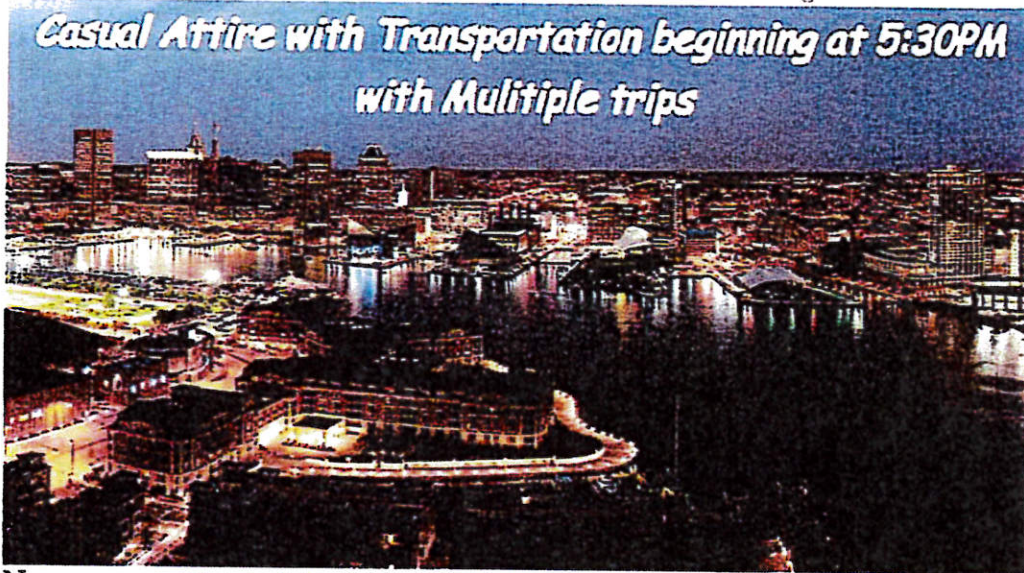
*Time to Crab Down and Have a
Good Time*

*Great Food-Cold Drinks
Awesome Entertainment at
Post #109*

Monday August 31st 2015

Time 6:00pm - 10:00pm

*Casual Attire with Transportation beginning at 5:30PM
with Multiple trips*



Name: _____

Number of tickets: _____

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