Official Program

FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
AMERICAN LEGION
October 15th to 19th, 1923

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
Preamble of the American Legion


For God and country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

"To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, State and Nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good-will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our camaradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."
FATHER WM. B. O'CONNOR
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

CHIEF F. PLUMMER
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER

BOBBY ADAMS
STATE VICE-COMMANDER

JOHN PUTNAM
STATE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

DR. EDWARD J. BARRETT
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER

FATHER W.W. R. O'CONNOR
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

EMIL S. STOCK
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER

LAMBERT MILLER
NATIONAL COMMISSARY

WATSON W. MILLER
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER

ROBERT R. TYNDALL
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION

San Francisco
Welcomes You

National Officers
American Legion
To My California Comrades:

You men of California have accepted the great task of entertaining 100,000 men and women who were your buddies in the great war and have determined that the American Legion shall hold its greatest national gathering in San Francisco. With the same energy that won in the Argonne, you have put your shoulders to the wheel to accomplish this end. We know that you will not fail.

The Nation is indebted to the California Department for its splendid campaign of Americanism and for the successful efforts it has made to alleviate the lot of our sick and wounded comrades. Posts of your department also have been leaders in enterprises for the good of their communities.

May your unselfish activities be continued during the coming year. Our American Legion will grow in strength and influence in proportion to the good it accomplishes for the community, state and nation. It is our mission to perpetuate the spirit of sacrifice and devotion to country revealed to us on the battlefields of France.

I shall be very happy to return to my Legion comrades who entertained me so splendidly many months ago. I am sure that all Legionnaires will feel the same way after a visit to your wonderful state.

My heartiest congratulations and best wishes for your department.

(Sgd.) ALVIN OWSELY,
National Commander.
My warmest of Greetings to The American Legion and Auxiliary! My heart swells with pride as I review the achievements of the past year. They are without parallel in the history of organization work. To be able to mobilize a million of men and three hundred thousand women as now represented in the Legion and the auxiliary is, itself, marvelous when compared with the slow development and growth of similar organizations.

Your constructive work has been in keeping with your growth. Every hospital and almost every town and hamlet in the United States has been benefitted by your loving ministrations. Hearts have been lightened because you have made their burdens yours. Heroes, lying on beds of pain, had their lives gladdened because they have felt that we were "here to carry on for those who are now broken by illness." The fatherless, the widow, the discouraged, the needy—all have been ministered unto. Nor have the triumphant dead been forgotten. Their deeds have been sung by us in song and story. We have striven to lead the world to follow the ideals for which they died. Their graves will soon be a trysting for future generations who will place there—the laurel, the forget-me-not and the rosemary.

All this and more has been made possible by your patriotic devotion, lead by ideals of service to God, our native land, and the wide, wide, world which He hath made so beautiful!

We pledge anew our loyalty to the Legion and that for which it stands. We are proud to receive from it our "Marching Orders" because we know that those orders will never be other than a true-hearted American woman can loyally follow.

Women of the American Legion—I greet you. You have proved yourselves worthy of the blood which flows in your veins—that same blood which has reddened so many fields of glory and which has never been shed in battle except in the cause of justice and righteousness. Each member of the auxiliary, wife, mother, daughter, sister, of a Legionnaire—the same blood bought for you and for me membership in the American Legion auxiliary. We are not our own. We were bought with a price! the price of blood! May this blood covenant in full as inviolate between you and me and the work to which we are pledged.

KATE WALLER BARRETT,
National President.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 18, 1923.

My dear Mr. Keaton:

Your letter, just received, reminds me of the approaching Fifth National Convention of the American Legion in San Francisco. The Legion has become a force for good government and the highest type of Americanism, as during the War those who now constitute its membership were a power in behalf of liberty and enlightenment.

I cannot wish better than that in peace and in dealing with its problems, the Legion may always show the splendid example which its members set in the hard years of the War.

Most sincerely yours,

Mr. Morgan Keaton,
Department Adjutant,
The American Legion,
270 City Hall,
San Francisco, California.
GREETINGS TO THE AMERICAN LEGION

By JAMES ROLPH, JR.
Mayor of San Francisco

I have greeted the men of the American Legion on many occasions. Some have been farewells, some triumphant home-comings, but this, the opportunity of welcoming your great National Convention at San Francisco, in time of peace, is one of the happiest in my experience.

