



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 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.

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DEPARTMENT SPRING MEETINGS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

COMMITTEE	TIME	ROOM
Wisconsin American Legion Foundation, Inc.	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	100

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

COMMITTEE	TIME	ROOM
Membership Committee	8:00 AM-10:00 AM	100
Museum	9:00 AM-10:00 AM	103

COMMITTEE	TIME	ROOM
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.

COMMITTEE	TIME	ROOM
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

COMMITTEE	TIME	ROOM
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

COMMITTEE	TIME	ROOM
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

COMMITTEE	TIME	ROOM
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, 2nd District Commander

Dan O'Brien, 3rd District Commander
Andrew Minch, 4th District Commander
Craig Ellis, 5th District Commander
Ken Flock, 6th District Commander
Chet Faith, 7th District Commander
Penny Peeters, 8th District Commander
Terry McNulty, 9th District Commander
Felicia Decker, 10th 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
Ted G. DeMicchi
Russell H. Hanseter
Roger Mathison
Steve Krueger
David Gough
Al Richards
Charles J. Cooney
David A. Kurtz
Leo A. Endres
Robert S. Batty

Denise H. Rohan
Wayne W. Jensen
Kenneth J. Rynes
Robert L. Shappell
Dale H. Oatman
Daniel J. Seehafer
Frank J. Kostka
David Wischer
Mike Feirer (Honorary)
Greg Eirich
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, 2nd District Commander
Ken Flock, 6th District Commander
Felicia Decker, 10th 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, 4th District Commander
Penny Peeters, 8th District Commander
Joe Roberts, 12th 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 12th District Commander

CONVENTION CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

David Steinert, Department Vice Commander
Felicia Decker, 10th District Commander

Joe Leone, 2nd District Commander

CONVENTION PERMANENT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

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

Ken Flock, 6th 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