

AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS  
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
North Little Rock, Arkansas  
January 9-12, 2025



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
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Riverfront Wyndham  
JANUARY 9-12, 2025

AGENDA

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10th, 2025- TRAINING AGENDA**

Jan 10, 2025, Mid-Winter Training

Training Schedule (TENTATIVE)

8-11:30AM - Service Officer Training – Arkansas Traveler Upstairs

Class Schedule: Silver City 2

9AM-10AM – Leadership in Post/District Levels

10:10AM – 11:10AM – Legion Etiquette/Operations

11:10AM-12:15PM – LUNCH

12:15-1:15PM – Don't Be that Post

1:25:2:25 – District Commander/Officer Training

2:35 – 3:35 – Part 2 mylegion.org Online Transmittals/ACH

**NOTE: THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT NATIONAL WILL BE SUPPLYING A PERSON TO RUN A LONG SESSION. IF THAT SESSION BECOMES REALITY FOR MID-WINTER CONFERENCE, THEN THE AFTERNOON CLASSES WILL BE DROPPED TO ALLOW NATIONAL THE AFTERNOON FOR THEIR PRESENTATIONS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11th, 2025**

**8:00 AM** Call to Order..... Silver City 1&2

Sgt-at-Arms will secure the door, everybody please take their seats.

Colors in place – Hand Salute

Department Chaplain – Gives Invocation

**Sgt-At-Arms - POW/MIA Empty Chair ceremony**

Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble of The American Legion:

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER; TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT AMERICANISM; TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS IN ALL WARS; TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL**

**OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION; TO COMBAT THE AUTOCRACY OF BOTH THE CLASSES AND THE MASSES; TO MAKE RIGHT THE MASTER OF MIGHT; TO PROMOTE PEACE AND GOOD WILL ON EARTH; TO SAFEGUARD AND TRANSMIT TO POSTERITY THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY; TO CONSECRATE AND SANCTIFY OUR COMRADESHIP BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULNESS.**

All Past Department Commanders to Rise and Be Recognized.

**Guests to Bring Greetings**

**Guest Speaker To Be Determined**

Pearl Gordon, Auxiliary President

Bob Wade, Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander

Koyt Kidd, American Legion Riders Director

**9:00 AM** Excuse the Auxiliary, SAL, Guests

**9:15 AM** Greetings and Announce the Purpose of this Meeting.

**9:30 AM – 11:30 DEC** in Recess for Purpose of Committee Meetings

1. Convention Committee– Razorback Room 9:30 – 11:00 AM
2. C&B/L Committee – Razorback Room from 11:00 am on
3. Budget and Finance/Policy Committee – Executive Board Room upstairs

**Attn: The Razorback and Executive Board rooms have been reserved from 9-2**

**11:30 – 12:30 PM** Lunch on Your Own

**12:30 PM** Reconvene DEC

a. Sergeant at Arms gives Instructions.

b. **To Be Determined, Guest Speaker**

**Roll Call of Department Executive Committee** – Adjutant Bob Renner

Crucial Business for the DEC

Accept Minutes from Previous Meetings June 14-16 (Conv.), June 29 (DEC), 7 August DEC

Special meeting and 15 August DEC Special Meeting

**1:00 PM** Department Officers Reports:

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|----|-------------------|--------------------|
| A) | N.E.C             | Mary V. Erdman     |
| B) | NE Area Vice Cmdr | Becky Dillon       |
| C) | SE Area Vice Cmdr | Dennis Mayher      |
| D) | SW Area Vice Cmdr | Dominic Listermann |

- A) NW Area Vice Cmdr Koyt Kidd
- B) Judge Advocate Pat "Doc" Phillips
- C) Membership William "Doc" Sheets

Americanism Program Reports

Ralph Sims

- A) Baseball.....Jeral Howard, Commissioner
- B) Boy Scout ..... Mike Benefield, Chairman
- C) Boys State .....Len Cotton, Chairman
- D) Shooting Sports.....Randy McGaha, Chairman
- E) Oratorical .....Roger Lacy, Chairman

Approve Report of Americanism Committee

American Legion Foundation Report

Roger Lacy, Chairman

Real Properties Management

Marvin Jumper

Convention Committee

Kevin Caldwell

Policy Committee

J.W. Smith

Constitution and By-Laws/Resolution Committee

Pat "Doc" Phillips

Legislative

John Hendrick

Public Relations

Keith Dover

Children & Youth

Marie Wilbanks

Department Service Officer

Allen Miller

Department Training

Doc Sheets

Budget & Finance

Chuck Eick

Activities Committee

Doug Warner

Emergency Management

Dennis Mayher

Department Commander Report

Tony Gordon

New Business

Commander

New Business from Department Executive Committee

Good of the Legion

Announcements

**5:00 PM Adjourn until 9:00 Sun Morning**

**Sunday January 12, 2025**

**8:00 AM** Patriotic Memorial Service – Silver City 1 & 2

**9:00 AM** DEC Reconvenes

Unfinished Business carried over from Saturday Meeting

Adoption of Resolutions

Acceptance of Finance Committee Report

Department Chaplain gives closing Benediction.

Colors in place – Hand Salute

**12:00 PM** Meeting of 2025 Midwinter Conference adjourned.