San Francisco welcomes you with all her heart. This is your city. As Mayor, I surrender it to you, with the most cordial wishes for your enjoyment, your comfort and the success of your deliberations.

Your convention is more than a business conclave. It is the opportunity for the renewal of acquaintanceships. Here again, buddy will meet buddy. There will be reminiscences of momentous adventures, stirring scenes, a harking back to those days of the Meuse-Argonne offensive; the great battle of Chateau Thierry, turning tide of the war; to the Somme, St. Mihiel, the Flanders operations and Belleau Wood. Old days, old times, old friendships, will be revived.

The same motives, the same love of country, that guided you then will rule your convention today. The American Legion has become a great force in our country—an outstanding factor for patriotism. Wherever you find an American Legion post, whether in the largest city or the smallest hamlet, there you will find a positive influence for Americanism—an influence making for unqualified respect for our institutions, our traditions and our Flag.

We are proud that this splendid aggregation of young men, representative of all parts of our country and of the highest type of national character, has chosen San Francisco for its meeting place. We know that your business sessions, watched with interest by the entire nation, will be productive of far-reaching invaluable results, and we trust that your stay in San Francisco will be filled with all the pleasures possible for a grateful and affectionate public to bestow.

(Sgd.) JAMES ROLPH, JR.
SAN FRANCISCO, THE CONVENTION CITY
By H. H. SHERWOOD, President

San Francisco Convention & Tourist League
It is claimed by boosters of San Francisco as a convention city that by 1925 every national and international organization of importance will have held a convention here. In spite of the fact that it is 2,000 miles west of the center of population, San Francisco has every advantage that could make this prophecy come true.

Such advantages are an ideal climate, splendid hotel and housing accommodations, excellent rail and steamship service and a wealth of entertainment and amusement centers including the natural beauty of the city. With a genuine air of hospitality pervading it, the cosmopolitan character of San Francisco adapts it to the entertainment of all types and classes of visitors. The efficient manner in which conventions have been handled here has won the city much commendation.

Not the least of the claims is that for the great auditorium, said to be the finest equipped in the world. In addition to one great hall, the auditorium has numerous convention rooms under the same roof, so that all sections of any organizations may be cared for simultaneously. This large center has attracted visitors from all parts of the world, who come to investigate the methods of handling the enormous throngs which pass through the city each year in attendance at various meetings.

San Francisco was brought to the favorable attention of the world as a convention city by the efficient handling of the national Democratic convention in 1920. In 1921 the International Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus brought delegates to San Francisco from all parts of the world. The following year the Shriners staged the big event, though the American Bar Association, National Real Estate Board and other conventions attracted many visitors.

As to a comparison of popularity with other western cities, San Francisco was host to almost three times as many conventions in 1922 as all other Pacific Coast cities combined. The records for 1923 will show that the Golden Gate City will surpass all western cities in the total number of important assemblages.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE BUILDING

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the business interests of the city, welcome the members of the American Legion to the Golden Gate for their convention.

Coming from all parts of the United States and embracing in their civil capacities all lines of business and industry, the members of the American Legion will find in San Francisco a hospitality as unbounded as it is heartfelt.

San Francisco, which knows the magnificent record of the American Legion in war, feels privileged in being selected for the great peace-time conclave which brings its members within its gates.

COLBERT COLDWELL, President,
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.
October 1, 1923.

To My Comrades:

You are in a friendly sector, where the first general order is hospitality. St. Mihiel, Chateau Thierry, Argonne days are past, and the men who made those triumphs possible are honored as our guests.

To the men who served with me in those great drives, I offer special greeting. I hail as well the unsung heroes of training camps and the sea. The problems of America will be bravely met by them in conclave here, and their deliberations will go down as important in history.

San Francisco has been loyal to you in war and in peace. Her citizens and your Comrade-Legionnaires have worked for months to plan your entertainment. She is ready. She offers you her homage—and it comes from her heart.

