



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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OFFICIAL CALL

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NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

June 25, 26, and 27, 2010

Crowne Plaza Hotel

440 North Summit Street

Toledo OH 43604

The Nintieth Annual Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Ohio, is hereby called in conformity with the Department of Ohio Constitution Article V, Section 1, "The Department Convention shall be held annually at the time and place fixed by the American Legion and this Convention shall be the legislative body of the organization". The convention will be held in Toledo, Ohio on June 25, 26, and 27, 2010 with the American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters in the Crowne Palza Hotel, 440 North Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604. All Pre-Convention meetings and District Caucuses will be in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The Convention Sessions will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel with Department President Martha Lee Thatcher presiding.

PURPOSE

1. To elect the following officers for the ensuing year in conformity with the Department Constitution Article IV, Section 3, Officers Election, "The President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President shall be elected annually. For those offices with more than one nominee, election shall be by ballot at the Department Convention for a term of one year or until their successors are elected and installed. A plurality vote shall elect. These Officers shall not be eligible for a second term in the same office. These Officers shall assume their duties at the adjournment of the Department Convention".
2. To ratify the elections of the District Presidents in the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, and 13th Districts.
3. To elect Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 27st through September 1st, 2010.
4. To ratify the elections of National Delegates and Alternates in all Districts.

Note: The National Executive Committeewoman and any National Officer from the Department of Ohio shall be delegates-at-large to the next succeeding National Convention. All Department Officers, the Delegation Chairman, National Chairmen, all Past National Officers from the Department of Ohio and any National Committee members and/or Central Division National Appointees shall be automatic Delegates to National Convention, to be ratified at the Department Convention. (Department Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2.)

5. To transact other business as may be brought to the attention of the Convention.

REGISTRATION

Thursday	June 24	12:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Crowne Plaza Hotel
Friday	June 25	8:00 AM to 6:00 PM	Crowne Plaza Hotel
Saturday	June 26	7:30 AM to 9:00 AM	Crowne Plaza Hotel

Registration will close at the scheduled time on Saturday, June 26, 2010 for the election of Department Officers.

The 2010 Department Convention Delegate Certification Form and the 2010 Department Convention Alternate Certification Form must be returned to Department Headquarters by June 1, 2010 for Delegates and Alternates to be certified as Delegates and Alternates to Department Convention.

All Delegates, Alternates, and Visitors must register at the Registration table in order to receive a Convention Packet, credentials card, and official ribbon. Members are required to show their current membership card and sign the registration sheet. Delegates and Alternates are encouraged to take advantage of the pre-pay registration fee of \$5.00 to be sent to Department Headquarters, PO Box 2760, Zanesville, Ohio 43702 by **June 1, 2010**. The registration fee will be \$7.00 if not received in Department Headquarters by June 1, 2010.

The Registration Table will have several stations determined by Districts. Visitors must pay the \$7.00 registration fee. There is no pre-registration for visitors. Visitors are entitled to receive the Convention Packet.

If an Alternate is to become an acting Delegate and the *Alternate To Delegate Certification* form was not sent previously to Department Headquarters by **June 1, 2010**, the Alternate must obtain certification from her Unit President. If she is not available, the Alternate must obtain such authorization from the District President. After meeting these requirements, she may have her status changed at the Registration table and report the change to her District President. (If the Alternate is to replace the official Delegate for one hour or one meeting, she shall report only to her District President).

PRE-PAID REGISTRATION

The Registration Fee is \$5.00 for all Delegates and Alternates attending the Department Convention whose registration fee is received in Department Headquarters by **June 1, 2010**. Complete the enclosed *Pre-Paid Registration Form* and send to Department Headquarters with payment of \$5.00 per Delegate/Alternate . Make checks payable to Ohio American Legion

Auxiliary, PO Box 2760, Zanesville OH 43702. The Registration Fee for Delegates, Alternates and Visitors paying at Convention will be \$7.00. Convention fees are non-refundable.

Example: If a Unit is entitled to 3 Delegates and only 1 or 2 plan to attend, only submit the \$5.00 fee for each individual planning to attend. Should the third Delegate decide to attend, she may pay her \$7.00 registration fee at the Department Convention.

CREDENTIAL CARDS AND CONVENTION RIBBONS WILL BE ACQUIRED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION AT DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.

CONVENTION REPRESENTATION BY UNITS

Each Unit shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for the first ten (10) members and one (1) additional Delegate and Alternate for each additional fifty (50) members, or major fraction, whose current dues have been received in Department Headquarters by **10:00 AM, May 31, 2010**. See table below to determine number of delegates and alternates permitted.

10- 35	Members:	1	Delegate and	1	Alternate
36- 85	Members:	2	Delegates and	2	Alternates
86- 135	Members:	3	Delegates and	3	Alternates
136- 185	Members:	4	Delegates and	4	Alternates
186- 235	Members:	5	Delegates and	5	Alternates
236- 285	Members:	6	Delegates and	6	Alternates
286- 335	Members:	7	Delegates and	7	Alternates
336- 385	Members:	8	Delegates and	8	Alternates
386- 435	Members:	9	Delegates and	9	Alternates
436- 485	Members:	10	Delegates and	10	Alternates
486- 535	Members:	11	Delegates and	11	Alternates
536- 585	Members:	12	Delegates and	12	Alternates
586- 635	Members:	13	Delegates and	13	Alternates
636- 685	Members:	14	Delegates and	14	Alternates
686- 735	Members:	15	Delegates and	15	Alternates
736- 785	Members:	16	Delegates and	16	Alternates
786- 835	Members:	17	Delegates and	17	Alternates
836- 885	Members:	18	Delegates and	18	Alternates
886- 935	Members:	19	Delegates and	19	Alternates
936- 985	Members:	20	Delegates and	20	Alternates
986- 1035	Members:	21	Delegates and	21	Alternates
1036- 1085	Members:	22	Delegates and	22	Alternates
1086- 1135	Members:	23	Delegates and	23	Alternates
1136- 1185	Members:	24	Delegates and	24	Alternates
1186- 1235	Members:	25	Delegates and	25	Alternates

Members of the Department Executive Committee (Department President, Department 1st Vice, Department 2nd Vice, National Executive Committeewoman, Department

Secretary/Treasurer, District Presidents) and all Past Department Presidents in good standing are Delegates-At-Large and are not to be counted as Unit Delegates.

DEPARTMENT HOUSING

Request for hotel accommodations must be made on the official housing form (enclosed). Delegates must follow the directions and instructions as given.

Housing Deadline – June 1, 2010

Mail to: **The American Legion**
 Attn: Convention Housing
 PO Box 8007
 Delaware, OH 43015

RESOLUTIONS (OR RECOMMENDATIONS)

Resolutions or Recommendations may be presented by a Unit Member in good standing. Signature must be affixed with Unit name, number and location, and District number.

Resolutions must be signed by the Unit President and the Unit Secretary, presented in quadruplicate, and forwarded to Department Headquarters at least ten (10) days (June 11, 2010) before the Convention or presented to the Resolutions Committee at the Convention. Any Resolution not properly signed will not receive consideration. (See enclosed Resolutions Rules.)

Consult the official program for the schedule and location of the Department Resolutions Committee, Department Finance Committee and the Department Executive Committee on Friday, June 25, 2010.

Katie Wainwright
Department Secretary/Treasurer

Distribution: All Unit Presidents
 Department Executive Committee
 Past Department Presidents
 Hospital Representatives
 Department Chairmen/Committees
 District Chairmen