

# 100th Annual Louisiana Department Convention

THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
BEST WESTERN INN – ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA  
June 6, 7, 8, 9, 2019

## THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Department Headquarters.....	Solarium
9:00 a.m.	Registration Legion, Auxiliary & Sons.....	Solarium
10:00 a.m.	Commission on Americanism.....	Azalea Room
11:00 a.m.	Commission on Children & Youth .....	Dogwood Room
1:00 p.m.	Commission on Constitution and By-laws.....	Azalea Room
2:00 p.m.	Commission on VA & R .....	Dogwood Room
3:00 p.m.	Commission on Internal Affairs.....	Azalea Room
3:30 p.m.	Contract Planning & Signing for Mid-Winter 2018.....	Garden Room
4:00 p.m.	Commission on Finance .....	Dogwood Room
6:00 p.m.	Department Executive Committee.....	Garden Room

## FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019

08:00 a.m.	Department Headquarters.....	Solarium
08:00 a.m.	Registration Legion & Auxiliary & SAL.....	Solarium
08:00 a.m.	<b>Opening Session</b> .....	Garden Room
	Presentation of Gavel & Welcome .....	<b>Clark “C J” Jones</b> <i>President of CEN-LA Convention Corporation</i>
	Call to Order.....	<b>Rickey D. Griffin</b> <i>Department Commander</i>
	Advance of Colors.....	<b>Dennis Hart</b> <i>Department Sergeant-at-Arms</i> <b>Grace Dalton &amp; Larry Thomas</b> <i>Department Color Bearers</i>
	Advance of District Colors.....	<b>District Commanders</b> <b>District Color Bearers</b>
	Invocation.....	<b>Sam Doucet</b> <i>Department Chaplain</i>
	Pledge of Allegiance.....	<b>Richard Bell</b> <i>Department Vice Commander</i>

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POW/MIA Chair .....	<b>Richard Bell &amp; Byron Comeaux</b> <i>Department Vice Commanders</i>
Preamble.....	<b>Byron Comeaux</b> <i>Department Vice Commander</i>
Memorial Service.....	<b>Sam Doucet</b> <i>Department Chaplain</i>
<b>Greetings:</b>	
Introduction of Honored Guests.....	<b>Rickey D. Griffin</b> <i>Department Commander</i>
City of Pineville.....	<b>Honorable Clarence R. Fields</b> <i>Mayor</i>
City of Alexandria.....	<b>Honorable Jacques Roy</b> <i>Mayor</i>
Louisiana Military Department.....	<b>MG Glenn H. Curtis</b> <i>Louisiana National Guard</i>
LDVA .....	<b>Joey Strickland</b> <i>Secretary</i>
DAV .....	<b>John Mercer</b> <i>Commander</i>
VFW.....	<b>Matthew West</b> <i>Commander</i>
AMVETS.....	<b>Laura McFarlain</b> <i>Commander</i>
40 & 8 .....	<b>Ray Blanchard</b> <i>Grand Chef de Gare</i>
American Legion.....	<b>Charles D. Aucoin</b> <i>National Executive Committeemen</i>
<b>Reports &amp; Awards:</b>	
Department JROTC Cadet of the Year.....	<b>Tina M. Cielatka</b> <i>Chairman</i>
Department Eagle Scout of the Year.....	<b>Tina M. Cielatka</b> <i>Committee Chairman</i>
Department 4H & FFA Scholarship Awards.....	<b>H. T. Sharp</b> <i>Chairman</i>
Department Jr. Shooting Sports Awards.....	<b>Mike Peats</b> <i>Chairman</i>
Report of Post Credentials .....	<b>Tony L. Betts</b> <i>Department Adjutant</i>

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*Recess until 2:00 p.m.*

<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	Constitution & Bylaws... (Only meet if recalled by Chairman).....	Garden Room
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Joint Children & Youth... ( <b>Plantation Room</b> ).....	<b>Tina M. Cielatka</b> <i>Chairman</i>
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Cash Bar.....	<b>Garden Room</b>
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Combined Testimonial Dinner (Legion, Auxiliary & S.A.L.).....	<b>Garden Room</b>

## SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019

<b>08:00 a.m.</b>	Registration Legion, Auxiliary & S.A.L.....	Solarium
	Department Headquarters.....	Solarium
<b>09:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Reconvene</b> .....	Garden Room
	Call to Order.....	<b>Rickey D. Griffin</b> <i>Department Commander</i>
	<b>Greetings:</b>	
	American Legion Auxiliary.....	<b>Ethel Theriot</b> <i>National Executive Committeewoman</i>
	American Legion Auxiliary .....	<b>Mary Cauthen</b> <i>Department President</i>
	Honorary Junior American Legion Auxiliary.....	<b>Abby Bonilla</b> <i>Honorary Junior Department President</i>
	Sons of the American Legion.....	<b>Camille A. LeJeune, Jr.</b> <i>National Executive Committeemen</i>
	Son of the American Legion Award.....	<b>Greg “Doc” Gibbs</b> <i>National Commander</i>
	Sons of The American Legion.....	<b>Tommy Vassar Jr.</b> <i>Detachment Commander</i>
	Sons of the Year Award.....	<b>Tommy Vassar Jr.</b> <i>Detachment Commander</i>

**At this time The Auxiliary and S.A.L members are dismissed for their Conferences**

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## Awards/Reports:

Educator of the Year.....	<b>Tina M. Cielatka</b> <i>Chairman</i>
Children and Youth.....	<b>Tina M. Cielatka</b> <i>Chairman</i>
Commission on Media and Communication.....	<b>H. T. “Terry” Sharp</b> <i>Chairman</i>
Commission on Boys State.....	<b>Philip Legendre</b> <i>Chairman</i>
Governor of Louisiana Boys State 2019	
State Oratorical Contest Winner 2019.....	<b>H.T. “Terry” Sharp</b> <i>Chairman</i>
Commission on National Security & Governmental Affairs.....	<b>Johnny Square</b> <i>Chairman</i>
<i>Fireman of the Year</i>	
<i>Policeman of the Year</i>	
Commission on Baseball.....	<b>Sidney Parfait</b> <i>Chairman</i>
Committee on Ways & Means.....	<b>Eugene “Skip” Pellegrin</b> <i>Chairman</i>
Commission on Department Convention.....	<b>Russel J. Henry</b> <i>Chairman</i>
Constitution & By Laws Committee.....	<b>Michael “Mike” Roach</b> <i>Chairman</i>

**11:30 a.m. Recess**

**12:00 noon** Past Department Commander’s Luncheon..... **TBD**

**1:30 p.m. Reconvene.....Garden Room**

Call to Order.....**Rickey D. Griffin**  
*Department Commander*

## VETERANS BENEFIT SESSION

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*This is an open meeting for those interested in Veterans Affairs, Veterans Rehabilitation problems, and Veterans Legislation.*

**1:30 p.m.** Commission on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation.....**Dudley LeBlanc**  
*Chairman*

