



## 2023 DEPARTMENT OF WYOMING CONVENTION

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023**

- 18:00 **Registration -**  
18:00 Finance Committee Meeting –  
19:00 Department Executive Committee Meeting –

### **FRIDAY: June 16, 2023**

- 07:00 **Past Commanders & Adjutants Club Breakfast**  
Best Western Hotel
- 08:00 **Registration –**
- 09:00 **Department Convention – Opening Ceremony**  
**Call to Order** – Welcome Post 1 Commander  
**\* Turn meeting over to Department Commander\***  
**Colors in place**  
**Invocation** – Department Chaplain Vanessa Stuart  
**POW/MIA Ceremony** – Department Chaplain Vanessa Stuart/SAA Richard Dansereau  
**Pledge of Allegiance** – Doug Johnson  
**Preamble of The American Legion** – Bill Barnes  
**Call to Convention** – Department Adjutant – Gina Mayhan  
**Report of Rules Committee** –VC – Doug Johnson  
**Roll Call of the Posts** – Department Adjutant (Voting Strength) – Gina Mayhan  
**Introduction of guests** – Department Commander – Michael Hobbs  
**Report of Credentials Committee** – \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_
- 09:30 **Report of Resolution Committee** Keith Davidson, Mike Cooke, and \_\_\_\_\_
- 09:35 **Constitution Changes reading 1 -** Committee Chairman VC Doug Johnson
- 10:05 **National Executive Committeemen Report** – Keith Davidson
- 10:15 **Break**
- 10:30 **Camp Lejeune Litigation Team** – Liz Hartman (Bergman & Moore)
- 10:30 **Greetings to The Auxiliary** – Doug Johnson, Bill Barnes
- 11:00 **National Committee and Commission Reports 5 Minutes each**  
Americanism Commission – Ken Persson Jr.  
Americanism Council – PDC Ken Persson Sr., PDC Rick Dansereau  
Emblem Sales Committee – PDC Ron Wood

National Security Commission – ANEC Mike Cooke  
Employment & Veterans' Preference Committee VC Doug Johnson  
Veterans Benefit Committee – DFO Deanna Hurless

11:30 **Legislative update** – Keith Davidson

12:00 **Lunch**

13:15 **Department Officer Reports 5 minutes each**

Department Finance Officer – Deanna Hurless  
Department Chaplain – Vanessa Stuart  
Department Historian Report – Penny Merryfield  
Department Adjutant – Gina Mayhan  
Department Service Officer – Dwight Null / Rhonda Rasgorshek  
Department Judge Advocate – Gary Hartman  
Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Commander – Bill Barnes  
Department Vice-Commander – Doug Johnson  
Department Commander – Michael Hobbs

14:15 **Break**

14:30 **District Officer Reports - 5 Minute each.**

District 1 – Joe Tallon  
District 2 – Don York  
District 3 – Ken Persson Jr.  
District 4 – Russell Stafford  
District 5 – Chuck Gilfford  
District 6 – Vanessa Stuart

15:00 **Caucus**

15:30 **Candidates for Department Offices** Roll call of Post's.

16:00 **Bids for 2024 & 2025 Department Conventions** Roll call of Post's.

16:30 **Recess**

17:00 **Post Everlasting** – \_\_\_\_\_

18:00 **Commander/President Dinner (outgoing)**

19:30 **SAL Detachment Executive Committee Meeting** – \_\_\_\_\_

## **SATURDAY: June 17, 2023**

07:00 **Past Department Commanders Breakfast**

09:00 **SAL Detachment Convention** –

09:00 **Department Convention Reconvenes**

**Pledge** – Vice-Commander Doug Johnson

**Roll Call of the Posts** – Department Adjutant Gina Mayhan

**Report of Credentials Committee Leonard Merrill and \_\_\_\_\_**

09:15 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Constitution Changes and Vote** Chairman VC Doug Johnson

09:45 **WALRUS Report - Director** Shane Harris

**Wyoming Veterans Commission** – Director Tim Sheppard

**Wyoming Senator** – John Barrasso

**Department Committee Reports 5 minutes each.**

Oratorical – Don York

Boys State – Brett Kahler

Shooting Sports – Ed Tirado

Baseball/Women's Fast Pitch Softball – Jack Simms

Boy Scouts – Ed Morrow

10:15 **Break**

10:30 **Department Committee Reports Continued 5 minutes each.**

American Legion High School Rodeo – Ken Persson Sr.

E. A. Blackmore Memorial Foundation/Committee – Ron Wood, Deanna Hurless

Hospital Committee – Keith Davison

Newspaper Committee - Gina Mayhan, Penny Merryfield

Ways and Means Committee – VC Doug Johnson

12:00 **Lunch**

13:00 **Reconvene – Final Report of Credentials Committee**

13:10 **Report on National Convention** – Department Adjutant Gina Mayhan

13:15 **SAL Detachment Report** – Donovan Dusel

13:30 **Department Awards:**

Post Commander of the year

Post Adjutant of the year

Membership Worker of the Year

Legionnaire of the Year

Outstanding Club Manager/Bar Tender of the Year

Citizen Soldier of the Year

Lawman of the Year

Firefighter of the Year

Educator of the Year

EMT of the Year

District Commander of the Year

Health Care Worker

4 Chaplin's

Youth Services

The following awards are judged through information submitted on the Post Activities Report.

Lloyd Seaman Athletic Trophy  
Americanism Plaque  
Community Service – Large Post  
Community Service – Small Post

14:30 **New Business**  
**Resolutions Committee Report**  
**Unfinished Business**

14:45 **Caucus**

15:10 **Election of Department Officers: PDC votes one vote each**  
Department Commander  
Department Vice Commander  
Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Commander  
Department Finance Officer  
National Executive Committee Person  
Alternate Executive Committee Person  
Election of Delegates to the 103<sup>rd</sup> National Convention  
Appointment to National Committees- NEC / Alt. NEC Keith Davidson, Mike Cooke

15:45 **Confirmation of Future Department Conventions**  
2023 Convention – Worland, WY  
2024 Convention –

**Good of The American Legion**  
Confirmation/Instillation of District Officers –  
Installation of Department Officers -

16:30 **New Department Commander remarks**  
Benediction Department Chaplin Vanessa Stuart  
Retrieve MIA / POW Table  
Retire the Colors  
Close Department Convention

17:00 **Department Executive Committee Meeting**

18:00 **New Officers Dinner (incoming)**

**SUNDAY June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

9:00am

**Walrus Poker run Post 28, 38 North Center St. Green River**

10:00am **Kick stands up**

**NOTE:** All reports must be typed or neatly handwritten and turned into the Adjutant and or Department Commander. You can email them if you choose to. This is done to ensure the minutes of the convention can be typed up.

Department Commander 2022-2023  
Michael Hobbs