

ALA TODAY

LATEST ALANHQ NEWS AND UPDATES

2023
CONVENTION
ISSUE

1,153
REGISTERED ATTENDEES

7,500
TEXT MESSAGES WERE
SENT FROM NHQ TO
ATTENDEES



NHQ PURCHASED
28

AWARDS FOR CONVENTION



113
STARBUCKS DRINKS
CONSUMED BY STAFF



1,600
VIEWS ON
LIVESTREAM

THE COMMUNICATIONS
TEAM SNAPPED

1,000
PICS AT CONVENTION
&
50
VIDEOS

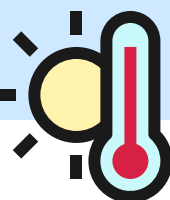


1,300
CHAIRS DECKED OUT IN
RED, WHITE & BLUE BANDANAS
FOR OPENING DAY

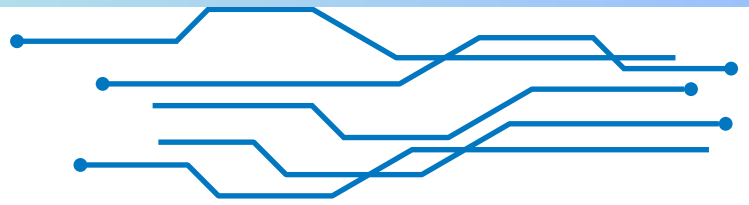


AUG. 26:
THE HOTTEST DAY
IN AUGUST WITH A
HIGH OF

98



HOBART UPDATES



Lights, Camera, Action!

Work on our Hobart Conference Room is complete! We can now professionally accommodate hybrid and remote meetings with people around the world!

The tech upgrade included a new video conferencing system complete with a 110-inch presentation screen and robotic HD camera, which is wall mounted to optimize shots of the presenter and in-person meeting attendees. Of course, it's not just about looking good during a hybrid meeting – we also need to interact with one another – and that's where the advances in audio really shine! The Hobart Conference Room is now equipped with low-profile tabletop microphones (no bigger than a drink coaster!) that allow for everyone around the table to be heard, as well as six in-ceiling speakers to ensure everyone in the meeting room can clearly hear those joining remotely. A branded touchscreen control panel allows us to easily change camera angles and adjust volume. The cherry on top of this tech sundae: a wireless package that allows for anyone in the room to share their screen with the group!

Not only has the tech been upgraded, but the Hobart décor received an upgrade as well. New low-profile lighting clears a visual path to the presentation screen, and repurposed office chairs – the brilliant brainchild child of our Events Team – help meeting participants stay engaged and comfortable.

Yes, the room looks great, and yes, the tech is very cool ... but the best part is these upgrades will not only allow us to have more productive, inclusive meetings, but we'll be able to do it without the added cost of travel and housing. We can't wait to host your next meeting!



NEW FACES



Ynfinity Taylor

Ynfinity joined our Finance Division as an Accounting Coordinator on July 31.

Karen Jacobs

We have some temporary help at the front desk! Karen joined our Administrative Team on Sept. 5.

Celebrating STAFF HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Bonnie Vest
October 19
8 years



Maggie Smith
October 18
1 year



Amanda Freeman
October 31
1 year



Cindy Radcliff
October 8
16 years



Jennifer Donovan
November 26
5 years



Sara Fowler
December 11
6 years



Travis Perkins
December 6
13 years

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Happy Birthday



Jessy Symmes
October



Amanda Ginter
November



Amanda Freeman
December



Co Bartel
December



Dean Sanders
December



Sommer Prim
December



Anne Hardwick
December



Fall 2023

Significant days and observances for the United States Armed Forces



October 2023

Oct. 13: U.S. Navy Birthday

Oct. 16-20: National Buddy Check Week

BE A BUDDY!

Oct. 26: Day of the Deployed

Oct. 27: Navy Day

November 2023

Oct. 30 - Nov. 3: National Veterans Small Business Week

Nov. 10: U.S. Marine Corps Birthday

Nov. 11: Veterans Day

Nov. 28: GivingTuesday

December 2023

Dec. 1: U.S. Civil Air Patrol Birthday

Dec. 7: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Dec. 13: U.S. National Guard Birthday

**NHQ
Holiday
Closings**

Nov. 10: Veterans Day Observance

Nov. 23-24: Thanksgiving

Dec. 25-26: Christmas

Jan. 1-2: New Year's 2024

CONVENTION BUSINESS

On Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023, in beautiful Charlotte, N.C., convention delegates passed two amendments.

