57th ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE Combined Americanism Conference Sheraton Hotel City Centre – Indianapolis, Indiana September 22–24, 2017

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Friday, September 22

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12:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Conference Registration Sheraton Hotel City Centre - Lobby			
6:00 p.m.	Baseball Chairman's Conference Opening Session Sheraton Hotel – Meridian West, Lower Level	SEBALL		
	Recap of the 2017 Season	Steve Cloud (IN), Asst. Dir.		
	Update from Spring Meetings	Jake Raile (ND), ALB Cmte.		
Saturday, September 23				
8:00 a.m.	Call to Order & Morning Remarks NEC Rm. (Nat'l HQ)	Gary Stone (MO), Conference Chairman		
8:15 a.m.	Insurance Recap for 2017 Season	S.A. Van Dyk Insurance		
8:45 a.m.	Department Website Update	Jeremy Field (NJ), Asst. Dir.		
9:45 a.m.	Break			
10:00 a.m.	Caucus Breakout by Regions Assigned topic of discussion and recom	Assigned Rms at Nat'l HQ nmendations*		
11:15 a.m.	Caucus Group Discussion NEC Rm. (Nat'l HQ)	Gary Stone (MO), Conference Chairman		
11:45 a.m.	Conference Photo (weather permitting)	Outside Legion Mall		
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	Nat'l HQ Cafeteria		
1:00 p.m.	Caucus Breakout by Program Size Assigned topic of discussion and recom	Assigned Rms at Nat'l HQ nmendations*		
2:15 p.m.	Caucus Group Discussion NEC Rm. (Nat'l HQ)	Gary Stone (MO), Conference Chairman		
3:00 p.m.	2018 Rule Change Discussion & Vote NEC Rm. (Nat'l HQ)	Gary Stone (MO), Conference Chairman		

4:45 p.m. New/Unfinished Business

5:00 p.m. Recess for Evening Activities

7:00 p.m. Reception – S. A. Van Dyk Insurance LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND CASH BAR Sheraton Hotel – Lower Level

* One brainstorming topic will concentrate upon generating/sharing discussion of the following elements found within the *Strategic Plan for Sustained Membership Growth* which overlay with Americanism programs: 1) brand awareness; 2) training/education; 3) media/communications.

Sunday, September 24

7:30 a.m.	Worship Services		
	Catholic Mass – Monument Suites, Lower Level		
	Father Gary Gummersheimer (IL), Past National Chaplain, Sons of The American		
	Legion		
	Non Donominational Workhin Marilian Cantar and Mart Langer Land		
	<u>Non-Denominational Worship</u> – <i>Meridian Center and West, Lower Level</i> Robert A. Vick (FL), National Chaplain, The American Legion		
	Robert M. Vick (12), National Chapiani, The American Legion		
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (On Your Own)		
8:30 a.m.	Joint Program Session		
	Colonel Sean McKenna, USAF		
	Air Force Recruiting Command		
	Sheraton Hotel - Meridian Center and West, Lower Level		
Cleantles Aftan	ALP Chairman's Conference Call to Order		
Shortly After	ALB Chairman's Conference Call to Order		
Joint Session	Gary Stone (MO), Chairman		
Concludes	Sheraton Hotel - Meridian Center and West, Lower Level		
	American Legion Baseball Memorial Service		
	Vote on American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year		
Unfinished Business			
	For the Good of Legion Baseball		
	Closing Remarks – Adjournment		

Caucus Group Leaders:

Cafeteria –Mark AvisRm.314(A) –William BurkettRm.301 –John HayesRm.311 –Derrick Ater	Rm.211 -Vic StraubRm.314(B) -Rick CashNEC RmJody MoellerRm.111 -Tom Drury	
Program Size Breakout Rooms:	Regional Breakout Rooms:	
Cafeteria - MN, NE, PA, WI, IL, CT, WA, MA Rm. 111 - SC, SD, KS, VA, ND, MT, AL, OH Rm. 211 - MO, ID, NC, CO, NY, NJ, AR Rm. 301 - CA, ME, IN, HI, MD, OR, NV, NH Rm. 311 - NM, WY, MI, AK, RI, LA, WV, AZ, UT, KY	Region 1 - CafeteriaRegion 2 - Rm. 211Region 3 - Rm. 314(A)Region 4 - Rm.314(B)Region 5 - Rm. 301Region 6 - NECRoomRegion 6 - NECRegion 6 - NEC	
NEC Rm VT, TN, FL, TX, IA, OK, MS, GA, DE, PR	Region 7 – Rm. 311 Region 8 – Rm. 111	

2018 Key Dates

2019-2020 Regional Tournament Site Bids Due - February 1, 2018

Department Tournament Deadline - August 2, 2018

Regional Dates - August 8 to 12, 2018

Region 1 – Shrewsbury, Mass. Region 2 – Leesburg, Va. Region 3 - Asheboro, N.C. Region 4 – New Orleans, La. Region 5 – Napoleon, Ohio Region 6 - Dickinson, N.D. Region 7 - Missoula, Mont. Region 8 - Denver, Colo.

