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Date: June 13, 2021
RE: Call to National Convention

Included in this package is the call to National Convention.

The Sons of The American Legion convention dates are August 27-29 2021.

You do not have to send in the \$25.00 reservation fee for yourself. However, you do need to send in a reservation fee \$25.00 your guest for them to get into the Convention Center.

If you are planning to go national convention the are covid rules in place that must be followed.

You must sign the wavier form, or you will not be allowed in the convention center.

If you are bringing a guest, they will not be allowed in the Convention center unless they are an American Legion Family Member and have filled out the wavier.

If you wish to attend the Commanders Banquet the are a limit number of tickets available. Check with

Department Headquarters be fore making your airline reservations as you may not get tickets for the Banquet.

On a recent National zoom meeting for convention. We were told that our hall will be 3 times larger than normal to accommodate spacing per covid rules. We were also told that there will be no loitering in the back of any of the rooms, you must be seated. The City and Convention Center will have staff there and will be enforcing this rule.

Also because of covid and spacing, there are telling us that we may not be able to go and attend the Legion or Auxiliary Meetings. Of course, all this could change before we get there.

Just want everyone to know the latest information that I have. Thongs are constantly changing due to covid.

If you have questions let me know.



102nd American Legion National Convention August 27–September 2, 2021

Blocked rooms for ALDNY at the Arizona Grand Resort & Spa. You must use this Housing Form. YOU CANNOT MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL. Reservations not processed through this office will not receive special convention rates. No reservations by phone. Reservations NO LATER THAN July 15th 2021. This form is for (1) room only.

Arizona Grand Resort & Spa – 8000 South Arizona Grand Pkwy, Phoenix AZ 85044 877.800.4888
<http://www.arizonagrandresort.com/>

Name:	District#
Address	
City/State/Zip:	
Phone:	Email:

King, Queen & ADA Room Rates \$125.00
Add'l Occ Per Day \$25.00 Parking-Complimentary-No Resort Fee-Tax Rate- 12.57% per room/Night
YOU WILL BE CHARGED IF YOU FAIL TO REGISTER ON THE DATE STATED ON THIS FORM.

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____
(Cancellation will be accepted 4 days prior)

Credit Card Number _____ Exp Date _____

Card Holder Name _____

Please Check:

Legionnaire _____ Aux _____ Sons _____ Guest _____

A REGISTRATION FEE OF \$25.00 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM FOR EACH PERSON LISTED – YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON CONVENTION FLOOR WITHOUT REGISTERING

Registration x \$25.00 \$ _____ *Total Amount \$* _____

THERE IS A LIMITED # OF TICKETS THIS YEAR TO THE COMMANDERS BANQUET. INDICATE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING TICKETS.

Check here if interested _____ (limit 2)

PLEASE READ BEFORE SUBMITTING:

Legionnaires Registrations Fee & Guests make checks payable to:

The American Legion, DNY, 1304 Park Blvd. Troy, NY 12180

Auxiliary & Guests Registrations, make checks payable to:

American Legion Auxiliary 1580 Columbia Turnpike Bldg. #1 Suite 3, Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033

SAL Registration and guests Mail Registration form & guests fees to : The American Legion, DNY, 1304 Park Blvd. Troy, NY 12180 – Make checks payable to : SAL

THIS FORM IS RETURNED TO The American Legion, DNY,
1304 Park Blvd. Troy, NY 12180

Please list all names of Guests. A \$25.00 registration Fee is required for everyone that will be entering the convention floor.

Name: _____

Address _____

Email: _____

Legionnaire _____ Sons _____ Aux _____ Guest _____ District# _____

Name: _____

Address _____

Email: _____

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**2021 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
PHOENIX, ARIZONA
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE RELATED – HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE,
WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

