

**DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA
NATIONAL CONVENTION Tampa Bay, Florida
Friday, 22 August through Thursday, 28 August 2024**

22 April 2025

To: Potential Attendees to the **2025 National Convention**, Tampa Bay, Florida

*The American Legion National Convention will be held in Tampa Bay, Friday, 22 August – Thursday, 28 August 2025. Alaska will be staying at the **J W Marriott Tampa Water Street** (National hotel for Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and many Departments), 510 Water Street, Tampa Bay FL 33602.*

Hotel rate: **King Room \$169** (1 bed/standard room – 1 or 2 persons), **2 Beds Room \$169.00** (2 beds/standard room – 1 or 2 persons), **ADA Room \$169.00**, **PLUS 13.5% tax per night plus \$1.95 charge each night** (**Total per night is \$192.08**). There is an **additional fee of \$10.00 + TAX** each additional occupant in the room per day (triple/quadruple).

On-site **parking** spaces available for guests - valet parking is \$39.34 per night, and per day is \$27.96.

National Headquarters will forward a “block” list of confirmation numbers to Department Headquarters which will be passed on to those attending the Convention. Do **NOT** contact the hotel or National Headquarters directly about your reservation. **You MUST go through Department Headquarters** if you have any questions/concerns.

Information from J W Marriott Tampa Water Street website: No shuttle service is provided by the Hotel to/from the airport. Go to www.legion.org/convention for information on transportation from/to the airport. Rooms do have a refrigerator and coffee maker; the rooms do **not** have a microwave.

Getting Here The nearest airport is Tampa International Airport, 5 miles from the hotel.

Legion Committee / Commission meetings take place on Saturday and Sunday, 23 and 24 August. The Legion Convention convenes on Tuesday, 26 August and adjourns the afternoon of Thursday, 28 August. **Auxiliary starts on Monday, 25 August and ends Wednesday afternoon 27 August.**

American Legion Family Night: pending for Sunday.

FODPAL breakfast: Monday, 25 August 7 AM; information to be provided when received.

National Commander's Banquet Tuesday, 26 August. Tickets are \$70.00 each; **tickets have been pre-ordered – need a separate cheque for payment of Banquet tickets. There are NO refunds.**

Woman of the Year Luncheon (date and amount TBD), **National President's State Dinner** (Wednesday evening); information will be provided by Department Secretary Anarene Robinson.

National requires registration fees and 1-night stay reservation be paid in advance. To accommodate National's deadline date, you **MUST** send in the **Reservation Request Form AND accompanying cheque** to arrive here at Department Headquarters by **Friday, 27 June 2025**. You **MUST** provide your **ARRIVAL date AND DEPARTURE date on the form**.

Fill out the attached Registration Form. Make the cheque payable to: **AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA**. We will write one cheque to National. **Requests received after 27 June 2025 will NOT be honoured, NO exceptions**; or reservations received not accompanied by full 1-night stay payment will be returned.

Form must include

Name, address, and phone number of each person staying in the room
Type of room required (king, 2 beds, or ADA (ADA room availability is limited as the room request was submitted in April 2024)

Each person's arrival and departure dates.

Indicate if each person listed is a Legionnaire, Auxiliary member, SAL, or guest.

Write in the amounts on the applicable lines on the bottom of the form and write in the total which should match your cheque. If you have more than two people in your room, **include the ADDITIONAL amount for 3 or 4 people**.

DONATIONS are requested for smoked salmon, reindeer sausage, or other Alaska unique snacks for the Alaska Hospitality Room. It would be greatly appreciated.

Additional information can be obtained through National's website www.legion.org/convention.

Sincerely,



SHARON CHERRETTE
Department Adjutant

2025 American Legion Family National Convention, Tampa Bay, Florida

Make cheque payable to: **TAL, Dept of Alaska**

Drop off or send cheque **AND** form to: The American Legion, Dept of Alaska
1550 Charter Circle, Anchorage AK 99508

**This form AND accompanying cheque must arrive at Department Headquarters office
NO LATER THAN Friday, 27 June 2025 no exceptions.**

FILL OUT ONE (1) FORM FOR EACH ROOM BEING RESERVED; indicate on form if No Roommate. Maximum to a room is 4 people. Add \$10 PLUS tax each for third and fourth person.

<u>NAME of Each Person</u>	<u>Dates Arriving & Departing</u>	<u>Type of Room</u> (King, 2-Beds, or ADA)
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1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____

Contact phone number for a person in the room in case there is an issue or schedule change:

NAME / PHONE NUMBER _____

Room rates for the J W Marriott Tampa Water Street during the Convention is **\$169.00** per night, **PLUS \$1.95 per night fee, PLUS 13.5% tax. The total cost per night for each type of room is \$192.08.**

Unless you are staying elsewhere, **one** night's hotel room cost **AND** registration fees for **Legionnaires** must be included in the cheque accompanying this form. **If you are staying elsewhere, annotate "not required" on the hotel cost line.** IF YOU JUST PLAN ON GOING TO TAMPA BAY **AND NOT STAY AT THE HOTEL OR REGISTER, DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM.** This form is for those Legion Family members wishing to be a part of the Alaska Delegation (whether as a Legion, Auxiliary, SAL member or Guest) to receive your name tag to enter the Convention building.

You must forward **\$192.08** for the first night's hotel room and **\$35.00 registration fee** for each Legionnaire to be registered (even if going as a guest). **You canNOT enter the Convention Meetings OR Vendor/Emblem Sales areas without your name badge (registration).** **Auxiliary and SAL hotel reservation information is required, do NOT include the registration fee.**

Department will **NOT** accept a cheque for the 1st night's room rate from one individual with hopes the other person will eventually send registration form. **Do not send a cheque with this form unless it covers ALL costs (one night stay plus each individual's Legion registration).**

	<u>Amount</u>
Hotel Cost: Cheque – TAL, Dept of AK \$192.08 per room per day (if 3 people \$203.43)	_____
Convention Registration: \$35.00 Legion (Auxiliary contact Anarene Robinson, SAL contact Kevin Collier)	_____
Total enclosed:	_____

Commander Banquet ticket is **\$70 each. Those who pre-ordered a ticket need to provide a separate cheque made out to TAL, Dept of AK.**