Your Presence Is Requested
and
You are Cordially Invited
To Attend

THE

44th ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND



JUNE 23, 24 & 25, 2017

TO BE HELD AT

DoubleTree by Hilton Laurel 15101 Sweitzer Lane Laurel, Md. 20707

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 23, 24 & 25, 2017, at the DoubleTree by hilton laurel, Laurel, Maryland.

A CONVENTION AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED WITH THE DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, IN LAUREL, MARYLAND. ROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$105.00 PLUS 13% TAX PER NIGHT (KING-DOUBLE). ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. ALL SQUADRONS AND/OR INDIVIDUALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THEIR OWN RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL. THE DOUBLETREE BY HILTON ADDRESS IS 15101 SWEITZER LANE, LAUREL, MARYLAND 20707. THEIR PHONE NUMBER IS 301-776-5300. CHECK-IN TIME IS 3:00PM. (NO EXCEPTIONS), CHECK-OUT TIME IS NOON. THE CUTOFF DATE TO GUARANTEE A ROOM IS MAY 23, 2017. PAYMENT BY CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE HOTEL BY NO LATER THAN MAY 23, 2017. THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE FORM OF PAYMENT WILL BE CASH OR CREDIT CARD AFTER MAY 23, 2017. USE GROUP CODE "SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION" WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS.

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Delegate, Alternate and Guest registration fees are \$25.00 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 26, 2017. 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 DISTRICT COMMANDERS FOR 2016-2017, 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 26, 2017 IN ORDER TO BE GUARANTEED A CONVENTION PACKAGE.

DELEGATE STRENGTH

363 TO 387 MEMBERS 16 VOTES
388 TO 412 MEMBERS 17 VOTES
413 TO 437 MEMBERS 18 VOTES
438 TO 462 MEMBERS 19 VOTES
463 TO 487 MEMBERS 20 VOTES
488 TO 512 MEMBERS 21 VOTES
513 TO 537 MEMBERS 22 VOTES
538 TO 562 MEMBERS 23 VOTES
563 TO 587 MEMBERS 24 VOTES
588 TO 612 MEMBERS 25 VOTES
613 TO 637 MEMBERS 26 VOTES
638 TO 662 MEMBERS 27 VOTES
663 TO 687 MEMBERS 28 VOTES
688 TO 712 MEMBERS 29 VOTES
713 TO 737 MEMBERS 30 VOTES

DELEGATES, ALTERNATES AND GUESTS

THE 2016-2017 DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND CONVENTION WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 24 & 25, 2017 AT THE DOUBLETREE BY HILTON LAUREL.

44TH 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 44th 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 23, 2017

8:30 A.M. ROBERT "HOSS" NEAL GOLF TOURNAMENT @

PATUXENT GREENS GOLF COURSE

5:30 PM. TO 7:00 PM. SQUADRON REGISTRATION @ DOUBLETREE BY HILTON LAUREL

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

8:00 AM. TO 11:00 A.M. BUSINESS SESSION - OPENING CEREMONY

GUEST SPEAKERS, NOMINATIONS, ETC.

11:45 A.M. TO 2:30 PM. HARMISON-WHITNEY BOWLING TOURNAMENT

BOWLING DONE BY AGE GROUP. ENTRY FEE WILL

BE \$10.00 (\$20.00 AFTER MAY 26TH).

SHOE RENTAL IS INCLUDED.

3:30 pm. to 7:00 pm. Super Stars 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 25, 2017

7:30 AM. TO 8:00 AM. COLOR GUARD COMPETITION/DEMONSTRATION

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 2017-

2018.

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

9TH ANNUAL DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND "THE MATTHEW K. BUCKLER MEMORIAL" JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION AGENDA

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

9:00 AM. TO 11:30 A.M. JUNIOR MEMBER MEETING SESSION

11:45 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M. HARMISON-WHITNEY BOWLING TOURNAMENT

BOWLING DONE BY AGE GROUPS.

ENTRY FEE WILL BE \$10.00 (\$20.00 AFTER MAY 26TH).

SHOE RENTAL IS INCLUDED.

3:30 PM. TO 7:00 PM. SUPER STARS.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

9:00 am. to 10:00 A.M. JUNIOR MEMBERS WILL RE-CONVENE IN

JUNIOR MEETING ROOM FOR AWARDS.

10:00 A.M. TO CLOSING

JUNIOR MEMBERS WILL JOIN THE ENTIRE CONVENTION

BODY FOR AWARDS AND CLOSING COMMENTS.

Sons of The American Legion DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND CONVENTION INFORMATION

AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS AT THE DETACHMENT CONVENTION

- 6 INDIVIDUAL CORNHOLE AWARDS.
- 30 INDIVIDUAL BOWLING AWARDS (BY AGE GROUP).
- 5 INDIVIDUAL HIGH SET (NOT WINNING HIS/HER GAME) BY AGE GROUP (1ST-2ND-3RD-PLACE).
- 5 INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME (NOT WINNING HIS/HER SET) BY AGE GROUP (1ST-2ND-3RD-PLACE).
- 3 SQUADRON BOWLING AWARDS.
- 60 INDIVIDUAL SUPERSTAR AWARDS (BY AGE GROUP).
- 1 SUPERSTAR OF THE YEAR.
- 6 INDIVIDUAL SUPERSTAR AWARDS (BY AGE GROUP).
- 1 SQUADRON CHAMPION AWARD FOR SUPERSTARS.
- 6 AWARD(S) FOR THE HORSESHOES.
- 1 COLOR GUARD AWARD

BOWLING

THE HARMISON-WHITNEY BOWLING CLASSIC WILL BE HELD AT THE AMF LAUREL LANES LOCATED AT 15013 BALTIMORE AVE., LAUREL, MD. 20707. COST WILL BE \$10.00 PER BOWLER REGISTERED BY MAY 26, 2017, AND \$20.00 PER BOWLER REGISTERED AFTER MAY 26TH. TENTATIVELY, THE TIME WILL BE 11:45 A.M. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017. ALL AGES AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.

