

to meet in

## **Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

**August 26 - September 1, 2022**

In conformity with Article VI, Section 1 of the National Constitution, which provides that the annual National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary shall be held at the same time and place as The American Legion National Convention, the 101st Annual National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called to meet in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from August 26-September 1, 2022. The convention business sessions will be in the Wisconsin Center.

### **PURPOSE**

The annual National Convention is the legislative body of the American Legion Auxiliary. The convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the National Constitution & Bylaws, receiving reports of national officers and committees, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected August 31, 2022.

### **REPRESENTATION**

Representation in the convention shall be by department and in accordance with the provisions of the ALA National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2.

Each department shall be entitled to five delegates and one additional delegate for every 1,500 members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received by the National Treasurer 30 days prior to the meeting of said convention, and to one alternate for each delegate. (ALA National Standing Rule II. National Convention, #2)

In addition to the above, members of the National Executive Committee (including the National Vice President National Division Vice Presidents National Secretary National Treasurer

9:30 a.m. Thursday, September 1, 2022, Regency C-D, Hyatt Regency Milwaukee. (ALA National Standing Rule V, #2)

**DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

Department officers, unless elected as delegates or alternates to the National Convention, have no privilege in the convention except as guests of their respective delegations.

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Pre-Convention Committee Meetings will be held virtually from August 10 – August 23 for the following committees as designated in the Standing Rules, Section II, Item 4b.

National Chaplain	Children & Youth	Legislative
National Historian	Community Service	Membership
Resolutions	Education	National Security
Rules	Finance	Poppy
Credentials	ALA Girls Nation	Public Relations
Americanism	Junior Activities	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Leadership	

The Constitution and Bylaws Pre-Convention Committee meeting will be the only pre-convention meeting held in person on Saturday, August 27, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Hyatt Regency.

Each department shall designate one official representative to attend the Virtual Pre-Convention Committee meeting. The official representative does not need to be a delegate or alternate; however, only those official representatives who are convention delegates/alternates will be allowed to vote in the virtual pre-convention committee meetings.

Departments shall designate their official representative via an online form provided by ALA National Headquarters.

4. Date and place of the department convention at which delegates and alternates were selected.
5. Name of delegation chairman.
6. Name of delegation secretary.
7. Names, complete member ID numbers, complete home addresses, accurate email addresses, and unit affiliations of delegates.
8. Names, complete member ID numbers, complete home addresses, accurate email addresses, and unit affiliations of alternates.
9. Electronic signature of department president, attested by department secretary.

### **CREDENTIALS FEE**

A registration fee of \$25 for each delegate, each alternate in attendance, and guest in attendance must be paid to the National Treasurer by the delegation secretary no earlier than August 1, 2022, and no later than August 15, 2022.

### **SECURING CREDENTIALS IN WISCONSIN**

Delegation secretaries can secure credentials August 25 and 26, 2022, at the Wisconsin Center.

### **GUEST REGISTRATION**

Departments will be able to register guests to National Convention. Guest registration will begin August 1, 2022, and continue through registration cut-off. Guests may still also register via The American Legion.

### **DELEGATION HEADQUARTERS**

Each department delegation will establish headquarters in the hotel to which it is assigned. Upon arrival in the convention city, all members of department delegations will report to their delegation headquarters. They will receive all necessary instructions from the secretary of their delegation.

American Legion Auxiliary  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

DISTRIBUTION:

National Officers

Past National Presidents

National Executive Committee

Alternate National Executive Committee

National Chairmen

National Committee Members

Department Presidents

Department Secretaries

## Headquarters

2023 American Legion Auxiliary officers are:

President – Nancy Moses

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – April Ward

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Edna Shupe-Bland

Chaplain – Brenda Lay

Historian – Beverly Shuffett

Treasurer – Virginia Hobbs

Secretary – Jennifer Mullins

NEC- Bonita Robey

Alt NEC – Karen Toll

Parliamentarian – Eula Fox

The 2022 American Legion Auxiliary National Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin August 26, 2022 – September 1, 2022. In this mailing you will find information regarding the National Convention. Please note the deadlines.