HUNTER LIGGETT,
General Chairman.
The American Legion auxiliary, department of California, extend greetings and a welcome to the national officers and delegates and auxiliary members who will gather in San Francisco. California has problems peculiar to its geographical position as the western frontier of the nation. With the responsibilities of our position, nature has generously endowed us with many natural advantages. One of these is our equitable climate, that has drawn to our State many thousand men and women suffering from tuberculosis.

The Veterans' Bureau in its wisdom has provided for two great tubercular hospitals of the most modern cottage type. One at Livermore in the North and the other in the San Fernando Valley in the South, for our tubercular men, but adequate provision has not yet been made for our women. Several hundred such women are now in the State and the demand for their care is a pressing one. Arizona and New Mexico have a very similar problem confronting them. We hope that the same wisdom that located two great hospitals for tubercular men on this coast will find a favorable location for a similar hospital for our women.

The American Legion auxiliary should exert its influence and put forth its every effort to obtain a place now, where these noble women can be cared for until such a hospital can be located and erected.

Every State has its special advantages along certain lines and wherever these may be of service in the care of disabled men or women of the World War, the department of California will whole heartedly join in support of such just claims.

The beautiful and historical city of San Francisco takes pride in being the hostess city for the national convention. If we did not realize the earnestness with which officers and delegates come to this convention, we might fear that the pleasures and distractions of this most hospitable city might take our attentions from the serious work before us. Both will receive a proper measure of our time and we trust the national convention in San Francisco will be long remembered by you, for the usefulness of your labors and the enjoyment of the brief time that you are our guests.

MARTHA S. DECKER,
Department President.
TO LEGION CONVENTION:

The entire membership of the American Legion welcomes you to San Francisco and California. We join with you in continuing and maintaining that great work to which we are all dedicated. San Francisco offers you the hospitality it is famed for and the entire department of California is at your service. Call upon us so that we may exemplify to you the comradeship which we in California have for the members of the American Legion regardless of where they are from.

It is indeed a great pleasure and greatly appreciated by us of this great State to have the privilege of entertaining a group of Americans in whom we have the greatest of confidence and to whom the true people of the United States, we believe join in extending their appreciation.

Your comrades who are members of responsible committees for convention arrangement have labored long and diligently to the end that you may enjoy yourselves and that your work in carrying on our ideals and setting above all else, faith in Americanism in the United States, may be carried forward with the greatest expedition and comfort.

And, with these conditions in mind, it is doubly pleasant for us to welcome you and extend to you our hospitality and all that we may give in service that your stay here may be pleasant, instructing and of lasting value.

Please call upon us—do not hesitate to ask of our people questions which will make for your better comfort while here.

Our department headquarters will be yours as will the headquarters of all San Francisco posts and wherever you may visit in the State. We have but one desire during your stay and that is to be of service to you and we ask of you that you make it possible by calling upon us.

JAMES F. COLLINS,
Department Commander.
American Legion Auxiliary

Dr. Kate Waller Barrett
National President

Mrs. John R. Neely
National Vice-President

Miss Bess B. Wetherhall
National Secretary

Mrs. Belle Nye
National Historian
Women's Auxiliary
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Martha S. Decker
President

Mrs. Eliza Shepard
Past Dept. President of California
Chairman Natl Convention Committee

Mrs. Elizabeth Drendell
Secretary-Treasurer

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In Memoriam

FREDERICK W. GALBRAITH JR.
BORN 1874
DIED 1921
Committee Chairmen

Dr. John F. Slavich
Chairman
Alameda County Day

Philip J. Fay
Audit and Budget

A. W. Chase
Secretary
Alameda County Day

James F. Waters
Automobiles

Maj. Jos. P. McQuaide
Chaplains

Walter Heynemann
Baggage

Milton D. Sapiro
Concessions

J. W. Jackson
Halls and Seating

Bernard Peter Lamb
Decorations

A. P. Lott
Athletics

Harris C. Allen
Aviation

Chas. H. Cunningham
Band-Drum Corps
Committee Chairmen

James C. Flaherty
Chinatown Trips

Miss Dixie Boulware
Lady Legionnaires

Jack Hayes
Promenade of the Allies

Alvin W. Gerlack
"Forty and Eights"