- 1 In consideration of my ability to attend, volunteer, observe, provide services, prepare for, or otherwise participate in any way at the 2021 American Legion National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona (“Convention”) sanctioned by and/or organized in cooperation with the City of Phoenix, the Phoenix Convention Center, The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of The American Legion, the American Legion Riders, and The American Legion National Convention Corporation of Arizona (collectively “Organizers”) or participating at a contemporaneously site or site reasonably connected to any, and all, Convention activities (including without limitation all Convention events) (“Event” or “Events”), I on behalf of myself, my personal representatives, heirs, next of kin, and assigns, hereby:
- 2 **Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk.** Acknowledge that by my participating in any way in any Event at the Convention that there are risks to me and to those with whom I interact of exposure, directly or indirectly, to communicable disease(s) including, but not limited to the SARS-CoVC-2, COVID-19 and/or any mutation or variation thereof; and I HEREBY EXPRESSLY AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUME the risk that I may be exposed to or infected with a communicable disease from the Events, and such expose or infection may involve the RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY, ILLNESS, PERMANENT DISABILITY AND/OR DEATH. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected with communicable disease by my participation in any Event may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of others including, but not limited to, the Organizers. I hereby expressly assume all such risks and dangers whether presently known or unknown;
- 3 **Release, Covenant and Waiver.** Voluntarily agree to RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND AGREE NOT TO SUE the Organizers, the City of Phoenix and its officials, employees, agents, and contractors, and/or licensees, or any, and all, other party(ies) associate with the Convention (collectively known as the “Released Parties”) from and for any, and all, claims or liability arising out of any, and all, Events, including, but not limited to, the potential for contracting a communicable disease while attending any Event and all injury, illness, permanent disability or death (including without limitation from COVID-19) whether caused by the negligence of the Released Parties or otherwise. I am specifically releasing the Released Parties, individually and collectively, for their negligence in any form. I fully recognize that if I become ill as an alleged result of contracting a communicable disease at an Event, I will have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against the Released Parties even if they, or any of them, caused my injury, illness, permanent disability or death by their negligence;
- 4 **Indemnity.** Agree to indemnify and defend and hold harmless all of the Released Parties and each of them from any loss, liability, damage, and/or cost I may incur arising out of, or related to, any injury, illness, permanent disability or death or any other associated harm I may have, including claims as to Released Parties’ sole or contributory negligence. As I am releasing any, and all, claims my family, guardian and/or representative, including my estate, might wish to make by reason of my injury, illness, permanent disability or death, this indemnity obligation shall specifically apply to such actions on my behalf and/or any such actions resulting from my injury, illness, permanent disability or death;

- 5 **Medical Statements and Release.** Affirm that I have not knowingly been exposed (defined as any face-to-face contact with an infected individual, or sustained contact for 15+ minutes at less than 6 feet apart within 48 hours prior to that individual’s symptom onset or while symptomatic), nor tested positive, to COVID-19 in the past 14 days from my departure to the Convention. I also acknowledge that I have not experienced an onset of any COVID-19 symptoms within the past 14 days, including, having a fever of 100.4 degrees F or higher, feeling feverish, developing a new persistent cough and/or having a shortness of breath or breathing difficulties. I further understand that the Organizer’s may, at its discretion, require me to participate in medical testing, examinations and/or screenings as a condition to my continuing participation in any Event before, during and after the Event, and I agree to fully cooperate and provide accurate information. I further understand that my temperature will be taken each day in order to enter the Phoenix Convention Center, and that I will be asked common preliminary COVID-19 questions. If my body temperature registers at 100.4 F or higher, I may sit in a control area for 10 minutes. A second temperature screening will be administered after the wait time is over. If my temperature remains at 100.4 F or higher, I understand that I will not be allowed into the Phoenix Convention Center unless I receive a negative COVID-19 rapid test. I hereby further consent and agree that for the purpose of contact tracing, the Organizers are permitted to release personal information about me to any government authority upon its request without inquiring about the lawfulness of the demand and without prior notice to me. I further consent and agree that the Organizer’s may release personal information about me (including my name) to those with whom I may have had contact for the purpose of informing them of their potential exposure to communicable disease.
- 6 **Other.** Agree that if any portion of this Agreement is held invalid, the remainder of the Agreement shall continue in full legal force and effect with such modifications to allow the remainder of claims to be waived, released and indemnified against. This Agreement is to be interpreted and enforced under the laws of the State of Indiana.

I agree to wear a face mask at all times during the Event, unless actively eating and/or drinking, keeping a physical distance of six feet between others at all times at all Events, that there will be no handshaking, touching or hugging permitted and that I may use alternative methods of greetings including, but not limited to, saluting, tip hatting, elbow bumping, foot tapping and/or waving.

I HAVE READ THIS “COMMUNICABLE DISEASE RELATED – HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT”; I UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS’ TERMS; I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT; I HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEES BEING MADE TO ME; AND, I INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY ALL LAWS.

Name:

Address:

Email:

Membership Number:

Signature:

Date Signed:

National Convention safety measures in place

In an ongoing pandemic, guidelines are in place for the 102nd National Convention in Phoenix to protect you and your fellow American Legion Family members.

The American Legion is excited that the 102nd National Convention in Phoenix is scheduled to occur Aug. 27-Sept. 2 with COVID-19 safety measures in place to adhere to local and state guidelines. While we are looking forward to gathering again as an American Legion Family, it is important to follow the safety protocols implemented below as the pandemic is still ongoing.

“Let’s continue to put safety first at our national conventions in Phoenix and follow state and local guidelines – no matter where you are from – to represent the American Legion Family as a major solution during the pandemic as we have been for the last year and a half,” said American Legion National Commander James W. “Bill” Oxford.

Ahead of convention, regardless of your state or community’s guidance and rules, The American Legion will follow the official guidance, precautions, and rules from our convention host city.