American Legion World Series Shelby, NC August 16 to 21, 2018

2019 - World Series - August 15 to 20

National Americanism Conference – September 28-30, 2018



2018 NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS SITES, DATES & LOCAL CHAIRMAN

Regional Tournament dates August 8-12, 2018

Northeast Region Host: Shrewsbury Post 397

Participating Departments: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

Mid-Atlantic Region Host: Leesburg Post 34

Participating Departments: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia

Southeast Region Host: Randolph County Post 45

Participating Departments: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia

Mid-South Region Host: New Orleans Post 285

Location: New Orleans, LA

Location: Napoleon, OH

Location: Dickinson, ND

Location: Shrewsbury, MA

Location: Leesburg, VA

Location: Asheboro, NC

Participating Departments: Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas

Great Lakes Region Host: Napoleon Post 300

Participating Departments: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin

Central Plains Region Host: Dickinson Baseball Club

Participating Departments: Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota

Northwest Region Host: Missoula Post 27

Location: Missoula, MT

Participating Departments: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming

Western Region Host: Colorado ALB Commission

Location: Denver, CO

Participating Departments: Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah

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Location: Shelby, NC

Additional information about the National Tournaments can be found on our website WWW.LEGION.ORG/BASEBALL



AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL 2017-18 IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER, 2017

- (1st) DEADLINE to submit ALB National Rule Book orders to National Headquarters

- (9th-12th) Commissions & NEC Fall Meetings, Indianapolis, IN

DECEMBER

- (3rd-5th) National High School Baseball Coaches Association Convention, Columbus, OH

JANUARY, 2018

Distribute 2018 American Legion Baseball Rule Books to departments, posts and coaches

- (1st) Online team registration for the 2018 season begins

- (4th-7th) American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) convention, Indianapolis, IN

FEBUARY

 $-(1^{st})$ ALB National Rule Book distribution

- (15th) **DEADLINE** for submitting ALB Booster Decal orders to National Emblem Sales

MARCH

 - (**31**st) Establishment of player's legal domicile (parents' domicile) and school enrollment

APRIL

- (1st) **DEADLINE** for orders of 2018 Official MLB Rules for June delivery

- (**15**th) **DEADLINE** for Department Rule Books to National office (email or mail five hard copies)

- (15th) Report site and date of Sr. and Jr. Department State Tournaments

 – (15th) Plan "A" rezoning or new zoning filed and approved by department baseball committee

MAY

Distribute American Legion Baseball Scholarship applications to posts, coaches, and players

- (7th-10th) Commissions & NEC Spring Meetings, Indianapolis, IN

– (15th) **DEADLINE** to purchase insurance and pay registration fees. Late fee of \$200 charged until June 1^{st}

JUNE

Distribute 2018 American Legion Baseball Department Championship packets to departments

 $-(1^{st})$ LAST DAY to register teams, purchase insurance and pay fees

- (25th) **DEADLINE** for <u>Team Mangers</u> to file Form #1 with Department Chairman to be eligible for national tournaments

- (30th) DEADLINE for <u>Department Baseball Chairman</u> to file Form #1 with National office to be eligible for national tournaments

JULY

- (15th) **DEADLINE** for baseball scholarship application submission to department headquarters

AUGUST

 - (4th) DEADLINE for department chairman certify Department Champions to National office and regional tournament directors. Department Tournaments must be completed by 12:00 midnight

- (11th) **DEADLINE** Department scholarship winners due at Shelby ALWS office to be considered for All-Academic Team

- (8th-12th) Regional Tournaments

- (16th-21st) World Series, Shelby, NC

SEPTEMBER

 – (15th) DEADLINE for proposed rule changes to be submitted to the National office for consideration at Fall Conference

 – (15th) DEADLINE for Graduate of the Year nominations to be submitted to the National office for consideration at Fall Conference

- (28th-30th) Fall Baseball Chairman's Conference, Indianapolis, IN