



**Department of Arkansas
104th Annual Department Convention**

Wyndham Riverfront Hotel
2 Riverfront Place
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114

Friday, June 19, 2026

Registration

Registration (Sign in and receive name tag)

American Legion – American Legion Auxiliary Joint Opening Session

8:00 AM

American Legion Auxiliary excused from Joint Meeting

Department Executive Committee Meeting

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Members Lunch on Your Own

Past Department Presidents' Luncheon

Afternoon Session

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

Department Page Rehearsal – Preparation for Processional

2:00 PM

Official Opening of the American Legion Auxiliary 2026 Department Convention

Call to Order Patricia Tucker, Department President

Advancement of Colors Bonnie Thrasher, Sergeant-at-Arms

Processional

Past Department Presidents, District Presidents, Department Officers

Opening Ceremonies

Greetings	Patricia Tucker, Department President
Invocation	Pamela Cawthon, Department Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance	Amanda Wade, Americanism Chairperson
National Anthem	All in Attendance
Preamble to the ALA Constitution	Led by Carol Westergren, Constitution & Bylaws Chairperson
Presentation of Department Pages	Amanda Wade, Americanism Chairperson
Welcome to North Little Rock	President, Unit 74, North Little Rock
Response	Unit 1, Little Rock



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Special Greetings

Pearl Gordon

National Executive Committee person

Justice Long

Honorary Junior President

Juniors are acknowledged and may be dismissed to Junior Convention.

Convention Business

Call to Convention Patricia Murray, Convention Chairperson

Reading of Convention
Rules Melissa Mangini

Department Officer Reports

All committee reports received available in the Book of Reports.

Patricia Tucker	Department President (<i>Full Report</i>)
Pearl Gordon	National Executive Committee person
Dorothy Mercer	NE Vice-President
Vera Thompson	NW Divisional Vice-President
Pat Bania	SE Divisional Vice-President
Janelle Williams	SW Divisional Vice-President
Pamela Cawthon	Department Chaplain
Elaine Strickland	Department Historian
Carol Westergren	Risk & Compliance (<i>Full Report</i>)
Patricia Murray	Finance (<i>Full Report</i>)
Carol Westergren	Constitution & Bylaws
Barbara Johnson	Past Presidents' Parley
Jana Rowland	Public Relations



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Melissa Mangini	Girls State
Janella Williams	Auxiliary Emergency Fund
Julie Landrum	Poppy
Nancy French	History
Patricia Murray	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
Sonja Clark	National Security
Marilyn Pepper	POW/MIA Ceremony
Michelle Henning	Children's Table Ceremony
Ada Heath	Credentials

4:30 PM

- Announcements
- Prayer

Adjournment for the Day

Red, White & Blue Party

7:00 PM



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Saturday, June 20, 2026

Morning Session

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8:00 AM – 8:45 AM

Reconvene

9:00 AM

- Call to Order Patricia Tucker, Department President

- Prayer Pamela Cawthon, Department Chaplain

- Credentials Ada Heath
- Report

Nominations for 2026–2027 Department Officers

By roll call of registered units, alphabetically:

1. Sergeant-at-Arms, Historian, Chaplain
2. Divisional Vice-Presidents, NEC, Alternate NEC
3. Department President

Additional Business

- Reading of Names of Nominees for Delegates and Alternates to National Convention
- **National Convention: August 28 – September 3, 2026, Louisville, Kentucky**
- Announcement of the National Southern Division Vice President Nominee for 2026–2027

Committee Chairmen Reports

- Michelle Henning Junior Activities

- Michelle Henning Children & Youth

- Jammie Phillips Leadership

- Mary Erdman Legislative

- Jo Anne Cobb Community Service

- Denise Smith Education



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Memorial Service for Deceased Members

Pamela Cawthon, Department Chaplain

Announcements

Prayer Pamela Cawthon, Department Chaplain

12:00 PM

Adjournment for Lunch

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Afternoon Session

1:30 PM

Reconvene

Call to Order

Patricia Tucker, Department President

Presentation of President's Project Proceeds to Honor Flight

Final Credentials Report

Ada Heath, Credentials Chairperson

Election Business

ELECTION OF 2026–2027 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

- Delegates to National Convention
- Southern Division Vice President Nominee (if necessary)

Election Procedure

- Reading of Election Rule #20
 - Distribution of Ballots
 - 10-Minute Recess for Voting
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Committee Chairmen Reports Continue

Presenter Report

Amanda Wade Americanism

Barbara Johnson Membership



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Reports and Rehearsals

Tellers Committee Report

Installation Rehearsal

- Department Officers
 - District Presidents
 - Department Pages
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Installations

Installation of the 2026–2027 Honorary Junior Department Officers

Installation of the 2026-2027 Department Officers

Closing Business

Parting Thoughts

Patricia Tucker, Department President

Announcements

Silent Auction Results

Department of Arkansas

Courtesy Resolution

Benediction

Pamela Cawthon, Department Chaplain

Retirement of Colors

Convention Adjourned

Patricia Tucker, Department President

Sunday, June 21, 2026

7:00 AM

American Legion Religious Service

10:00 AM (Approximate)

The American Legion will introduce the 2026–2027 American Legion Auxiliary Department President.