

2025 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

HOUSING REQUEST

July 10 -13, 2025

HOUSING/HOSPITALITY/CAUCUS ROOM & VENDOR TABLE REQUEST

**Drury Plaza Hotel Cape Girardeau Conference Center
3351 Percy Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
1-800-325-0720 Group #10010057**

Make reservations directly with the hotel, using a credit card for confirmation be sure to mention you are with The American Legion.

****CUTOFF DATE FOR ALL HOUSING RESERVATIONS IS JUNE 13, 2025**
(Group room rates is not guaranteed after the cutoff date)**

**Cost per night is \$96.00 (plus Sales and Lodging tax)
A \$50.00 incidental fee will be charged during registration**

Check in time 3:00 p.m. No exceptions

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HOSPITALITY ROOM

DISTRICT CAUCUS ROOMS

Will be assigned by Department Adjutant at Convention
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Table Request for Vendors, Post and Auxiliary

**All table requests will be reserved through Department Headquarters.
Please call Theresa Boss to make your request 573-761-4143
Deadline for table request: *June 17, 2025***

The Department Convention Itinerary will not be available before May 1, 2025



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GOLF TOURNAMENT

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★ **Past Post Commander's Club** ★

10 July 2025

Cape Girardeau Country Club

250 Country Club DR.

Cape Girardeau Mo. 63701

(573)335-8251

Entries must be received by 1 July 2025

Two (2) Person Scramble

Shotgun Start 8:00 AM

- Entry Fee Includes
 - ✓ 18 Holes of Golf
 - ✓ Golf Cart
 - ✓ Prize \$
 - By Flights
 - Longest Drive
 - Closest To Pin



- Two Person Teams
- Entry Fee \$100.00 per person
- Mulligans
- 50/50 Drawing

*Fundraiser Proceeds Go To
The American Legion Foundation of
Missouri Charitable Donations*

- Team Captain: _____
- Phone : _____
- Team Member: _____

Make Entry Fee Check payable to The American Legion Dept. of Missouri and

Mail To: Betty Gonzales

**34CountrywoodDr.
St.Peters MO 63376**

*ForAdditional Information Call
Betty (636) 485-9772*



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Yes, I would like to sponsor a hole in the Department of Missouri Past Post Commanders Club Golf Tournament on 10 July 2024 at a cost of \$50.00.

- Individual, Business or Organization

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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Charitable Donations*

Make Sponsor Check payable to The American Legion Dept. of Missouri and

Mail To: Betty Gonzales

34 Countrywood Dr.
St. Peters MO 63376

For Additional Information Call
Betty (636) 485-9772



**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
JUNIOR ROTC CADET
OF THE YEAR**



2025

Name and Contact Information

Name: _____

High School: _____ Phone #: _____

JROTC Unit: _____ JROTC Unit Email: _____

JROTC Unit Address: Street _____

City _____ MO, Zip Code _____

JROTC Phone #: _____ Military Service Associated with: _____

Cadet Rank: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

JROTC Medals & Ribbons

(List your medals and ribbons in order of highest precedence
and indicate multiple earned medals and ribbons – Spell out award name)

1 _____ 2 _____

3 _____ 4 _____

5 _____ 6 _____

7 _____ 8 _____

9 _____ 10 _____

11 _____ 12 _____

Other JROTC Awards

(List any award received and year received. Do not list additional Medals & Ribbons from the above section)

1 _____	2 _____
3 _____	4 _____
5 _____	6 _____
7 _____	8 _____
9 _____	10. _____

Participation in Your JROTC Unit Leadership Positions and Roles

(List your top 4 JROTC participation with most recent listed first)

1. School Year _____ Rank at Time _____

Briefly describe your most important accomplishment or award while in this position.

2. School Year _____ Rank at Time _____

Briefly describe your most important accomplishment or award while in this position.

3. School Year _____ Rank at Time _____

Briefly describe your most important accomplishment or award while in this position.

4. School Year _____ Rank at Time _____

Briefly describe your most important accomplishment or award while in this position.

Cadet Last Name:

Participation in Activities with The American Legion

List any participation with The American Legion as either a member of one of the Legion organizations or member of the JROTC. List up to six activities.

1. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

2. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

3. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

4. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

5. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

Cadet Last Name:

6. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

**Participation in Activities or Organizations other than the
JROTC or The American Legion**

List up to four activities

1. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

2. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

3. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

4. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

Cadet Last Name:

Membership in the American Legion Family

Are you currently a member of the Sons of the American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary?

