



## THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

### **OFFICIAL CALL - SPRING MEETING – 2026**

January 17, 2026

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

By direction of the Department Commander, the below named Officers, Committees, and Commissions will meet at Department Headquarters, 2930 American Legion Drive, Portage, Wisconsin 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 to Department Headquarters no later than April 24, 2026.**

The **Committee and Commission Chairs** are to email their Agendas items to Adjutant Julie Muhle at [julie.muhle@wilegion.org](mailto:julie.muhle@wilegion.org) and submit no later than **April 10, 2026.**

**The Chairs of the Committees and Commissions listed in the attached schedule shall give their report in person at the Department Executive Committee meeting on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** to answer any questions which the Department Executive Committee may have when the Department Commander takes up your respective report. Minutes of your meeting will be typed and must be approved by the Chair **no later than 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2026.** A copy will be available to the Committee Chairs Saturday prior to the start of the DEC meeting.

The Headquarters building will open for business at 8:00 a.m. on Friday May 8, 2026, and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2026. Although the Headquarters Team may be inside the building prior to the times listed, please be respectful of the times so they can prepare the meeting spaces and documents for the day's events.

Commander Nathan has set the Dress Code for the meetings as follows: Friday- slacks and Legion polo shirts and Saturday- coat and tie.

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

**DEPARTMENT SPRING MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026**

<b><u>COMMITTEE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM</u></b>
Wisconsin American Legion Foundation, Inc.	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	100

**FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026**

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

<b><u>COMMITTEE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM</u></b>
Camp American Legion Committee	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	100
Fundraising Committee	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	102
National & Homeland Security Committee	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Mailroom

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

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

<b><u>COMMITTEE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM</u></b>
Convention & Activities Commission	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Mailroom
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	102
Marketing & Communications Committee	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	100

<b><u>COMMITTEE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM</u></b>
Legislative Committee	3:00 PM-5:00 PM	102
Finance Committee	3:00 PM-5:00 PM	100
Internal Affairs Committee	3:00 PM-5:00 PM	Mailroom

**SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026**

<b><u>COMMITTEE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM</u></b>
Department Executive Committee	9:00 AM	100-101-102

## **DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Nathan Bond, Commander  
Larry Larson, Vice Commander  
Steve Kohnke, Vice Commander  
David Steinert, Vice Commander  
Rita Rindahl, Vice Commander  
Robert L. Shappell, National Executive Committeeman  
Greg Eirich, Past Department Commander  
Karl Stuvengen, Past Department Commander  
Jim Johnson, Past Department Commander  
Candace Rothering, 1st District Commander  
Joe Leone, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander

Dan O'Brien, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander  
Andrew Minch, 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Craig Ellis, 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Ken Flock, 6<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Chet Faith, 7<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Penny Peeters, 8<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Terry McNulty, 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Felicia Decker, 10<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Gerry Johnson, 11th District Commander  
Joe Roberts, 12th District Commander

## **DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant  
David Bretl, Department Judge Advocate  
John Berg, Department Sergeant-At-Arms  
Aimee Korger, Department Sergeant-At-Arms

Virgil Smith, Department Chaplain  
James Fialkowski, Department Service Officer  
Morris Sadicario, 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 Krueger	Dale H. Oatman
David Gough	Daniel J. Seehafer
Al Richards	Frank J. Kostka
Charles J. Cooney	David Wischer
David A. Kurtz	Mike Feirer (Honorary)
Leo A. Endres	Greg Eirich
Robert S. Batty	Julie Muhle

Karl Stuvengen  
James Johnson

## **CAMP AMERICAN LEGION COMMITTEE**

Jeff Zwiers, Chair  
Victor Ambrose, Member  
Gregg Helgeson, Member  
Dan O'Brien, DEC Liaison  
Jim Klement, Camp Director, Consultant  
James Fialkowski, Department Service Officer, Consultant  
Sue Hembrook, Auxiliary Consultant  
Scott Scheife, Legion Riders Consultant

Denise Jamrozy, Vice Chair  
Kathryn VanderMolen, Member  
George Heck, Member  
Curtiss Peck, VA&R Chair, Consultant  
James Johnson, Immediate Past Dept. Commander  
Chris Dannenmann, SAL Consultant  
Nathan Bond, Department Commander, Ex-Officio  
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

## **CONVENTION & ACTIVITIES COMMISSION**

Jim Schmidt, Chair  
Lisa Fauster, Member  
Chris Chinander, Member  
Felicia Decker, DEC Liaison

