July 7, 2023

TO: National Officers, National and Alternate Executive Committeemen, Past National Commanders, Detachment Commanders / Adjutants and National Commissions / Committees and Department Adjutants.

FROM: Christopher Carlton (IN), National Commander

THRU: Anthony W. Wright (PA), National Adjutant

OFFICIAL 2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION CALL

Pursuant to Article V, Section 2, of the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, I, Christopher Carlton, National Commander, do hereby call for the 51st Annual National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion, to be held Friday through Sunday, August 25 - 27, 2023, at the Charlotte Convention Center, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The opening session of the 51st Annual National Convention, in accordance with the Uniform Code of Procedure for National Convention, will be convened at 1:00 p.m., on Friday, August 25, 2023.

The 51st Annual National Convention shall be convened for the following purposes:

1. To complete all business of the Sons of The American Legion for the Fiscal year 2022-2023

2. To vote on all resolutions (if applicable), which are properly presented to the National Convention

3. To consider and/or make amendments (if applicable) to the By-Laws of the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion

4. To elect a National Commander and five (5) National Vice Commanders, for the ensuing year 2023-2024. Elections shall take place on Sunday, August 27, 2023

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Pre-Convention NEC Meeting will be held Friday, August 25th, at 10:00 AM in Hall C2, Exhibit Level of the Charlotte Convention Center. The Post-Convention NEC Meeting will be convened directly following the adjournment of the 51st Annual National Convention on Sunday, August 27, 2023, in Hall C2, Exhibit Level of the Charlotte Convention Center.
REPRESENTATION: Representation of the National Convention shall be allotted in accordance with the provision of Article V of the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion which states:

“...each Detachment shall be entitled to three (3) delegates and one additional delegate for each 500 members or major fraction thereof whose current dues have been received by National Headquarters 30 “days prior to the meeting of said National Convention, and whose registration fees, as fixed by the National Executive Committee, for its total authorized delegate strength, have been paid, and to one alternate for each delegate. Approved by Resolution 18, National Executive Committee of The American Legion, October 2005.”

Section 4 of Article V further states: “Each duly registered delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any registered delegate absent and not represented by an alternate delegate shall be cast by the majority of any registered delegates from his Detachment. Alternate delegates for registered delegates shall have all privileges of registered delegates except that of voting. A registered delegate is one who has received his credentials and has paid such registration fee as may be required.”

Detachment Commanders and Detachment Adjutants shall certify their respective delegates and alternate delegates to the National Adjutant through National Convention. If delegate and alternate delegate elections take place after the prescribed deadline, their certification is to be submitted immediately following their election. The Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Guest certification forms are attached and can be found online at Legion.org/sons/events

NOTE: The SAL National Staff Office will be located in the Charlotte Convention Center, Richardson Ballroom, Meeting Level. A registration fee of $35.00 for each delegate, alternate delegate, and/or guest is hereby established. Any Detachment that does not attend national convention is still responsible to pay their required delegation fees subject to the 105% Delegate Strength Target Date.

IMPORTANT: All registration fees and the Delegate, Alternate Delegate & Guest certification forms must be paid to national headquarters no later than Friday, August 4, 2023

Any payment made after August 4, 2023 must be hand-carried to Charlotte and paid in person

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

The National Convention Committees will meet on Friday, August 25, 2023, in the Charlotte Convention Center at the below noted times / locations:

Charlotte Convention Center, Meeting Level
Room 205, Section A 8:30 AM - Internal Affairs, 10:00 AM - Membership; 11:30 AM - Finance
Room 205, Section B 8:30 AM - C&Y; 10:00 AM - VA&R; 11:30 AM - Constitutional Amendments
Room 201, Sections A-B 8:30 AM - Americanism; 10:00 AM - Community Service Scrapbook/History Book Contest; 11:30 AM - Legislative and Rules

Charlotte Convention Center, Hall C2, Exhibit Level
Green Room (behind stage) 11:00 AM - Credentials
NATIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS: In accordance with Section 3 of the Uniform Code of Procedure for the Organization of National Conventions, “Resolutions emanating from a Detachment convention shall be forwarded to the National Adjutant to be in his hands 30 days prior to the opening of the National Convention. The only exception to this rule is the case of a Detachment Convention held on a date that renders it physically impossible to comply with the restricted time limit. In such cases, resolutions should be forwarded immediately after said convention and the National Adjutant shall be notified.”

This rule will be strictly enforced, if there are any questions contact National Adjutant, Anthony Wright at (email) Awright@legion.org.

OFFICIAL:

Christopher Carlton (IN)
National Commander

Anthony W. Wright (PA)
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ATTACHMENTS:

❖ SAL National Convention - Delegate Form
❖ SAL National Convention - Alternate Delegate Form
❖ SAL National Convention - Guest Form