

43rd Annual Mid-Winter Conference Program

Oglebay Resort, Wheeling, West Virginia

Friday, February 9, 2024

Tentative Agenda

1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Registration – West Ballroom Registration
12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Auxiliary Silent Auction – West Ballroom 3
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Comfort Items – Seneca Room
10:30 a.m.	Department Finance Committee Meeting – Terrace Room
11:30 a.m.	Dept. Convention Commission Committee Meeting- Terrace Room
1:00 p.m.	Mountaineer Boys State Board of Directors’ Meeting– Terrace Room
2:00 p.m.	ALR Committee Meeting – Allegheny Room
4:00 p.m.	Adjutant Training- Post Adjutants-Allegheny Room- Rich Fraysier -Everyone Welcome
4:30 p.m.	Training Session - Dept Awards Packet – Allegheny Room- Robbie Robinson-Everyone Welcome
7:00 p.m. – until?	Opening Joint Session – Matthew Sampson, Commander – West Ballrooms 1 & 2
	Posting of Colors – Wheeling Post 1, Wheeling
	Invocation - Department Chaplain Tony Setley
	Pledge of Allegiance – Donald Lambert, Americanism Chairman
	POW/MIA –Donald Lambert and Roger Hayes
	Welcome –
	John Powell, Post Commander Wheeling Post 1
	Thomas Mirabella, 1 st District Commander
	Richard Crumm, Department Vice-Commander
	Introductions:
	Bill Kile, Purpose of Introduction
	Dan Wiley, Candidate for Upcoming National Commander (Kansas)
	Mark Seavey, National Judge Advocate (Indiana)
	Mike Ayers, AGIA, Legionnaire Insurance Trust (Indiana)
	Edward Diaz, Cabinet Secretary Dept. of Veterans Assistance
	Convention Commission Report – Bill Kile
	Presentation of Ben I. Golden Award –Fred B. Buchanan
	David M. Hoag, Taylor County Post 12, Grafton
	Presentation of Distinguished Service Award – Fred B. Buchanan
	Cathy Coontz-Griffith, Exec. Director, Taylor County Family Resource Center
	Presentation of Blue Cap Legionnaire Award – Fred B. Buchanan
	Mike J. Miller, Taylor County Post 12, Grafton
	Presentation of Teacher of the Year Award – Jim Davis
	Christopher Ramezan, College Teacher of the Year - Morgantown Post 174
	Natalie Hall, K-12 Teacher of the Year - Chester Post 121
	Scrapbook and History Awards – Robin Shingleton
	Jackson Perks Post 71, submitted by Timothy Paulin
	Firefighter of the Year Award – Matthew Sampson
	Phil Hart, Belington VFD, Belington
	Fire Department of the Year Award- Matthew Sampson
	Grafton Fire Department, Grafton
	Police Officer of the Year Award – Matthew Sampson
	Benjamin S. Williams, Jefferson County Sheriff Department
	Legion Rider of The Year – Cliff Shingleton
	Richard Fraysier, Charles Town
	Home Front Service Award – Cliff Shingleton
	Chantel Ricketts, Martinsburg
	Matthew Sampson, Purpose of Introduction

Kenneth Mintz, Kenny Walks Across America
To be Presented All Other Awards- Matthew Sampson, Dept. Commander
Debbie Michael, Auxiliary President
Clifford Shingleton, Director American Legion Riders
Herb Churchman, SAL Detachment Commander
Matthew Sampson, Department Commander
Bill Kile, Purpose of Introduction
Robert "Mark" Shreve, National Vice Commander (State)

Saturday, February 10, 2024

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registration- West Ballroom Registration
8:30 a.m. Opening Session-Matthew Sampson, Commander West Ballrooms 1 & 2
Auxiliary Meeting- Shenandoah Room
Sons of The American Legion – West Ballroom 3

8:35 a.m. Membership – Commander Matthew Sampson; Vice Commanders: Brian Krabbe
Richard Fraysier and Richard Crumm

9:05 a.m. Dan Wiley, Candidate for National Commander (Kansas)

9:20 a.m. Robert "Mark" Shreve, National Vice Commander (Georgia)

9:35 a.m. Mark Seavey, National Judge Advocate (Indianapolis)

Christina Lonigro,

10:35 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. Breakout-Group Session
Table One (1) -Americanism and Children & Youth – Donald Lambert, Chairman; &
Frank Nicholson, Oratorical Chairman
Table Two (2) – Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – Mike Immel
Table Three (3) - Mountaineer Boys State, Robbie Robinson, Director, Matthew
Sampson, Assistant Director
Table Four (4) – Department Judge Advocate, Rick Davison
Table Five (5) – American Legion Riders- Cliff Shingleton
Table Six (6) – Sons of The American Legion, Tom Hicks and Richard Crumm
Table Seven (7) – Membership, Jeff Wisley, Vice Chair Person: Rana Stephens, Mike
Wallace and Edward Walker

11:10 a.m. Department Executive Committee Meeting – West Ballrooms 1 and 2
(Reception for Past Dept. Commanders follows immediately afterwards)

2:15 p.m. Legion Riders Meeting – West Ballrooms 1 and 2 – Everyone Welcome

4:00 p.m. Chapel Service- Terrace Room
Four Chaplain's Program- Grafton Post 12
Chapel Services-Chaplain Tony Setley

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Commander and President's Cook-Out – West Ballrooms 1, 2 & 3
(Tickets will be sold at the Registration table for \$20. You must have a ticket to attend)
Cash Bar (1 free drink ticket)

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Dance & Karaoke by TBA – West Ballrooms 1, 2 & 3 Cash Bar
Hospitality Rooms
1st District – Rooms 219-220

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Comfort Items – Seneca Room

9:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Junior Auxiliary – Spruce Room