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The American Legion's 103rd National Convention
August 26 - September 1, 2022
Subject to Change Without Notice
As of July 29, 2022

TIME ZONE:

Milwaukee is Central Time Zone.

TEMPERATURE:

Average high temperature in Milwaukee during August is 81 degrees F; average low is 61 degrees F.

HEADQUARTERS HOTELS:

The American Legion National Headquarters' primary hotel is the Hilton. Sons of The American Legion will be at the Hilton Milwaukee and American Legion Auxiliary will be at the Hyatt.

MEETINGS/EVENTS LOCATIONS:

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary General Sessions will be held at the Wisconsin Center (referred to as WC). It is located at 400 W Wisconsin Ave, 53203.

The Sons of The American Legion's General Session will be held at the Milwaukee Theater, 500 W Kilbourn Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

The Wisconsin Center (WC) will also be the site of the exhibit hall, color guard and band contests, National Commander's Banquet, and Auxiliary States Dinner.

National Staff Offices for The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, Distinguished Guest Registration and Badges & Packets will also be in the Wisconsin Center.

REGISTRATION:

Those interested in attending should pre-register in advance with their respective American Legion Department or be a Distinguished Guest/invited guest with The American Legion. There will be on-site registration this year at the WC in the Main Lobby, First Floor. To register on-site, you will need your ID, American Legion Family Membership card, and \$25.00 cash.

CREDENTIALS:

All attendees must wear the proper credential to access areas. Those pre-registered with their respective Department, will obtain credentials on-site with your Department.

DRESS CODE:

Recommended dress code while in convention audience and commission/committee meetings is business casual, which is: Trousers and collared polo shirt – preferably Legion polo – for men and appropriate parallel dress for women. Comfortable shoes but no flip flops. If onstage at any point, business dress (shirt, tie, and jacket – appropriate parallel dress for women).

- 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, stage appearances: Business Dress

AIRLINES/TRANSPORTATION:

Check your current airline's website for guidance on suggested arrival time to the airport. Wait times have increased with TSA security. Due to airline shortages, have a plan in place should your flight be cancelled or delayed. Keep in mind to notify your point-of-contact to adjust any housing accommodations.

Upon arrival at the General Mitchell International Airport and/or downtown Milwaukee area, wait times and costs may have increased with Uber, Lyft, taxis, etc. Plan accordingly.

CONVENTION CENTER:

The Wisconsin Center will be under expansion. The Exhibit Hall area will comprise of Hall D, 3rd Floor foyer, and 2nd Floor foyer. Must have credentials before entering these areas.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE:

Food and Beverage options will be located throughout the WC. Please utilize these areas to enjoy your culinary delights and refreshing beverages. Concession stands prefer credit/debit cards; however, cash will still be accepted.

SECURITY:

No firearms or weapons allowed in the WC.

Should an emergency occur inside the Wisconsin Center, attendees should go to the nearest house telephone and dial **6165** or dial **414.908.6165** from a cell phone. Medical Services letter will be included in each registration bag.

Like many major cities across the country, Milwaukee has incurred challenges with car theft. (Models include Hyundai's and Kia's that do not have push button starts.) Be aware not to leave valuables in vehicles, be cautious of surroundings, and make sure to lock all car doors.

OFF-SITE EVENTS:

Sunday, August 28th (two sessions) will be American Legion Family Day at the War Memorial Center's Oktoberfest.

Monday, August 29th at 7:10pm will be Legion Night at the Milwaukee Brewers Stadium where they will face the Pittsburgh Pirates and National Commander will throw the first pitch. Brewers Stadium is a cash-less venue.

Visit legion.org/convention/resources for more information. Transportation to these events is on your own.

OTHER:

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

Visit website at www.legion.org/convention/resources. *However, for the most up-to-date information while on-site, please download the mobile app at www.legion.org/mobileapps.*