“We all must play a pivotal role to ensure we can meet in Phoenix and to create a safe national convention experience for all who can attend,” said Convention Commission Chairman Michael Walton. “We can certainly be flexible, have patience, and put safety of our members first this year in order to meet.”

The following are guidelines that The American Legion asks for you to please adhere to during convention in Phoenix to protect yourself, fellow American Legion Family members and others. Adherence to these guidelines will help allow The American Legion to host the national convention in Phoenix.

Face covering. Wear protective masks or face coverings at all times – unless actively eating or drinking – and wear them the right way with it covering your nose and mouth. Additionally, do not touch or adjust masks in public; make sure it is always clean, in good shape and worn the right side out; and do not borrow a mask or loan a used mask to someone else.

Masks must be worn on the convention stage and only remove when at the lectern speaking.

Masks will be required while riding the bus for transportation from hotels to the Phoenix Convention Center.

Social distance. Maintain at least six feet of social distance from others.

Greetings. Hold off on the hugs, kisses and handshakes. Instead, do fist bumps, elbow bumps, waves, salutes and tips of the hat.

Hands. Follow the CDC guidelines and wash hands for 20 seconds with hot water and soap.

Symptoms. Don't ignore symptoms associated with COVID-19. If you have experienced any COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days of the convention – or tested positive within 14 days of departure – we need you to stay home.

Temp checks. Temperatures will be taken each day for all attendees who enter the Phoenix Convention Center, and common preliminary COVID-19 questions will be asked. If an attendee's temperature registers at 100.4 or higher, the attendee will sit in a control area for 10 minutes. A second temperature screening will be administered after the wait time is over. If the temp remains at 100.4 or higher, the attendee cannot obtain entry into the convention center unless they receive a negative COVID-19 rapid test.

Liability waiver. All attendees of the American Legion National Convention must sign a liability waiver to attend – the City of Phoenix accepts no liability and declines to indemnify anyone electing to attend the event. The waiver is in the process of being developed. Convention dignitaries also will be required to sign this waiver before attending.

Pre-register. Convention walk-ins will not be permitted this year. Those interested in attending must register in advance with their respective American Legion department.

Exhibit Hall numbers. There will be a max number of people to be in the Exhibit Hall at one time. This number will be determined closer to August.

Meeting rooms. Information on meeting rooms will not be released until Aug. 1 in case changes must be made for COVID-19 distancing requirements.

Private event. The national convention is considered a private event and not opened to public.

*This is all subject to change.

NOTICE: Convention event cancellations

The convention parade has been canceled due to physical distancing measures. The Band Contest also has been canceled.

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National Convention Commission Chairman Michael Walton

Health guidelines for 102nd National Convention

During the 102nd National Convention in Phoenix, set for Aug. 27-Sept. 2, The American Legion will follow official guidance, precautions, and rules from the convention host city. Please note that everything is subject to change. Go to legion.org/convention for the latest news.

Cancellations
The National Convention Parade and National Band Contest have been canceled.

SAFETY PROCEDURES

Face coverings

- ▶ Wear at all times unless actively eating or drinking
- ▶ Wear covering both nose and mouth
- ▶ Do not touch or adjust masks in public
- ▶ Make sure they are clean, in good shape and worn right-side out
- ▶ Do not borrow or loan
- ▶ Must be worn on the convention stage and only removed when at the lectern speaking
- ▶ Required while riding buses from hotels to the Phoenix Convention Center



Social distancing

Maintain at least 6 feet at all times



Hands

Follow CDC guidelines and wash hands for 20 seconds with hot water and soap.



Greetings

No hugs, kisses or handshakes. Instead, try fist bumps, elbow bumps, footshakes, waves, salutes and tips of the hat.



WHEN TO STAY HOME

- ▶ If you experience any symptoms within 14 days of the convention
- ▶ If you test positive within 14 days of departure



WHAT TO EXPECT IN PHOENIX

Temperature checks

- ▶ Taken daily for entrance into the Phoenix Convention Center.
- ▶ Readings 100.4 or higher will require a 10 minute hold in a control area to await a second screening.
- ▶ A reading of 100.4 or higher on the second screening will require a negative result on a COVID-19 rapid test to permit entry to the venue



Pre-registration

- ▶ The national convention is a private event, not open to the public.
- ▶ Walk-ins are not permitted.
- ▶ All attendees must register in advance with their department.

Liability waiver

All attendees and dignitaries must sign a waiver to attend. The city of Phoenix accepts no liability and declines to indemnify anyone choosing to attend.

Exhibit Hall numbers

There will be a maximum number of people in the Exhibit Hall at one time.

The Navy's next frigate

The newest *Constellation*-class frigate will be named USS *Congress* in honor of President George Washington's six original frigates, Military.com reports. (The first ship in the class was named USS *Constellation*.) If the Navy follows through and names the rest of the class after those original ships christened for the newborn American republic, they would be named *President*, *Chesapeake*, *United States* and *Constitution*.



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