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National 38th Convention

SEPTEMBER
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*National Convention
The American Legion*

SEPTEMBER 3-6, 1956, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

For GOD and COUNTRY,

we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



The American Legion Auxiliary, Thirty-Sixth National Convention

La Boutique des Huit Chapeaux et Quarante Femmes, Thirty-Fifth Marche Nationale

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*“Welcome to our
38th National
Convention”*

For the third time in eighteen years, The American Legion is assembling in National Convention in Los Angeles.

When we paid our first official visit here in 1938, we had only one World War behind us. Today we have grown into a three-war American Legion and the largest organization of veterans in the world. And the years have added not only to our national stature, but also to our responsibilities.

Dedicated to service for God and Country, our patriotism has never wavered. We continue to serve our nation in times of peace as we did in days of war.

Our primary obligation—today as when we were here for the first time eighteen years ago—is to the security of our country and to the welfare of the nation’s war veterans who have made sacrifices in its defense.

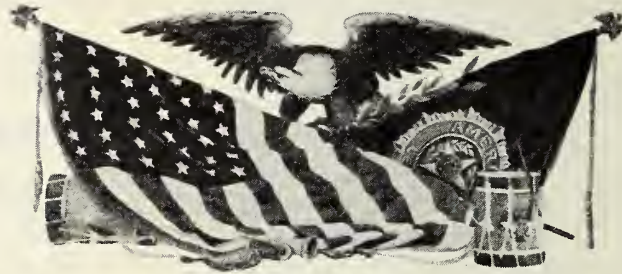
Certainly today, as never before, there is need for unity of thought and action—in our own organization as well as among the people of our land.

The American Legion has gone a long way, even since our last National Convention here in 1950, but we still have a long way to go. I am confident that you key Legionnaires assembled at this all-important conclave will courageously meet the challenge that confronts us today, and contribute your loyal support toward building of an even greater organization able to meet its growing obligations.

J. Addington Wagner

NATIONAL COMMANDER

Past National Commanders



The American Legion 1919-1956

- *FRANKLIN D'OLIER
Pennsylvania 1919-20
- *†FREDERIC W. GALBRAITH, JR.
Ohio 1920-21
- *‡JOHN G. EMERY
Michigan 1921
- HANFORD MacNIDER
Iowa 1921-22
- ALVIN M. OWSLEY
Texas 1922-23
- JOHN R. QUINN
California 1923-24
- *JAMES A. DRAIN
District of Columbia 1924-25
- *JOHN R. McQUIGG
Ohio 1925-26
- *HOWARD P. SAVAGE
Illinois 1926-27
- *EDWARD E. SPAFFORD
New York 1927-28
- *PAUL V. McNUTT
Indiana 1928-29
- *O. LEE BODENHAMER
Arkansas 1929-30
- *RALPH T. O'NEIL
Kansas 1930-31
- HENRY L. STEVENS, JR.
North Carolina 1931-32
- LOUIS JOHNSON
West Virginia 1932-33
- *EDWARD A. HAYES
Illinois 1933-34
- FRANK N. BELGRANO, JR.
California 1934-35
- RAY MURPHY
Iowa 1935-36
- HARRY W. COLMERY
Kansas 1936-37
- DANIEL J. DOHERTY
Massachusetts 1937-38
- STEPHEN F. CHADWICK
Washington 1938-39
- RAYMOND J. KELLY
Michigan 1939-40
- MILO J. WARNER
Ohio 1940-41
- LYNN U. STAMBAUGH
North Dakota 1941-42



- ROANE WARING
Tennessee 1942-43
- WARREN H. ATHERTON
California 1943-44
- EDWARD N. SCHEIBERLING
New York 1944-45
- JOHN STELLE
Illinois 1945-46
- PAUL H. GRIFFITH
Pennsylvania 1946-47
- JAMES F. O'NEIL
New Hampshire 1947-48
- PERRY BROWN
Texas 1948-49
- GEORGE N. CRAIG
Indiana 1949-50
- ERLE COCKE, JR.
Georgia 1950-51
- DONALD R. WILSON
West Virginia 1951-52
- LEWIS K. GOUGH
California 1952-53
- ARTHUR J. CONNELL
Connecticut 1953-54
- SEABORN P. COLLINS
New Mexico 1954-55

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS BY VOTE OF NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

- *BENNETT CHAMP CLARK
Missouri—Presided at Paris caucus, March 1919
- *MILTON J. FOREMAN
Illinois—Chairman, Executive Committee at Paris
- *HENRY D. LINDSLEY
Texas—Presided at St. Louis caucus, May 1919
- *THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR.
New York
- ERIC FISHER WOOD
Pennsylvania—Temporary Chairman
and Secretary at Paris caucus

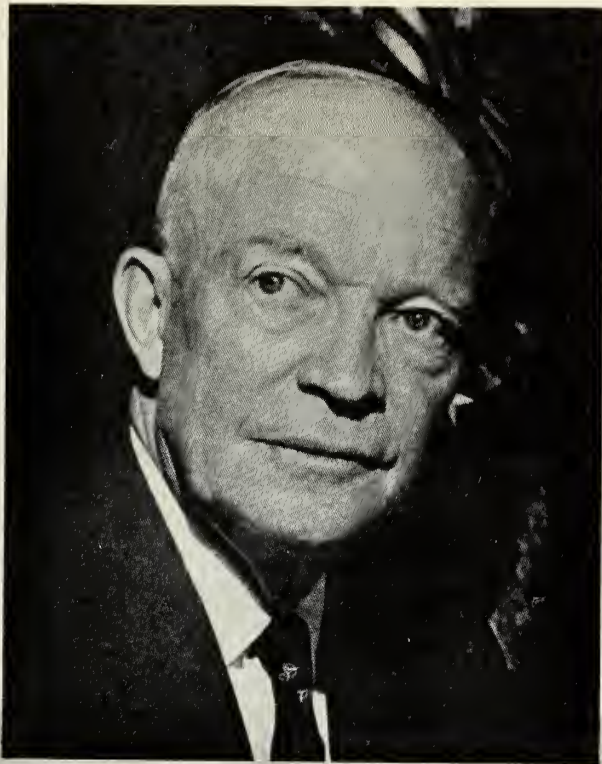
HONORARY NATIONAL COMMANDERS

- *GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING
- *MARSHAL FERDINAND FOCH

*Deceased

†Killed in auto accident while serving as Commander

‡Elected by Executive Committee to fill unexpired term



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1956

Dear Commander Wagner:

To my fellow Legionnaires I extend warm greetings on the occasion of the organization's Thirty-eighth National Convention.

I am delighted to congratulate the members of the Legion once again on their service to the United States in time of war and on their contributions in peacetime to the strengthening of our national security. I know all of you recognize how vital this security is to the defense of freedom and to the pursuit of a just and durable peace in the world.

Please accept my warm best wishes for the great success of your 1956 meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Dwight D. Eisenhower". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Mr. J. Addington Wagner
National Commander
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

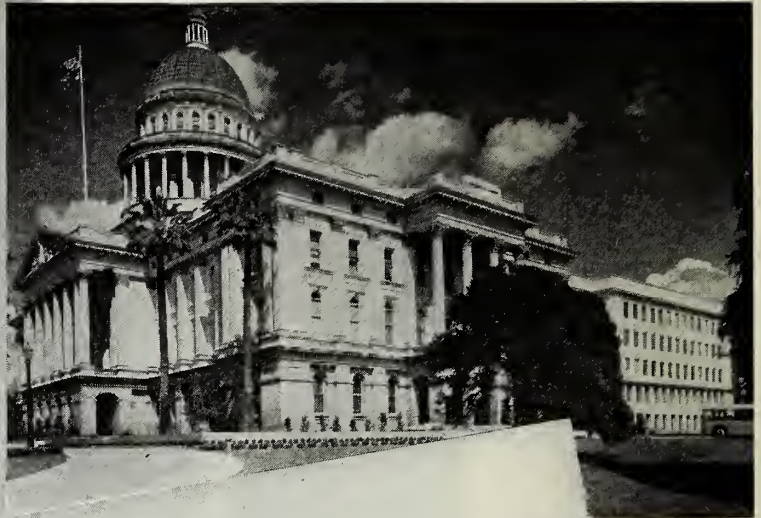


The Honorable Goodwin J. Knight

GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

HONORARY PRESIDENT

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION CORPORATION



State of California
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
SACRAMENTO 14



GOODWIN J. KNIGHT
GOVERNOR

TO MY COMRADES ATTENDING THE 1956
AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Californians are happy to welcome the officers, delegates and distinguished guests who will be visiting our state during the 1956 National Convention of the American Legion and its affiliated organizations. You may be assured that a warm welcome is extended you in the finest traditions of our historic heritage for hospitality.

We are proud of the strength and vigor of the American Legion units throughout our state. Their strong emphasis on patriotism, their vigorous promotion of civic enterprises and their constant efforts on behalf of the widows, orphans and disabled comrades of our heroic dead, daily attest their faithfulness in discharging their "obligations to the community, state, and nation."

The opportunities for relaxation, recreation, and entertainment in California are unlimited. We are glad that you are coming to our state and you are assured that everything possible is being done to make your stay a pleasant one. Whether you return as a visitor or as a resident, we will be pleased to have you with us again. In the sincere spirit of western hospitality, there is truly "always room for one more" in our great and growing commonwealth.

