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CONVENTION CALL

102nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

CANYONVILLE, OREGON

TO ALL OFFICERS AND POST MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF OREGON.

The 102nd Annual Department Convention of The American Legion, Department of Oregon is hereby called and, in conformity with the action of the 102nd Annual Department Convention and the Department Executive Committee, will be held at the Seven Feathers Casino Resort, 146 Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville, OR 97417 **on June 23, 24, 25 and 26th, 2021.**

PURPOSE:

1. To receive the annual reports of the Department Officers and Department Convention Committees.
2. To consider amendments to the Department Constitution and By-laws.
3. To elect Department Officers for the next year.
4. To elect Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention.
5. To transact such other business as may be brought before the convention.
(In conformity with the provision of the National and Department Constitutions)
6. To consider resolutions pertaining to our programs and membership.

REPRESENTATION:

The Annual Convention shall be composed of Delegates and Alternates, who are in good standing, from each Post. Each Post within the Department with a minimum membership of fifteen (15) shall be entitled to two (2) Delegates and two (2) Alternates, and one (1) additional Delegate and one (1) additional Alternate for each one hundred (100) members, or major fraction thereof, whose CURRENT DUES have been received by the Department Finance Officer prior to the meeting of said convention.

Example: 15 to 50 members – 2 Delegates and 2 Alternates
 51 to 150 members – 3 Delegates and 3 Alternates
 151 to 250 members – 4 Delegates and 4 Alternates

The voting strength of each Post delegation shall be equivalent to the aggregate number of delegates to which the Post is entitled and qualified.

Department 1st Vice Commander, Department 2nd Vice Commander, Department Finance Officer, District Commanders and all Past Department Commanders are Delegates-at-Large to the Convention. District Vice Commanders have no vote, unless certified as Delegates.

Chairmen of Department Standing Commissions and Committees shall have the privilege of the floor if registered as other than delegates in matters concerning their respective commission or committees, **WITHOUT POWER TO VOTE.**

NO POST WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF LESS THAN FIFTEEN (15) WILL BE ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION AT THE CONVENTION.

No authority exists for the Department to pay expenses for any Delegate to Convention.

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The term of office of certain members of the Department Executive Committee expires with the adjournment of the convention. There shall be elected at the Department Convention: a Department Commander, a Department 1st Vice Commander, Department 2nd Vice Commander, a Department Finance Officer, National Executive Committeeman (NEC) and Alternate NEC, Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention, and ratification of District Commanders, and one or more District Vice Commander(s) for each District.

A meeting of the Department Executive Committee as now constituted, is hereby called for 3 P.M. on Wednesday, June 23rd at the Seven Feathers Casino Resort, 146 Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville, OR 97417. Time and place of the meeting is subject to change.

A meeting of the Department Executive Committee, as elected for the next year in accordance with the Constitution, will meet at the call of the new Department Commander within ten (10) days after adjournment of the convention at a time and place to be announced later.

RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions should be typewritten in quadruplicate, with the last copy retained by the originator. The first three copies should be mailed to the Department Adjutant. Resolutions that apply to constitutional amendments must be submitted sixty (60) days in advance, (by April 27, 2021).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

District Commanders will have received a list of paid delegates to Convention on May 30th. The District Commanders shall send the Department 2nd Vice Commander, Department Commander, and the Department Adjutant the list of District Members that are delegates to the Convention who they wish to be on the Convention Committees by June 6. The Department Second Vice Commander will then send the finalized Committee List to Department by 15 June. The Resolution Assignment Committee will meet and inform the Commander and Department Adjutant what Committees at Convention the resolutions are assigned to no later than June 23, 2021.

FINANCE RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Proposed motions and resolutions involving expenditures of Department funds SHALL BE TRANSMITTED to Department Headquarters at least twenty (20) days prior to the Convention (by June 5, 2021).

CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES:

The Posts of the Department SHALL, not less that forty-five (45) days prior to the Department Convention, elect and certify their Delegates to the Department Adjutant by (May 23, 2021).

Check or Money Order made payable to The Department of Oregon in the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15) for Delegates, Alternates, and Delegates-at-Large and seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) for Guests, covering registration fee, shall be sent in accordance with the Convention Committee Code of Procedures. No delegate shall be seated at the Convention unless certification of such election is received by the Department Adjutant at least thirty (30) days prior (by May 23, 2021) to American Legion Department of Oregon, PO Box 1730, Wilsonville, Oregon 97070-1730.

AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments to the Department Constitution and/or By Laws **MUST BE READ** before the convention the day before the vote thereon (June 23, 2021).

It is a mandate that all constitutional amendments be presented to the Department Adjutant not less than sixty (60) days prior to the Department Convention (by April 27, 2021). Refer to Article XV (Amendments), Section 2, of the Department Constitution, as adopted at the 40th Convention. This is to allow circulation to the Districts. Forms furnished on request by Department Headquarters.

POST OFFICIALS

Post Officials, unless elected and registered as a Delegate, Alternate or Guest to the convention, have no privileges in the convention and will not be admitted to the Convention Hall.

The Department By-laws provide that each Post **SHALL ELECT ITS OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR** Forty-five (45) days prior to the Department Convention (May 15, 2021) and **SHALL CERTIFY** the names of the Officers-elect to the Department Adjutant at the time of certifying to him the names of the Delegates and Alternates-Elect.

DISTRICT CAUCUS:

After the Spring Department Executive Meeting and 20 Days prior to the Annual Convention, the District Commander shall have a District Caucus of duly elected delegates to the Department Convention for the purpose of selecting a District Commander, one or more District Vice-Commanders, and a District Adjutant. The District Commander will notify the Posts in their District thirty (30) days prior to the District Caucus as to time and place of the District Caucus.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

On May 30, 2021, the District Commanders will receive from Department a list of paid delegates from their District that are going to Department Convention, District Commanders shall return their recommendations for appointment to the Convention Committees from their District to Department 2nd Vice Commander by June 9, 2021. If possible, they are to recommend one primary (1st Choice) and one secondary (2nd choice) for each committee.

Department will provide the committee assignment lists for the Convention at the Pre-Convention D.E.C. for final approval.

SESSIONS

The opening for this convention will be a joint session with the American Legion Auxiliary at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at the Seven Feathers Casino Resort, 146 Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville, OR 97417. The Joint Memorial Service will be at the same location 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 24, 2021. The business sessions on Thursday will convene at 9:15 A.M. All business sessions on Friday and Saturday will convene at 9:00 A.M. at the same location. The Auxiliary will also meet at Seven Feathers Casino Resort, 146 Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville, OR 97417. Times are subject to change.

In the annual convention, Districts will be given preference in seating in accordance with percentage of membership goal achieved.

HOUSING

All housing reservations are the responsibility of each individual Delegate and Alternate directly with the motels.

REGISTRATION Per the Department Convention Commission Code of Procedure change adopted on October 20, 1996, Article I, Section 1.A., now reads:

“The payment of Legion Delegate and Alternate fees will be the responsibility of the Post. One check from the Post will be sent to the Department Headquarters with the names of those Delegates and Alternates.”

Please check with your Post Adjutant to see that there is NO possibility of duplication for registration or housing before remitting your check to the convention.

For the Commander,

Department Adjutant