



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

2023 ALA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION DETAILS

Thursday-Sunday, July 20-23, 2023

Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center, 10101 Market St, Rothschild, WI 54474

Convention Center: The 2023 Department Convention will be held at the Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center in Rothschild, WI (Wausau area).

Housing Blocks: Housing has been arranged at the Best Western Plus and Bantr hotels. Please see hotel sheet for more information. Discounted room rates will be available until June 20, 2023 or when the room blocks are filled, whichever comes first. Additional hotels may be available after April 26, 2023.

Registration: All attendees to the 2023 Department Convention must preregister by returning a registration form and \$30.00 per person to The American Legion by July 15, 2023. Registrations after that date will be \$35.00 at the convention.

Delegate Forms: Each unit is entitled to representation at Department Convention as defined in the Department Constitution. Delegate Forms will be mailed to all units who have paid their district dues by June 20, 2023. The form must be completed and returned to Department two weeks prior to convention.

Deceased Members: Names of deceased members that are sent to Department Headquarters by April 28, 2023 on a Member Data Form will appear in the Joint Memorial Service Program.

Alternates for National Convention: Each of the 12 districts may nominate alternates to National Convention at the district level, with the selection process possibly done at their spring conference. Names of nominees shall be sent to Department Headquarters as soon as selected, but no later than July 1st.

Opening Ceremonies/Call to Order: **Opening processional will start on Friday, July 21st at 9:15 am.** President Linda Coppock will call convention to order upon arriving on the stage at approximately 9:30 am.

Flag Processional Rehearsal: Friday, July 21st at 8:00 am – Units or Counties participating in the Flag Processional during opening ceremonies must bring their own flag stands. Color Bearers should bring flags to rehearsal in the convention hall. Department is not responsible for any flags left in the convention hall prior to rehearsal. Color Bearers will retire the flags on Saturday afternoon, July 22nd.

Color Bearers should wear a white blouse (not sleeveless), navy-blue knee-length skirt or navy-blue ankle-length slacks, light nylons, and comfortable dark colored shoes. Auxiliary pin, watch, rings, and small earrings may be worn. Do not wear convention name badges, nametags, or any other type of pin.

Seating: District delegations will be seated in the convention hall according to district membership standings 30 days prior to convention (June 20, 2023). Only registered members and guests will be allowed on the convention floor. Alternates and guests have no voice/no vote during the convention proceedings. Guests only attending installation on Saturday do not need to register for convention.

Voting: On Saturday, July 22nd, all delegates must be registered and seated with their District by 9:00 am for voting. Business will resume as soon as voting is completed.

Installation: Installation of 2023-2024 Department Officers and District Presidents will be on Saturday, July 22nd upon conclusion of convention business.