

October 7, 2026

Good morning, Department Officers, District Presidents and District Vice Presidents!

I hope you are as excited as I am about Fall Conference! We've got some new things happening (thank you, Rose, for making the logistics come together!) and I wanted to provide you with some helpful information (some old, some new). Please let me know your questions—when things are new, they tend to require more explanation!

Dept Executive Committee Meeting

- **November 6, 2:00 Double Tree Reid Park, Tucson** currently scheduled to follow the ALAAZ Girls State and the Finance Committee meetings. Department Officers and District Presidents (along with PDP's) are expected to attend. If you cannot be there, please let me know. Others may optionally attend.
- The agenda includes:
 - a recommendation from the Finance Committee to donate \$5,000 to the ALA Foundation
 - A request to update several Department awards. You should have received an email from Deb Munchbach on 9/14/26 with the explanation and link to review. Here is the link again: [2. Award Folder Fall Conference 2026 - OneDrive](#) If you need the email, let me know and I can forward it to you.
 - Other items TBD

Conference

- **Dates:** November 7, 8th, Double Tree Reid Park, Tucson
- **Registration:** Please encourage members (including Juniors) to register and complete the break out session form.
- **Attire:** for those on the Dais-- please no jeans, no shorts, no t-shirts, no tank tops. Just be sensible. Let's not make attire a topic for discussion!
- **Seating:** During full session, District Presidents to be on Dais at all times or suitably dressed substitute (preferably your VP), if needed. During break-out working sessions, District Presidents and Dept Officers may join the member audience in the sessions for which they registered;
- **Engaging members:** We are currently working on a plan to have round tables in the main room instead of theatre type seating. If we are successful, there will be a reserved seat at each table. During break out sessions, if you are staying in the mail room, please mingle! Individually move from table to table as sessions change and sit down and introduce yourself to members. I will be asking program chairmen to do the same.
- **Flags:** No need to bring District or U.S. flags. Junior members will be posting Department Colors (only).

●**Saturday morning:** Please be in the Conference ballroom by 7:15 a.m. to prepare for entrance (as will be noted on the official agenda);

●**Don't forget your sash;**

●**NEW THIS YEAR:** I would like to have one member from each District have the honor of being a Page during the Conference. As District President, you may choose the member in any way you feel appropriate. Please give me the name of your selection by **October 16th**. General Page duties:

- Assist in the distribution of materials (surveys, messages, mailboxes)
- Assist Sergeant of Arms (Sherry Jones) as directed (checking credentials, directing members)
- Direct members (rest rooms, mailboxes, break-out sessions, seating etc)
- Must wear white top and white pants
- Must attend 20 -30 minute "orientation" on Friday evening BEFORE opening ceremony.

●**Reception:** Instead of a over-priced, under-enjoyed lunch, ALA Partner "Wellcare" is sponsoring a reception in honor of Western Division National Vice President Ellen Nathan following Saturday's session. The entire Legion Family is invited to attend the one-hour complimentary charcuterie/beer/wine event with the opportunity to find out more about Medicare Advantage solutions as well as meet WDNVP Ellen. If you would like to present a gift to the WDNVP, you may do so at the reception.

●**More to come:** We are still finalizing plans, so keep an eye out for more information! I'm looking forward to getting your Page selections and seeing you in November!

Yours in Service,

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