



Official Call

87th Annual Sons of The American Legion Detachment of California Convention June 25-28, 2026, Visalia, California

To all Detachment of California Squadrons of record; Detachment of California Executive Committee Members; Functionaries of the Detachment of California; Officers of all California Squadrons of record; all other proper persons and organizations having an interest or responsibility in conjunction with the Detachment of California:

Pursuant to Article VII of the Detachment of California Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment Commander Tim Saucedo hereby calls for the 87th Annual Detachment of California Convention to be held Thursday thru Sunday, June 25 - 28, 2026, at the Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, 300 S. Court St., Visalia, California 93291. Detachment Convention Sessions to be held in accordance with the Uniform Code of Procedures for Detachment of California. The Pre-Convention DEC will be convened at 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, June 25, 2026, in the Sierra/Nevada Ballroom. The Opening session of the 87th Annual Detachment Convention will begin at 9:00 AM on Friday, June 26, 2026, in the Sierra/Nevada Ballroom(s).

Copies of the Uniform Code of Procedures for the Organization of Detachment Conventions are available at the convention.

The 87th Annual Convention shall be convened for the following purposes:

1. To complete all business of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of California for 2025-2026.
2. To consider and vote on all resolutions, which are properly presented to the Detachment Adjutant.
3. To adopt a Budget for fiscal year 2026-2027.
4. To nominate and elect delegates to the 54th National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion.
5. To elect a Detachment Commander, and all other positions of the Detachment Executive Committee for the ensuing year 2026-2027. Elections shall take place on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at the Visalia Marriott, Sierra/Nevada Ballroom.
6. To consider and act upon all other business of the Detachment of California properly presented to the Delegates of the 87th Annual Detachment Convention.

The Post-Convention DEC Meeting will convene at 9:00 am on Sunday, June 28, 2026, in the Sierra/Nevada Ballroom.

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Representation:

Representation at the Detachment Convention shall be allotted in accordance with the provisions of Article VII. Section 4 of the Detachment Constitution and reads as follows:

Voting strength of each squadron of The Sons of the American Legion at convention shall be three (3) votes for charter (which consists of ten (10) members) and one (1) vote for every additional ten (10) paid up members or major fraction thereof. Each past Detachment Commander, Past National Commander, and each duly elected District Commander, if present, shall have one (1) vote. There shall be no proxy voting.

a. The Annual Convention Delegate strength will be calculated by the total number of paid members of each squadron properly transmitted to and received and verified by the Detachment Adjutant, Forty-Five (45) days prior to the start of the annual convention.

*b. The Detachment Adjutant shall send to each squadron their voting strength and delegate registration form, which must be completed and returned to the Detachment Adjutant with delegate fees, TWENTY (20) days prior to the annual convention. **<DELEGATE FEES ARE DUE WHETHER YOU ATTEND CONVENTION OR NOT>***

*c. Only registered and paid delegates or chairman of said registered and paid delegation can vote at the annual convention. Deadline for registration of prepaid delegates in attendance shall be at **NOON** of the Friday business session.*

d. The Detachment Commander shall appoint a Credentials Committee consisting of a chairman and two (2) other committee persons. The Chairman shall report at each session the voting delegate strength and total delegates voting strength.

Registration:

****Certification of Squadron Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Past National Commanders, Past Detachment Commanders, and District Commanders along with a \$4.00 per Delegate registration fee must be received by the Detachment Adjutant no later than Friday, June 5, 2026. All certifications and delegate fees must be received at the address printed on the return envelope provided. There are no exceptions to this rule. Information must be legible. ****

In addition, on-site registration of certified and paid Delegates and Alternate Delegates will be on Thursday, June 25, 2026, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; and Friday, June 26, 2026, from 9:00 A.M. to Noon. The registration desk will be located inside the Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, 300 S. Court St., Visalia, California 93291. **There will be no delegate registration on Saturday.** All delegate registrations must be completed prior to the close of registration at **NOON** on Friday, June 26, 2026. The S.A.L. Detachment (Adjutant's) Office will be in the San Joaquin Room "B" in the Convention Center attached to the Marriott.

