

CONVENTION COMMISSION

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The annual national convention of The American Legion was to be held in Louisville, Ky., Aug. 28 – Sept. 3, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the convention was canceled. By resolution of the National Executive Committee, the 2026 National Convention was awarded to Louisville.

CONVENTION COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

The Convention Commission conducted two regular meetings during the year. The 2020 Washington Conference was held in person and the Fall Meetings virtually. The Spring Meetings were canceled. Revisions of our request for proposal (RFP) continued in 2020. This process is extremely important as it provides an equal opportunity for all cities to be evaluated the same way during the site-visit process. It is the commission's desire to continue to attract new cities that desire to host an American Legion national convention, providing "blue cap" Legionnaires and their families with varied and enjoyable conventions on an annual basis.

For the 2025 National Convention, the Convention Commission received four bids from the following cities: Tampa Bay, Fla.; Kansas City, Mo.; St. Louis, Mo.; and Salt Lake City, Utah. Following site visits and after listening to formal presentations from each city, the Convention Commission recommended to the National Executive Committee that Tampa Bay be awarded the 2025 National Convention for the dates of Aug. 22 – Aug. 28, 2025. The National Executive Committee later approved the recommendation.

Future conventions and dates:

Phoenix, Ariz.	Aug. 27 – Sept. 2, 2021
Milwaukee, Wisc.	Aug. 26 – Sept. 1, 2022
Charlotte, N.C.	Aug. 25 – 31, 2023
New Orleans, La.	Aug. 23 – 29, 2024
Tampa Bay, Fla.	Aug. 22 – 28, 2025
Louisville, Ky.	Aug. 28 – Sept 3, 2026