COLOR GUARD COMPETITION

WILL BE HELD AT THE CONVENTION HOTEL, \$50.00 PER SQUADRON IS THE ENTRY FEE. AWARDS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP SQUADRON. REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY MAY 26, 2017. PARTICIPANTS MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE SAL AND EITHER A REGISTERED DELEGATE, ALTERNATE, OR GUEST. CONTEST RULES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FROM THE CHAIRMAN, BILL HILL. THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017 AT 7:30 AM. JUDGING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY PAID JUDGES FROM THE NATIONAL JUDGES ASSOCIATION (IF NEEDED). THIS COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL SQUADRON COLOR GUARDS. WE WILL HAVE A TWO SKILL LEVEL COMPETITIONS SO THAT SQUADRON COLOR GUARDS THAT MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO COMPETE ON A NATIONAL LEVEL OR WHO MAY JUST BE FORMING WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO COMPETE.

GOLF

The 30th annual Robert "Hoss" Neal memorial golf tournament will be played at our 44th Annual Convention on Friday, June 23, 2017. The location for this event is the Patuxent Greens Golf Club located at 14415 Greenview Drive, Laurel, Md. 20708. 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.

CONVENTION AD SALES

The convention AD book entries are due no later than May 12, 2017. An information sheet is enclosed.

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DELEGATE, ALTERNATE AND GUEST REGISTRATION FORM

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Number of Delegates:			Number of Guests:
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MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND, S.A.L. USE A SEPARATE SHEET IF REQUIRED FOR ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION REGISTRATION DUE BY MAY 26, 2017

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JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

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PLEASE MAKE ANY PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS OR	R COMMENTS:	
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Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Maryland

20TH 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 PITCHERS PLATFORM IN 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 FOULINE 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 TO 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.

THE HORSESHOE, SUPERSTARS & CORN HOLE TOURNAMENTS WILL BE HOSTED AT LAUREL AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 60.
THE ADDRESS IS 2 MAIN STREET, LAUREL, MD. 20707.

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SUPER STARS AND BOWLING REGISTRATION

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	SUPER STARS
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Team Captain:	Date:
Total Number:X \$10.00 Be	fore May 26, 2017 Equals: \$
Total Number:X \$20.00	After May 26, 2017 Equals: \$

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EDWARD MATOSKA MEMORIAL 20TH ANNUAL SENIOR GAMES

HORSESHOE REGISTRATION

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND
MAIL TO: DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND
3115 ORCHARD AVE.
BALTIMORE, MD 21234

REGISTRATION FORM

44TH ANNUAL COLOR GUARD COMPETITION

The 44TH Annual detachment of Maryland color guard competition will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at the Laurel American Legion Post No. 60, Laurel, Maryland.

SQUADRONS WISHING TO COMPETE IN THE COLOR GUARD COMPETITION ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ATTACHED FORM BY NO LATER THAN MAY 26, 2017. THERE WILL BE A \$50.00 REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH COMPETING SQUADRON. PLAQUES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE TOP SQUADRON COMPETING.

REGISTRATIONS SHOULD BE SENT ALONG WITH A CHECK FOR \$50.00 PAYABLE TO:

DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND, S.A.L.

MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TO:

DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND 3115 ORCHARD AVE. BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21234

NAME OF COLOR	GUARD MEMBER AND S.A.L. MEMBERSHIP CARD NUMBER	
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Captain's Name:		
Captain's Phone Number:		

RULES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

CHAIRMAN: BILL HILL 301-928-1411

Sons of The American Legion 44th Annual Convention **Event Locations** June 23-25, 2017

Convention Hotels: DoubleTree by Hilton Chairman: 15101 Sweitzer Lane **Bill Hill**

Laurel, Md. 20707 301-776-5300

Convention Business Sessions: Double Tree by Hilton Adjutant:

Bill Matoska **Saturday:** 15101 Sweitzer Lane

Laurel, Md. 20707—Maryland Ballroom **Sunday:**

Miles Room—1st Floor off Lobby area **Convention Registration: Vice Commanders**

Potomac Room **Junior Evening Activities:** Chairman:

Dave Hullihen

Junior Convention Session: Chesapeake & Potomac Rooms Chairman:

1st Floor past elevators **Bill Sparwasser**

> Rose Matoska **Bob Trueblood**

Jerry Saunders

District Hospitality Suites: DoubleTree by Hilton Chairman: Bill Matoska

Room Nos. will be posted

In lobby

Bowling Tournament: AMF Laurel Lanes Chairman:

15013 Baltimore Ave. North

Laurel, Md. 20707

Horseshoe Tournament: Laurel Post 60 Chairman:

> Left Field Ball Diamond Area **Bob Manzo**

Superstars Events: Laurel Post 60 Chairman:

> **Ball Diamond Area** Melissa Buckler

JD Saunders

Laurel Post 60 Cornhole: Chairman:

> Left Field Ball Diamond Area Jim Alexander

Cook Out: Laurel Post 60 Chairman:

> **Ball Diamond Area Bob Trueblood**

Mitch Wilson

Golf Tournament: Patuxent Greens Golf Club

> **14415 Greenview Drive** Laurel, Md. 20708

301-953-7058

Chairmen: Joe Gladden **Jeff Seiler**