
**CALL FOR THE NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Department of Minnesota**

The 98th Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota, is hereby called to be held in Mahnomon, Minnesota July 13, 14 and 15, 2017, for the purpose of:

1. Electing Department Officers
2. Considering any amendments which may be proposed for Unit, District, and Department Constitutions
3. Electing delegates and alternates to the 98th National Convention.
4. Receiving reports of Department Officers, National Committeewoman, District Presidents, and Chairmen of Department Committees.
5. The transaction of such other business as may be brought before the Convention in conformity with the provisions of the National and Department Constitutions.

REPRESENTATION: (Article VI, Unit Bylaws) "Each Unit shall be entitled to two delegates at the Department Convention one of whom shall be the Unit President, plus one additional delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof whose dues have been received by the Department Treasurer 30 days prior to the meeting of the Convention for which they are elected. Each Unit shall elect its delegates. In addition, each Unit shall elect alternate delegates to serve in the absence of delegates. The delegates shall serve in the order elected before any alternate delegates and then the alternate delegates shall serve in the order elected."
(Example: Units which have membership of 10 to 25 are entitled to 2 delegates, Membership of 26 to 75, 3 delegates; 76 to 125, 4 delegates, etc.)

The vote of each Unit shall be equal to the total number of delegates to which the Unit is entitled, provided there is a delegate from the Unit present to cast the vote. Alternates will have power to vote only in the absence of the delegate.

"To be eligible to candidacy for office or delegate to convention, a member must be a member in good standing." (Article VIII, Unit Bylaws.)

EXPENSES: The Convention expenses of Unit delegates must be borne by their Unit or by the delegates themselves unless they are Department Chairmen or members of the Department Committees,

CREDENTIALS: Necessary credentials will be sent to the Unit next month. The outgoing Unit President is the Chairman of your Unit's delegation. If she will not be attending the delegation she should elect a chairman of the delegation. It is best to have this done before the delegates leave home.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES: All delegates and alternates shall be elected at a regular Unit meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

WATCH THE DEPARTMENT BULLETINS AND THE LEGIONNAIRE FOR DETAILS regarding Convention plans.

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