Cordially,

Goodwin J. Knight
Governor of California

The Honorable Norris Poulson

MAYOR

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY HALL
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA

May 1, 1956

Mr. J. Addington Wagner
National Commander
American Legion

Dear Commander Wagner:

Los Angeles is delighted to act as host city again to the National Convention of the American Legion, and, on behalf of our citizens, I extend a most cordial welcome to all the delegates and their families who will be our guests.

The Legion's record of service through the years on the national, state and local levels represents an immense contribution to the public welfare. All through the history of this great organization, it has been at the forefront in furthering causes in the benefit of our country and its people, and it has been relentless in exposing and attacking evils that threaten our way of life.

Every effort will be put forth by the City of Los Angeles, you may be certain, to provide a pleasant and most enjoyable stay in Los Angeles for the Convention visitors.

It is my sincere hope that the 1956 National Convention of the American Legion will be highly successful and that Los Angeles will be long remembered by the delegates for the traditional Western spirit of hospitality it will be our privilege to demonstrate once again on this auspicious occasion.

Sincerely yours,

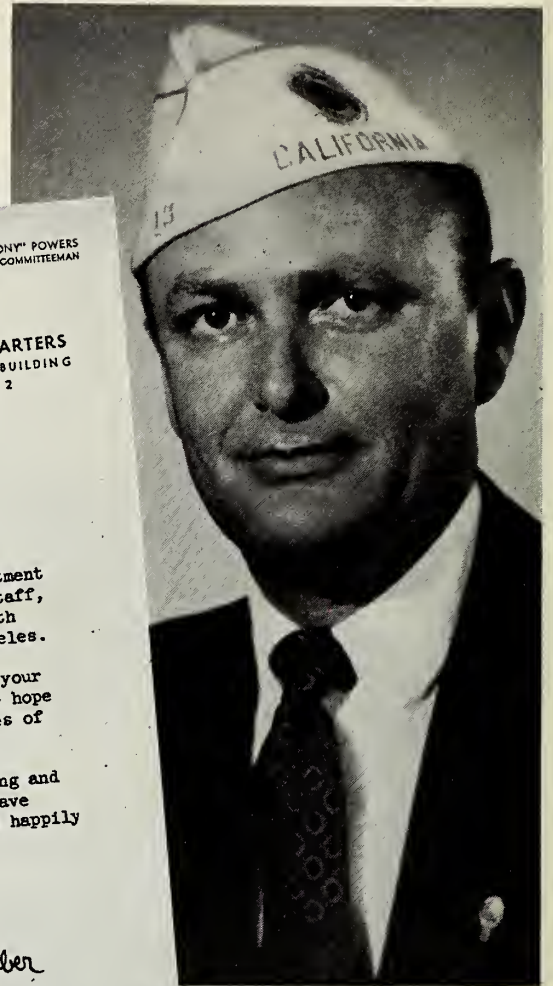
Norris Poulson
MAYOR

NP:P


Joseph M. Farber

COMMANDER

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA



JOSEPH M. FARBER GORDON A. LYONS WILLIAM R. BURKE ARDEN "PONY" POWERS
COMMANDER ADJUTANT NAT'L COMMITTEEMAN ALT. NAT'L COMMITTEEMAN

DEPARTMENT OF
 **California** DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
WAR MEMORIAL, VETERANS BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO 2
HEMLOCK 1-2400

Mr. J. Addington Wagner
National Commander
The American Legion

Dear Commander Wagner:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the Department of California, The American Legion, welcomes you, your staff, and the thousands of Legionnaires who will attend the 38th National Convention of our great organization to Los Angeles.

We have endeavored to do all in our power to make your stay in the City and County of Los Angeles pleasant. We hope that all of our American Legion comrades avail themselves of the opportunities Los Angeles offers.

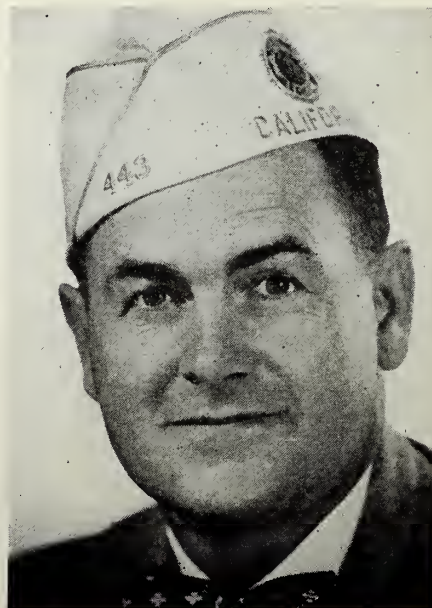
The City and County of Los Angeles has planned long and the members of The American Legion of this great city have worked hard to make this an outstanding convention. We happily await the pleasure of serving you and our comrades.

Yours in comradeship,
Joseph M. Farber
Joseph M. Farber, Commander
Department of California

Gordon A. Lyons

ADJUTANT

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA





National Officers of The American Legion



JAMES V. DAY
Vice-Commander
Maine
Oct. '55-Jan. '56



WILLIAM J. HOLLIMAN
Vice-Commander
District of Columbia
February 1956



GILMAN H. STORDOCK
Vice-Commander
Wisconsin



GUY STONE
Vice-Commander
Georgia



L. EVERETT PAGE
Vice-Commander
Texas



JOHN H. VAN HORN
Vice-Commander
Alaska



REV. JOSEPH MacCARROLL
National Chaplain
New Jersey



HENRY H. DUDLEY
Administrative
Consultant



ROBERT T. FAIREY
Historian
South Carolina



RALPH B. GREGG
Judge Advocate
Indianapolis



E. A. BLACKMORE
Adjutant
Indianapolis



NEAL GRIDER
Treasurer
Indianapolis



ROBERT E. LYNCH
Ass't Adjutant
Indianapolis



Official Program

SCHEDULE OF STANDING COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

38th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF

THE AMERICAN LEGION,

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

AMERICANISM COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, Grant Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

CHILD WELFARE COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, New Orleans Room, Hayward Hotel, 206 West 6th St.

CONVENTION COMMISSION. 2:00 p. m., September 1-September 2, Suite of National Convention Commission Chairman, Biltmore Hotel, 515 South Olive St.

CONTESTS SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 2, Coliseum North Ticket Building, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. 10:00 a. m., September 4, Washington Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE. August 31-September 6, Distinguished Guests Headquarters, Biltmore Hotel, 515 South Olive St.

ECONOMIC COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, Marine General Mess, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

FINANCE COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 6, National Adjutant's Suite, Biltmore Hotel, 515 South Olive St.

EMBLEM COMMITTEE. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 2, Crows Nest, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, Roosevelt Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, MacArthur Library, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

RESOLUTIONS ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 2, National Headquarters' offices, Biltmore Hotel, 515 South Olive St.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, Coconut Grove Lounge, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Blvd.

PUBLICATIONS COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, Arnold Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, Nimitz Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

REHABILITATION COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, Wilson Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

REHABILITATION RESOLUTION SCREENING COMMITTEE. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 2, Lincoln Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

SECURITY COMMITTEE. 9:00 a. m., September 1, Auditorium, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

REORGANIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, Fleet Admiral Mess, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

RESOLUTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. 9:30 a. m., August 31, National Headquarters' offices, Biltmore Hotel, 515 South Olive St.

JOINT AMERICAN LEGION—AUXILIARY RELIGIOUS AND PATRIOTIC SERVICE

Auditorium, Hollywood Post No. 43
2035 Hollywood Blvd.

Sunday, September 2, 1956—5:00 to 5:45 p. m.

**BAND CONCERT, SENIOR BANK,
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ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS

“THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER”
Chorus and Audience

INVOCATION MRS. JOHN ALEXANDER
National Chaplain American Legion Auxiliary

“THE LORD’S PRAYER” MALOTTE
COMBINED CHORUS

AUXILIARY MEMORIAL SERVICE

“SALVATION BELONGETH TO GOD”
COMBINED CHORUS

**POST EVERLASTING AMERICAN LEGION
RITUAL TEAM**

“BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC”
COMBINED CHORUS

BENEDICTION
REV. JOSEPH MacCARROLL,
National Chaplain The American Legion

TAPS

Committee in Charge:

G. H. (Bud) Gilliland, Past Department Chaplain
of California, Chairman

Stephen Foote

Clarence Byson

Raymond Bowman

Band Concert—Joseph Collings, Director

Les Moe, Manager

Advancement of colors: Under direction of Dorman
Welling, Sergeant at Arms

Los Angeles County Council, The American Legion

Music-combined American Legion-Auxiliary
choruses, under direction of Clyde A. Parnell,

Director National Champion American Legion
Chorus, Alonzo Cudworth Post No. 23, Milwau-

kee, Wisconsin

Accompanist—Arthur Colby

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Convention Committees

CREDENTIALS. 11:30 a. m., September 2, Renais-
sance Room, Biltmore Hotel, 515 South Olive St.

RULES. 12:30 p. m., September 2, Renaissance Room,
Biltmore Hotel, 515 South Olive St.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION. 12 noon, September
2, Renaissance Room, Biltmore Hotel, 515 South
Olive St.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. 2:00 p. m.,
September 2, Renaissance Room, Biltmore Hotel,
515 South Olive St.

Succeeding meetings to be held as called by Committee Chairman

AMERICANISM. 9:30 a. m., September 2, Grant Hall,
Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS. 9:30 a. m., September 2, Mac-
Arthur Library, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa
St.

CHILD WELFARE. 9:30 a. m., September 2, New
Orleans Room, Hayward Hotel, 206 West 6th St.

LEGISLATIVE. 9:30 a. m., September 2, Coconut
Grove Lounge, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire
Blvd.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. 9:30 a. m.,
September 2, Arnold Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816
South Figueroa St.

