



For God and Country

**CALL TO THE 56th
ANNUAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION
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In compliance with Article V, Section 2, of the Detachment Constitution, the 55th ANNUAL CONVENTION of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, is called for **JULY 12 THROUGH 14, 2019 at the Wyndham Springfield Ambassador Room, 700 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois.**

The purpose of this Convention is to establish Detachment policy; amend the Constitution, if necessary; elect Detachment Officers; elect Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention; and any other Detachment business that may be necessary.

REPRESENTATION: Representation in the Convention shall be by Squadrons. Each Squadron in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate and in addition shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof, above the first twenty-five (25), as reported on the May 31 2019 Membership Report, as required by Article V, Section 3, of the Detachment Constitution. A Squadron to be in good standing must have a minimum of ten (10) members and no indebtedness to the Detachment. Delegates-at-Large must be present at the Convention in order for their District to cast their vote. Squadrons not certified as to eligibility of 2018-2019 officers will lose their vote.

REGISTRATION: Registration will be held in the Ambassador Room. Delegates, Delegates-at-Large, Alternates and Guests may register on Friday, July 12th, from 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM; on Saturday, July 13th, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM; and on Sunday July 14th, from 8:00 AM and ends at 9:00 AM.

A REGISTRATION FEE OF \$10.00 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED.

Registration fee is to be paid onsite at Convention, not in advance

CONVENTION COMMITTEES: The Convention Committees will convene at 5:00 PM, Saturday, July 12th, in the Ambassador Room, if necessary.

DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The Detachment Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 PM on Friday, July 12th in the Ambassador Room and again on Sunday, July 14th, immediately following the close of the National Convention Delegates & Alternates meeting in the Ambassador Room..

BUSINESS SESSIONS: The Business Sessions of the 56th Annual Detachment Convention shall convene 30 minutes (**SHARP**) after the Joint Memorial Service, which begins at 8:00 AM, on Saturday, July 13th; and again at 9:00 AM (**SHARP**) on Sunday, July 14th; for the remaining business and the election and installation of Officers of the Detachment of Illinois.

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MEETING OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES & ALTERNATES: There will be a meeting of all Delegates and Alternates to the 48th Annual National Convention immediately following the adjournment of the final Business Session of the Detachment Convention, on Sunday, July 14th, in the Ambassador Room.

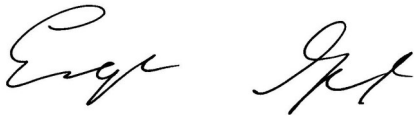
JOINT FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE: A Joint Family Memorial Service, under the direction of the Department Chaplain, will be held at 8:00 AM, Saturday, July 13th, in the main Convention Hall for the American Legion, Department of Illinois, located in the Bank of Springfield Center.

HOUSING: Housing forms have been mailed out and also available on Detachment and Department websites.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS: Through out the Convention, Department Officers of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary, as well as National Officers and Candidates for National Office will be in attendance.

NEXT YEAR'S (2020) MEMBERSHIP CARDS: All Squadrons that have sent their Officer's Certification Form to Department Headquarters, or who completes their Certification Form at the Convention site, for the 2019-20 Membership Year, will be able to pick up their 2020 cards at the Registration Table.

ACTIONS OF THE 56th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS, SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS.



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