

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

Annual Convention

June 25–28, 2026 • Chandler, Arizona

Schedule may be subject to change

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All attendees must be registered to participate in convention events and activities.

General Information:

All convention meetings and sessions will be held at: Crowne Plaza Resort Phoenix—Chandler Golf Resort | In lieu of hospitality suites, we encourage attendees to support the local American Legion Posts hosting activities throughout the convention.

An IHG Hotel
1 San Marcos Place
Chandler, AZ 85225

Post 35
2240 W. Chandler Blvd.
Chandler, AZ 85224

Post 91
922 N. Alma School Rd.
Chandler, AZ 85224

Registration (Foyer)

Thursday, June 25 | 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Friday, June 26 | 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 27 | 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 28 | 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Special Event Reminders

- **Membership Breakfast** – Friday, 7:00 a.m., Post 91 *100% Posts as of May 31, 2026*
- **S.A.L. PDC Meeting** – Friday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Post 91
- **GNUTS Luncheon** – Saturday, 11:30 a.m., Post 35 (Tickets are available through the Headquarters Table or at the event.)
- **Commander's Homecoming Dinner & Show** – Saturday, 4:30 p.m., Post 35
- **American Legion Riders (ALR) Session** – Saturday, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., San Marcos Ballroom A
- **PDC Luncheon** – Sunday, 2:00 p.m., Post 91

Thursday, June 25, 2026

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
2:00PM	Finance Committee Scott Miller, Chairman	Chandler Theater
4:00PM	Rules Committee Matthew Kritzer, Department Adjutant	Chandler Theater
6:00PM	Opening Session	San Marcos Ballroom
Call to Order: Gary Vaughan, Department Commander	Sons of the American Legion: Gary Manwell, Detachment Commander	
Advancement of Colors: Glenn White, Department Sgt-At-Arms Color Guard	American Legion Auxiliary: Dolores Chavez, Department President	
Invocation: Ron DiBiasio, Department Chaplain	American Legion Auxiliary NEC: Stacy Mayberry	
Pledge of Allegiance: Glenn White, Department Sgt-At-Arms	American Legion Auxiliary Honorary Junior President: Isabella Ward	
Opening Remarks: Gary Vaughan, Department Commander	The American Legion Riders: Tracy Lindsey, ALR Chairman	
Roll Call by Post: Matthew Kritzer, Department Adjutant	20 & 4: Director VIP Jaclyn Kulfan	
Rules of Convention: Matthew Kritzer, Department Adjutant	40 et 8: Karl Wilson, Grande Chef de Gare	
Welcome: Ronald Fais, Post 35 Commander	8 and 40: Daphne Coleman, Le Chapeau	
Greetings:	Disabled American Veterans: Commander Bruce Nogar	
Mayor, City of Chandler: Kevin Hartke	Veterans of Foreign Wars: Commander Gregory Harrell	
Chief of Police, Chandler: Bryan Chapman	Arizona Department of Veterans Services: Director John Scott II	
Eagle Scout of the Year: Genevieve Elise	Carl T Hayden VA Medical Center: Elijah Ditter, Director	
Law Enforcement of the Year: Brian Johnson	Veterans Benefits Administration: Amanda French, Acting Director	
Fire Fighter of the Year: Asa Paguaia		

Department Executive Committee Meeting to immediately follow adjournment of Opening Session.

Complete your yearly reports, travel claims, and more online at AZLegion.org. This is the fastest and easiest way to save time and money!

Saturday, June 27, 2026

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00AM	20 & 4 S.A.L. Convention	Jaclyn Kulfan Detachment Commander Manwell Palo Verde Ballroom B
8:00-11:30AM	Post Service Officer Training	Bill Clowers Palomino
9:00AM	Convention Reconvenes Roll Call Convention Report Announcements Americanism Report Internal Affairs Report Constitution & Bylaws Report Legislative Report VA&R Report National Security Report Children & Youth Report Media, Marketing, & Communications Report	Department Commander Vaughn Matthew Kritzer, Department Adjutant Steve Sperl Matthew Kritzer, Department Adjutant David Isham Ross Bergstresser Ron Arriogoni Jose "Mo" Maldonado Paul Johnson Roosevelt McKnight Jonell Sullivan Frank Hurrill Ballroom A
10:00-11:30AM	Area A Caucus Area B Caucus Area C Caucus Membership & Post Activities	Jose "Mo" Maldonado Gerard "VooDoo" Valle Ron Arriogoni Dr. Bobbie Kimelton La Ventana Ballroom A Chandler Theater Palo Verde
11:30-1:00PM	Lunch	
11:30-1:00PM	GNUTS Lunch	Post 35
1:00-2:00PM	S.A.L. Convention Reconvenes Post Service Officer Training JAG	Detachment Commander Manwell Bill Clowers Al Quintana Ballroom B Palomino La Ventana
1:00-3:00PM	Membership & Post Activities Con't	Dr. Bobbie Kimelton Palo Verde
2:00-4:00PM	ALR Session	Tracy Lindsey Ballroom A
3:30PM	DEC Meeting	Department Commander Vaughan La Ventana

Sunday, June 28, 2026

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00AM	Joint Memorial Service	Ron DiBiasio, Department Chaplain Debra DeDe Dexter, ALA Chaplain San Marcos Ballroom
10:00AM	Convention Reconvenes Roll Call Final Credentials Report SAL Report Legion Riders Final Convention Report Elections Farewell Speech Installation of Department Officers Acceptance Speech Announcements Benediction Retirement of Colors	Department Commander Vaughn Matthew Kritzer, Department Adjutant Michelle Long Bruce Callaghan Tracy Lindsey Steve Sperl Matthew Kritzer, Department Adjutant Gary Vaughan, Department Commander Newly Elected Department Commander Matthew Kritzer, Department Adjutant Ron DiBiasio, Department Chaplain Glenn White, Department Sgt-at-Arms San Marcos Ballroom

Convention Concluded. Please be careful driving home.

DEC Meeting will convene immediately following the adjournment of the Convention, after a 10-minute recess	Newly Elected Department Commander	San Marcos Ballroom
2:00PM	PDC Luncheon	PDC Gary Vaughan, Host Post 91

Complete your yearly reports, travel claims, and more online at AZLegion.org. This is the fastest and easiest way to save time and money!