



2026 Annual ALA Department Convention

Hilton Paper Valley

333 W. College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911

July 17-18, 2026

OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 2026 ALA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Department Convention

The 2026 American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention will be called into session at the Hilton Paper Valley, 333 West College Avenue, in Appleton at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2026.

Purpose

The purpose of the department convention is to elect officers for the 2026-2027 administrative year; elect delegates and alternates to the national convention; amend the department's governing documents as needed; receive reports of the department officers and chairmen; recognize outstanding unit achievements; and transact business as may be brought before the convention body.

Representation

Representation in the department convention shall be by unit per the department constitution. Units whose district dues have not been paid at least thirty days prior to the starting date of the Convention shall have no representation. Delegates to department convention shall be unit members duly elected for that purpose.

Prior to department convention each unit will receive information showing the total number of paid members as of June 17, 2026 and advising them of the number of delegates and alternates the unit is allowed. It is the responsibility of each delegate and alternate to attend convention sessions so the district has a full delegation at all times. An alternate shall have all privileges of the delegate when the delegate is not present.

Delegates-at-large include all Department Officers, National Executive Committeeperson (NEC), Alternate NEC, Past Department Presidents, and current District Presidents*, who shall each be entitled to one vote at the department convention. Delegates-at-large shall be listed separately as additional votes and not included among the unit's total allowable delegate/alternate count. Units must return a list of their delegates-at-large and approved delegates/alternates to department headquarters for voting certification.

* *Incoming Presidents of Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 are not delegates-at-large for this convention. They assume their positions after installation of officers at convention and serve from 2026-2028.*

All attendees to Department Convention must pay a registration fee to The American Legion, pick up their name badges and voting credentials by 8:00 am on Saturday, July 18th, and be seated within their District for voting at 9:00 am. Business will resume as soon as voting is completed.

General Information

Deceased Members: Names of deceased members that are sent to Department Headquarters by May 1, 2026 on a Member Change Form will appear in the Joint Memorial Service Program.

Fundraiser: Fundraising Chairman Margaret Larson will be conducting a raffle to raise funds for President Sue's special project, Camp American Legion. She invites units, districts and members to donate a raffle basket enclosed in cellophane with a list of the contents. She will raffle different baskets each day, so if you are participating, please email her to let her know which day you will be bringing your basket to convention. Questions? Contact Margaret at maggiedoit@hotmail.com.

Housing: All hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel using the QR code listed separately in this mailing. Discounted rooms of \$119/night (plus tax) will be available until June 18, 2026, or until the room block is filled, whichever comes first.