REHABILITATION. Claims and Rating Hospitaliza-
tion. 9:30 a. m., September 2, Nimitz Hall and Wil-
son Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

ECONOMIC. Employment and Veterans Preference,
Other Economic Matters. 9:30 a. m., September 2,
Fleet Admiral Mess and Marine General Mess, Pa-
triotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

SECURITY. 9:30 a. m.-10:30 a. m., September 2, Au-
ditorium, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa
St. Military Affairs, 10:30 a. m., Auditorium,
Patriotic Hall; Naval Affairs, 10:30 a. m., Eisen-
hower, Patriotic Hall; Merchant Marine, 10:30
a. m., Roosevelt, Patriotic Hall; Aeronautics, 10:30
a. m., McKinley, Patriotic Hall; Civil Defense,
10:30 a. m., Hancock, Patriotic Hall.

FINANCE. 9:30 a. m., September 3, Washington Hall,
Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

FOREIGN RELATIONS. 9:30 a. m., September 2,
Gymnasium, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa
St.


Calvert salutes the American Legion

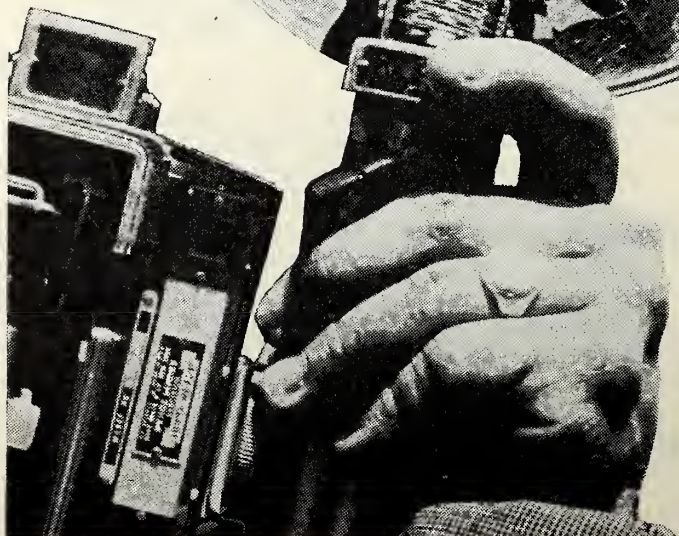
May the present convention of this splendid American organization be the greatest ever held—the Legion deserves the best. And when Legion business is over, we'd like to suggest Calvert Reserve for your leisure hours. Calvert

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Joint Opening Session



**OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1956, SHRINE AUDITORIUM.**

8:30 a. m.

CONCERT—National Championship Band, Harwood Post No. 5 Memorial Band, The American Legion, Joliet, Illinois.

National Championship Chorus, Alonzo Cudworth Post No. 23, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

9:30 a. m.

CALL TO ORDER—J. Addington Wagner (Michigan), National Commander

SOLO—*The Star-Spangled Banner*, Morton Downey, Official Soloist

INVOCATION—Rev. Joseph MacCarroll (New Jersey), National Chaplain

CALL FOR CONVENTION—Emil A. Blackmore (Wyoming), National Adjutant

9:50 a. m.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME

Hon. Goodwin J. Knight, Governor of California

Hon. Norris Poulson, Mayor of Los Angeles

Hon. Joseph Farber, Commander, Department of California

Hon. William R. Burke, President, American Legion National Convention Corporation of 1956

10:15 a. m.

RESPONSE TO ADDRESSES OF WELCOME

Hon. Seaborn P. Collins (New Mexico), Past National Commander

10:30 a. m.

ADDRESS

Hon. George Meany, President, AFL-CIO

11:00 a. m.
NATIONAL CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICE
 Invocation
 Solo: *There Is No Death*, Morton Downey
 Memorial Address—National Chaplain MacCarroll
 Benediction
 Taps

11:30 a. m.
PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN LEGION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL TO JOEL T. BOONE, Vice Adm., USN (Ret.)
 Hon. Paul H. Griffith (Pennsylvania), Past National Commander
RESPONSE—Vice Adm. Boone

12:00 noon
GREETINGS—Mrs. Bowden D. Ward (West Virginia), National President, The American Legion Auxiliary

12:30 p. m.
REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMANDER WAGNER

1:00 p. m.
ADDRESS

1:30 p. m.
PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN LEGION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL TO CHARLES STEWART MOTT
 Hon. Raymond J. Kelly (Michigan), Past National Commander
RESPONSE—Charles Stewart Mott

1:45 p. m.
INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

2:15 p. m.
REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:
CREDENTIALS
PERMANENT ORGANIZATION
RULES

3:00 p. m.
PRESENTATION OF MEDALLION TO CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, IN WHICH CITY THE 1955 NATIONAL CONVENTION WAS HELD
 Hon. Erle Cocke, Jr. (Georgia), Past National Commander
RESPONSE—Fred C. Danant, Commander, Harvey Seeds Post No. 29, Miami, Florida, representing Honorable Randall N. Christmas, Mayor of Miami

3:30 p. m.
SALUTE TO COLORS
RECESS

7:00 p. m.
 National Commander Wagner's Banquet to Distinguished Guests, Biltmore Bowl, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles
 Speaker: General Alfred M. Gruenther

Wednesday, September 5, 1956

8:45 a. m.
CONCERT

9:00 a. m.
CALL TO ORDER—J. Addington Wagner (Michigan), National Commander
SALUTE TO THE COLORS
THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER
INVOCATION—Rev. Joseph MacCarroll (New Jersey), National Chaplain

9:20 a. m.
REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
LEGISLATIVE

10:15 a. m.
GREETINGS—Miss Martha A. Shull, President, National Education Association

10:30 a. m.
REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:
ECONOMIC
 Including: Employment
 Veterans' Preference
 Other Economic Matters
AMERICANISM
FOREIGN RELATIONS

12:00 noon
ADDRESS

12:30 p. m.
REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEE:
CHILD WELFARE

1:00 p. m.
GREETINGS—Dr. Dwight H. Murray, President, American Medical Association

1:15 p. m.
REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEE:
REHABILITATION
 Including: Claims and Rating
 Hospitalization

2:15 p. m.
GREETINGS—Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans Affairs

2:30 p. m.
REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:
SECURITY
 Including: Military Affairs
 Naval Affairs
 Merchant Marine
 Aeronautics
 Civil Defense

3:15 p. m.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE—
Franklin Riter (Utah), Chairman

4:00 p. m.

RECESS

Thursday, September 6, 1956

8:45 a. m.

CONCERT

9:00 a. m.

CALL TO ORDER—J. Addington Wagner (Michigan), National Commander
SALUTE TO COLORS
THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER
INVOCATION—Rev. Joseph MacCarroll (New Jersey), National Chaplain

9:15 a. m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Including reports held over from previous sessions)

10:00 a. m.

REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:
INTERNAL AFFAIRS
FINANCE

10:45 a. m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL AWARDS

11:00 a. m.

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

12:30 p. m.

Presentation of Colors to Outgoing National Commander J. Addington Wagner by Past National Commander Harry W. Colmery

12:45 p. m.

Presentation of Colors to Incoming National Commander by Past National Commander Alvin M. Owsley

1:00 p. m.

Presentation of newly elected National President of The American Legion Auxiliary
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
RETIREMENT OF COLORS
FINAL ADJOURNMENT

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The National Executive Committee will meet within twenty-four hours after the close of the Convention, upon call of the National Commander.

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WILLIAM R. BURKE
President
American Legion National Convention
Corporation 1956, Inc.

HONORABLE
RANDALL N. CHRISTMAS
Mayor of Miami

JOSEPH FARBER
Immediate Past
Department Commander of California

HARVEY V. HIGLEY
Administrator of Veterans Affairs

HONORABLE GOODWIN J. KNIGHT
Governor of California

GEORGE MEANY
President
American Federation of Labor and
Congress of Industrial Organizations

