

*Your Presence Is Requested
and
You are Cordially Invited
To Attend*

THE
53rd ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF
THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND



JUNE 19, 20 & 21, 2026

TO BE HELD AT

**Hilton Garden Inn & Hampton Inn
Baltimore White Marsh
5015 Campbell Blvd.
White Marsh, MD 21236**

DELEGATE STRENGTH INFORMATION

PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 2: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND, TO BE HELD JUNE 19, 20 & 21, 2026, AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN & HAMPTON INN, WHITE MARSH, MARYLAND.

A CONVENTION AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED WITH THE HILTON GARDEN INN, IN WHITE MARSH, MARYLAND. ROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$149.00 PLUS 15.5% TAX PER NIGHT (DOUBLE-DOUBLE) AND \$144.00 PLUS 15.5% TAX PER NIGHT (KING). ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. THE HAMPTON INN, IN WHITE MARSH, MARYLAND, ROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$139.00 PLUS 15.5% TAX PER NIGHT (DOUBLE-DOUBLE) AND \$134.00 PER NIGHT PLUS 15.5% TAX PER NIGHT (KING). ALL SQUADRONS AND/OR INDIVIDUALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THEIR OWN RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL. THE HILTON & HAMPTON INNS ADDRESS IS 5015 CAMPBELL BLVD., WHITE MARSH, MARYLAND 21236. THEIR PHONE NUMBER IS 800-774-1500. CHECK-IN TIME IS 3:00PM. (NO EXCEPTIONS), CHECK-OUT TIME IS NOON. THE CUTOFF DATE TO GUARANTEE A ROOM IS MAY 22, 2026. PAYMENT BY CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE HOTEL BY NO LATER THAN MAY 20, 2026. THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE FORM OF PAYMENT WILL BE CASH OR CREDIT CARD AFTER MAY 20, 2026. USE GROUP CODE "SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION" WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS.

DELEGATE, ALTERNATE AND GUEST REGISTRATION FEES ARE \$35.00 PER PERSON. ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST BE REGISTERED AS A DELEGATE, ALTERNATE, OR GUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY EVENTS AND WEARING AN IDENTIFICATION BADGE TO GAIN ADMITTANCE TO THE CONVENTION HALL.

EACH SQUADRON SHALL BE ENTITLED TO DELEGATE STRENGTH BASED ON THEIR MEMBERSHIP AT THE END OF BUSINESS ON MAY 29, 2026. EACH SQUADRON SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE (1) ALTERNATE DELEGATE FOR EACH DELEGATE REGISTERED. SQUADRONS MAY REGISTER AS MANY GUESTS AS THEY WISH. **ALL SQUADRONS MUST REGISTER WITH PAYMENT, ALL OF THEIR ELIGIBLE DELEGATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEMBERSHIP CUT OFF DATE.**

ALL REGIONAL COMMANDERS FOR 2025-2026, ALL PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDERS, PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS AND ELECTED DETACHMENT OFFICERS MUST REGISTER AND WILL BE CONSIDERED DELEGATES AT LARGE.

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 8, 2026, IN ORDER TO BE GUARANTEED A CONVENTION PACKAGE.

DELEGATE STRENGTH

10 TO 12 MEMBERS	1 VOTE	363 TO 387 MEMBERS	16 VOTES
13 TO 37 MEMBERS	2 VOTES	388 TO 412 MEMBERS	17 VOTES
38 TO 62 MEMBERS	3 VOTES	413 TO 437 MEMBERS	18 VOTES
63 TO 87 MEMBERS	4 VOTES	438 TO 462 MEMBERS	19 VOTES
88 TO 112 MEMBERS	5 VOTES	463 TO 487 MEMBERS	20 VOTES
113 TO 137 MEMBERS	6 VOTES	488 TO 512 MEMBERS	21 VOTES
138 TO 162 MEMBERS	7 VOTES	513 TO 537 MEMBERS	22 VOTES
163 TO 187 MEMBERS	8 VOTES	538 TO 562 MEMBERS	23 VOTES
188 TO 212 MEMBERS	9 VOTES	563 TO 587 MEMBERS	24 VOTES
213 TO 237 MEMBERS	10 VOTES	588 TO 612 MEMBERS	25 VOTES
238 TO 262 MEMBERS	11 VOTES	613 TO 637 MEMBERS	26 VOTES
263 TO 287 MEMBERS	12 VOTES	638 TO 662 MEMBERS	27 VOTES
288 TO 312 MEMBERS	13 VOTES	663 TO 687 MEMBERS	28 VOTES
313 TO 337 MEMBERS	14 VOTES	688 TO 712 MEMBERS	29 VOTES
338 TO 362 MEMBERS	15 VOTES	713 TO 737 MEMBERS	30 VOTES

DELEGATES, ALTERNATES AND GUESTS

THE 2025-2026 DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND CONVENTION WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 20 & 21, 2026 AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN & HAMPTON INN BALTIMORE WHITE MARSH.

