

**92nd Annual American Legion Department Convention
June 25-27, 2010
Howard Johnson and Veterans Memorial Civic Center**

Thursday: June 24, 2010

3:00p Department Executive Committee Meeting – Howard Johnson Red River Room
9:00p RRV Dixieland Band – Howard Johnson Red River Room

Friday: June 25, 2010

8:00a Golf Tournament – Rose Creek Golf Course
9:00a Organization/Membership & Post Activities Meeting – Civic Center Lower Level Room D

10:00a-6:00p [Registration – Howard Johnson Lobby](#)

1:30p **Convention Committee Meetings**

Resolutions: Civic Center Lower Level Room B

2:30p **Convention Committee Meetings**

Credentials: Civic Center Lower Level Room D

VA&R: Post #2 American Legion Game Room (lower level)

Finance/Budget & Audit: Civic Center Lower Level Room C

Constitution/By Laws & Rules: American Legion Board Room (upper level)

3:30p Past Department Commanders Social/Dinner – Radisson Hotel, Prairie Rose Room

3:30p 40 et 8 Buffet & Grand Cheminot – American Legion Patriot Hall

4:00p District Commanders & Presidents (w/flags at Civic for opening ceremony rehearsal)

5:30p Parade Lineup – Historic Depot, (one block north of Post #2 American Legion)

6:00p **Parade to Veterans Memorial Civic Center for the State of North Dakota 60th
Anniversary of the Korean War Ceremony**

Addresses by Governor John Hoeven and Addresses by Ceremony Dignitaries

Joint Opening Session

**Immediately Following the Korean War Proclamation
Centennial Hall**

(The American Legion, Auxiliary, 40 et 8, & Sons of the Legion)

Prelude Music by the ND American Legion State Band

Call to Order – Department Commander Jerry Samuelson

Pledge of Allegiance – Americanism Chairman Don Weible

National Anthem – ND American Legion State Band

Invocation – Department Chaplain, Linda Whaley

Addresses of Welcome

Fargo Mayor's Office Representative

Post #2 Commander, Robert Jacobson

Unit #2 President, Mavis Goodroad

Remarks by Sons of the American Legion Commander, Dean Meberg

Response on behalf of the North Dakota American Legion Auxiliary

Department President, Gigi Moore

Address by Past National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke

Response on behalf of the North Dakota American Legion

Department Commander, Jerry Samuelson

9:00p **Dance – ND American Legion State Jam Band – Howard Johnson Red River Room**
Foundation Raffle Appreciation Reception – Howard Johnson, Suite 130
HOSPITALITY ROOMS OPEN @ 10:00p

Saturday: June 26, 2010

- 7:30-11:30a 40 et 8 Breakfast and Grand Promenade – American Legion Patriot Hall (upper level)
- 8:00a-Noon [Registration – Veterans Memorial Civic Center, Centennial Hall Lobby](#)
- 8:30a Boys State Meeting – Civic Center Lower Level Room D
- 9:00-11:00a Ext Institute, Membership Issues/Training, Bill Sloan National HQ's-Centennial Hall
- 9:30-11:00a District Commanders/Finish Consolidated Post Reports, Don Weible Civic Center Room B
- 10:00a Sons of The American Legion Meeting – Civic Center Lower Level Room C
- 11:30a Go-Getter Picnic – Post #2 American Legion Memorial Park – Lawn Area
- 12:30p-1:15p Meet/Greet Incoming District Commanders & Presidents – Civic Center Lower Level Room B
- 1:00-6:00p [Registration – Veterans Memorial Civic Center, Centennial Hall Lobby](#)
- 1:30p **Legion General Session (Centennial Hall)**
Call to Order – Department Commander, Jerry Samuelson
Invocation – Department Chaplain, Linda Whaley
Preamble to the American Legion Constitution,
Call for Convention - Department Judge Advocate, Patricia Hodny
Greetings from other Service Organizations
Newly elected Grand Chef de Gare, ND 40 et 8
Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
American Veterans (AMVETS)
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)
Dean Overby, Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs
Lonnie Wangen, Commissioner of Veteran's Affairs
Harvey Peterson, Vice-President, ND Veterans Coordinating Council
Mark Johnson, Administrator, ND Veteran's Home
Christine A. Gregory, Acting Director, Dept of Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Presentation of National American Legion Outstanding VA Official-Kevin L. Roseland
Jack Barrows, Chief of Volunteer Services, VAMC
Deb Kunkel & Diana Hall, OIF/Homeless Vets, VAMC
Senators/Congressional Representatives
Other Dignitaries as Announced
- 2:30p **Report of Convention Committees**
Credentials Committee – Mike Lee, Chairman
History Committee – Vern Useldinger, Chairman
Report of Nat'l Convention Delegate Selection – John Schafer, Chairman
Report of Constitution, By-Laws & Rules Committee – Patricia Hodny, Chairman
Report of Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee – Jim Deremo, Chairman
- 3:00p Legion Riders State Meeting-Gerald Puetz, Chairman, Howard Johnson Red River Room
- 3:00p National Convention Meeting-Jerry Samuelson, Delegate Chairman, Centennial Hall
- 3:30p **Regional Caucuses**
Eastern Region – Civic Center Lower Level Room B
Central Region – Civic Center Lower Level Room C
Western Region – Civic Center Lower Level Room D
- 5:30p Distinguished Guest Reception (*by invitation only*) Howard Johnson, Suite 130
- 5:30p Social Hour (Centennial Hall)
- 6:30p Department Commander's & President's Banquet (Centennial Hall)
- 8:30p **Dance – ND American Legion State Band – Centennial Hall**