DR. DWIGHT H. MURRAY
President
American Medical Association

HONORABLE NORRIS POULSON
Mayor of Los Angeles

VICTOR RIESEL
Nationally Syndicated Columnist

MISS MARTHA A. SHULL
President
National Education Association

MRS. BOWDEN D. WARD
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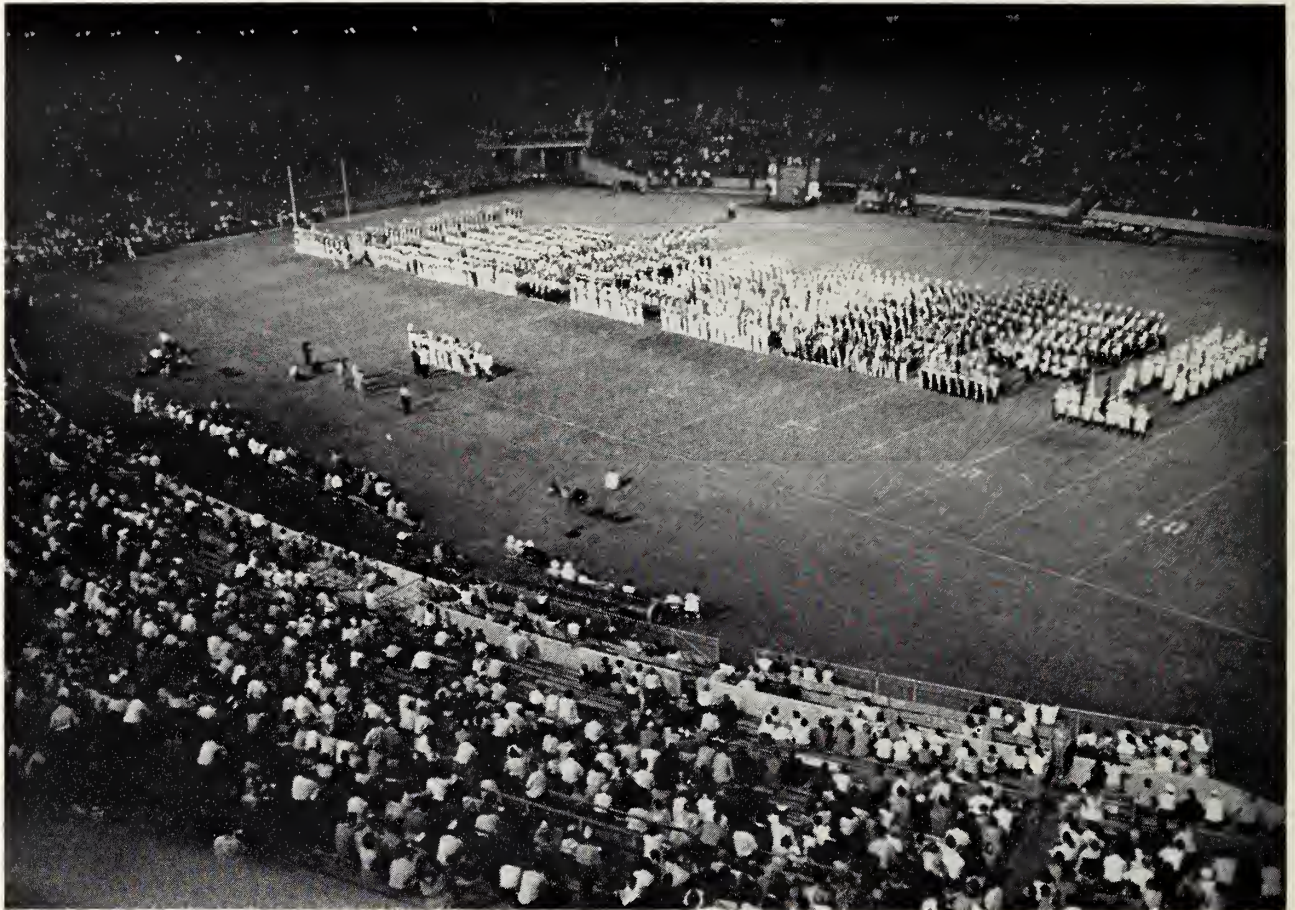
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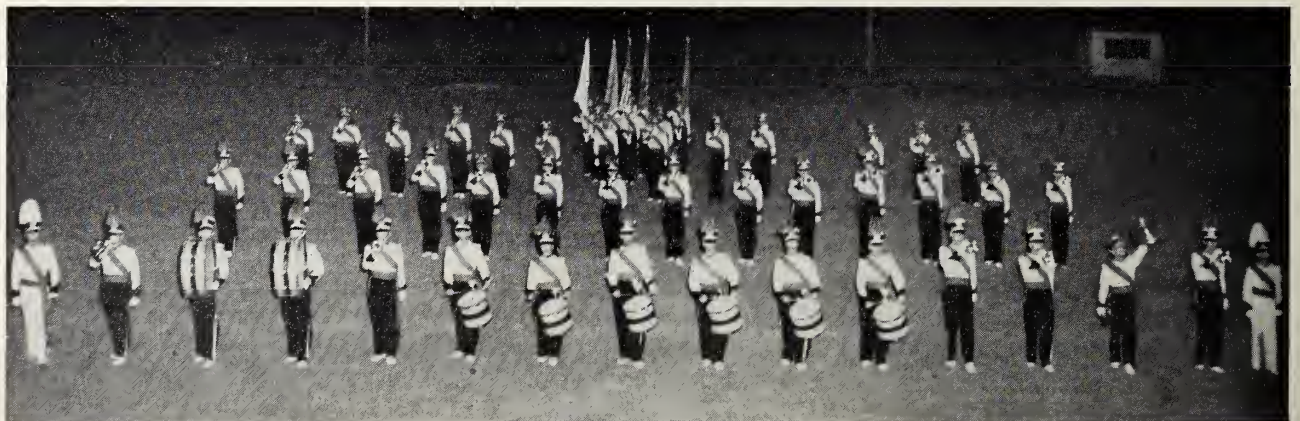
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The highlight of every National Convention is the Parade of Champions—the National Drum & Bugle Corps Finals. This year the big show will be held at 7:00 p. m., Sunday, Sept. 2 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

National Contests

The 1956 National Convention may set a record for competing units.



The Skokie Indians of Post 320, Skokie, Ill., are The American Legion Drum & Bugle Corps defending champions.

Special Events



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1956

9:00 a. m.

JUNIOR SPONSORED DRUM & BUGLE CORPS CONTEST

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
Menlo Avenue between Leighton & 39th Streets

1:00 p. m.

AMERICAN LEGION BAND CONTEST

Bovard Auditorium & Bovard Field
Adams Street & Figueroa Avenue

2:00 p. m.

JUNIOR SPONSORED BAND CONTEST

2:00 p. m.

AMERICAN LEGION COLOR GUARD CONTEST

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
Menlo Avenue between Leighton & 39th Streets

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1956

9:00 a. m.

AMERICAN LEGION DRUM & BUGLE CORPS PRELIMINARY CONTEST

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
Menlo Avenue between Leighton & 39th Streets

10:00 a. m.

AMERICAN LEGION FIRING SQUAD CONTEST

Bovard Field
Adams Street & Figueroa Avenue

1:00 p. m.

JUNIOR SPONSORED COLOR GUARD CONTEST

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
Menlo Avenue between Leighton & 39th Streets

2:30 p. m.

AMERICAN LEGION CHORUS CONTEST

Sawtelle Veterans Administration Facility
1380 Sepulveda Boulevard

7:00 p. m.

AMERICAN LEGION DRUM & BUGLE CORPS FINAL CONTEST

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
Menlo Avenue between Leighton & 39th Streets



This will be the 10th consecutive year in which the Seagrams Posts of The American Legion will give four lucky Legionnaires or Auxiliaries a 1956 Ford automobile absolutely free.



TOP: Patriotic Hall will be the site of meetings of all National Commissions and Convention Committees. BOTTOM: The business sessions of the Convention—Sept. 4, 5, and 6—will be held in the Shrine Auditorium.



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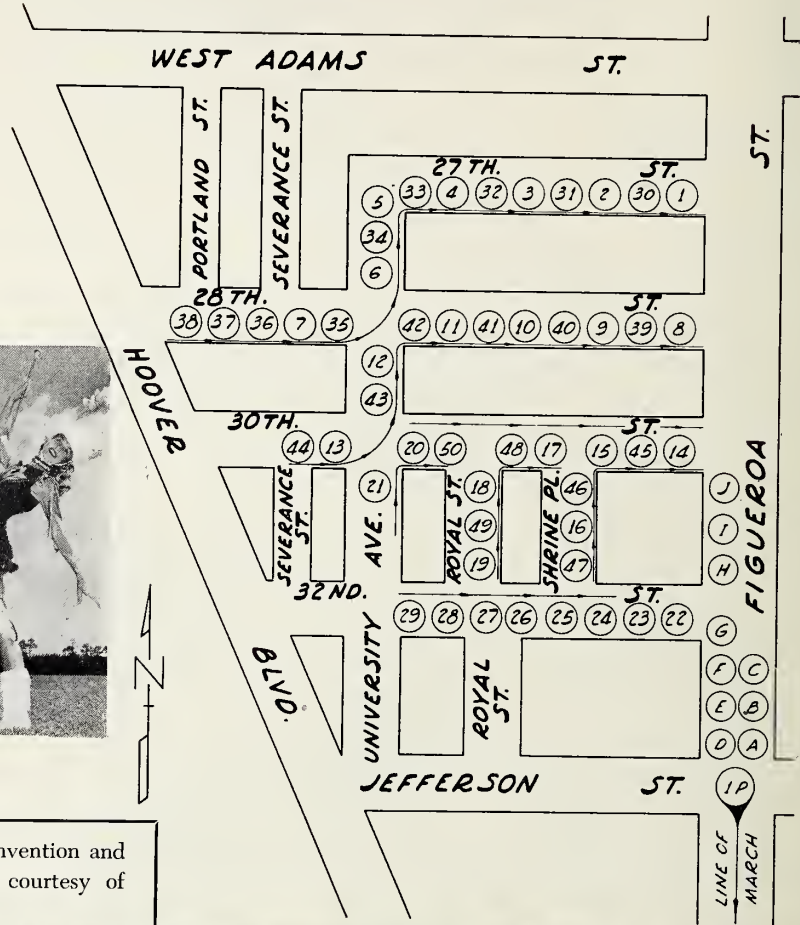
Parade Route

AND ASSEMBLY AREAS OF
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Parade Orders



OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION PARADE, 3 SEPTEMBER 1956

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Parade Order

The official parade of the Thirty-eighth National Convention of The American Legion will be governed by the instructions contained herein, together with the Organization and March Time Table and Assembly Area Map, which are made a part hereof.