**53RD ANNUAL DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND
CONVENTION AGENDA**

THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES, ALONG WITH THE APPROXIMATE TIMES FOR EACH EVENT OR ACTIVITY AT THE 53RD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND. ALL MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY EVENT, YOU MUST BE A REGISTERED DELEGATE, ALTERNATE, OR GUEST.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

8:00 A.M.	38 TH ROBERT "HOSS" NEAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT @ FOX HOLLOW GOLF COURSE
5:30 PM. TO 7:00 PM.	SQUADRON REGISTRATION @ HILTON GARDEN INN BALTIMORE WHITE MARSH—CLOAK ROOM

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

8:00 AM. TO 11:00 A.M.	BUSINESS SESSION - OPENING CEREMONY GUEST SPEAKERS, NOMINATIONS, ETC.
9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM	JUNIOR MEMBER SESSION
11:30 A.M. TO 300 PM	DETACHMENT PICNIC, GAMING TRUCK COMPETITION, THE "ED MATOSKA MEMORIAL HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT" AND THE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT.
4:00 PM. TO	BREAK
8:30 PM & AFTER	WE WILL ENCOURAGE CAUCUSES TO BE HELD AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE FOR OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS TO BENEFIT.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

8:00 AM. TO 8:30 AM.	SQUADRON EVERLASTING MEMORIAL SERVICE
8:30 AM. TO CLOSING	BUSINESS SESSION, ELECTION OF OFFICERS, AWARDS, RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS, GOOD OF THE S.A.L., INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027.

NOTE: FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE CONVENTION, THE DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A BRIEF POST CONVENTION DEC MEETING.

**18TH ANNUAL DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND
“THE MATTHEW K. BUCKLER MEMORIAL”
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
AGENDA**

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

5:30 PM. TO 7:00 PM. JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

9:00 AM. TO 11:00 A.M. JUNIOR MEMBER MEETING & TRAINING SESSIONS

11:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. DETACHMENT PICNIC, GAMING TRUCK
COMPETITION, THE “ED MATOSKA MEMORIAL
HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT” AND THE
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT.

7:00 PM. TO 8:30 PM. DINNER BREAK

8:30 PM. & AFTER WE WILL ENCOURAGE CAUCUSES TO BE HELD
AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE FOR OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS
TO BENEFIT.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

8:30 A.M. TO CLOSING JUNIOR MEMBERS WILL JOIN THE ENTIRE CONVENTION
BODY FOR AWARDS AND CLOSING COMMENTS.

Convention Information

AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS AT THE DETACHMENT CONVENTION

- 6 INDIVIDUAL CORNHOLE AWARDS.
- 10 INDIVIDUAL HIGH SET (NOT WINNING HIS/HER GAME) BY AGE GROUP (Amazon Gift Cards).
- 10 INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME (NOT WINNING HIS/HER SET) BY AGE GROUP (Amazon Gift Cards).
- 18 INDIVIDUAL SUPERSTAR AWARDS-*Gaming Truck Competition* (BY AGE GROUP-Amazon Gift Cards).
- 6 AWARD(S) FOR THE HORSESHOES.

GOLF

THE 38TH ANNUAL ROBERT “HOSS” NEAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT WILL BE PLAYED AT OUR 53RD ANNUAL CONVENTION ON FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026. THE LOCATION FOR THIS EVENT IS FOX HOLLOW GOLF COURSE. THE FORM OF PLAY WILL BE CAPTAIN’S BEST BALL. THERE WILL BE TWO CLOSEST TO THE PIN AND ONE HOLE –IN-ONE PRIZE AVAILABLE. THIS IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEGION FAMILY. TEE TIME IS 8:00 A.M.

CONVENTION AD SALES

THE CONVENTION AD BOOK ENTRIES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 4, 2026. AN INFORMATION SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

53RD ANNUAL

DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND

DELEGATE, ALTERNATE AND GUEST REGISTRATION FORM

SQUADRON NAME AND NUMBER _____

DELEGATE AT LARGE NAME _____

DELEGATE AT LARGE TITLE _____

DELEGATES:

1	11
2	12
3	13
4	14
5	15
6	16
7	17
8	18
9	19
10	20

ALTERNATES

1	9
2	10
3	11
4	12
5	13
6	14
7	15
8	16

GUESTS:

