

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF LOUISIANA
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE 2025

JANUARY 17, 18 & 19, 2025

Best Western Inn, Suites & Conference Center
Alexandria, LA

All Meetings are open to all Registered Mid-Winter Conference Attendees

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

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| 8:00 AM | Posting of U.S. Flag at HQ Hotel (Legion, Auxiliary & SAL)..... | Hotel Flag Pole
<i>Department Sgt at Arms & Color Bearers</i> |
| 8:00 AM | Opening Registration (Legion, Auxiliary & SAL)..... | Business Center, Hotel Lobby |
| 9:00 AM | Department Adjutant: Training & Discussion..... | Dogwood |
| 9:30 AM | Commission on Boy's State..... | Sunflower |
| 10:30 AM | National Security & Governmental Affairs..... | Azalea |
| 11:30am | Constitution & By-Laws..... | Dogwood |
| 1:00 to 3:00 PM | Finance / Ways & Means..... | Sunflower |
| 2:00 PM | Advisory Committee to Department Commander (All PDC's)..... | Room 140 |
| 3:00 PM | Internal Affairs..... | Dogwood |
| 5:00 PM | Department Executive Committee..... | Rose Garden |

Reports only:

- Americanism – Houton Whitley
- Children & Youth – Anthony Haywood
- Convention – Kendall Young
- Media & Communications – Lynette Blanchard
- Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – James Jackson

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

8:00 AM- 4:00 PM Registration. (Legion, Auxiliary & SAL).....Business Center, Hotel Lobby

9:00 AM Joint Opening Session (Legion, Auxiliary & SAL).....Rose Garden

Presentation of Gavel.....Rudolph “Rudy” Bourg, Sr.
National Executive Committee

Call To Order.....**Angela Gomon**
Department Commander

Advance of Colors.....**Willis London**
Department Sergeant at Arms
Otis Baskerville & Wilber Vallier
Department Color Bearers

Advance District Colors.....**District Commanders**
District Color Bearers

Invocation.....**Keith Fontenot**
Department Chaplain

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

POW/MIA Memorial Service.....**Keith Fontenot**
Department Chaplain

Preamble.....**Frank Richard**
Department Vice Commander

GREETINGS

American Legion Auxiliary.....**Yolanda Robertson**
National Executive Committeewoman

American Legion Auxiliary.....**Amy Watts**
Department President

Sons of The American Legion.....**Brian Cielatka**
Detachment Vice Commander

Sons of The American Legion.....**Camille LeJeune**
SAL National Executive Committeeman

Sons of The American Legion National Guest.....**Dan Ashley**
SAL National Vice Commander

City of Alexandria**Honorable Jacques Roy**
Mayor

City of Pineville**Honorable Joseph Bishop**
Mayor

Louisiana Military Department..... **MG Thomas Friloux**
Louisiana National Guard

The Auxiliary and SAL members are dismissed for their respective Conferences

10:30AM Junior Auxiliary.....Pelican Room

Recognition of Past Department Commanders.....**Carl McGee**
Jr. Past Department Commander
 LDVA.....**John Phillips**
Undersecretary
 VFW.....**Debbie McElhannon**
Commander
 AMVETS.....**Scott Meche**
Commander
 40&8.....**Philip Legendre**
Grand Chef de Gare

RECESS FOR LUNCH
 (NOT LATER THAN 11:30 AM)

12:00 AM Past Department Commanders Luncheon.....Room 140
 1:00 PM Baseball Commission.....Dogwood
 1 to 4PM Department Training-Angela Gomon.....Solarium
 1 to 1:45pm – How to Run a Meeting
 2 to 2:45pm – Mandatory Officers Forms & Awards
 3 to 3:45pm – How to navigate mylegion.org
 1:30 PM Reconvene General Session..... Rose Garden
 Call To Order.....**Angela Gomon**
Department Commander
 1:30 PM VETERANS BENEFIT SESSION.....**James “Jim” Jackson**
Chairman
 Mr. Fernando Rivera - V.A. Hosp. Dir. New Orleans
 Mr. Richard Crockett – V.A. Hosp. Dir. Shreveport
 POST SERVICE OFFICER BRIEF.....**Norman Bruce**
Department DSO

*These are open meetings for all those interested in Veterans Affairs,
 Veterans Rehabilitation Problems and Veterans Legislation*

3:00 PM Past Post Commanders Club.....Dogwood
 Keith Fontenot, President
 4:00 PM Joint Commission on Children & Youth.....Plantation
 Anthony Haywood, Chair
 5:00 PM Mike C. Gehr Blue Cap Club Meeting.....Dogwood
 Rodney Holliday, President
 5:00 PM Kids Workshop.....Atrium
 American Legion College
 6:00pm 4 Chaplains Memorial Service.....Rose Garden
 Dennis Hart

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

7:30-8:30AM Registration.....Lobby of Rose Garden Conference Center

9:00 AM Reconvene Joint Session (Legion, Auxiliary & SAL).....Rose Garden

Call to Order.....**Angela Gomon**
Department Commander

Invocation.....**Keith Fontenot**
Department Chaplain

Introduction of Guest Speaker..... **Rudolph “Rudy” Bourg SR**
National Executive Committeeman

Guest Speaker.....**Dan Wiley**
National Commander Candidate

Baseball Chair Report.....**Sidney Parfait**
Chairman

Open Call for Remaining Reports.....

Vice Cmdrs Membership Reports.....**Frank Richard & Anthony Haywood**
Department Vice Commanders

Presentation of Membership Awards.....**Angela Gomon**
Department Commander
Frank Richard & Anthony Haywood
Department Vice Commanders

Other Awards.....**Angela Gomon**
Department Commander

Department Adjutant Report..... **Tony L. Betts**
Department Adjutant

Special Announcements **Angela Gomon**
Department Commander

Candidates for Department Offices (3) Three Minute time limit

Good of the Legion..... **Angela Gomon**
Department Commander

Sweepstakes Drawing..... **Angela Gomon**
Department Commander

Benediction.....**Keith Fontenot**
Department Chaplain

Retire Colors.....**Willis London**
Department Sgt at Arms

Otis Baskerville & Wilber Vallier
Department Color Bearers

Conference Adjournment..... **Angela Gomon**
Department Commander