1. TIME: (all times in this order are Pacific Daylight Time).
 - (a) The leading elements of the parade will move south from the "Initial Point" (Jefferson Boulevard and Figueroa Street) at 2:00 p. m. 3 September 1956.
 - (b) The time and place of assembly for each department or element of the parade is shown in detail on the Organization and March Time Table and the Parade Map.
2. ROUTE: Initial Point—Figueroa Street and Jefferson Boulevard. The parade will proceed south on Figueroa Street from the "Initial Point" to South Coliseum Drive—thence west into the Coliseum. The parade will emerge through the tunnel at the west end of the Coliseum into the Disbanding Area—marching distance approximately one and one-half miles.
3. ASSEMBLY AREA:
 - (a) Assembly areas are as indicated in the Organization and March Time Table and Assembly Area Map.
 - (b) One member from each element using vehicles for transportation of marching units will accompany vehicles to disbanding area, subsequently meeting marching units immediately after emergence from the Coliseum and guide them to the units' empty vehicles. Vehicles will report to disbanding area one hour after time shown as assembly time for their unit.
4. ORGANIZATION:
 - (a) All elements have been assigned to Divisions, each under the direction of a Marshal. The composition of these divisions, order of march, time and place of assembly is shown in the Organization and March Table and Assembly Area Map.
 - (b) All Department of Defense units will be governed by applicable regulations.
 - (c) Each Department Commander will be responsible for the order of march of the units of his department—all units conforming to the following distribution and formations:
 - (1) *MASSED COLORS*: Twelve (12) abreast.

All American Flags, the Department and post colors of each Department and the Department and unit colors of each Department of the Auxiliary will be massed at the head of each Department delegation.

- (2) American Legion units within Departments will march in formations ten (10) abreast, one and one-half yards between front and rear ranks.
 - (3) **BANDS AND DRUM CORPS:** (As directed by Drum Majors).
 - (4) **AUTHORIZED FLOATS AND AUTOMOBILES:** In single column. No unauthorized floats or automobiles will be permitted to participate.
- (d) **DISTANCES:**
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| (1) Between divisions | 50 yards |
| (2) Between departments | 25 yards |
| (3) Between elements of a department | 10 yards |
- (e) All bands will start playing upon reaching the foot of the ramp within the Coliseum and will stop playing when they enter the exit tunnel.
5. **DISBANDING AREA:** Immediate area adjoining exit from Coliseum.
 6. **OFFICIAL REVIEWING STAND:** The official reviewing stand is located in the Coliseum. Elements will render a salute to the National Commander while passing the reviewing stand.
 7. **ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PARADE AND CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS:** With the exception of the Police, members of the Armed Forces, Active or Retired, and the distinguished guests, eligibility to participate in the parade is limited to members of The American Legion, uniformed bodies of The American Legion and its Auxiliary. Special feature marching or maneuvering will not be permitted. Proper decorum must be maintained.
 8. **FIRST AID STATIONS:** First Aid Stations in the Assembly Area and along the parade route will be conspicuously marked.
 9. **PARADE OFFICIALS:**
 - (a) The Grand Marshal will be assisted by the Chairman of the parade committee in the conduct of the parade and by the Parade Marshal and other officials, including Regulating Officers, Division Marshals, Liaison Officers and Guides. All officials will wear arm bands marked "Parade Official."
 - (b) Regulating officers will be assigned as follows: Chief Regulating Officer, Assembly Area. Chief Regulating Officer, Line of March. Chief Regulating Officer, Reviewing Stand. Chief Regulating Officer, Disbanding Area.
 - (c) Headquarters of the Grand Marshal and the Parade Committee are located at north office (also known as the Ticket Office), in the Coliseum, telephone number RIchmond 84256.

10. The cooperation of all departments is earnestly solicited, particularly as to prompt assembly in designated areas, elimination of maneuvering or special feature marching which will delay the march, and prompt clearing of the streets in the disbanding area. Departments not on time in column at the time of moving out, will be assigned by the Chief Regulating Officer, assembly area, to rear of column.
11. A meeting of Department Commanders or their Parade Chairman will be held in the Renaissance Room of the Biltmore Hotel at 10:00 a. m. on Sunday, September 2nd, at which time final instructions will be given.

Organization and March Time Table

Letters A to I in 1st and 2nd Divisions and numbers 1 to 50 in 3rd to 9th Divisions designate reference code on map for place of assembly.

All departures other than 1st Division will be regulated by Chief Regulating Officer, Line of March.

First Division

ASSEMBLY AT 1:00 P. M.
DEPARTURE AT 2:00 P. M.

A—POLICE ESCORT

B—GRAND MARSHAL, HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL, PARADE MARSHAL AND STAFFS

C—UNITS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Second Division

ASSEMBLY AT 1:15 P. M.

D—AMERICAN LEGION 1955 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BAND

E—NATIONAL COLORS AND 1955 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP COLOR GUARD

F—NATIONAL COMMANDER AND NATIONAL OFFICERS

G—PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS

H—AMERICAN LEGION 1955 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

I—AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT

J—FOREIGN AND OUTLYING DEPARTMENTS

Panama	Italy	Canada
Mexico	Puerto Rico	France
Hawaii	Philippines	

Third Division

ASSEMBLY AT 2:00 P. M.

1. Minnesota
2. Idaho
3. North Dakota
4. Delaware
5. Louisiana
6. Nebraska
7. Nevada

Fourth Division

ASSEMBLY AT 2:30 P. M.

8. Iowa
9. Alabama
10. South Dakota
11. Indiana
12. Wisconsin
13. Ohio

Fifth Division

ASSEMBLY AT 3:00 P. M.

14. Illinois
15. Maryland
16. Virginia
17. Florida
18. New Mexico
19. South Carolina
20. Utah
21. Connecticut

Sixth Division

ASSEMBLY AT 3:30 P. M.

22. New Jersey
23. Michigan
24. Oklahoma
25. Rhode Island
26. Tennessee
27. Wyoming
28. New Hampshire
29. Texas

Seventh Division

ASSEMBLY AT 4:00 P. M.

30. Mississippi
31. Maine
32. Missouri
33. Pennsylvania
34. Kansas
35. Montana
36. Georgia
37. Vermont
38. Oregon

Eighth Division

ASSEMBLY AT 4:30 P. M.

39. Arizona
40. Colorado
41. Arkansas
42. Washington
43. Kentucky
44. New York

Ninth Division

ASSEMBLY AT 5:00 P. M.

45. North Carolina
46. Massachusetts
47. Alaska
48. West Virginia
49. D. of C.
50. California

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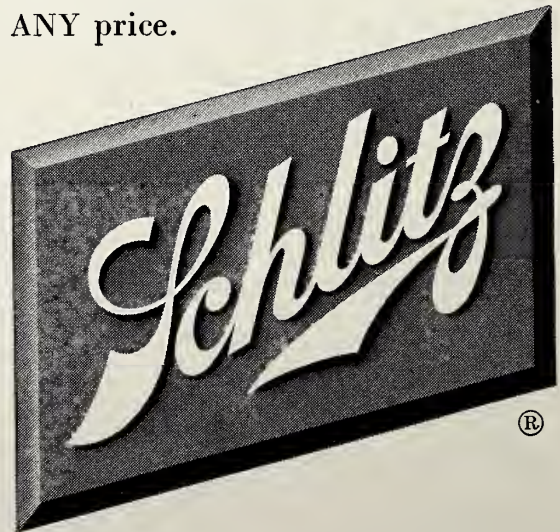
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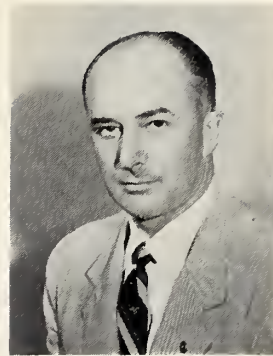