The first, an amendment to National Bylaws, Article IX Unit Organization, Section 2. The original section 2 stated:

“THE MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP OF A UNIT SHALL BE TEN (10) SENIOR MEMBERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS UNIT THAT SHALL HAVE NO MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT.”

The newly amended section now reads:

“THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO CHARTER A NEW UNIT SHALL BE TEN (10) SENIOR MEMBERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS UNIT THAT SHALL HAVE NO MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT.”

The original proposal for the amendment was brought forward by the national Constitution & Bylaws Committee.

The second amendment passed by 2023 National Convention delegates was to National Standing Rule II. National Convention: Section 2. The proposal, submitted by the Department of Minnesota, aimed to change the formula used to calculate the National Convention delegate strength. Here is what was proposed and passed:

Representation in the National Convention shall be by Departments. Each Department shall be entitled to ~~five (5)~~ **seven (7)** delegates; and one (1) additional delegate for each ~~fifteen hundred (1,500)~~ **one thousand two hundred (1,200)** members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received by the National Treasurer thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of said National Convention, and to one (1) alternate for each delegate.

The delegates and alternates shall be selected not less than two (2) weeks before the National Convention at Department Conventions or in any manner specified by any Department Constitution; provided that the Department hosting the National Convention shall be privileged to hold its Department Convention and select its delegates at the time and place designated by its Department of The American Legion.

In addition to the above, the National President, National Vice President, National Division Vice Presidents, National Chaplain, National Historian, members of the National Executive Committee, and Past National Presidents in good standing with their respective Units shall be delegates-at-large with vote to be exercised with their respective Departments, except for the National President who shall vote as Chairman of the National Convention.

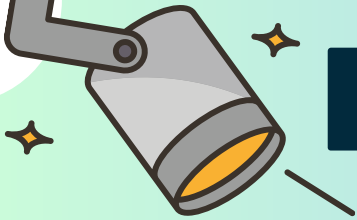


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BEHIND THE
SCENES
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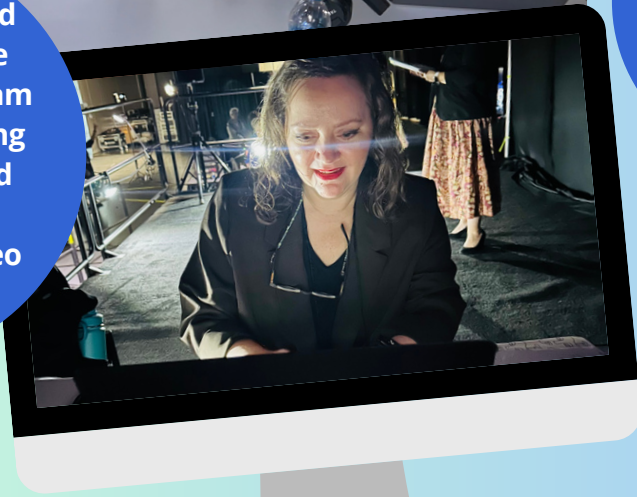




BACKSTAGE



Jennifer, Sara F., and Stephanie from the Communications team working on uploading convention pics and monitoring the convention live video feed.



A New Jersey past district commander's service dog "Sarge" joined us backstage on Tuesday before the Four Chaplains presented their award.



Sara R. and Jessy getting ready for another busy day in Charlotte.