Room reservations must be sent to the American Legion Headquarters. The address is listed on the form.

Guest registration for the National Convention must be done through headquarters. There is no in-person registration.

States Dinner and luncheon tickets – please see order form in this mailing.

2023 membership cards were given out at the State Convention. If you did not have a representative there to receive your cards please check with your district president.

# Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Ticket Order Form must be received at

Department Headquarters

no later than **July 29, 2022**

\*payment must be included with this form\*

STATES DINNER

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ \$53 per ticket

PUBLIC SPIRIT AWARD LUNCHEON

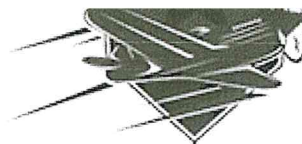
to best support our veterans and their families.

Through monthly newsletters, National Chairman Lisa Williamson has touched on many topics that all fall under the VA&R program - Reporting & Awards; our National President Kathy Daudistel's focus on Caregivers; Veterans Creative Arts Festivals; Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services; Service To Veterans; and partnering with Legion Family as well as like-minded organizations.

Any of those newsletters can be found on the ALA VA&R Facebook group at: [www.facebook.com/groups/ALAVAR/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAVAR/) - don't hesitate to look them up under "Files" and share them freely. They might provide you with ideas as we continue supporting our veterans for the remainder of this administrative year, as well as while you and your leadership begin to plan for the next year.

As well, members from across the world have posted information in this Facebook group on things they've done to help our veterans. These posts can also provide fodder for you as you plan your upcoming year.

Did you know that the ALA National organization has several Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) with other organizations? A MOU is a legal document describing a bilateral agreement between parties, expressing a common goal and line of action between the parties. There are two or three MOUs



The Honor Flight Network is a national network comprised of independent Hubs working together in furtherance of the Honor Flight mission. In furtherance of this common goal, we have the opportunity to show our nation's veterans the appreciation and honor they deserve. Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives veterans the opportunity to share this momentous occasion with other comrades, to remember friends and comrades lost, and share their stories and experiences with other veterans. All honored veterans travel at no cost to the veteran.

The Honor Flight Network is currently serving veterans from the WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War eras. We also serve terminally ill veterans serving during any era. Please visit the website or contact your Regional Hub for information on applying as a veteran or guardian for an Honor Flight trip.

The Honor Flight Network is a national network of independent Hubs working together to honor our nation's veterans with an all-expenses paid trip to the memorials in Washington, D.C., a trip many of our veterans may not otherwise be able to take. Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives veterans

knowledge and skills.

The MVCN supports caregivers, families, clinicians and partners, offering two open caregiver-focused services. Additionally, the MVCN has a caregiver-categorized resource library and a master calendar of caregiver events. These programs and services are led by a dedicated team of military Veteran caregivers and phenomenal caregiver volunteers. They use their life experience to increase caregiver connection, engagement, knowledge, skills and hope.

The MVCN offers caregivers access to the highest quality peer support programs and services— online and in their communities— through collaboration with partner organizations, agencies and groups that share a commitment to reducing caregiver isolation. The MVCN allows caregivers to offer one another support, understanding and encouragement. The focus is on America's approximately 5.5 million caregivers of military and veteran wounded, ill or injured. Support is offered through three peer-based programs:

- Online Peer Support Community
- Online & Community-Based Peer Support Groups
- Peer Mentor Support Program

The MVCN helps caregivers of all ages and stages to include clinicians, partners and supporters. They provide access to three open caregiver-focused services:

...ed by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

What is a Quilt of Valor?

A Quilt of Valor® (QOV) is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation." To use the term Quilt of Valor, Quilts of Valor or QOV, the quilt must be a specific size, must have a label with required information, it must be awarded (it is not a gift) and it must be recorded.

Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream, literally a dream. Founder Catherine Roberts' son Nat was deployed in Iraq. According to Catherine:

The dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and well-being. The quilt had made this dramatic change. The message of my dream was: Quilts = Healing.

The model appeared simple: have a volunteer team who would donate their time and materials to make a quilt. One person would piece the top and the other