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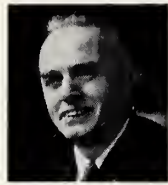
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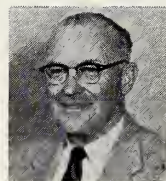
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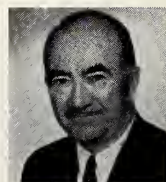
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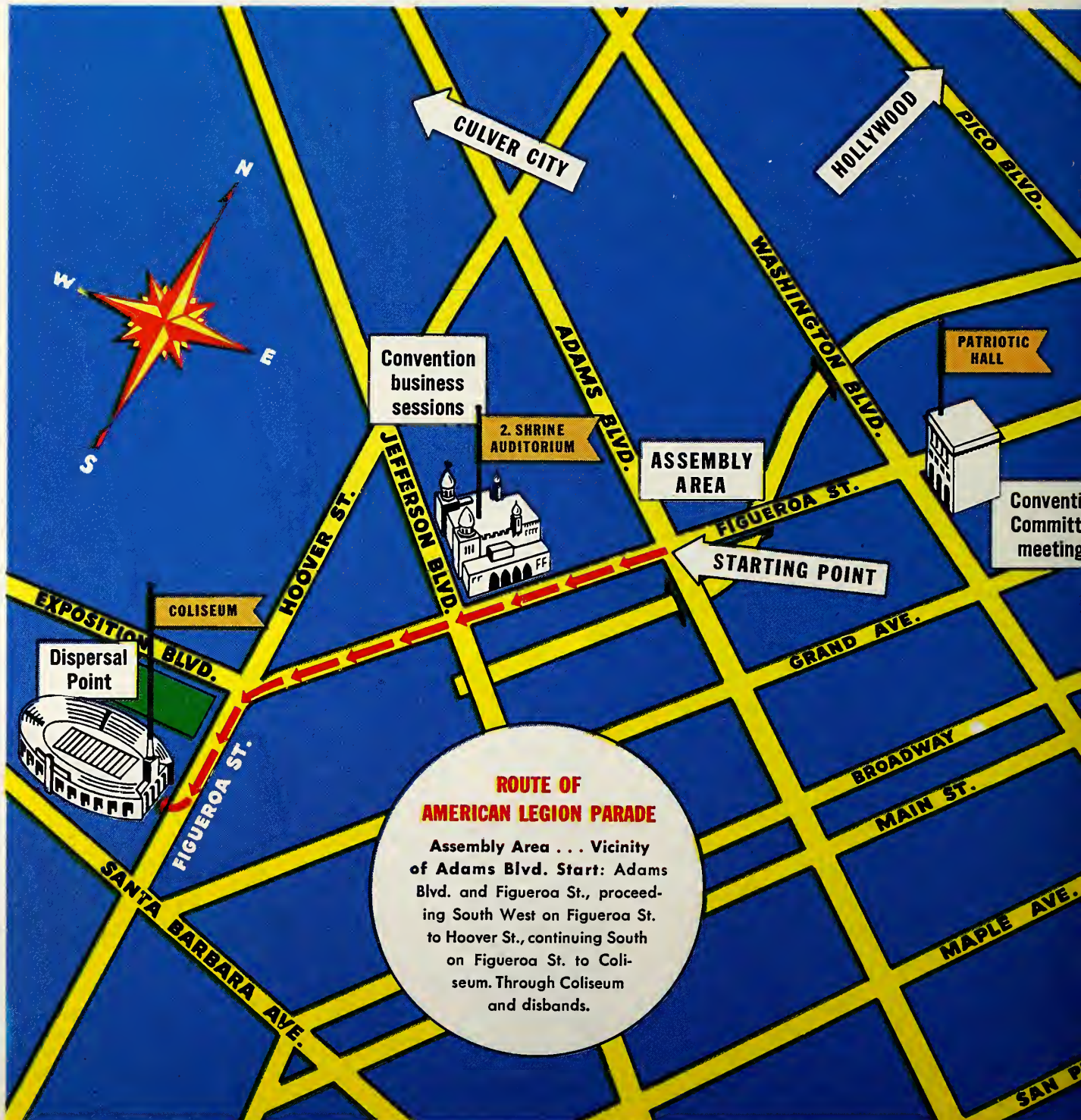
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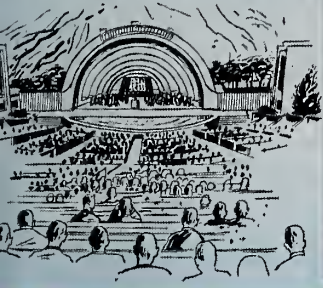
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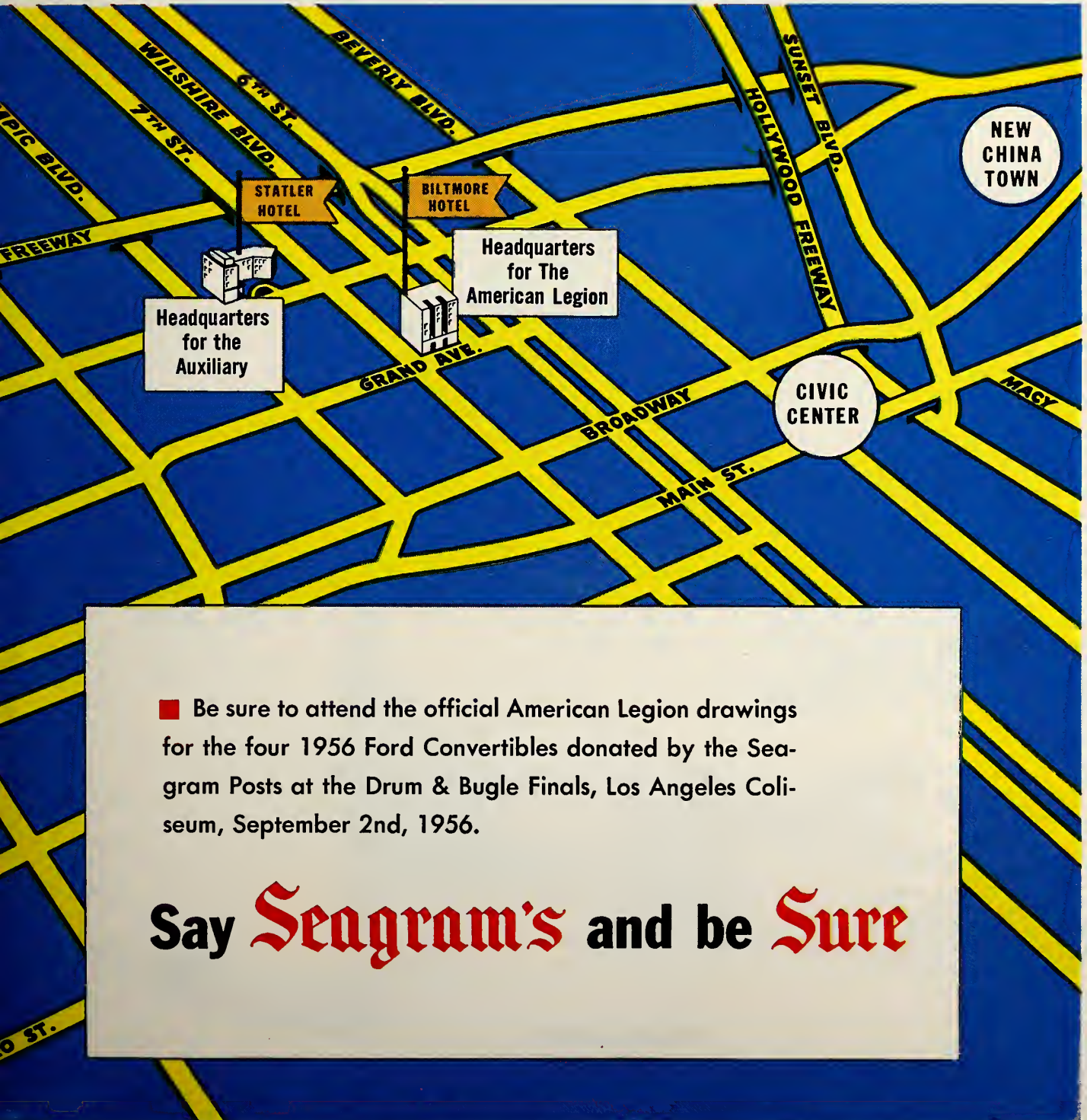
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**FLEXIBILITY OF LOCKHEED JET
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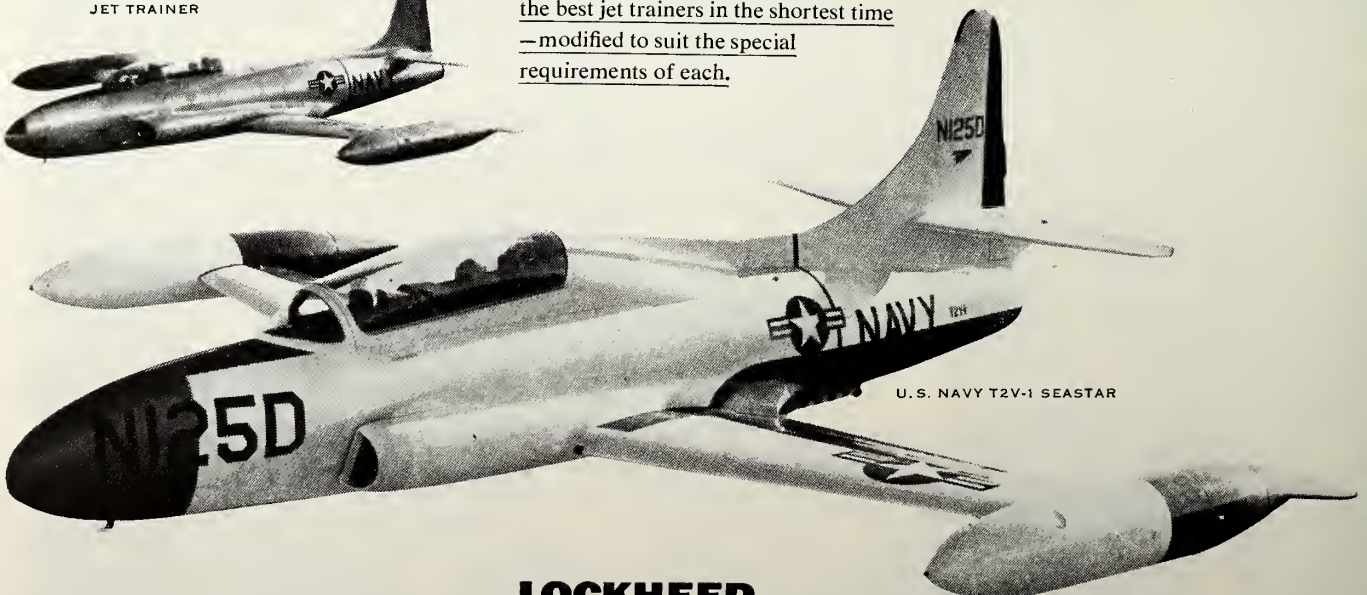
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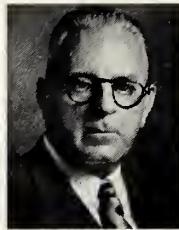
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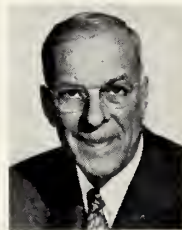


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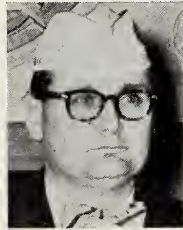
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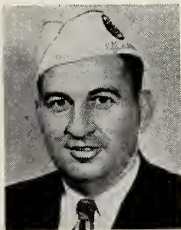
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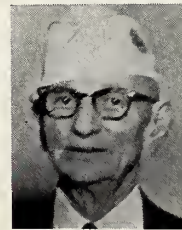
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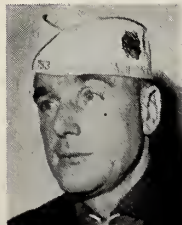


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Now being subjected to rugged tests for the U. S. Air Force, the Fairchild C-123 Assault Transport has proved it can withstand the rigors of any combat airlift mission and win an "A" for top performance!

