



2026 OFFICIAL PROGRAM
SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

Program subject to change without notice

7:30 AM

DISTRICT CAUCUSES

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

LEGION ELECTIONS see schedule for room location

9:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Nathan Bond, Department Commander ~ Salute to Colors

Virgil T Smith Jr, Department Chaplain~ Invocation

SPEAKER

Amy Luft, Auxiliary Department President

PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS

Police Officer of the Year ~ Firefighter of the Year ~

Emergency Medical Technician of the Year ~ Legislator of the Year ~

National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

SPEAKER

Chris Kolakowski, Madison Veterans Museum

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AWARDS

Schneider Emanuel Scholarship Winners ~ Eagle Scout ~ Oratorical

PRESENTATION

Junior Shooting Sports - DuWayne Weick, JSS Chair

Junior Shooting Sports Awards - Individual and Team

BADGER BOYS STATE

BBS Governor, Samuel Weyda ~ Bob Batty, Chairman, Badger Boys State, Inc.

WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Dan Lukes

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 25 YEAR COMMEMORATION

Robert Thomas

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Steve Shanks

SPEAKER

Tim Yauck - Operation Namesake, Post 457

DONATION PRESENTATIONS

The 250 Club

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Post - County - District - Department

CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism ~ Children & Youth ~ Constitutional Amendments ~ Finance Legislative

Membership ~ National Security ~ Resolutions ~ VA&R

RUN-OFF ELECTIONS if needed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING CEREMONIES

Benediction by Virgil T Smith Jr, Department Chaplain

Salute to Colors

Recess