**2:30 p.m.** M.C. "Mike" Gehr Blue Cap Club...**Bamboo Room** .....**Eugene "Skip" Pellegrin**  
*President*

## **District Caucuses starting at 3:00 p.m. (IF Required)**

### **Department Headquarters will set up the following (If Required)**

**3:00 p.m.** 1<sup>st</sup> District.....**DOGWOOD ROOM**

3<sup>rd</sup> District.....**SUNFLOWER ROOM**

**3:30 p.m.** 5<sup>th</sup> District.....**AZALEA ROOM**

7<sup>th</sup> District.....**ORCHID ROOM**

**4:00 p.m.** 2<sup>nd</sup> District.....**DOGWOOD ROOM**

4<sup>th</sup> District.....**SUNFLOWER ROOM**

**4:30 p.m.** 6<sup>th</sup> District.....**AZALEA ROOM**

8<sup>th</sup> District.....**ORCHID ROOM**

**6:00 p.m.** Department Auxiliary President Elect Reception.....**Solarium**

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019**

**07:00 a.m.** Breakfast in the Atrium.

**08:00 a.m.** Department Headquarters..... Pelican Room  
Registration Legion, Auxiliary & SAL..... Solarium

**09:00 a.m.** **Reconvene for Final Session**.....Garden Room

Call to Order..... **Rickey D. Griffin**  
*Department Commander*

Invocation.....**Sam Doucet**  
*Department Chaplain*

Pledge of Allegiance.....**Byron Comeaux**  
*Department Vice Commander*

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Preamble.....	<b>Richard Bell</b> <i>Department Vice Commander</i>
National Executive Committeeman.....	<b>Charles “Charlie” D. Aucoin</b> <i>Introduction of the National Vice Commander- John “Jack” Milburn</i>
Report of Commission on Finance.....	<b>Eugene “Skip” Pellegrin</b> <i>Chairman</i>
Judge Advocate’s Report.....	<b>Forrest A. Travirca, III</b> <i>Department Judge Advocate</i>
Report of Department Adjutant.....	<b>Tony L. Betts</b> <i>Department Adjutant</i>
Report of Department Vice Commanders.....	<b>Byron Comeaux</b> <b>Richard Bell</b>
Membership Awards.....(Districts 1,2,5,7).....	<b>Richard Bell</b>
(Districts 3,4,6,8).....	<b>Byron Comeaux</b> <i>Department Vice Commanders</i>
M.C. “Mike” Gehr Blue Cap Award .....	<b>Eugene “Skip” Pellegrin</b> <i>President</i>
Report of Department Commander.....	<b>Rickey D. Griffin</b> <i>Commander</i>
Introduction of New Detachment Commander.....	<b>Rickey D. Griffin</b> <i>Commander</i>
Other Business requiring action of Convention.....	<b>Rickey D. Griffin</b> <i>Commander</i>
Presentation of Caps to New District Commanders/DEC.....	<b>Charles Aucoin</b> <i>National Executive Committeeman</i>
Introduction/Installation of New District Commanders & DEC	<b>Rickey D. Griffin</b> <i>Commander</i>
Presentation of Caps to Outgoing Department officers.....	<b>Charles Aucoin</b> <i>National Executive Committeeman</i>
Final Report of Credentials & Voting Eligibility, Post Roll Call...	<b>Tony L. Betts</b> <i>Department Adjutant</i>

## **VOTING RULES**

### **Election of Department Officers**

- (1) NEC
- (1) ANEC
- (2) Color Bearers
- (1) Sergeant-at-Arms
- (2) Vice Commanders
- (1) Commander

Election of Delegates (10) & Alternates (5) to National Conv.....**Tony L. Betts**  
*Department Adjutant*

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Presentation of Caps to Newly Elected Department Officers..... **Charles Aucoin**  
*National Executive Committeeman*  
Installation of Newly Elected Department Officers..... **Rickey D. Griffin**

Pinning of Department Commander and Vice Commanders

Colors will remain in place.

**Adjourn**

## ***POST CONVENTION DEC MEETING***

***The Post-Department Convention Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting will be held immediately following adjournment of Department Convention.***

Call to Order & Salute the Colors.....**Department Commander**

Invocation.....**Department Chaplain**

POW/MIA.....**Department Chaplain**

Pledge of Allegiance..... **Department Vice Commander**

Preamble..... **Department Vice Commander**

Recommendation on Appointment of Department Adjutant **Rickey D. Griffin**  
*Junior Past Department Commander*

Recommendation on Appointment of Department Assistant Adjutant.....  
**Rickey D. Griffin**  
*Junior Past Department Commander*

Appointment of Other Department Officers.....**Department Commander**

Appointment of Commissions/ Chairpersons.....**Department Commander**

Other Business for the DEC.....**Department Commander**

Benediction.....**Department Chaplain**

**Adjourn**

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