



**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN**

**OFFICIAL CALL – DEPARTMENT SPRING MEETINGS – 2025**

March 1, 2025

TO: Department Officers, Department Executive Committee, Camp American Legion Committee, Convention & Activities Commission, Finance Committee, Fundraising Committee, Internal Affairs Committee, Legislative Committee, Marketing & Communications Committee, Membership Committee, National & Homeland Security Committee, Past Department Commanders, Pre-Convention Committees and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee.

By direction of the Department Commander, the below named Officers, Committees and Commission will meet at Department Headquarters, 2930 American Legion Dr. Portage, WI 53901, on the date and time designated.

The Department Commander, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, Department Judge Advocate, Department Service Officer, National Executive Committeeman and Department Adjutant should **submit a written report via email to Department Headquarters no later than May 1, 2025**. You are requested to be at the Executive Committee meeting on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. to answer any questions which the Executive Committee may have when the Department Commander takes up your respective report.

**The Chairs of Committees/Commission listed in the attached schedule shall give their report to the Department Executive Committee in person at the Department Executive Committee meeting on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** and answer any questions which the Department Executive Committee may have when the Department Commander takes up their respective report.

**The Chairs must approve the minutes of your meeting by the close of business on Friday, May 9, 2025. They will be emailed to you upon completion and will need an immediate response. Please monitor your emails after your meeting.**

The **Committee/Commission Chairs** are to submit their Agendas to the Department Adjutant at [julie.muhle@wilegion.org](mailto:julie.muhle@wilegion.org) and cc [angie@wilegion.org](mailto:angie@wilegion.org) no later than **April 18, 2025**. Remember this is just bullet points, and does not need to be formatted, headquarters will add your items into the agenda template for you. Sub-Chairs of the National & Homeland Security Committee and the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee are to submit their reports at this time also.

Department Commander Jim Johnson has set the dress code for the meetings as follows: Polo Shirts and Slacks for Friday, and Legion Dress for Saturday.

# **THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN**

## **DEPARTMENT SPRING MEETING**

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

#### **THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025**

	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
Wisconsin American Legion Foundation, Inc	5:00 PM-7:00 PM	100

#### **FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
Membership Committee	8:00 AM-10:00 AM	100
Museum	9:00 AM-10:00 AM	103

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
Marketing & Communications Committee	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	102
Camp American Legion Committee	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	100
Internal Affairs Committee	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	101

**Lunch will be from 12:00-1:00 provided by Post 47 for a small fee.**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
Convention Permanent Organization	12:30-1:00 PM	103
Convention Rules Committee	12:30-1:00 PM	103
Convention Credentials Committee	12:30-1:00 PM	103

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
Fundraising Committee	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	100
Legislative Committee	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	101
National & Homeland Security Committee	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	102

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
Convention & Activities Commission	3:00 PM-5:00 PM	102
Finance Committee	3:00 PM-5:00 PM	100
VA&R Committee	3:00 PM-5:00 PM	101

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
Department Executive Committee	9:00 AM	100

## **DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Jim Johnson, Department Commander \*\*  
Nathan Bond, Department Vice Commander  
Jerry Hook, Department Vice Commander  
Phil Green, Department Vice Commander  
Deb Thomas, Department Vice Commander  
Robert L. Shappell, National Executive Committeeman  
David Wischer, Past Department Commander  
Greg Eirich, Past Department Commander  
Karl Stuvengen, Past Department Commander  
Candace Rothering, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander  
Charlie Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander

Dan O'Brien, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander  
Steve Kohnke, 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Craig Ellis, 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Dave Steinert, 6<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Chet Faith, 7<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Adam Klapperich, 8<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Terry McNulty, 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Rita Rindahl, 10<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Gerry Johnson, 11<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
James Woody, 12<sup>th</sup> District Commander

## **DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant\*  
Nick Lange, Department Judge Advocate  
James Fialkowski, Department Service Officer  
Dennis Jaeger, Department Chaplain

John Berg, Department Sergeant-At-Arms  
Aimee Korger, Department Sergeant-At-Arms  
Karl Stuvengen, Alt. National Executive Committeeman  
Michelle Adams, Department Historian

## **PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS**

James E. Chapin	Denise H. Rohan
Ted G. DeMicchi	Wayne W. Jensen
Russell H. Hanseter	Kenneth J. Rynes
Roger Mathison	Robert L. Shappell
Steve H. Krueger	Dale H. Oatman
David L. Gough	Daniel J. Seehafer
Al Richards	Frank Kostka
Charles J. Cooney	David Wischer
David A. Kurtz	Mike Feirer (Honorary)
Leo A. Endres	Greg Eirich
Robert S. Batty	Julie Muhle

Karl Stuvengen

## **CAMP AMERICAN LEGION COMMITTEE**

Jeff Zwiers, Chair  
Victor Ambrose, Member  
Gregg Helgeson, Member  
Candace Rothering, DEC Liaison  
Jim Klement, Camp Director  
Karl Stuvengen, Immediate PDC, Consultant  
Maggie Geiger, Auxiliary Consultant

Denise Jamrozy, Vice Chair  
Kathryn Vander Molen, Member  
George Heck, Member  
Steve Krueger, VA&R Chair, Consultant  
James Fialkowski, Dept. Service Officer, Consultant  
Brad Heller, Legion Riders Consultant  
Richar Rieck, SAL Consultant