HOSPITALITY ROOMS OPEN @ 10:00p

Sunday: June 27, 2010

8:00-11:00a Registration – Veterans Memorial Civic Center, Centennial Hall Lobby

8:00a Joint Memorial Service – Centennial Hall

9:00-10:30a Joint Session of American Legion, Auxiliary, 40 et 8 & SAL – Centennial Hall

Call to Order – Department Commander, Jerry Samuelson

Presentation of American Legion Family Youth Programs

- Introduction of the *2010 American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Governor*
By Dana Thoreson, Girls State Chairman,
Introduction of the *2010 American Legion Boys State Governor*
by Allen Ruzicka, Boys State Executive Director, Lankin
- Introduction of the *Spirit of Youth Award winner*
By Gigi Moore, Department President,
Introduction of *National President's Scholarship Award winner*
By Gigi Moore, Department President,
- Introduction of the *State Oratorical Contest winner*
by Ron Broderson, Chairman

LEGION SESSION

11:00a General Session – Centennial Hall

Call to Order – Department Commander, Jerry Samuelson

Reports

Credential Committee – Mike Lee, Chairman

Finance, Budget & Audit Committee – George Zeller, Chairman

Resolutions Committee – Don Herrly, Chairman

Final Constitution & By-Laws – Patricia Hodny, Chairman

Presentation of Dept Legionnaire of the Year Award

- Presented by: Department Commander, Jerry Samuelson

- Legionnaire of the Year – Amy Wieser-Wilson

Presentation of Employment Service Awards

- Presented by: Marlys Morgenstern, Director of Veterans Employment & Training

- Brad Aune, Job Service of ND

- Curtis Twete, National Executive Committeeman

Presentation of pins to Dept Vice Commanders & District Commanders

- Presented by: Department Commander Jerry Samuelson

Report of Membership & Post Activities Committee

- Albert Tuma, Chairman

Membership Award Presentations

- Presented by: Department Commander Jerry Samuelson

- 2010 Membership Contest Awards
- New Member Recruitment Awards
- National Recruiter Awards

Unfinished Business

Special Order of Business

Confirmation Vote of Department Commander

Confirmation Vote of Department Vice Commanders, District Commanders & District Vice Commanders

Administration of the Oath of Office to Department Commanders

Election of Department Officers to follow

- Department Sergeant-At-Arms

- Department Finance Officer

- Department Commander-Elect

- National Executive Committeeman

- Alternate National Executive Committeeman

Installation of Officers
Change of Command Ceremony
Benediction by Department Chaplain Linda Whaley
Retirement of Colors
Adjournment

Post Convention DEC Meeting – Howard Johnson Red River Room