THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

OFFICIAL CALL - MIDWINTER – 2027

October 9, 2026

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

By direction of the Department Commander, the below named Officers, and above-named Committees and Commissions, will meet at the Madison Marriott West, 1313 John Q Hammons Drive, Middleton 53562, on the date and time designated.

The Department Commander, Department Adjutant, National Executive Committeeman, Department Service Officer, Department Judge Advocate, and Department Chaplain and Department Historian shall **submit a written report to the Department Headquarters no later than January 2, 2027**. You are requested to be at the Executive Committee meeting on Sunday, January 24, 2027, at 9:00 AM to answer any questions which the Executive Committee may have, when the Department Commander takes up your respective report.

The Committee & Commission Chairs listed in the attached schedule shall give their Committee report to the Executive Committee in person at the Department Executive Committee meeting on Sunday, January 24, 2027, at 9:00 AM and answer any questions, which the Department Executive Committee may have when the Department Commander takes up their respective report. Minutes of your Committee meeting must be turned in to Department Headquarters' onsite office (Executive Board Room) **at the conclusion of your meeting on Friday, January 22, 2027.** A HQ Team Member will be available to type the minutes, however, the person who recorded them will need to be available for questions.

The Committee Chairs are to submit their Committee **Agendas** to the Department Headquarters no later than **December 26, 2026**.

The Sub-Chairs of the Americanism Committee, National & Homeland Command, VA&R Committee, and the Hospital Representatives are to submit their reports to Department Headquarters no later than **January 2, 2027**.

ALL REPORT DEADLINES ARE JANUARY 2, 2027. NO REPORTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

The Headquarters office will open for business Friday through Sunday of the Conference. Although staff may be inside the office prior to the times listed, please be respectful of the times so the staff can prepare the meeting spaces and documents for each of the day's events.

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE ~ PRELIMINARY DEPARTMENT MEETING SCHEDULE

(*All Rooms/Times/Events are Subject to Change*)

This is the Department Standing Committee Meetings schedule **ONLY**. A full schedule including Association Meetings, Social Events and Meals will be posted at wilegion.org and in the next edition of the Badger Legionnaire.

THURSDAY JANUARY 21, 2027

Legion Office	10:00 AM-5:00 PM	Middleton
Registration	1:00 PM-5:00 PM	Conference Center
American Legion Foundation	**3:00 PM-5:00 PM**	**Mendota**
Membership Committee	**5:00 PM-7:00 PM**	**Geneva**

FRIDAY JANUARY 22, 2027

Legion Office	7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Middleton
Registration	7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Conference Center
Exhibits	8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Conference Center
Children & Youth Committee	**8:00 AM-10:00 AM**	**Salon F**
Marketing & Communications Committee	**8:00 AM-10:00 AM**	**Salon H**
Camp American Legion Committee	**8:00 AM-10:00 AM**	**Salon G**
Religious Emphasis Committee	**10:00 AM-12:00 PM**	**Salon A**
Fundraising Committee	**10:00 AM-12:00 PM**	**Salon B**
Hospital Committee	**10:00 AM-12:00 PM**	**Salon C**
Convention & Activities Commission	**11:00 AM-12:00 PM**	**Salon H**
VA&R Committee	**1:00 PM-3:00 PM**	**Salon E**
Internal Affairs Committee	**1:00 PM-3:00 PM**	**Salon G**
Americanism Committee	**1:00 PM-3:00 PM**	**Geneva**
Finance Committee	**3:00 PM-5:00 PM**	**Salon H**
Legislative Committee	**3:00 PM-5:00 PM**	**Salon A**
National & Homeland Security Committee	**3:00 PM-5:00 PM**	**Salon D**
SAL	2:00 PM-5:00 PM	Mendota

Commander Steve has set the dress code as slacks and polos for the committee/commission meetings, and Business Attire (coat and tie) for the Department Executive Committee Meeting.

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Steve Kohnke, Commander
Candace Rothering, Vice Commander
Chet Faith, Vice Commander
Scott Markle, Vice Commander
Deb Thomas, Vice Commander
Karl Stuvengen, National Executive Committeeman
Greg Eirich, Past Department Commander
Jim Johnson, Past Department Commander
Nathan Bond, Past Department Commander
Tom Visintainer, 1st District Commander
Joe Leone, 2nd District Commander
Scott Klassy, 3rd District Commander
Andrew Minch, 4th District Commander
Ken Flock, 6th District Commander
Ben VanHorn, 7th District Commander
Penny Peeters, 8th District Commander
Terry Quatsoe, 9th District Commander
Felicia Decker, 10th District Commander
Robert Smith, 11th District Commander
Joe Roberts, 12th District Commander

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant
David Bretl, Department Judge Advocate
John Argust, Jr, Department Sergeant-At-Arms
Aimee Korger, Department Sergeant-At-Arms
Dan Workenaour, 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
Nathan Bond

AMERICANISM COMMITTEE

Jerry Lauby, Chair
Larry Larson, Vice Chair
Robert Shappell, BBS Representative
Roger Mathison, Baseball /Softball Chair
Shawn McCrary, SAL Chair
Robert Stone, Oratorical Chair
Corey Doehrmann, American Legion Riders President
Scott Markle, DEC Liaison
Rita Rindahl, County Youth Gov. Chair
Paul Scharnweber, A&G Testing Chair
Mark Degner, Member
Mona Elmore, Scouting Chair
Norm Bednarek, Education & Scholarship Chair
DuWayne Wieck, Shooting Sports Chair
Jeanne Frost, WALLECA Chair
Steve Kohnke, Department Commander, Ex-Officio
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

