



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO
The American Legion's 107th National Convention
August 28 – September 3, 2026
Subject to Change Without Notice
As of 8/17/2026

TIME ZONE:

Louisville is Eastern Time Zone.

TEMPERATURE:

The average high temperature in Louisville in mid-August is 88 degrees F; average low is 67 degrees F. The extended forecast may be found at [Louisville, KY 10-Day Weather | AccuWeather](#). Plan and pack accordingly. Be weather alert with the heat and rain!

HEADQUARTERS HOTELS:

The headquarters hotel for The American Legion Family is The Galt House. Heads up! Most hotels are cashless – cards are the way to pay!

MEETINGS/EVENTS LOCATIONS:

All General Sessions will take place at the Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC), located at 221 South Fourth Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202. The center will open one hour prior to the start of the first event each day.

KICC will also be the site of the Exhibit Hall and Emblem Sales Store, Color Guard Contest, Band Contest, Patriotic Memorial Service, membership training utilizing subject matter experts, partner workshops, National Commander's Banquet, and Auxiliary States Dinner.

Don't miss the Color Guard competition on Friday August 28 at 10:30 PM Hall D, Upper Concourse. Additionally, the JROTC competition returns featuring 14 units! Come cheer on your home Department and witness top-tier precision and pride in action!

The Band Contest is returning this year! March to the beat on Saturday, August 29, 1:00 PM, Hall D, Upper Concourse as three bands will compete.

National Staff Offices for The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, and Badges & Packets will also be in the KICC, Hall A, Upper Concourse. Distinguished Guest Registration is located in M102, Main Concourse. Please visit the mobile app or [National Convention Calendar & Information | The American Legion](#) for exact meeting room locations and the calendar of events.

REGISTRATION/CREDENTIALS:

All attendees must wear the proper credentials to access most areas. If you pre-registered with your department, you will obtain credentials on-site from your department. Contact your department about their applicable on-site registration location.

There will be on-site registration in the KICC, Market Street, Main Concourse for those that are not pre-register. To register on-site, you will need your ID, current American Legion Family Membership card and \$35. Credit cards will be accepted!

DRESS CODE:

Until further notice and this document is subsequently updated, the official dress for **national-level** American Legion and SAL events is as follows. Definitions appear at the bottom. Commission chairmen and national staff should ensure the widest possible dissemination of this information. Meetings:

All Commission and Committee Meetings: Business casual. Those preferring to wear business dress may do so.

National Executive Committee Meetings, audience: Business casual. Those preferring to wear business dress may do so.

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National Convention, audience: Business casual. Those preferring to wear business dress may do so.

National Convention, stage appearances: Business dress.

Meals:

National Commander's Banquet in Honor of Distinguished Guests (national convention): Formal for head table attendees. Business dress for audience.

For all other official national-level meal events: Business casual, except for the head table, where dress is business dress.

Definitions:

Business dress: Shirt, tie and jacket for men and appropriate parallel dress for women

Business casual: Trousers and collared polo shirt – preferably Legion polo – for men and appropriate parallel dress for women

Formal: Black tie

AIRLINES/TRANSPORTATION:

Check your airline's website and/or download your airline mobile app to get the timeliest updates.

A good rule of thumb is to allow two (2) hours minimum for flight check-in.

Upon arrival to the Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport and/or downtown Louisville area, wait times and costs may have increased with Uber, Lyft, taxis, etc. Plan accordingly.

If driving, I-65 construction project, downtown Louisville is complete. If traveling from Indianapolis to Louisville, to avoid paying a Toll, use Exit 1/Hwy 31, to Clark Memorial Bridge/2nd Street Bridge.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE:

Food and beverage options will be located throughout the KICC. Please utilize these areas to enjoy your culinary delights and refreshing beverages. The center is a cashless venue and only accepts credit cards.

For local menus, attractions, and options around the Louisville area, visit [Bourbon City Basics : GoToLouisville.com Official Travel Source | GoToLouisville.com Official Travel Source](https://www.goToLouisville.com)

There are multiple refillable water bottle stations all throughout the Convention Center – please make sure to bring your water bottle and **HYDRATE** as much as possible.

EXHIBIT HALL/EMBLEM SALES:

The Exhibit Hall/Emblem Sales will be in Hall B, KICC, Upper Concourse.

A couple of adorable surprises may be found in the exhibit hall – keep your eyes open on the weekend!

The Blood Drive needs You! Make an appointment in advance via the convention website. Walk-ins are welcome! See the website for more information. [National Convention Calendar & Information | The American Legion](https://www.nationalconventioncalendar.com)

SAFETY AND SECURITY:

NO weapons of **ANY** kind are allowed in the convention center.

Should an incident occur inside the KICC, attendees should dial 502.595.4362 or 911 from a cell phone for the Louisville Metro Police Department. For any medical or life-threatening emergency, always dial 911. Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and first aid stations are located throughout the center. Please be aware of these locations as well as your nearest exits.

A Medical Services letter will be included in each registration bag.

Should you become ill or experience any COVID type symptoms, please advise your Department Adjutant. Throughout the Convention Center, hand sanitizing stations are in place.

For most hotels, guestroom/floor access may only be accessible for registered hotel guests via a secure key card.

If you are walking from any hotel, or venue, be cautious of cars entering/exiting parking garages and surface lots. Many drivers may not pay attention OR could have obstructed views.

Like any other major city, please use the buddy system and common sense when exploring Downtown Louisville. Travel in groups, be cautious of overindulging, & stay in well-lit areas. Make sure to keep your head on a swivel so that you can continue to have an amazing time enjoying the wonderful city of Louisville. Always be aware of your surroundings.

LOST & FOUND:

Lost and Found will be located at Legion Staff Offices: Hall A, Upper Concourse, Info Desk, Kentucky International Convention Center.

SCOOTERS/WHEELCHAIRS/MOBILITY DEVICES:

At this time, scooter rentals are sold out. However, check the website to call for the latest information with each company. [National Convention Calendar & Information | The American Legion](#)

SHUTTLES:

A detailed schedule is currently on the website and will be on the mobile app. [National Convention Calendar & Information | The American Legion](#)

OFF-SITE EVENTS:

Tickets must be purchased in advance – please see the flyers located on [National Convention Calendar & Information | The American Legion](#).

OTHER:

Pet/service animal relief areas are located along 4th street from the Center and areas next to the hotels.

Smoking and the use of e-cigarettes (vaping) is not permitted inside the convention center or on balconies, excluding designated smoking areas.

With all service-related venues, wait times may have increased and amenities may have been scaled back (housekeeping limited service, etc.) Patience and flexibility are appreciated during your travel and stay experience.

In your mobile app, you will receive a survey on the last official day of the convention. The survey will be open for ten days to complete. We ask for your assistance in completing the survey which will help with future convention planning.

The Convention/Mobile App will be the format used to reach attendees in an emergency or alert.
Please ensure you have downloaded the app prior to your arrival!
(Search TALNC26 into the Apple Store or Google Play Store)

2026 American Legion National Convention Mobile App



Download & allow notifications so you can be kept up to date on National Convention Events.

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