



## COMBINED AMERICANISM CONFERENCE

### THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & YOUTH'S NINETEENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CHILDREN & YOUTH CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2025

#### Friday, September 26, 2025

Meridian West/Center

6:00 pm

#### **General Session**

#### Saturday, September 27, 2025

Panorama Room A

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

#### **Coffee and Conversation**

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

#### **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Herbert J. Petit, Jr. (LA), Chairman  
Committee on Children & Youth

#### **Distinguished Guests**

Mark Avis (MA), Americanism Commission Chairman  
The American Legion

Melanie Taylor (CA), Children & Youth Chairman  
American Legion Auxiliary

Jeff Trout (IL) Children & Youth Chairman  
Sons of The American Legion

8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

#### **American Legion Auxiliary C&Y Programs**

Melanie Taylor (CA), Children & Youth Chairman- ALA

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

#### **Sons of The American Legion C&Y Programs**

Jeff Trout (IL), Children & Youth Chairman- SAL

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

#### **Break**

10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

#### **Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)**

Stacy Cope, Youth Welfare Program Manager

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### **Lunch**

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| 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | <b>Children’s Organ Transplant Association (COTA)</b><br>Rick Lofgren, President and CEO |
| 1:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.  | <b>Guest Speaker-Tentative</b>                                                           |
| 2:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.   | Break                                                                                    |
| 2:15 p.m.- 3:45 p.m.  | <b>Department Chairman Guide</b><br>Breakout sessions                                    |
| 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | <b>Best Practice – Idea Sharing</b>                                                      |
| 4:00 p.m.             | Closing                                                                                  |

### **Sunday, September 28, 2025**

Meridian West/Center

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| 7:30 a.m. | Inter-Denominational Services                                                                                                             |
| 9:00 a.m. | <b>General Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post Everlasting</li> <li>• Surveys</li> <li>• Closing Remarks</li> </ul> |