

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022

FIRST CONVENTION SESSION – 1:30 P.M.

FORMAL OPENING OF THE STATE CONVENTION – James “Bret” Watson, State Commander

ADVANCE THE COLORS – 2021 Color Guard Champions, Harrisburg Post 472

INVOCATION – Gerry Hince, State Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – State Commander Watson

POSTING OF THE POW/MIA FLAG – 2021 Color Guard Champions, Harrisburg Post 472

PREAMBLE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CONSTITUTION – State Commander Watson

GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

Greg Abbott, Governor, State of Texas

GREETINGS FROM THE NATIONAL COMMANDER

Paul Dillard, National Commander, The American Legion

INTRODUCTIONS – State Commander Watson

SPEAKER

Humana – Scott Mathis / Andrea Ortiz

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYER AWARDS

SPEAKERS

Thomas P. Palladino, Executive Director, Texas Veterans Commission
Ed Serna, Executive Director, Texas Workforce Commission

GREETINGS

Teresa Copeland, Department President, American Legion Auxiliary
Tom Arista, Detachment Commander, Sons of The American Legion

SPEAKER

Juan Torres, National Vice Commander, Sons of The American Legion

CALL FOR THE 103rd STATE CONVENTION – William West, State Adjutant

FIRST REPORT OF CREDENTIALS AND RULES COMMITTEE – John Potts, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM STATE OFFICERS

State Treasurer – Steve Cook

State Chaplain – Gerry Hince

State Historian – Al Alford

NECMAN – C. W. “Butch” Sparks

FIRST REPORT OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE – Steve Watkins, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF STATE COMMANDER – State Commander Watson

LIT DIRECTOR’S REPORT – LIT Director Bill West

PRESENTATION OF LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR AWARD

ANNOUNCEMENTS – State Adjutant West

SWEEPSTAKES DRAWING – State Commander Watson

BENEDICTION – State Chaplain Hince

RETIRE THE COLORS – State Commander Watson

RECESS CONVENTION – State Commander Watson

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022

SECOND CONVENTION SESSION – 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER – James “Bret” Watson, State Commander

ADVANCE THE COLORS – State Commander Watson

INVOCATION – Gerry Hince, State Chaplain

SECOND REPORT OF CREDENTIALS AND RULES COMMITTEE – John Potts, Chairman

2022 DEPARTMENT YOUTH CHAMPIONS

Oratorical – Aya Kasim

Boys State Governor – Ashton White

Eagle Scout of the Year – Chase Dillinger

FINAL REPORT OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE – Steve Watkins, Chairman

CALL FOR THE 103rd NATIONAL CONVENTION – State Adjutant West

FIRST REPORT OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES COMMITTEE – Gene Toohey, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Long Range Planning Committee – Robert Masten, Vice Chairman

Training Committee – Tom Marty, Chairman

Board of Trustees – John Hince, Chairman

Finance and Budget Committee – David Paris, Chairman

SPEAKER

Advocate Health Advisors – Eric & Angie Lowenberg

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Present the “Joe L. Matthews” Oldest Delegate Award –

Present the Youngest Delegate Award –

REPORT FROM CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Legislative – Chris Holt, Chairman

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation – Richard Britton, Chairman

PRESENTATION OF VAVS AWARDS

REPORT OF STATE COLOR GUARD CONTEST – Jimmy Mitchell, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF NATIONAL CONVENTION CORPORATION – John Brieden, President

REPORT FROM CONVENTION COMMITTEES

National Security – Glenn Scott, Chairman

Americanism – Reno Reilly, Chairman

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

REPORT FROM CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Public Relations/Publications – Ruber Banks, Chairman

PRESENTATION OF MEDIA AWARDS

REPORT FROM CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Membership, Organization and Post Activities Committee – Mary Diaz, Chairman

PRESENTATION OF MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF TEXALPA AWARDS – Rachael Watson, President

REPORT OF STATE HISTORY AND YEARBOOK CONTEST – Al Alford, State Historian

CANDIDATES ADDRESS CONVENTION – State Commander Watson

ANNOUNCEMENTS – State Adjutant West

BENEDICTION – State Chaplain Hince

RETIRE THE COLORS – State Commander Watson

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SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

FINAL CONVENTION SESSION – 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER – James “Bret” Watson, State Commander

ADVANCE THE COLORS – State Commander Watson

INVOCATION – Gerry Hince, State Chaplain

PRESENTATION OF CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR AWARD – State Chaplain Hince

FINAL REPORT OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES COMMITTEE – Gene Toohey, Chairman

REMARKS BY OUTGOING STATE COMMANDER – James “Bret” Watson, State Commander

CONFIRMATION OF NEWLY ELECTED DISTRICT/DIVISION OFFICERS

PRESENTATIONS TO OUTGOING STATE COMMANDER

Past State Commander’s Gavel – State Adjutant West

Past State Commander’s Colors – PDC Kenneth Mueller

Past State Commander’s Pin – PNC John Brieden III

Past State Commander’s Service Cap – Rachael Watson

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS AND RULES COMMITTEE – John Potts, Chairman

NOMINATIONS / ELECTION OF 2022 – 2023 STATE OFFICERS

- State Sergeant at Arms –
- State Historian –
- State Judge Advocate –
- State Treasurer –
- Alternate National Executive Committeeman –
- National Executive Committeeman –
- State Vice Commander –
- State Commander –

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED STATE OFFICERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

BENEDICTION – State Chaplain Hince

RETIREMENT OF POW/MIA FLAG – 2021 Color Guard Champions – Harrisburg Post 472

RETIREMENT OF COLORS – 2021 Color Guard Champions – Harrisburg Post 472

ADJOURNMENT OF CONVENTION – State Commander Watson