

**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO
106th ANNUAL CONVENTION – ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
June 25 – 28, 2026**

**HOSTED BY AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO
HEADQUARTERS HOTEL – CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL – 1901 University Blvd NE,
Albuquerque, NM 87102**

Thursday, June 25, 2026

REGISTRATION – CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL (1 PM – 4 PM)

(Everyone must have a Registration badge on in order to attend meetings)

1:00 PM Department Commander Meeting with Department Vice-Commanders.

2:00 PM Baseball Board of Directors

Boys State Board of Directors Met at Boys State Session, 2026

**Finance Committee Met at Department Headquarters June 20, 2026
And if necessary will meet at the call of the Commander**

6:00 PM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

Friday, June 26, 2026

REGISTRATION – CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL (8 – 11 AM, AND 1– 4 PM)

(Everyone must have a Registration badge on in order to attend meetings)

8:00 AM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

10:00 AM OPENING OF CONVENTION – CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

CALL TO ORDER – COMMANDER DALE HEILIGENTHAL

INVOCATION – DEPT. CHAPLAIN BOBBY CASADOS

ADVANCE OF COLORS – SGT.-AT-ARMS MIKE MENDEZ

POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR – VICE-CMDR. NADEAU

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – VICE CMDR. CHAPMAN

PREAMBLE TO CONSTITUTION – VICE CMDR. MOVIUS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

A. RESOLUTIONS

B. INTERNAL AFFAIRS

C. REHAB AND C&Y

D. LEGISLATIVE

E. CONST. & BY-LAWS

F. GRIEVANCES & APPEALS

G. DELEGATES TO NATL. CONV.

H. CREDENTIALS

I. RULES

J. TIME AND PLACE

WELCOME Commander Dale Heiligenthal

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS Commander Dale Heiligenthal

FIRST REPORT OF ALL COMMITTEES – TIME & PLACE OF MEETING

10:45 AM American Legion Youth Corps, Post 22 – Director Albert Lovato

10:55 AM Department/Detachment Historian – James Mariner

11:05 AM PCI – Isaiah Rodriguez

11:15 AM Call to Convention – Assistant Adjutant Harrison

11:20 AM Committee on Rules of the Convention – Assistant Adjutant Harrison

11:25 AM LIT (Legionnaire Insurance Trust) – Assistant Adjutant Harrison

11:30 AM **LUNCH**

1:00 PM **CONVENTION RECONVENES/ Commander Heiligenthal**

1:05 PM NM Department of Veteran’s Services Report – Director Jamison Herrera

1:20 PM VAMC/ALB/Report – Director Breton Weintraub

1:40 PM Veterans Integration Center – CEO Brock Wolff & COO Fermín Ortega

1:50 PM Membership Report – Chairman Bill Jennings

2:00 PM American Legion Baseball Report – Ronnie Estrada

2:10 PM Oratorical Report – Chairman Clarence Ortega

2:30 PM New Mexico Boys’ State Report – Director Steven Navarrete

2:45 PM Department Commanders Report – Dale Heiligenthal

2:55 PM Department Adjutant/Finance Officers Report – Tony Navarrete

3:05 PM Department Area Vice – Commander Reports – Department Area Vice – Commanders

3:25 PM Credentials Committee (1st Report) – Chairman

Announcements

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4:00 PM Sons of the American Legion Detachment Convention (Crowne Plaza Hotel)

6:00 PM BBQ – American Legion Post 99 – 4500 Silver Ave SE Albuquerque, NM 87108

Saturday, June 27, 2026

REGISTRATION – CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL (9 AM – 12 NOON)

(Everyone must have a Registration badge on in order to attend meetings)

7:00 AM PAST COMMANDERS CLUB BREAKFAST – CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

9:00 AM **CONVENTION RECONVENES/ Commander Heiligenthal**

9:05 AM New Mexico Fisher House – Manager Carlos Velasquez

9:15 AM Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report – Chairman

9:25 AM NEC Report – Ed Cheatham

9:35 AM C & Y Report – Chairman Ed Cheatham

9:45 AM Department Service Office Report – Ibar Romero

9:50 AM Operation Wounded Warrior – State Chairman Aaron Dean

10:05 AM Resolutions Committee Report – Chairman

10:20 AM VAVS Report – National Deputy Lorenzo Marquez

10:30 AM Credentials Committee (2nd Report) – Chairman

10:40 AM School of Instruction/30 Day Executive Committee Meeting
New Mexico American Legion College
250th Celebration – Paul Espinoza

10:55 AM **National Executive Director – James Baca**

11:00 AM Internal Affairs Committee Report – Chairman

11:10 AM Rehab/C&Y Committee Report – Chairman

11:20 AM Grievances & Appeals Committee Report – Chairman

11:25 AM Legislative Committee Report – Chairman

11:30 AM **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

12:00 Noon Miscellaneous Announcements

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12:30 PM Membership Luncheon – American Legion Post 13 – 1201 Mountain Rd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102

2:00 PM Reconvene S.A.L. Detachment Convention (Crowne Plaza Hotel)

2:30 PM CAUCUS – Various Locations

4:00 PM **NMALR MEETING – CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL**

Sunday, June 28, 2026

REGISTRATION – CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL (9 – 10 AM)

(Everyone must have a Registration badge on in order to attend meetings)

- 7:00 AM** Past Department Commanders Breakfast – Location TBD
Host: Past Department Commander Bill Jennings
- 8:30 AM** **Joint Memorial Service – Crowne Plaza Hotel**
American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary Chaplains
- 9:10 AM** **CONVENTION RECONVENES/ Commander Heiligenthal**
- 9:15 AM** S.A.L. Detachment Report – Detachment Commander Bernardo Herrera
American Legion Riders – Director Kenneth Teague
- 9:30 AM** Final Report – Credentials Committee – Chairman
(EVERYONE MUST HAVE A BADGE TO ENTER MEETINGS)
- 9:40 AM** Report on National Convention & Elect Delegates/ Adjutant Navarrete'
- 9:55 AM** Report of Time and Place Committee – Chairman
- 10:05 AM** **ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR 2026 – 2027**
Area Vice-Commanders (5) Elected by Areas
Department Sgt.–At–Arms
Department Commander

INSTALLATION OF THE NEWLY ELECTED DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

BENEDICTION

**** ADJOURNMENT ****

**** Please note that the Department Executive Committee meets 30 minutes after adjournment of the Convention. Department and District Officers will be installed at this meeting.**

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We are happy that you were able to attend!