

DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN'S AMERICAN LEGION ORATORICAL CONFERENCE

Friday, September 26, 2025

Conference Registration

Upper Lobby, Sheraton Hotel

General Session – Opening Ceremony

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Meridian West
(Lower Level)

Saturday, September 27, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Call to Order and Salute to Colors

David King, Conference Chair Panorama
Ballroom, 21st Floor

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance & POW/MIA Remembrance

Conference Welcome & Introductions

Commission Welcome & Greetings

Mark Avis (MA) Chairman, Americanism
Commission

Review 2025 National Contest and move to Hillsdale

- 2026 Planning and Volunteer

Resources

- Legion.org
- Department Websites
- National requirements
- Dates, notifications, reports

Ways to Mess Up a Good Contest

Department Chair Responsibilities

- Budget
- Reports to National (Number of participants by posts, districts, counties, areas, zones, department)
- Follow Rules and Guidelines
- Training (give good instructions for EACH position)
- Toolkits for contests

Mock Contest

Growing and Promoting

- Internet, Media, Judges, Schools, JROTC, Speech and Debate, other organizations

Future

- Department Funding
- Conference Funding

Post Everlasting

Recap

Prayer and Salute

Sunday, September 28, 2025

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Non-Denominational Religious Service

9:00 a.m. – 10:30

Closing Ceremony and Survey Mark Avis
(MA) - Americanism Chairman

Subject to change