If YES what Squadron or Unit: _____ # of Years as a member: _____

Post name and number affiliated with: _____

Cadet Last Name:

What are your Goals after High School?

Cadet Printed Name and Signature

Printed Name and Signature of
Parent or Guardian

JROTC SENIOR INSTRUCTOR ENDORSEMENT

(Provide your endorsement of the cadet below)

Signature of Instructor



Department of Missouri American Legion JROTC Cadet of the Year 2025

The application for the Department of Missouri American Legion JROTC Cadet of the Years consists of:

Completed application form

Photograph of cadet in service dress uniform at least 5" x 7" in size

Instructions for Completion of the Application Form

Cadet of The Year must be a cadet currently in or just completed their junior year of high school when the application is sent.

The cadet will fill out the first six pages of the application. The senior instructor should review the application for accuracy and provide their written endorsement on page seven of the application. Any JROTC program will submit only one application.

Additional Information Sheet: If there is not enough space on the application then list additional relevant information on a separate page. Do not list more entries than requested on the application.

Additional page(s) will have the below information centered at the top of this page:

Additional Information for Section:
(enter title of the section from the application)
Cadet Rank & Name
Page ___ of ___

Name and Contact Information: Provide accurate name and contact information as requested in this section.

JROTC Medals & Ribbons: List your top 12 medals and ribbons earned through JROTC. The medals/ribbons need to be listed in order of precedence as viewed when looking at your uniform. The medal/ribbon with the highest precedence will go in block one. Indicate if you have been awarded the medal/ribbon more than once. On the medal/ribbon line you can enter OLC with the number of times received. Example: Top Performer Award & 2 OLC.

Other JROTC Awards: List up to 9 other JROTC awards you have received and the school year it was earned (i.e. 2022-2023). Enter most recent awards first. **Do not** list additional Medals and Ribbons that would go in JRTOC Medals & Ribbons entry above.

Cadet Last Name: Enter last name of cadet at the bottom left of pages other than the first page.

Unit Leadership Positions and Roles: Document your participation in your JROTC unit. Enter most recent school year participation first and go back in chronological order.

School Year: Enter in the appropriate school year it was earned (i.e. 2022-2023).

Rank at time: Identify the rank you held while in this position.

Accomplishment: Summarize your MOST significant accomplishments while in this position. If you received an award for this accomplishment, explain what you did to earn it (be very specific) on your additional information sheet.

What we are looking for: 1) Leadership role, 2) Significance of the accomplishment

Participation in Activities with The American Legion: If you have participated in activities associated with the American Legion then provide the details in this space. If known enter the post number associated with. Examples may include Veterans and Memorial Day events, parades, events at an American Legion post or Flag Day ceremonies. Legion activities can be associated with The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion or American Legion Riders.

What we are looking for: 1) Leadership role, 2) Significance of the accomplishment

Participation in Activities or Organizations other than the JROTC or The American Legion: List any activity you are active in that would not fit into the above sections.

Activity: List the activity or organization you were associated with. List most recent and go back in chronological order. Examples may include student body government elected positions, captain of sports team, positions in a church group or FFA. List activities with other veteran organizations here also (VFW, DAV, or SAR are examples).

Office Held: If you held a leadership position for that activity then list it.

Accomplishment: Summarize your MOST significant accomplishment while in this position.

What we are looking for: 1) Leadership role, 2) Active involvement,

Membership in the American Legion Family: If you are a member of one of these Legion organizations list this information here to include post, unit, squadron or chapter associated with.

What are your Goals after High School: In the space provided, describe what your plans are upon graduating from high school? Do not enter information for this section on an additional information page.

Signatures: The application must be signed by both the cadet and parent or legal guardian to be accepted for award consideration.

Senior Instructor Endorsement: In the space provided the senior instructor will provide written endorsement. Be specific on Americanism and Leadership qualities demonstrated by the cadet in the JROTC unit, school and community. Signature of senior instructor is required.

Award Package Submission

Award package will consist of completed application by cadet, endorsement by senior instructor, and full-length photograph (portrait orientation) of cadet in service uniform with current rank and ribbons. Photo should be at least 5" x 7" on photo paper.

Mail application and photograph in large envelope so application and photograph are not folded.

Mail to:

The American Legion Dept of Missouri
Attn: ROTC Committee Chairman
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Completed awards packages must be received by **June 23, 2025** for consideration.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Category I -- Legionnaire to recruit **3 New Members** by **May 10, 2025** will be announced during General Session.