All Delegates and Alternate Delegates must display their Convention Identification Credentials while on the floor of the Convention while the Convention is in session. Credentials will only be issued to properly certified and paid delegates. **All Convention Delegates and Alternate Delegates must possess a valid and current 2026 Sons of The American Legion Membership Card and must show their Membership Card to the Detachment Registrar, Sgts at Arms, Adjutants, Tilers, or any other Detachment representative as may be appropriate.**

All inquiries and questions or concerns should be directed to Detachment Adjutant Ned Fox, email nedley70@gmail.com or cell phone (916) 531-1652.

ATTESTED: April 25, 2026
On behalf of The Commander,

Ned Fox

Detachment of California
Sons of The American Legion

(This agenda is subject to change as invited speakers confirm and are scheduled)

87th ANNUAL CONVENTION
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF CALIFORNIA
JUNE 24th – 28th, 2026
VISALIA, CA

AGENDA

Thursday, June 24th, 2026 In the Marriott Hotel, Visalia, CA.

ON SITE REGISTRATION DAYS & TIMES;
THURSDAY, JUNE 24th, 2026; 1:00 PM -4:00 PM
FRIDAY, JUNE 25th, 2026; 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM.
NO FURTHER ON SITE REGISTRATION

4:30 PM - Conclusion

Pre-Convention D.E.C. Chaired by 2025- 2026 Detachment Commander Charles Curtis

- Call to order by Commander Charles Curtis
- Invocation by Chaplain Joey Curtis
- Presentation of POW/MIA flag by Sgt.-At-Arms Tony Orona Jr.
- Pledge of Allegiance by Sr. Vice Commander William Hernandez
- Preamble of the Sons of The American Legion by Jr. Vice Commander Robert Crevelli
- Reading of the pre-convention D.E.C. Call: Asst. Adjutant Frank Meraz Jr.
- Reading of the last D.E.C. Minutes by Adjutant/ Asst. Adjutant Lee Lombard
- Presentation of Finance Commission Report Chairman PDC Frank Meraz
- Presentation of Internal Affairs Commission Report PDC Tim Saucedo
- Assistant Officer Appointments for Convention
- Old Business
- New Business
- Good of the Sons
- Closing Prayer
- Salute to the Colors
- Adjournment

Friday, June 25, 2026 In the Marriott Hotel, Visalia, CA.

9:00 AM Official Opening Ceremony of 87th Annual Detachment Convention

First Business Session

- Call to order by Detachment Commander Charles Curtis
- Presentation of Colors by Sgt-At-Arms Tony Orona Jr.
- Invocation by Chaplain Joey Curtis
- Presentation of POW/MIA flag by Assistant Sgt.-At-Arms Byron Edwards
- Pledge of Allegiance by A6-VC Jesse Bradshaw
- Preamble of the Sons of The American Legion by A3-VC Joseph Meraz
- Blue Star Banner Ceremony by A5-VC Tim Moore
- Reading of the Convention Call by Adjutant PNVCW Ned Fox
- Roll call of Duly Certified Squadrons by Adjutant/Asst. NVCW Frank Meraz Jr.
- Roll call of Detachment Officers by Adjutant/Asst. Lee Lombard
- Opening Remarks by Commander Charles Curtis
- Introduction of Distinguished Guests by National Executive Committeeman Ned Fox/ Tomidan Jordan
- Credentials Committee Report by Chairman TBD
- Convention Appointments by Commander Charles Curtis
- Greetings from Commission Chairman Lee Lombard
- First Reading of Resolutions Committee Chairman IA Tim Saucedo
- DISTINGUISHED GUESTS- TAL; AUXILARY; RIDERS