1	4
2	5
3	6

NUMBER OF DELEGATES AT LARGE: _____

NUMBER OF ALTERNATES: _____

NUMBER OF DELEGATES: _____

NUMBER OF GUESTS: _____

TOTAL NUMBER: _____ X \$35.00

EQUALS \$ _____

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND, S.A.L.
USE A SEPARATE SHEET IF REQUIRED FOR ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION
DUE BY MAY 29, 2026

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

53RD ANNUAL

DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

SQUADRON NUMBER: _____

SQUADRON NAME: _____

JUNIOR MEMBERS NAME:

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SPECIAL INTERESTS OR HOBBIES:

PLEASE MAKE ANY PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

SQUADRON COMMANDER: _____ DATE: _____

SQUADRON ADVISOR: _____ DATE: _____

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND**

**29TH ANNUAL EDWARD MATOSKA MEMORIAL SENIOR GAMES
(FOR AGES 18 AND OLDER)**

RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE DETACHMENT HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

PLAYING FIELD

THE STANDARD COURT IS 6' BY 46'. TWO STAKES ARE SET 40' APART. THE STAKES ARE 15" IN HEIGHT AND ONE INCH IN DIAMETER, CENTERED IN THE TARGET AREA AND SLIGHTLY INCLINED TOWARDS EACH OTHER (APPROX. 12 DEGREES). A FOUL LINE IS 3' IN FRONT OF EACH STAKE. FOR 40' PITCHERS, THE LINE IS 37' FROM THE TARGET STAKE.

THE TARGET AREA IS 3' BY 4' PIT SET ONE FOOT BACK FROM THE FOUL LINE AND THE END OF COURT, AND 18" FROM EACH SIDE. THE PITCHER'S PLATFORM IS 18" WIDE ON EACH SIDE OF THE TARGET AREA AND 6' IN LENGTH FROM THE FOUL LINE TO THE BACK END OF COURT.

PROCEDURE

1. A GAME WILL CONSIST OF 15 POINTS FOR A MATCH. THE FIRST TEAM TO SCORE 15 POINTS IS CONSIDERED THE WINNER.
2. THE FIRST PLAYER TO THROW WILL BE DETERMINED BY:
 - A. A COIN TOSS
 - B. A SHOE THROW (CLOSEST TO STAKES WINS)
3. THE WINNER HAS THE CHOICE OF THROWING FIRST OR SECOND.
4. THE PITCHERS' FEET MUST BE ON THE PITCHING PLATFORM AND BEHIND THE FOUL LINE UNTIL THE HORSESHOE IS RELEASED.
5. THE OPPONENT STAYS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STAKE AND OUTSIDE THE TARGET AREA. THE PITCHERS CAN THROW FROM EITHER SIDE, AS PREFERRED, BUT BOTH SHOES MUST BE PITCHED FROM THE SAME SIDE.

DOUBLES PLAY

1. ONE PARTNER STANDS IN THE PITCHERS BOX AT EACH END OF THE COURT.
2. 2 SHOES ARE PITCHED IN ALTERNATE THROWS BY EACH PLAYER FROM ONE END.
3. THE SCORES OF THE FIRST TWO PLAYERS ARE RECORDED.
4. THE SHOES ARE PITCHED BACK, IN TURN BY THE PARTNERS. THE TEAM WHO HAS SCORED PITCHES FIRST (BACK TO PARTNER AT THE OPPOSITE TARGET AREA). PLAYERS DO NOT CHANGE ENDS DURING THE GAME.
5. THE PARTNERS SCORES ARE ADDED.
6. THE CYCLE IS REPEATED UNTIL THE GAME ENDS (FIRST TEAM TO SCORE 15 POINTS WINS THE MATCH).