Category II -- Legionnaire to recruit **5 New Members** by **May 10, 2025** will receive a Certificate.

Category III -- Legionnaire to recruit **10 New Members** by **May 10, 2025** will receive a Plaque.

Category IV -- Legionnaire to recruit **25 New Members** by **May 10, 2025** will receive a Plaque.

Category V -- Legionnaire to recruit **50 New Members** by **May 10, 2025** will receive a Plaque.

Largest Post --Membership must be received at Department Headquarters by **July 1, 2025**.
(Postmarked not honored)

Auxiliary Members -- Any Auxiliary member to recruit 3 **New Legion Members** for **2025** by **May 10, 2025** will receive a certificate. The Auxiliary member who recruits the most Legion Members will receive a certificate of recognition.

Recruiters Name should only be submitted once. New member names and membership numbers must be provided to be considered This form should not be submitted to Department Headquarters before April 10, 2025 to ensure proper credit is given to the recruiter. New Members names will be verified at Department. This form must be returned to Department no later than May 10, 2025.

Recruiters Name _____		Post No. _____	
New Members Names:	Post No.	New Members Names:	Post No.
1 _____		2 _____	
3 _____		4 _____	
5 _____		6 _____	
7 _____		8 _____	
9 _____		10 _____	

2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Tampa Riverwalk
200 North Ashley Drive
Tampa, FL 33602

Housing Form Only

(Do not contact Hotel for reservation information)

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEGION HEADQUARTERS JULY 15, 2025

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime telephone _____ Email _____

Housing with _____
Spouse or other (Names)

Hilton's Honors # _____

Rooms are 1 or 2 persons. Additional occupancy add \$20.00, everyone in the room must be registered with the hotel

Circle your preference of Rooms type, however, there are no guarantees.

I prefer a room with (1 Bed - King) or (2 Beds - Doubles) **\$146.83** Tax included
Rollaway -None
(Identify type handicap – hearing – wheelchair – visually impaired)

ARRIVAL DATE

ARRIVAL TIME

DEPARTURE DATE

Housing (1st night's deposit only please)

**Enclosed is my check payable to
The American Legion Dept. of MO
in the amount of \$146.83 tax included.
(Do not include registration or events, housing only please)**

Send to: The American Legion, P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65102

FOR REGISTRATION AND OTHER EVENTS USE OTHER FORM.

2025 National Convention Fact Sheet

Hotel: Hotel Tampa Riverwalk , 200 North Ashley Drive
Tampa, Florida 33602 Check in: 4:00PM Check out : 11:00 AM

Registration Room: Thursday, August 21 3:30 p.m.-5:30p.m.
Friday, August 22 - 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, August. 23 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Location: TBA

Missouri Caucus: Sunday, 1:00 pm, August 24 : Location: TBA

Airport shuttle: None

Parking: Valet Only -20.00 per day

Room: Rooms Available: Kings & Double Full / Handicap

Amenities:

Swimming Pool – yes outdoor

Fitness Facility – yes

Coffee pot – yes

Refrigerator – yes -small compact

Microwave – no

Iron and board – yes

Hair dryer – yes

TV – yes

Safe – yes

Laundry Service – yes – washer and dryers -operated by credit card only

Internet services – yes

Restaurants & Lounges - yes

Café/Shops: Many Shops and Cafe's within a mile of hotel - Hotel has a small confectionary store on the first floor

Grocery Store & Package Store:

Hotel is .8 miles (about 4 blocks) from Convention Center shuttles will be provided.

Registration and Housing Forms can be found on Department Website

**2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION
REGISTRATION & MISSOURI PARTY**

Hotel Tampa Riverwalk

200 North Ashley Drive
Tampa, Fl 33602

CUT-OFF DATE JULY 15, 2025

Name _____

Legion ID# _____

Post # _____ Unit # _____ Squadron # _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Daytime telephone _____ Email _____

REGISTRATION

\$35.00 per person

No one will be allowed in the Exhibit Hall, Emblem Sales, shuttle transportation or in the general session if the registration fee is not paid.

Auxiliary members attending as delegates or alternates must pay their registration fee through the Auxiliary.