*Per Resolution: Representation from the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders would assist in effective future planning of Camp American Legion by being placed on the Camp American Legion Committee with voice and no vote or department reimbursement.*

## **CONVENTION & ACTIVITIES COMMISSION**

Jim Schmidt, Chair  
Tom Strey, Member  
Chris Chinander, Member  
Adam Klapperich, DEC Liaison

Jim Kell, Vice Chair  
Phil Ingwell, Member  
Tom Carlson, Member

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Tom Lay, Chair  
Paul Reilly, Member  
Gail Johnson-Daveau, Member  
Dave Steinert, DEC Liaison

Ken Rynes, Vice Chair  
Mike Feirer, Member  
Renee Jackson, Member  
Larry Larson, Fundraising Chair, Consultant

## **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

Larry Larson, Chair  
David Fuller, Member  
Vacant, Member  
Chet Faith, DEC Liaison

Gene Hembrook, Vice Chair  
Migeal Babino, Member  
Rosanna Bogle, Member

## **INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Bob Batty, Chair  
Roy Helms, Member  
Al Richards, Member  
Robert L. Shappell, DEC Liaison  
Daniel Seehafer, Past National Commander, Ex-Officio

Ted DeMicchi, Vice Chair  
Wayne Jensen, Member  
David Gough, Member  
Denise Rohan, Past National Commander, Ex-Officio  
Nick Lange, Department Judge Advocate, Consultant

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Paul Fisk, Chair  
Cathy Gorst, Member  
Chuck Roessler, Member  
Dan O'Brien, DEC Liaison

Nathan Coward, Vice Chair  
Harold Rihn, Member  
Morris Sadicario, Member  
Nick Lange, Department Judge Advocate, Consultant

## **MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Becky Stankevitz, Chair  
Nancy Rivera, Member  
Kaia Glenn, Member  
Michelle Adams, Department Historian  
Bonnie Dorniak, Auxiliary Liaison

James Schmidt, Vice Chair  
John Argust, Member  
Allen Nohl, Member  
Terry McNulty, DEC Liaison

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Joe Leone, Chair  
John Stoczynski, Member  
Gail Minks, Member  
Nathan Bond, Department Vice Commander  
Phil Green, Department Vice Commander  
Candace Rothering, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander  
Craig Ellis, 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Terry McNulty, 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander

Jay Anderson, Vice Chair  
John Polzin, Member  
Alan McCormick, Member  
Jerry Hook, Department Vice Commander  
Deborah Thomas, Department Vice Commander  
Dan O'Brien, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander  
Chet Faith, 7<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Gerry Johnson, 11<sup>th</sup> District Commander

## **NATIONAL & HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

Bob Bohr, Chair  
Steve Isensee, Member, Blood Donor Chair  
Jeff Puddy, Member  
Rita Rindahl, DEC Liaison

Ben VanHorn, Vice Chair  
Richard Vander Molen, Member, POW/MIA Chair  
Steve Kolodij, Member

## **VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION COMMITTEE**

Steve Krueger, Chair  
Rich Ruland, Member  
Susie Krueger, Member  
Dave Walters, Employment Chair  
Dan Jakubczyk, Hospital Chair  
Jeff Zwiers, Camp Committee Chair, Consultant

Steve Conto, Vice Chair, Cremated Remains TF Chair  
Dale Oatman, Member  
Terry Haney, Member  
Tim Baranzky, Homeless Veterans T.F. Chair  
James Fialkowski, Department Service Officer, Consultant  
James Woody, DEC Liaison

## **CONVENTION RULES COMMITTEE**

Phil Green, Department Vice Commander  
Steve Kohnke, 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander

Charlie Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander

## **CONVENTION CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Jerry Hook, Department Vice Commander  
Terry McNulty, 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander

Chet Faith, 7<sup>th</sup> District Commander

## **CONVENTION PERMANENT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE**

Deb Thomas, Department Vice Commander  
Adam Klapperich, 8<sup>th</sup> District Commander

Gerry Johnson, 11<sup>th</sup> District Commander

## **WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDATION, INC.**

Denise Rohan, President  
Frank Kostka, Board of Directors  
Bill Cosh, Board of Directors  
Daniel Seehafer, Board of Directors  
Julie Muhle, Secretary/Treasurer

Steve Krueger, Vice President  
Nathan Bond, Board of Directors  
Phil Green, Board of Directors  
Ken Rynes, Board of Directors, Finance Committee

\*\* Department Commander is an Ex Officio to all committees and commissions

\* Department Adjutant is a consultant to all committees and commissions

## **HOTEL LISTING**

Listed below are hotels in the area of The American Legion Headquarters. This is attached for your convenience should you need a hotel room. **You will need to contact the hotel directly** to make your own arrangements.



### **Super-8 Motel**

3000 New Pinery Road  
Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-8330

EMAIL: [portagewis8@supertelinc.com](mailto:portagewis8@supertelinc.com)



### **Ridge Motor Inn**

2900 New Pinery Road  
Portage, WI 53901  
(877) 742-5306

<http://www.theridgemotorinn.com>



### **Best Western Resort Hotel & Conference Center**

2701 South CX  
Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-2200

<http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do#null>



### **Comfort Suites**

N5780 Kinney Rd, Hwy 78  
Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 745-4717

EMAIL: [hotelhelp@choicehotels.com](mailto:hotelhelp@choicehotels.com)



### **Days Inn**

N5781 Kinney Road  
Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-1554