

# CONVENTION

BINGHAMTON, NY

JUNE 5-6-7, 2025

## THURSDAY JUNE 5

### 1300 Hrs.

Service Foundation - Executive Session

### 1500 Hrs.

Finance Committee

Service Foundation Roundtable

Zone Directors Meeting

AMVETS TRAINING RE: TBD

Open Forum - Q&A ASK IT NOW

Closed Joint Meeting - Executive Board and Foundation

## FRIDAY JUNE 6

### 0800 Hrs. - DELEGATE REGISTRATION

### 0900 Hrs. - JOINT OPENING CEREMONY

Posting of Colors

Invocation by Auxiliary Chaplain Mary Gilbert

Pledge of Allegiance by AMVETS Provost Marshal John Turner

#### REMARKS:

Executive Director Rich Rossi

Auxiliary President Chi Debbie Feary

Sons Commander Lee Smith

Riders President Howard Gushue

Junior Amvets (897) President Nate Hoblin

Dept. Commander John Foster

Benediction By SOA Chaplain Tom Chiaro

### 1000 Hrs. - GENERAL OPENING SESSION

Convention Called to Order

Invocation - Les Baker, Sr.

Pledge of Allegiance

POW/MIA

Preamble

Roll Call of Officers and Posts

Recognition of Past National and Department Commanders

Minutes of Spring SEC

Guest Speaker(s), if any

### 1200 Hrs. - PAST COMMANDERS LUNCHEON

**1330 Hrs. - OFFICER REPORTS**

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Commander          | John Foster      |
| 1st Vice           | John McCullough  |
| 2nd Vice           | Loretta DiBrino  |
| 3rd Vice           | Denise Bugaj     |
| Provost Marshal    | John Turner      |
| Finance Officer    | Dave Feary       |
| Judge Advocate     | Marty Bugaj      |
| NEC                | Les Baker, Sr.   |
| Service Foundation | Joe Ashman       |
| DSO                | Joe Ashman       |
| Executive Director | Rich Rossi       |
| Womens Veterans    | Carmela Rigoli   |
| Legislative Chair  | Bob Becker       |
| Resolutions        | Marty Bugaj      |
| Riders             | Howard Gushue    |
| Convention Report  | Rich Rossi       |
| Americanism        | John Turner      |
| Drug/Alcohol       | Jim Owens        |
| PRO                | Howard Gushue    |
| Grievance Comm     | Jim Lanphere     |
| Finance Committee  | Dave Feary       |
| Audit Committee    | Mark Wehrfritz   |
| Inspector General  | Les Baker, Sr.   |
| Web Master         | Joe Ashman       |
| ROTC               | Ed Ashman        |
| Sons Coordinator   | Ron Tamberlin    |
| Ladies Aux Coord   | Carmela Rigoli   |
| 22 Every Day       | Terry Forward    |
| Awards Comm        | Len Scheiner     |
| Hospitality Chair  | Steve Kazmierski |

**VAVS REPORTS**

|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| VAVS Coord   | Dave Feary       |
| Albany       | Chris Van Deusen |
| Batavia      | Cory Feary       |
| Bath         | Les Baker, Sr.   |
| Bronx        | Dennis Lombardi  |
| Brooklyn     | VACANT           |
| Buffalo      | Carmela Rigoli   |
| Canandaigua  | Gary Boisseau    |
| Castle Point | Sam Riti         |
| Manhattan    | VACANT           |
| Montrose     | Sam Riti         |
| Northport    | Frank Marcinek   |
| St Albans    | Joe Rheams       |
| Syracuse     | VACANT           |
| Oxford       | VACANT           |

## **ZONE DIRECTORS REPORTS**

|        |                |
|--------|----------------|
| Zone 1 | Kevin Matteson |
| Zone 2 | John Turner    |
| Zone 3 | Jim Gardner    |
| Zone 4 | Howard Gushue  |
| Zone 5 | Sam Riti       |
| Zone 6 | Bob Oakes      |
| Zone 7 | Ed Ashman      |

## **1500 COMMANDER'S PIZZA PARTY**

**Hospitality Room will be Open until Memorial Service**

**1900Hrs. JOINT SESSION MEMORIAL SERVICE (Hospitality Room CLOSED)**

## **SATURDAY JUNE 6**

**0800-1300 Hrs. & 1330-1400 Hrs. - DELEGATE REGISTRATION (Con't)**

**1000 Hrs. - CONVENTION RESUMES**

Salute the Flag

Roll Call of Officers and Posts

Old Business

New Business

Outstanding Reports

**1200 Hrs. - RECESS** (Break for Auxiliary Presidents Luncheon)

**TBA Riders Meeting**

**1400 Hrs. - CONVENTION RESUMES**

Foundation Awards

Registered Delegates Report

Nominations and Elections

Good and Welfare

Benediction

Retirement of Colors

Adjournment

**1630Hrs. - SONS OF AMVETS AWARDS CEREMONY**

**1800Hrs. - COCKTAILS**

**1900Hrs. - COMMANDER'S BALL**