Jim Kell, Vice Chair  
Adam Klapperich, Member  
Tom Carlson, Member  
Nathan Bond, Department Commander, Ex-Officio  
Julie Muhle, Department Commander, Consultant

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Phil Green, Chair  
Jay Tousey, Member  
Mike Feirer, Member  
Steve Kohnke, DEC Liaison  
Nathan Bond, Department Commander, Ex-Officio

Ken Rynes, Vice Chair  
Gail Johnson-Daveau, Member  
Renee Jackson, Member  
Frank Kostka, Fundraising Chair, Consultant  
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

## **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

Frank Kostka, Chair  
Paul Reilly, Member  
Gene Hembrook, Member  
David Steinert, DEC Liaison  
Nathan Bond, Department Commander, Ex-Officio

Harold Rihn, Vice Chair  
Migeal Babino, Member  
Rosanna Bogle, Member  
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

## **INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Bob Batty, Chair  
Roger Mathison, Member  
Wayne Jensen, Member  
Denise Rohan, PNC, Ex-Officio  
Robert Shappell, DEC Liaison  
David Bretl, Department Judge Advocate, Consultant

Roy Helms, Member  
David Gough, Member  
Al Richards, Member  
Daniel Seehafer, PNC, Ex-Officio  
Nathan Bond, Department Commander, Ex-Officio  
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Nathan Coward, Chair  
Cathy Gorst, Member  
Chuck Roessler, Member  
Candace Rothering, DEC Liaison  
David Bretl, Department Judge Advocate, Consultant

Paul Fisk, Vice Chair  
Kelly Clobes, Member  
Morris Sadicario, Member  
Nathan Bond, Department Commander, Ex-Officio  
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

## **MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

TBD, Chair  
Nancy Rivera, Member  
Michelle Adams, Member  
Joe Roberts, DEC Liaison  
Bonnie Dorniak, Auxiliary Liaison  
Nathan Bond, Department Commander, Ex-Officio

Jim Schmidt, Vice Chair  
John Argust, Member  
Steve Cabral, Member  
Sheri Hicks, BL Editor, Consultant  
Morris Sadicario, Department Historian  
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Jerry Hook, Chair  
John Stoczynski, Member  
Gail Minks, Member  
Larry Larson, Vice Commander  
David Steinert, Vice Commander  
Joe Leone, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander  
Ken Flock, 6<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Felicia Decker, 10<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Nathan Bond, Department Commander, Ex-Officio

John Polzin, Vice Chair  
Scott Markle, Member  
Alan McCormick, Member  
Steve Kohnke, Vice Commander  
Rita Rindahl, Vice Commander  
Andrew Minch, 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Penny Peeters, 8<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Joe Roberts, 12<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

## **NATIONAL AND HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

David Wischer, Chair  
Jay Anderson, Member  
Jeff Puddy, Member  
Andrew Minch, DEC Liaison  
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

Bob Bohr, Vice Chair, POW/MIA Chair  
Steve Isensee, Member, Blood Donor Chair  
Wes Guy, Member  
Nathan Bond, Department Commander, Ex-Officio

## **VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION COMMITTEE**

Curtiss Peck, Chair  
Mark Baldwin, Member  
Julia Atkinson, Member  
Chris Sherman, Homeless Vets Task Force Chair  
Jeremy Nordie, Hospital Chair  
James Fialkowski, Department Service Officer, Consultant  
Nathan Bond, Department Commander, Ex-Officio

Steve Conto, Vice Chair, Cremated Remains Chair  
Dale Oatman, Member  
Terry Haney, Member  
Allen Watry, Employment Chair  
Chet Faith, DEC Liaison  
Jeff Zwiers, Camp Committee Chair, Consultant  
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

### **CONVENTION RULES COMMITTEE**

Larry Larson, Department Vice Commander  
Andrew Minch, 4th District Commander

Joe Roberts 12<sup>th</sup> District Commander

### **CONVENTION CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

David Steinert, Department Vice Commander  
Felicia Decker, 10<sup>th</sup> District Commander

Joe Leone, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander

### **CONVENTION PERMANENT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE**

Rita Rindahl, Department Vice Commander  
Penny Peeters, 8th District Commander

Ken Flock, 6<sup>th</sup> District Commander

## **HOTEL LISTING**

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



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

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



### **Super-8 Motel**

3000 New Pinery Road  
Portage, WI 53901  
608-403-0602



### **Comfort Suites**

N5780 Kinney Rd, Hwy 78  
Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 656-6804



### **Days Inn**

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