Guest's name: _____

(#) Registration fee @ \$35.00 per person \$ _____

(#) National Commander's Banquet @\$70.00 per person \$ _____
(Entertainment Pending)

Total \$ _____

**Make check payable to The American Legion Dept. of MO
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102**

“TOOT OUR HORNS AWARD PROGRAM”

A project of the Media and Communications Commission, Department of Missouri

This program is to encourage each post in Missouri to promote the American Legion in local and state media; to increase participation in district and department functions; to improve public relations with non-members; to encourage posts to set and attain goals they can be proud of in support of American Legion and veteran programs; to encourage non-member veterans to join the American Legion, and to encourage posts to develop a line of communication between them and their members.

A “TOOT OUR HORN plaque” will be presented to each post qualifying with “BARS” to be added for each completed membership year that the post participates in this program. This application MUST BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN JUNE 30th of the membership year that this award is being applied for. Posts qualifying for the TOOT OUR HORN award will be announced at the Department Convention and the awards will be presented at the Fall Conference. Listings of all Post(s) receiving their award for the current year will also be published in the “*Missouri Legionnaire*.”

REQUIREMENTS

Complete a minimum of 5 out of the following 10 categories:

- At least 6 advertisements, notice of meetings, or listing in local media (newspaper, television, radio, etc.) announcing post meetings.
- Publish a Post newsletter. This may be paper or emailed. (attach copy of newsletter)
- At least 2 post members attend the State Convention (provide a list of those who attended, signed by Post Commander or Adjutant)
- At least 2 post member attend the State Spring DEC meeting or Fall Conference (provide a list of those who attended, signed by the Post Commander or Adjutant)
- Post participation in a community event (parade, fair, troop rally, etc) (Attach a photo, newspaper clipping, etc.)
- Philanthropic activity (e.g. benefits, fund-raisers for a charitable cause, food pantry collections, bell ringing for Salvation Army, etc.)
- Conduct a new member recruiting campaign or Post revitalization campaign
- Conduct a complete Buddy Check
- Attain 100% or membership goal for current year by the May National target date.
- Maintain a post web presence (webpage, Facebook, centennial page)

Complete a minimum of 3 of the following categories

- Conduct monthly meetings
- One or more members of the Post is a District Officer (provide name(s) and office(s) held
- One or more members of the Post is a Department Officer (provide name(s) and office(s) held
- Host a District meeting
- Submit the Consolidated Post Report for current year (attach copy)
- Submit Certified Post Officer list to Department within 30 days of Department Convention

Reporting is to be done on this form as soon as requirements are met but no later than June 30th of the current membership year.

Copies of substantiating materials must accompany this application.

Post Name and Post Number: _____

Membership year submitted for: _____, Date submitted: _____

SIGNATURE OF POST COMMANDER OR ADJUTANT: _____

SEND THIS APPLICATION AND SUBSTANTIATING MATERIAL(S) TO: The American Legion, Department of Missouri, ATTN: Media & Communications Commission, P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0179

AMERICAN LEGION

TIREY J FORD – POST 21

49TH TRUMAN PILGRIMAGE

MAY 7 - OPEN HOUSE

MAY 8 – WREATH LAYING

Independence, MO

This will be the forty-ninth year the Missourians and Legionnaires from surrounding states have gathered to honor the memory of the first Legionnaire to become President of the United States.

The event will start Wednesday May 7th with a casual open house at Post 21 at 4PM. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. A short briefing will be held at 6PM in the Auxiliary room for those persons laying wreaths. On Thursday May 8th the annual laying of the wreaths ceremony will be held at the Harry S. Truman Library. Participation begins at 10:00 AM. Library motorcycle escort leaves Post 21 at 9:20 AM.

Following the ceremony, a luncheon will be served at Post 21 at 12:00 PM.

Everyone is invited to this historic event.



49th Annual Truman Pilgrimage

May 7th and 8th – 2025

DEADLINE IS April 30, 2025

Please print the requested information

WREATH ORDER FORM - Wreaths are \$20 each

Name of Organization: _____

Name of person laying the wreath: _____

Title of person laying the wreath: _____

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS - \$20 per person

Name: _____

of Reservations: _____

OPEN HOUSE - Attending: Yes _____ No _____

Options for Reservations

- 1. Fill out the above form and mail with your check.
Make check payable to Truman Pilgrimage – Post 21**
- 2. Call Dorothy and use a credit card for your reservations.**

Any questions feel free to email: alpost21manager@gmail.com

Work # - 816.373.0221 Cell # - 816.797.3210

Dorothy Ballew – 16701 E. 40 Highway, Independence, MO 64055

I look forward to seeing you at this historic event.