

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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To All American Legion Auxiliary Members

May 29, 2024



This is the Official Call for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oklahoma Annual Convention to be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 19-21, 2024, at the Embassy Suites located at 3233 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73112. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM on Friday, July 19, 2024; the meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. Agendas for the meetings will be available at registration.

The Legion has set up a block of rooms at the hotel at a cost of \$144.00 per night plus tax- for hotel reservations please call (405) 842-6633. Your room comes with a free breakfast.

The advance registration fee for the Conference is \$20.00 before July 1, 2024, or please plan to pay \$25.00 at the door. Use the enclosed Registration Form to send your payment to Department and let us know how many members will be attending from your unit.

The cost per person for the Saturday Night Banquet on July 20, 2024 is \$45.00 and **MUST BE PAID TO THE AMERICAN LEGION** by July 1, 2024. Their address is 6101 NW 50th St., Suite A, Warr Acres, OK, 73122. There will only be seating for 200 attendees A Registration Form is attached.

There will be a Pre-Convention DEC meeting starting at 5:30 PM Friday, July 19, 2024. All DEC members should plan to attend.

Unit Membership Packages will be available for pick-up at the Convention. Please make sure that a member from your unit stops by the Auxiliary Registration Desk to pick up the 2025 membership cards, even if they will not be attending the Convention. Alternately, you can contact your District President and ask them to pick up your Membership Packet.

The Unit Credentials Form is enclosed. Please bring two completed copies of this with you to Convention. This is the voting strength of your Unit. The Credentials Committee will advise you of your total voting strength when you register at Convention.

As many of you know, we will be electing officers for 2024-2025; these will include the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Chaplain, and Historian. Members will also be voting for the NEC and Alternate NEC to represent Oklahoma at the National level. Attached are endorsements for some of these positions.

Convention is a time when we can come together as an organization and learn from each other, discover new ways to help in our communities, and to just bond together as members of the American Legion Auxiliary. We have several speakers lined up for Friday, July 19th. I think you will find their topics interesting and informative. On Saturday, the 20th, we have a surprise for you – Oklahoma has an 84-year member of the Auxiliary who is planning to attend the Convention. She turned 101 years young in April.

Be sure to bring your poppy entries, history books and chaplain books for judging by the respective Chairmen at the Convention. Our Poppy Chairman Thea Anderson would like everyone to wear their poppy hats so that we can have a poppy hat parade.

The Constitution & By-Laws Committee has sent eight proposed amendments and five bundled amendments for consideration at Convention. These proposed amendments will not be sent via U.S. Mail, but they are attached to this email in a separate document and are available to download from our Department website. I want to encourage all members to review these documents so that an informed decision can be made at Convention. The pre-convention C&B-Laws meeting will be Friday, July 19th at 2:00 pm.

We are planning a Past President's Parlay lunch on Sunday, July 21, 2024. The cost per person is \$35.00 and the event will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel. A registration form is attached for your use.

The Post-Convention DEC meeting will take place Sunday afternoon, July 21, 2024. All DEC members should plan to attend.

This Call was transmitted electronically on May 29, 2024 (45 days before the Convention) to all Unit Presidents and Secretaries. You should have already received an e-mail notifying you of the upcoming Convention. **Please take note that not all of the forms discussed in this call are included in the mailing sent by U.S. Postal service.** To save postage and printing costs, the forms are attached to the e-mails and can be downloaded from the Department Website at www.OKAmLegionAux.org. If you have any questions, please contact Department Headquarters at (405) 252-4143.

I look forward to seeing all of you at this Department Convention Remember, ...

Together We Stand – Divided We Fall

2023-2024 Department President Melissa Green