SCORING

1. ONLY ONE PLAYER SCORES IN AN INNING. RINGERS CANCEL EACH OTHER AND THE CLOSEST SHOE SCORES.
2. ONLY SHOES THAT LAND WITHIN THE WIDTH OF A SHOE (FROM POINT TO POINT) TO THE STAKE, ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SCORING POINTS.
3. A RINGER IS A THROWN SHOE THAT LANDS FAR ENOUGH AROUND THE STAKE THAT A STRAIGHT-LINE RUN BETWEEN THE HEEL CALKS WILL PASS BY THE STAKE.
4. THE SHOE CLOSEST TO THE STAKE SCORES ONE (1) POINT.
5. TWO (2) SHOES, CLOSER THAN BOTH OPPONENTS OTHER SHOES, SCORES TWO (2) POINTS.
6. ONE (1) RINGER SCORES THREE (3) POINTS, TWO (2) RINGERS SCORE SIX (6) POINTS.
7. ONE RINGER PLUS ONE SHOE CLOSEST TO THE STAKE BY THE SAME PLAYER SCORES FOUR (4) POINTS.
8. A SHOE LEANING AGAINST A STAKE, WHEN PITCHED (KNOWN AS A LEANER) SCORES ONE (1) POINT.
9. ONLY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SCORES OF AN INNING COUNT. IF THE SCORES ARE THE SAME, NO POINTS ARE EARNED. EQUAL SCORES ARE TIES AND NO POINTS ARE AWARDED. FOR EXAMPLE, EACH PLAYER HAS A RINGER (CANCELING EACH OTHER) BUT THE NEXT CLOSEST SCORES ONE POINT IN THE INNING.
10. A STANDARD GAMES CONSISTS OF A SCORE OF 15 POINTS. IN THE EVENT THAT THE TOURNAMENT IS TAKING TOO LONG, THE OFFICIALS, WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE TEAMS, WILL CHANGE THE WINNING SCORE TO ELEVEN (11) POINTS (PREFERABLY IN THE PLAYOFF ROUNDS). A JUDGE, IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE A MATCH THAT RUNS TOO LONG, MAY CHOOSE TO AWARD THE GAME TO THE HIGHEST SCORE, OR IN CASE OF A TIE TO THE NEXT TEAM THAT SCORES.

NOTES:

A SHOE LEANING AGAINST A STAKE SCORES ONE (1) POINT. AT THE SAME TIME, IF THE OPPONENT HAS A SHOE ON THE GROUND THAT IS TOUCHING THE STAKE IT IS A TIE. NO POINTS ARE AWARDED FOR TIES.

TEAMS WILL BE A RANDOM DRAW OF NAMES, THE DAY OF PLAY.

Gaming Truck REGISTRATION

SQUADRON NUMBER: _____ SQUADRON NAME: _____

Gaming Truck Competition

Members Name:

Age:

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Cost is Free for all Legion Family Members

**EDWARD MATOSKA MEMORIAL
29TH ANNUAL SENIOR GAMES**

HORSESHOE REGISTRATION

SQUADRON NAME AND NUMBER: _____

PLAYER NAME AND AGE:

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(PLAYERS MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER)

NUMBER OF PLAYERS: _____ X \$10.00= _____ BEFORE MAY 29, 2026
NUMBER OF PLAYERS: _____ X \$20.00= _____ AFTER MAY 29, 2026

KORN HOLE TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

PLAYER NAME AND AGE

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(PLAYERS MUST BE 13 YEARS OLD OR OLDER)

NUMBER OF PLAYERS: _____ x \$10.00= _____ BEFORE MAY 29, 2026
NUMBER OF PLAYERS: _____ x \$20.00= _____ AFTER MAY 29, 2026

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MAIL TO: DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND
3115 ORCHARD AVE.
BALTIMORE, MD 21234**

**THE DETACHMENT PICNIC, HORSESHOE, GAMING TRUCK & CORN HOLE TOURNAMENTS WILL BE HOSTED AT
THE OVERLEA PERRY HALL AMERICAN LEGION IN THE COURTYARD.
THE ADDRESS IS 8666 SILVER LAKE DRIVE, PERRY HALL, MD 21128.**

Sons of The American Legion
53rd Annual Convention
Event Locations
June 19-21, 2026

Convention Hotel:	Hilton Garden & Hampton Inns 5015 Campbell Blvd. White Marsh, MD 21236 410-427-0600	Chairman: Bill Hill
Convention Business Sessions:	Hilton Garden Inn Campbell Room	Adjutant: Bill Matoska
Convention Registration:	Hilton Garden Inn Cloak Room	Bill Hill
Youth Evening Activities:	Hilton Garden Inn Campbell Room	Chairman: Mike Donnelly
Youth Convention Session:	Hilton Garden Inn Youth Meeting Partitioned Area	Chairman: JR Hall Jeff Seiler & Mark Fayer Sr
Regional Hospitality Suites: 4-Corners Regional Party	NCR & ESR- Campbell 1 SMR & WMR	Chairman: Bill Matoska
Toddler Activities:	Hilton Garden Inn Nottingham 1	Chairman: Rose Benson Marlye Matoska
Horseshoe Tournament:	Overlea Perry Hall American Legion	Chairman: Dave Hullihen
Gaming Truck: Tournament	Overlea Perry Hall American Legion	Chairman: Melissa Buckler Amber Bolyard Marlye Matoska
Cornhole:	Overlea Perry Hall American Legion	Chairman: John Davies
Cook Out:	Overlea Perry Hall American Legion	Mitch Matoska & Don Hall Bob Manzo & Kris Wilson
Laps of Love:	Overlea Perry Hall American Legion	Chairman: Bobby Miller
Golf Tournament:	Golf Course Fox Hollow	Chairmen: Joe Gladden Jerry Darnell