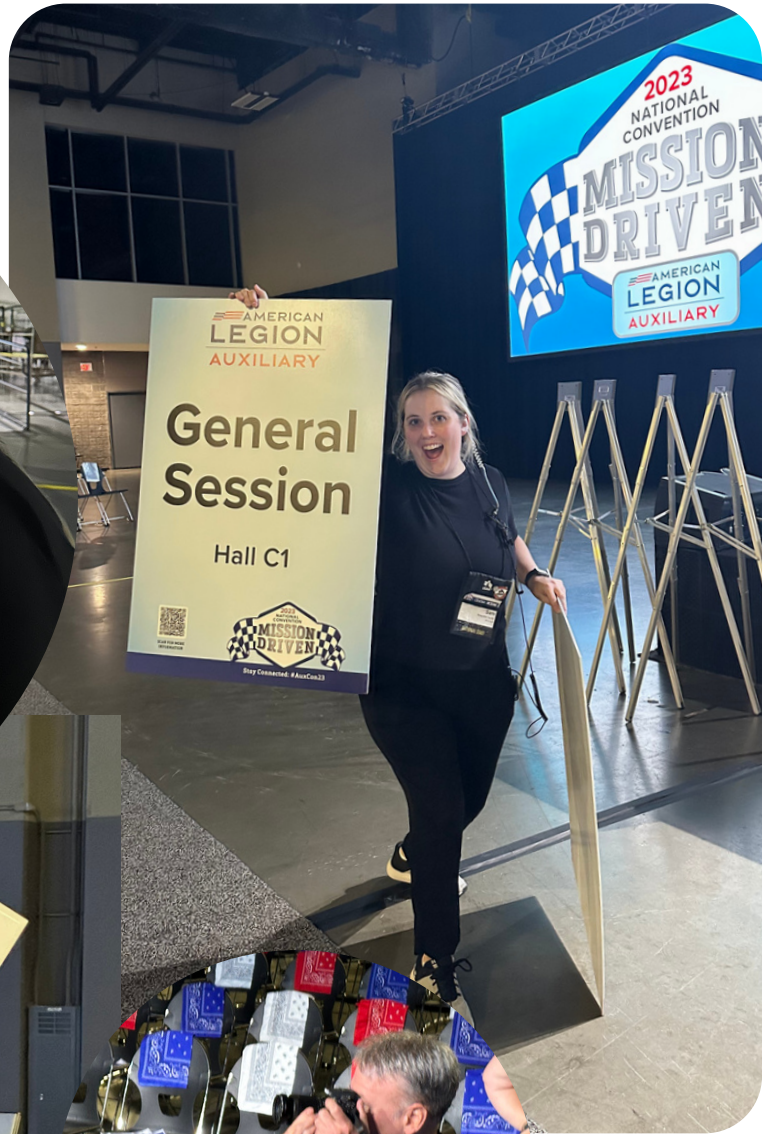


Tamara, Stephanie, and Sommer take a short break from the chaos to smile for a photo.

GETTING READY FOR GENERAL SESSION

Sam was all smiles getting the convention hall set for the big day.

Chrystal sharing her box cutter safety tips with the group.

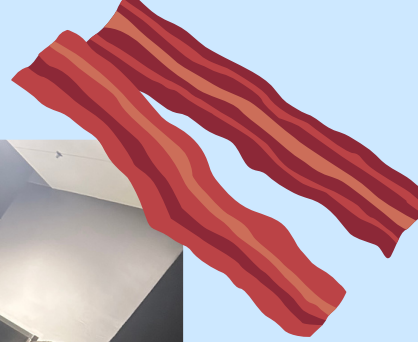


It's always a great time when Travis is around!

Co is Team Alaska all the way!

THE TECH TEAM

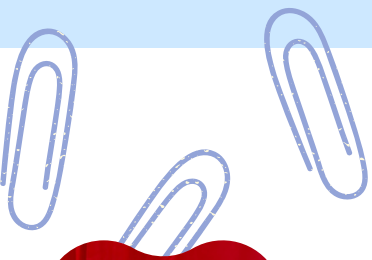
Sunday morning brunch was provided by the Events Team. Staff came together for a quick meeting and prepped the huge convention hall while our tech team was hard at work ensuring a seamless production experience.



OVER IN THE OFFICE

Marti and Kristin were busy holding down the registration desk and answering questions from members.

Jessy takes a break from event management to enjoy a sweet convention treat!



WALL OF HEROES

244 Donors
\$10,394

WINE PULL

100 Bottles
\$2,450



The most expensive bottle of wine went for \$100. Tsarine Cuvee Adriana Brut Champagne (pictured above).

PUFL

\$5,806

Fun fact: The winning member was from Indiana and borrowed \$10 from a friend for her ticket. Talk about lucky!

SILENT AUCTION

WINNERS

Department of New York
Jessica Abel
Candace Ann Rothering
Peter DeAngelis
Becky DeFeo
Rose Ficklin
Tammy Harris
Cassie Johnson
Colleen Phillips
Julie Landers
Alishia Levasseur
Cathe MacInnes
David Riley Sr.
Marybeth Revoir
Rebecca Farley
Maria Shelton
DeDe Theal
Edward Wallace
Terri Wallace
Beth Whitaker
Carol Wolf

32 items
407 bids
\$8,812



States
Dinner

