

OFFICIAL PROGRAM  
99th ANNUAL CONVENTION  
THE AMERICAN LEGION - DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY  
WILDWOOD, NEW JERSEY  
June 7, 8, 9, 2017

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017

Registration of American Legion Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests at the Wildwoods Convention Center, Boardwalk Entrance, Wildwood, NJ, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - Final Meeting of the Department Executive Committee (2016-2017) at Wildwoods Convention Center, Boardwalk Entrance.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 9, 2017

All Business Sessions will be held in Ballrooms A & B, Wildwoods Convention Center, Boardwalk Entrance. Registration of Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests – Wildwoods Convention Center, Boardwalk Entrance, on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY SESSION - 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order- Roger A. Gengaro, Department Commander

Advancement of Colors - Department Legion Police

Invocation - Department Chaplain Rev. Robert H. Horn

POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance

Recital of Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion

Memorial Service – Department Chaplain

Address of Welcome - John Siciliano, Director  
Greater Wildwood Tourism Improvement & Development Authority

Address of Welcome – Joyce Gould, Commissioner, Borough of Wildwood Crest

Reading of the Official Call - John D. Baker, Department Adjutant

Report of Rules Committee – Darryl J. Reid, Chairman

Report of Credentials Committee – Michael C. Babli, Jr., Chairman

Report of Resolutions Committee (1st Report) – John Chechelo, Chairman

Report of Finance Committee – Eugene O’Grady, Chairman

Report of Public Relations & Publicity Committee – Gary Cooper, Chairman

Report of Centennial Committee, Charles Robbins, Chairman

Address: Laura Edwards, National Centennial

Report of Nat'l. Security-POW/MIA Committee, Charles Robbins/Raymond Miller, Co-Chairmen

Address: Hon. Kim Guadagno, Lt. Governor, State of New Jersey  
BG Michael L. Cunniff, The Adjutant General, State of New Jersey  
Raymond L. Zawacki, Dep. Commissioner for Veterans' Affairs, NJDMAVA

Report Department Service Officer, Kenneth Connors, Dept. SO

Address: Joseph Bradspiegel, CEO, Menlo Park Memorial Home  
Dianne Tabron-Felder, CEO, Paramus Memorial Home  
Allyson Bailey, CEO, Vineland Memorial Home  
Sean Van Lew, Superintendent, Veterans Haven – North  
Walter Nall, Superintendent, Veterans Haven - South  
Frank Quadrino, Outreach Manager, New Jersey VA Health Care System

Introduction of Guests:

Shirley Beck, President, American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of NJ  
Doreen Gallagher, Nat'l Exec. Committeewoman, American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of NJ  
Anthony J. Moskal, Commander, Catholic War Veterans  
John Opatovsky, Commander, Disabled American Veterans  
Al Adler, Commander, Jewish War Veterans  
Conrad Hoffman, Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Youth Programs:

American Legion Boys State - Theodore J. Howarth, Jr., President / Dave Bagatelle, Director  
Baseball- Frank Calandrillo, Chairman  
Boy Scouts –Herman Terpstra, Chairman  
Education & Scholarship – Harold Liberatore, Chairman  
Oratorical Contest - Cliff Griffiths, Chairman  
Safety - Dan Channel, Chairman

Report of Americanism Committee, Sherrylee Govoni, Chairman

Report of Legislative Committee - Joseph Gugliuzza, Chairman

Address: Hon. Cleopatra Tucker, New Jersey State Assembly

Address: Hon. James Beach, New Jersey State Senate

Address: Hon. Frank LoBiondo, US Congress

Report of Employment & Education Committee – Robert Looby, Chairman

Nominations of Officers for Ensuing Year

Benediction – Rev. Robert H. Horn, Department Chaplain

Salute Colors

Convention Prize Drawing

Recess to 8:30 a.m., Friday, June 9, 2017

FRIDAY SESSION - 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order – Roger A. Gengaro, Department Commander

Salute Colors

Invocation – Rev. Robert H. Horn, Department Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance

Report of Children & Youth Committee – Charles Jackson, Chairman

Address: Rick Lofgren, Childrens' Organ Transplant Association (COTA)

Report -Sons of The American Legion Committee - Norman Marlin, Chairman

Report of Membership Committee – Richard Godfrey, Chairman

Report of Rehab–General Services Committee – Kenneth Connors, Chairman

Report of Rehab-Hospital Committee - Elizabeth Baranowski, Chairman

Address: Charles E. Schmidt, National Commander, The American Legion

Report of Resolutions Committee (Final Report) – John Chechelo, Chairman

Special Presentation: Commander Gengaro

Appointment of Tellers

Report of National Convention Delegate & Alternate Nominating Committee

NEC Daniel McCole, Chairman

Announcements

Report of Credentials Committee (Final Report) – Robert Newell, Chairman

Election of Officers for Ensuing Year

Installation of Dept. Officers (2017- 2018) Daniel McCole, NEC, Dept. of NJ

Outgoing Officers present Lapel Pins to Incoming Officers

Presentation of "Traditional" Cap to Incoming Commander

Presentation of Colors to Outgoing and Incoming Department Commanders

Acceptance Speech of Incoming Department Commander

Presentation of Gift (Small Flag Set) to Retiring Department Commander –Charles Robbins, ANEC Dept. of NJ

Address -Outgoing Department Commander

Introduction of Past Department Commanders

Presentation of other gifts

Benediction – Rev. Robert H. Horn, Department Chaplain

Retirement of Colors - Department Legion Police

Spring Sweepstakes Drawing

Convention Prize Drawing