CAMP AMERICAN LEGION COMMITTEE

Denise Jamrozy, Chair
Jeff Grom, Member
Gregg Helgeson, Member
Scott Klassy, DEC Liaison
Jim Klement, Camp Director, Consultant
James Fialkowski, Department Service Officer, Consultant
Sue Hembrook, Auxiliary Consultant
Scott Scheife, Legion Riders Consultant
Victor Ambrose, Vice Chair
Kathryn VanderMolen, Member
George Heck, Member
Mark Baldwin, VA&R Chair, Consultant
James Johnson, Immediate Past Department Commander
Bob Seide, SAL Consultant
Steve Kohnke, Department Commander, Ex-Officio
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMITTEE

Terry Barrington, Chair
Bob Borszich, Vice Chair
Dan O'Brien, Member
Julie Walker, Member
Shelly Hoffman, Member
Harry Bauer, Member
Felicia Decker, DEC Liaison
Steve Kohnke, Department Commander, Ex-Officio
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

CONVENTION & ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

Jim Schmidt, Chair
Adam Klapperich, Vice Chair
Lisa Fauster, Member
Chris Chinander, Member
Sean Patchin, Sr, Member
Tom Carlson, Member
Ken Flock, DEC Liaison
Steve Kohnke, Department Commander, Ex-Officio
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Phil Green, Chair
Ken Rynes, Vice Chair
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Gail Johnson-Daveau, Member
Mike Feirer, Member
Renee Jackson, Member
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Frank Kostka, Fundraising Chair, Consultant
Steve Kohnke, Department Commander, Ex-Officio
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

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Gene Hembrook, Vice Chair
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Steve Zillmer, Member
Harold Rihn, Member
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HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

Jeremy Nordie, Chair
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Ed Ciechanowski, Member
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Ken Schoolcraft, Tomah Rep.
Joseph Hodgson, Middleton Rep.
Donna Swenson, Minneapolis VA Rep.
Carl Krenn, Iron Mountain VA Rep.
Brad Cramlet, Union Grove Rep.
Vacant, Chippewa Falls Rep.
James Fialkowski, Department Service Officer, Consultant
Dan Jakubczyk, Zablocki VA Rep.
Tom Visintainer, Sr, DEC Liaison
Steve Kohnke, Department Commander, Ex-Officio
Julie Muhle, Department Convention, Consultant

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Wayne Jensen, Member
Roy Helms, Member
Ted Demicchi, Member
David Gough, Member
Bob Batty, Member
Al Richards, Member
Denise Rohan, PNC, Ex-Officio
Daniel Seehafer, PNC, Ex-Officio
Karl Stuvengen, DEC Liaison
Steve Kohnke, Department Commander, Ex-Officio
David Bretl, Department Judge Advocate, Consultant
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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Cathy Gorst, Member
Vacant, Member
Christina Baurichter, Member
Nathan Bond, Consultant
Terry Quatsoe, DEC Liaison
Steve Kohnke, Department Commander, Ex-Officio
David Bretl, Department Judge Advocate, Consultant
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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Chuck Roessler, Member
Ben VanHorn, DEC Liaison
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Nancy Rivera, Vice Chair
Jeremy Gunther, Member
Glenn Pietschmann, Member
Sheri Hicks, BL Editor, Consultant
Morris Sadicario, Department Historian
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Jeff Zwiers, Chair
William "Casey" Crump, Member
Stephen Kolodij, Member
Candace Rothering, Vice Commander
Scott Markle, Vice Commander
Tom Visintainer, 1st District Commander
Ben VanHorn, 7th District Commander
Bob Smith, 11th District Commander
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant
Jerry Hook, Vice Chair
Mark Stencel, Member
Alan McCormick, Member
Chet Faith, Vice Commander
Deb Thomas, Vice Commander
Scott Klassy, 3rd District Commander
Terry Quatsoe, 9th District Commander
Steve Kohnke, Department Commander, Ex-Officio

NATIONAL AND HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE

David Wischer, Chair
Jay Anderson, Member
Jeff Puddy, Member
Penny Peeters, DEC Liaison
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant
Wes Guy, Vice Chair
Steve Isensee, Member, Blood Donor Chair
David Picard, Member, POW/MIA Chair
Steve Kohnke, Department Commander, Ex-Officio

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS COMMITTEE

Dennis Bowman, Chair
Dan Workenaour, Department Chaplain, DEC Liaison
Steve Kohnke, Department Commander, Ex-Officio
Virgil Burmeister, Vice Chair
Virgil Smith, Immediate Past Chaplain
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

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Ken Patterson, Member
Craig Ellis, Homeless Vets Chair
Steve Conto, Cremated Remains Chair
Chet Faith, DEC Liaison
Denise Jamrozy, Camp Committee Chair, Consultant
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant
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Dale Oatman, Member
Terry Haney, Member
Vacant, Employment Chair
Jeremy Nordie, Hospital Chair
James Fialkowski, Department Service Officer, Consultant
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