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The Fairchild C-123 is literally built to "take it tough" on any assigned Air Force mission... another example of the rugged, hard-job dependability built into Fairchild utility and logistics aircraft.

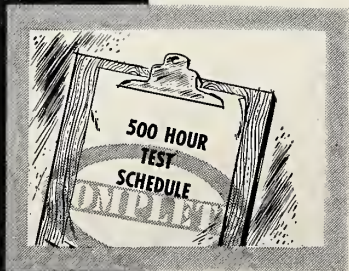


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36th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

Official Program

HOTEL STATLER
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 5 AND 6, 1956

Advance Meetings

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1956
HOTEL STATLER

9:00 a. m.
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Los Angeles Room, Hotel Statler

9:00 a. m.
REHEARSALS FOR MUSIC CONTEST
Pacific Ballroom and Sierra Room,
Hotel Statler

Pre-Convention Committee Meetings

10:30 a. m.
CREDENTIALS
Foy Room, Hotel Statler
PERMANENT ORGANIZATION
Buffalo Room, Hotel Statler
RESOLUTIONS
Boston Room, Hotel Statler
RULES
Detroit Room, Hotel Statler
MUSIC
New York Room, Hotel Statler

12:30 p. m.
NATIONAL MUSIC CONTEST
Pacific Ballroom and Sierra Room
Hotel Statler

1:00 p. m. to 2:30 p. m.
POPPY
Mrs. S. H. Stone, Chairman
Mission Room, Hotel Statler

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Mrs. H. Milton Davidson, Chairman
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2:30 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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NATIONAL SECURITY

Mrs. Lee Taylor, Chairman
Detroit Room, Hotel Statler

4:30 p. m.

REHEARSAL OF PAGES

Pacific Ballroom, Hotel Statler

Opening Session--National Convention

HOTEL STATLER, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Monday, September 3, 1956

Mr. Bob Mitchell, Convention Organist

8:30 a. m.

OPENING SESSION--NATIONAL CONVENTION, AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Pacific Ballroom and Sierra Room
PROCESSIONAL OF COLORS, NATIONAL OFFICERS AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Mrs. Estella Hanell, Convention Director, Presiding

CALL TO ORDER BY THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT, Mrs. Bowden D. Ward

INVOCATION

Mrs. John Alexander, National Chaplain

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Malotte) Mitchell Boys Choir, under direction of Mr. Bob Mitchell

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mrs. Andre J. Breaux, Chairman, National Americanism Committee

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mitchell Boys Choir

TAPS IN HONOR OF OUR DEPARTED WAR DEAD

Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary, led by Mrs. Alexander H. Gray, Chairman, National Constitution and By-Laws Committee

READING OF THE CALL TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Mrs. Jane Gould Rishworth, National Secretary

ADDRESS

Mr. J. Addington Wagner, National Commander, The American Legion

GREETINGS BY:

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HON. JOHN S. GIBSON, JR., President, City Council, Los Angeles

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THE GREAT ADVENTURE (Ann Ronell)

Mitchell Boys Choir

GREETINGS BY:

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INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL CONVEN-

TION DIRECTOR, Mrs. Estella Hanell

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL CONVEN-

TION CHAIRMEN

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S

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Mrs. Charles Farrington, West Virginia;

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erine Wassall, Michigan; Mrs. Roy Mount,

Illinois; Miss Norma Narducci, Connecticut;

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PRESENTATION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF
PAGES, Mrs. William Graves, Calif.

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MENTARIAN, Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:
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Mrs. Mark Murrill, Chairman

REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Mrs. Bowden D. Ward

RETIREMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRESI-
DENT'S COLORS

12:00 noon

RECESS

1:30 p. m.

NATIONAL CONVENTION PARADE

Tuesday, September 4, 1956

9:00 a. m.

CONVENTION RECONVENES

Pacific Ballroom and Sierra Room

ADVANCE OF COLORS

CALL TO ORDER BY THE NATIONAL PRESI-
DENT, Mrs. Bowden D. Ward

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG,

led by Mrs. Andre J. Breaux, Chairman,

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Mrs. Howard J. McKay, Chairman

RETIREMENT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S
COLORS

RECESS

12:00 noon

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet in joint

session with The American Legion at the
Shrine Auditorium

Divisional Caucuses

3:30 p. m.

CENTRAL DIVISION

Pacific Ballroom

NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

Los Angeles Room

WESTERN DIVISION

Sierra Room

4:30 p. m.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Pacific Ballroom

EASTERN DIVISION

Sierra Room

6:30 p. m.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES' DINNER

8:00 p. m.

RADIO AND TELEVISION AWARDS
CEREMONY

Pacific Ballroom, Hotel Statler

Wednesday, September 5, 1956

9:00 a. m.

CONVENTION RECONVENES

Pacific Ballroom and Sierra Room

ADVANCE OF COLORS

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NOMINATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

RECESS

2:00 p. m.

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REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE:

MEMBERSHIP

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RECOGNITION OF QUOTA DEPARTMENTS

RETIREMENT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S
COLORS

RECESS

8:00 p. m.

STATES DINNER, Hollywood Palladium

Thursday, September 6, 1956

9:00 a. m.

CONVENTION RECONVENES

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FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS
COMMITTEE

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Norton H. Pearl, Chairman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

by Mrs. Robert Lincoln Hoyal

PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO THE RETIR-
ING NATIONAL PRESIDENT

by Mrs. Lawrence H. Smith

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

ADJOURNMENT

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING—Los Angeles Room

(Immediately following adjournment)

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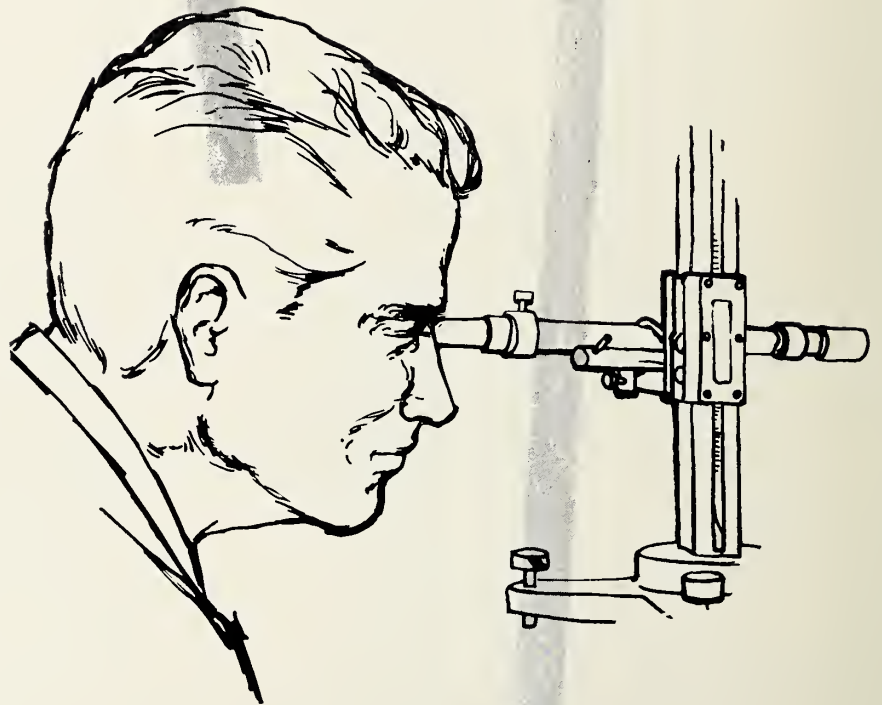
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Calendar of Events

WHERE TO GO—WHAT TO SEE

Friday--August 31

1:30 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.

Uniformed Unit Representatives Meetings,
Coliseum Ticket Bldg.

5:00 p. m.

Judges and National Contest Supervisory
Committee Meeting, Coliseum Ticket Bldg.

Saturday--September 1

9:00 a. m.

Junior Sponsored Drum and Bugle Corps, Los
Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Use coupon.

1:00 p. m.

American Legion Band Contest, Bovard Auditorium
and U.S.C. Gym Field. Use coupon.

2:00 p. m.

Junior Sponsored Band Contest, Bovard Auditorium
and U.S.C. Gym Field. Use coupon.

2:00 p. m.

American Legion Color Guard Contest, Los Angeles
Memorial Coliseum. Use coupon.

6:00 p. m.

Lawrence Welk Telecast
"Salute to The American Legion"
ABC Studios, Hollywood
(Admission by ticket only)
National Commander and National
President will participate in the program
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7:30 p. m.

Eight and Forty Banquet, Statler Hotel. Invitation
only.

8:30 p. m.

Boxing, Hollywood American Legion Stadium, El
Centro and Hollywood Boulevard. Use coupon for
reduced rates.

Sunday--September 2

9:00 a. m.

American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps
Preliminary Contest, Los Angeles Memorial
Coliseum. Use coupon.

