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## **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

to meet in Tampa, Florida August 22 – August 28, 2025

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 National Convention, the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called to meet in Tampa, Florida, from August 22-28, 2025. The convention business sessions will be in the Tampa 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 August 27, 2025.

#### REPRESENTATION

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

Each department shall be entitled to seven delegates and one additional delegate for every 1,200 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. (ALA National Standing Rule II. National Convention, #2)

In addition to the above, members of the National Executive Committee (including the National Vice President, National Division Vice Presidents, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Chaplain, National Historian, and Past National Presidents) in good standing with their respective units 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 delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from the delegate's department. (ALA National Standing Rule II. National Convention, #2)

#### **ALTERNATES**

An alternate will have the power to vote only in the absence of the regular delegate. The selection of alternates to represent absent delegates is a matter for decision by the respective departments.

## NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A Pre-Convention Meeting of the 2024-2025 National Executive Committee is hereby called and will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, August 23, 2025, Tampa Convention Center; 120-121. (ALA National Standing Rule V, # 2). *Note: Time is subject to change*.

A Post-Convention Meeting of the 2025-2026 National Executive Committee will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, August 28, 2025, Tampa Convention Center; 122-123 (ALA National Standing Rule V, #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 virtually August 6-19 for the following committees as designated in the Standing Rules, Section II, Item 4b.

Chaplains Education Membership
Historians Finance National Security

Americanism ALA Girls Nation Poppy

Auxiliary Emergency Fund Junior Activities Public Relations

Children & Youth Leadership Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Community Service Legislative

The Rules, Resolutions, Credentials, and the Constitution & Bylaws Pre-Convention Committee Meetings will be held in person Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Tampa Convention Center. *Note: Time is subject to change*.

Each department shall designate one official representative to attend the Pre-Convention Committee Meetings. The official representative does not need to be a delegate or alternate; however, only those official representatives who are convention delegates/alternates will be allowed to vote in the virtual Pre-Convention Committee Meetings.

Departments shall designate their official representative via an online form provided by ALA National Headquarters.

## **DIVISION CAUCUS MEETINGS**

The Division Caucus Meetings will be held Sunday, August 24, 2025, from 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. as follows:

Central Division122-123, Tampa Convention CenterEastern Division118-119, Tampa Convention CenterNorthwestern Division120-121, Tampa Convention CenterSouthern Division411-415, Tampa Convention CenterWestern Division124-125, Tampa Convention Center

#### **CREDENTIALS**

Each delegation secretary shall transmit to National Headquarters no earlier than July 26, 2025, and no later than August 11, 2025, 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 National Treasurer on July 26, 2025, 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 chair.
- 6. Name of delegation secretary.
- 7. Names, complete member ID numbers, complete home addresses, accurate email addresses, mobile/cell phone number and unit affiliations of delegates.
- 8. Names, complete member ID numbers, complete home addresses, accurate email addresses, mobile/cell phone number, and unit affiliations of alternates.
- 9. Electronic signature of department president, attested by department secretary.

#### **CREDENTIALS FEE**

A registration fee of \$35 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 28, 2025, and no later than August 11, 2025.

## SECURING CREDENTIALS IN TAMPA

Delegation secretaries can secure credentials August 21 and 22, 2025, at the Tampa Convention Center.

### **GUEST REGISTRATION**

Departments will be able to register guests to National Convention. Guest registration will begin July 28, 2025, 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 it is 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 NATIONAL CONVENTION SESSIONS

Admission to National Convention sessions will be by delegate, alternate, or guest badge. All visitors who wish to attend convention sessions must register.

## ALA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OFFICE

The American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters Convention Office will be in the Tampa Convention Center, August 21-27, 2025.

DATED: June 2025

ATTEST:

**National Secretary** 

**National President** 

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American Legion Auxiliary Tampa, Florida

DISTRIBUTION:
National Officers
Past National Presidents
National Executive Committee
Alternate National Executive Committee
National Chairs
National Committee Members

Department Presidents Department Secretaries