(First Reading of C&B Jim Eubanks PDC) If needed

11:30 AM Salute to the Colors

Recess until 1:00 PM for lunch

1:00 PM Reconvene Convention

- Vice Commander Area 1 – VACANT
- Vice Commander Area 2 – Paul Martin
- Vice Commander Area 3 – Joseph Meraz
- Vice Commander Area 4 – Tashaka Starwell
- Vice Commander Area 5 – Tim Moore
- Vice Commander Area 6 – Jesse Bradshaw
- Finance Officer (2025-2026) Finance Report) Matthew Mazzarella
- NEC Report Ned Fox, PDC, PNVCW
- First reading of proposed 2026-2027 Budget by Finance Chairman Frank Meraz, PDC
- Report from candidate review committee
- First nominations of Detachment Officers
- First nominations of National Convention Delegates & Alternates for 2026-2027
- Announcements (Candidates for Detachment Officers;
- *Commanders/Adjutants Training

Cornhole Tournament registration at 5:30 pm. Location to be Announced by Jesse Bradshaw Chairman

ALL NOMINATED TO NATIONAL CONVENTION TO REMAIN FOR INFORMATION>

ALL AGE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT THIS EVENING

- Salute to the Colors

Recess until Saturday, June 26, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Break-out sessions

FIVE STAR TRAINING to begin 30 after the recess on Friday, conducted by Jr. Vice Commander. Robert Crevelli

SATURDAY< JUNE 28th, 2025

Saturday, June 26, 2026 In the Marriott Hotel, Visalia, CA.

9:00 AM Reconvene 87th Annual Detachment Convention

Second Business Session

- Call to Order by Commander Charles Curtis
- Pledge of Allegiance by A5-VC Tim Moore
- Roll Call of Officers and Squadrons by Adjutant/Asst.
- Introduction of Distinguished Guests by NEC-man Ned Fox, PDC, PNVCW/ Tomidan Jordan. PDC
- Second Reading of Resolutions by IA Chairman Tim Saucedo
- Membership Report and Awards by Sr. Vice Commander William Hernandez
- Largest Squadron Membership Increase Award Presentation by Commander Charles Curtis

- Announcements

- Salute to the Colors

10:45 – 11:15 AM Memorial Service by Chaplain Joey Curtis

Recess until 1:00 PM for lunch

CATERED LUNCH FOR SAL REGRISTERED DELEGATES

(You must have your Convention Credential and ticket with you for lunch)

1:00 PM Reconvene Convention

- Roll Call of Detachment Officers and Squadrons by Adjutant/Asst.
- Commander's Final Report
- SAL Commission Report by TAL Department Chairman Lee Lombard
- Americanism Commission Report & Awards Presentation by Jr. Vice CDR Robert Crevelli
- Commander's Awards (including Son of the Year Award and Legionnaire of the Year) by Commander Charles Curtis, Auxiliary member
- Second Nomination and Election of Detachment Officers for 2026-2027
- Second Nomination and Election of National Convention Delegates & Alternates 2026-2027
- Good of the Sons
- Any other business to come before the Assembly
- Retirement of Colors by Sgt-At-Arms Tony Orona Jr.
- Benediction by Chaplain Joey Curtis

- Adjournment/Dismissal of Delegates

Officers Installation TBD

Sunday, June 28, 2026 In Marriott Hotel, Visalia, CA.

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Post – Convention D.E.C. Chaired by 2026-2027 Detachment Commander

- Call to order by Commander
- Invocation by Chaplain
- Presentation of POW/MIA flag by Sgt.-At-Arms
- Pledge of Allegiance by Jr Past Commander Charles Curtis
- Preamble of the Sons of The American Legion by A6-VC
- Roll Call of new Detachment Officers for 2026-2027 by Adjutant
- Old Business
- New Business
- Approval of Commander's Appointed Detachment Officer positions
- Approval of Commander's Commission and Committee Appointments
- Collection of Detachment Officers Data Sheets
- Announcement of future Detachment Executive Committee meeting location and dates
- Review National Convention Delegate List (email, phone and squadron number) for Aug. 28 – 30, 2026 in Louisville, Kentucky Good of the Sons
- Closing Prayer
- Salute to the Colors
- Adjournment

Officers and appointees please wear a tie for pictures.