Your Presence Is Requested

and

You are Cordially Invited

To Attend

THE

52<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF

## THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND



JUNE 20, 21 & 22, 2025

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 20, 21 & 22, 2025, AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN & HAMPTON INN, WHITE MARSH, MARYLAND.

A CONVENTION AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED WITH THE HILTON & HAMPTON HOTELS, IN WHITE MARSH, MARYLAND. ROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$139.00 PLUS 15.5% 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 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 23, 2025.

PAYMENT BY CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE HOTEL BY NO LATER THAN MAY 20, 2025. THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE FORM OF PAYMENT WILL BE CASH OR CREDIT CARD AFTER MAY 20, 2025.

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 30, 2025. 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 2024-2025, 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 9, 2025, IN ORDER TO BE GUARANTEED A CONVENTION PACKAGE.

#### **DELEGATE STRENGTH**

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

#### **DELEGATES, ALTERNATES AND GUESTS**

THE 2024-2025 DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND CONVENTION WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 21 & 22, 2025 AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN & HAMPTON INN BALTIMORE WHITE MARSH.

#### 52<sup>nd</sup> 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 52<sup>nd</sup> 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 20, 2025

8:00 A.M. ROBERT "HOSS" NEAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT @

GOLF COURSE TBD

5:30 PM. TO 7:00 PM. SQUADRON REGISTRATION @HILTON GARDEN INN BALTIMORE

WHITE MARSH—CLOAK ROOM

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

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

GUEST SPEAKERS, NOMINATIONS, ETC.

9:00 A.M TO 11:00 A.M. JUNIOR MEMBER SESSION

DETACHMENT PICNIC, GAMING TRUCK COMPETITION, THE "ED 12:00 P.M TO 4:00 P.M.

MATOSKA MEMORIAL HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT" AND THE

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT.

5:00 P.M. TO 830 P.M. **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 22, 2025** 

8:00 AM. TO8:30 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 2024-

2025.

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

# 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND "THE MATTHEW K. BUCKLER MEMORIAL" JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION AGENDA

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

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

12:00 P.M. TO4:00 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 22, 2025** 

8:30 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.
- 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.

#### **BOWLING**

THE HARMISON-WHITNEY BOWLING CLASSIC WILL TAKE PLACE UTILIZING WII SPORTS BOWLING GAMING SYSTEM AND HELD AT THE HILTON HOTEL LOCATED INSIDE THE CONVENTION MEETING ROOM. THERE WILL BE NO COST TO PARTICIPATE. TENTATIVELY, THE TIME WILL BE 4:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025.

ALL AGES AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.

#### GOLF

THE 39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ROBERT "HOSS" NEAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT WILL BE PLAYED AT OUR 52<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION ON FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025. THE LOCATION FOR THIS EVENT IS TBD. 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 2, 2025. AN INFORMATION SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

#### **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

#### 52<sup>nd</sup> 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	:: <u></u>		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 For Credentials DUE by MAY 2, 2025. FINAL DUE BY MAY 23, 2025

#### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

#### 52<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL

#### **DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND**

#### JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

SQUADRON NUMBER:	SQUADRON NAME:	
JUNIOR MEMBERS NAME:	AGE:	
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
11	<del></del>	
12		
13		
14		
15		
SPECIAL INTERESTS OR HOBBIES:		
PLEASE MAKE ANY PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS	OR COMMENTS:	
SQUADRON COMMANDER:	DATE:	
SOLIADBON ADVISOR:	DATE	

### Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Maryland

#### 28<sup>TH</sup> 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 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 COINTOSS
  - 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 THEMATCH).

#### **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 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

#### 52<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL

#### **DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND**

#### **Gaming Truck REGISTRATION**

SQUADRON NUMBER:	SQUADRON NAME:		
	Gaming Truck Competition		
Members Name:	Age:		
1			

Cost is Free for all Legion Family Members.

## Sons of The American Legion 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND

### EDWARD MATOSKA MEMORIAL 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SENIOR GAMES

#### HORSESHOE REGISTRATION

SQUADRON NAME AND NUMBER:		
PLAYER NAME AND AGE: 1.		
2		
4.		
5. 6.		
7. 8.		
9.		
10 11		
12		
(PLA	YERS MUST BE 18 YEA	RS OLD OR OLDER)
Number of Player	xs:X \$10.0	0=BEFORE MAY 23,
2025, NUMBER OF PLA	YERS:X \$20.00=	AFTER MAY 23, 2025
Kopi	N HOLE TOURNAME	NT RECISTRATION
	THOLE TOOKINAME	TTLOISTICATION
PLAYER NAME AND AGE 1.		
2. 3.		
4.		
5. 6.		
7. 8.		
9.		
10 11		
12.		
(PLA	YERS MUST BE 13 YEA	RS OLD OR OLDER)
Number of Players:	x \$10.00= x \$20.00=	BEFORE MAY 23, AFTER MAY 23, 2025
		ETACHMENT OF MARYLAND

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

# Sons of The American Legion 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention Event Locations June 20-23, 2025

Convention Hotel: Hilton Garden & Hampton Inns

5015 Campbell Blvd. White Marsh, MD 21236

410-427-0600

Convention Business Sessions: Hilton Garden Inn Adjutant:

Campbell Room Bill Matoska

Convention Registration: Hilton Garden Inn Bill Hill

**Cloak Room** 

Youth Evening Activities: Hilton Garden Inn Chairman:

Campbell Room John Davies

Youth Convention Session: Hilton Garden Inn Chairman:

Youth Meeting JR Hall

Partitioned Area Jeff Seiler & Mark Fayer Sr

Regional Hospitality Suites: NCR & ESR-Campbell 1 Chairman:

SMR & WMR-Nottingham 2 & 3 Bill Matoska

Toddler Activities: Hilton Garden Inn Chairman:
Nottingham 1 Rose Benson

Nottingham 1 Rose Benson Marlye Matoska

Horseshoe Tournament: Overlea Perry Hall Chairman:

American Legion Dave Hullihen

Gaming Truck: Overlea Perry Hall Chairman: Melissa Buckler

Tournament American Legion Amber Bolyard

Marlye Matoska

Chairman:

Bill Hill

Cornhole: Overlea Perry Hall Chairman:

American Legion Jason Miller

Cook Out:

Overlea Perry Hall
American Legion

Mitch Matoska & Don Hall
Poh Mongo & Wrig Wilson

nerican Legion Bob Manzo & Kris Wilson

Laps of Love: Overlea Perry Hall Chairman:

American Legion Bobby Miller

Golf Tournament: Golf Course Chairmen:

Fox Hollow Joe Gladden

Jerry Darnell