10:00 a. m.

American Legion Firing Squad Contest, U.S.C.
Gym Field. Use coupon.

1:00 p. m.

Junior Sponsored Color Guard Contest, Los Angeles
Memorial Coliseum. Use coupon.

2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.

Fiesta Californiana (for Women Legionnaires only)
Hollyhock House, 1644 North Vermont Avenue,
Hollywood. (Sunset & Vermont). Call Women
Legionnaires Hospitality Room, Biltmore Hotel or
Loretta Owens Olson, Chairman Women Legion-
naires Committee, Republic 4-3254 for information
and reservations. Transportation furnished.

2:30 p. m.

American Legion Chorus Contest, Sawtelle Vet-
erans Administration Facility. Use coupon.

5:00 p. m.

American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary
Religious and Patriotic Service, American Legion
Hollywood Post No. 43, 2035 North Highland Ave-
nue, Hollywood. Use coupon.

6:00 p. m.

91st Division Banquet, Fleet Admiral Mess, Pa-
triotic Hall. Contact G. H. Mydland, Plymouth
5-1565.

6:30 p. m.

American Legion Press Association Dinner, Los
Angeles Athletic Club (Business Meeting Sunday
afternoon). Contact Jack Cann, Mayflower Hotel.

7:00 p. m.

20 & 4 Installation Dinner, Galeria Room, Biltmore
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American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps Finals Contest, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Use coupon.

Monday--September 3

8:00 a. m.

World War Nurses Breakfast, Music Room, Biltmore Hotel. Contact Harriet Gilmore, Vermont 9-0776.

8:30 a. m.

National Chaplains Breakfast, Los Angeles Athletic Club, 431 West 7th Street. Contact Past National Chaplain Albert J. Hoffmann, National Headquarters, Biltmore Hotel.

8:30 a. m.

National Historians Breakfast, Conference Room No. 6, Biltmore Hotel. Contact Robert T. Fairey, National Headquarters, Biltmore Hotel.

2:00 p. m.

National American Legion Parade, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Use coupon.

8:00 p. m.

Wrestling, Hollywood American Legion Stadium, El Centro and Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood. Use coupon for reduced rate.

Tuesday--September 4

1:00 p. m.

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7:00 p. m.

Reception, National Commander's Dinner, Biltmore Bowl Foyer. Courtesy American Air Lines. Ticket only.

8:00 p. m.

National Commander's Dinner for Distinguished Guests. Biltmore Bowl. Entertainment. Courtesy The Coca-Cola Company. Ticket only.

Wednesday--September 5

12:15 p. m.

National Yeomen (F) Luncheon. Galeria Room, Biltmore Hotel. Contact Etta Zeh, Davenport 6-4121.

8:00 p. m.

States Dinner--American Legion Auxiliary. The Palladium. Invitation only.



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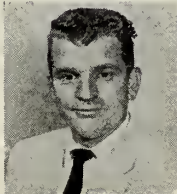
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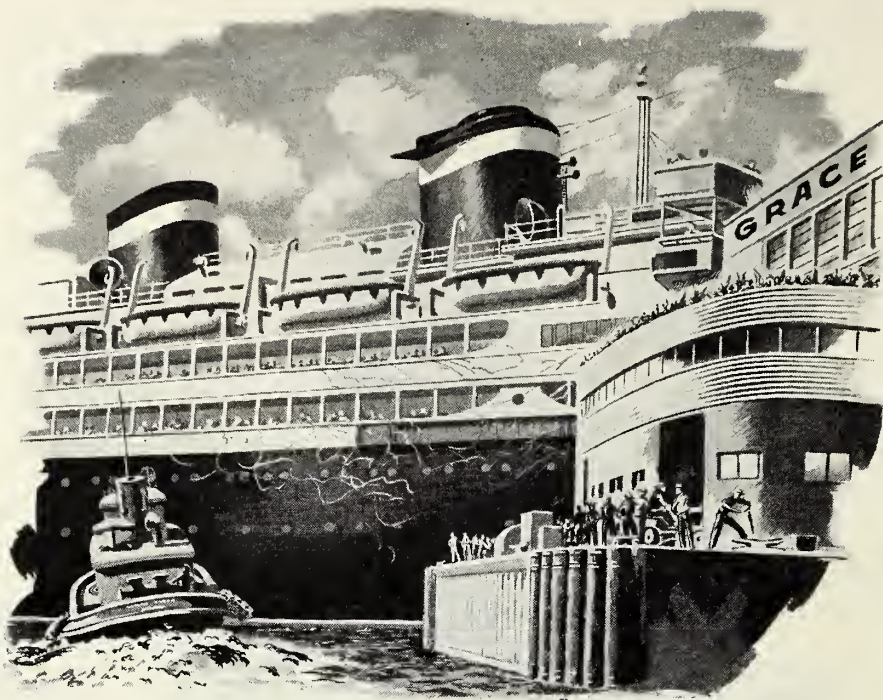
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The Latin American tour which has been in the planning stages for two years, will see American Legion Junior Baseball players compete in 24 games in Colombia, Cuba, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

The team will be made up entirely of 17-year-olds who were selected on the basis of their scholastic average, citizenship qualities and playing ability. Each Department recommended four players—pitcher, catcher, outfielder and infielder—for consideration. One player was selected from each of 16 Departments.

Government officials in the countries to be visited responded enthusiastically when queried by The American Legion through the State Department, as to whether they would be interested in having the team visit them.

In announcing the tour which has the complete backing of the State Department, National Commander J. Addington Wagner said, "We believe that this representative Legion Junior Baseball team can do a great deal to increase understanding and good will for the United States in Latin America. That is our hope and the purpose of this tour."

The American Legion will await the outcome of this year's tour before deciding whether to make it an annual affair. If it does become a yearly project, Departments which have had a representative on the team will not be permitted to send another player until every Department participating in American Legion Junior Baseball has had at least one player on the team.



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Thursday, August 30, 1956—4:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.
Friday, August 31, 1956—9:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.
Saturday, September 1, 1956—8:00 a. m. to 9:30 a. m.

Friday, August 31, 1956

10:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon

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Buffalo Room, Statler Hotel, 11 a. m. to
noon

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Foy Room, Statler Hotel, 10:00 a. m. to
11:00 a. m.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

Mrs. Wm. Proffitt, Chairman
Washington Room, Statler Hotel

LA CONCIERGE AND PAGES

Pacific Ballroom, Statler Hotel

1:00 p. m.

Pre-Marche Pouvoir

Los Angeles Room, Statler Hotel

10:00 p. m.

Divisional Caucuses

Eastern Division—Boston Room, Statler Hotel
Southern Division—Buffalo Room, Statler Hotel
Central Division—St. Louis Room, Statler Hotel
Northwestern Division—Detroit Room, Statler Hotel
Western Division—Washington Room, Statler Hotel

7:30 p. m.

Opening Session

LA MARCHE NATIONALE, EIGHT ET FORTY,
Pacific Ballroom, Statler Hotel
PROCESSIONAL OF NATIONAL OFFICERS,
NATIONAUX CHAPEAUX PASSE and DIS-
TINGUISHED GUESTS
CALL TO ORDER BY LE CHAPEAU NA-
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG,
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READING OF CALL TO LA MARCHÉ NA-
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READING OF MINUTES OF LA MARCHÉ
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GREETINGS FROM THE DEPARTMENTAL
OF CALIFORNIA—MRS. HERBERT
WILLIS, Departmental Chapeau

GREETINGS BY:

DR. FREDERIC J. GASPARD—President of
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Welfare Director

GREETINGS BY DEMI-CHAPEAUX NATION-
AUX AND INTRODUCTION OF CHA-
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Mrs. A. P. Sundry	Eastern Division
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GREETINGS BY LES CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX
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Saturday, September 1, 1956

9:30 a. m.

Marche Morning Session

Pacific Ballroom, Statler Hotel

INVOCATION

by MRS. BESS HARRISON
L'Aumonier Nationale

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
MRS. RAYMOND H. ROLLINS,
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PRESENTATION OF MARCHÉ CHAIRMEN by
the NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE
MARCHÉ COMMITTEE—MRS. RUTH JETT

ADDRESS: MR. PHILIP HOUTZ, Executive Di-
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INTRODUCTION OF AREA CHAIRMEN:

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GREETINGS BY:

Mr. J. Addington Wagner, National Commander,
The American Legion
Mrs. Bowden D. Ward, National President, American Legion Auxiliary

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Mrs. Bess Harrison,
L'Aumonier Nationale

RECESS FOR LUNCH:

1:00 p. m.

Marche Reconvenes

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Grover C. Spencer, Chairman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

GREETINGS BY:

Mrs. J. Pat Kelly, National Child Welfare
Chairman, American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. Carl O. Zeller, National Rehabilitation
Chairman, American Legion Auxiliary

RATIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DEMI-
CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED
OFFICERS

SONG: "BLEST BE THE TIE THAT
BINDS"

RECESS

7:30 p. m.

Marche Nationale Banquet

GOLDEN STATE ROOM, Statler Hotel

ENTERTAINMENT

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRESENTATION OF LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL
PIN BY MRS. JOHN A. GORDON

ADJOURNMENT

Monday, September 3, 1956

1:30 p. m.

Post Marche Pouvoir

Mission Room, Statler Hotel

3:00 p. m.

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For the cover of this year's National Convention Program, California artist Ren Wicks has depicted the famed Peristyle Gate of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Through these gates will pass the thousands upon thousands of marching Legionnaires and Auxiliaries in the Big Parade of the 38th National Convention.

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