R. E. Mittelstaedt
Hotels and Housing

Dr. Edmund Butler
Health and Public Safety

Frank Shoemaker
Fire and Life Protection

A. E. Graupner
Military Reunions

W. H. Mallett
Rifle Shoot

C. T. Shea
Information

John J. Casey
High Jinks

Ramsay Moran
Liaison
Committee Chairmen

Francis W. Schilling
National Headquarters and Public Gatherings

Milton H. Esberg
Finance

William O. Tyson
Purchasing

C. W. Miles
Naval Affairs

I. Weinsteln
Speakers

Laurence C. Thompson
Railroad-Steamship Transportation

Mrs. G. H. Taubles
Women’s Committees

John S. Willis
Registration

Frank W. Bruhn
Telephone and Telegraph

Wallace W. Sheehan
Tickets and Invitations
FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
AMERICAN LEGION
Civic Auditorium
San Francisco, October 15 to 19, 1923

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
10:00 a. m. Opening National Headquarters,
Civic Auditorium.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
10:00 a. m. Meeting National Americanism Commission,
Committee Room "F," Civic Auditorium.
4:00 p. m. Meeting Delegation Chairmen and Secretaries,
Committee Room "G," Civic Auditorium.
Entertainment—Pre-Convention Receptions and Dances at various Fraternal
Societies and Legion Post Clubrooms.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
10:00 a. m. Meeting Convention Committee on Credentials.
Committee Room "E," Civic Auditorium.
2:00 p. m. Meeting Convention Committee on Rules,
Committee Room "D," Civic Auditorium.
2:00 p. m. Meeting Committee on Permanent Organization,
Committee Room "C," Civic Auditorium.
4:00 p. m. Meeting National Executive Committee,
Committee Room "G," Civic Auditorium.
Morning. Special services at all churches.
ENTERTAINMENT—1:00 p. m., Automobile Sightseeing Trips, commencing
at 1:00 p. m. from Civic Auditorium. 2:00 p. m., Civic Pageant, Swimming
and Athletic Events, Aquatic Park, foot of Van Ness Ave. 2:00 p. m., Football
Game, United States Battle Fleet vs. Agnetians, Ewing Field, Masonic Ave.
and Ellis street (take No. 5, "A," "B" or "C" street cars.) Evening: Pre-
Convention Dances and Receptions. Jewish Welfare Board and Y. M. H. A.,
at Y. M. H. A. Building, 121 Haight street.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
9:00 a. m. Music.
9:30 a. m. Call to Order by National Commander.
Invocation by National Chaplain.
Advancement of Colors.
Singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Miss Helene Hughes.
Reading Call of Convention, by National Adjutant.
Addresses of Welcome by:
James Rolph, Jr., Mayor of San Francisco.
Friend W. Richardson, Governor of California.
James Collins, Commander, Department of California.
Lieut.-General Hunter Liggett, General Chairman, National
Convention Committee.
Response by National Commander.
Reports of Committees:
Permanent Organization.
Credentials.
Rules.
Reports of National Officers.
Address by Hon. James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor.
Address by Admiral R. E. Coontz, Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Address by General Josef Haller, Commander, Army of the Republic of Poland.
Awarding of Department Trophies.
Memorial Services:
(a) Song: “There is No Better Death,” Miss Helene Hughes.
(b) Silent Prayer.
(c) Taps.
Retirement of Colors.
Adjournment.
2:00 p.m. Opening American Legion Auxiliary Convention, Native Sons’ Hall, 414 Mason Street.
(a) Address by Alvin Owsley, National Commander, American Legion.
2:00 p.m. Meeting American Legion National Convention Committees, Civic Auditorium.
(a) Resolutions, Committee Room “B.”
(b) Rehabilitation, Committee Room “A.”
(c) Legislative, Committee Room “H.”
(d) Constitutional Amendments, Committee Room “C.”
(e) Internal Organization, Committee Room “D.”
(f) Americanism, Committee Room “F.”
(g) Finances, Committee Room “E.”
(h) Military Affairs, Committee Room “I.”
(i) Naval Affairs, Committee Room “J.”
(j) Aeronautics, Committee Room “K.”
(k) Time and Place of Next Meeting, Committee Room “L.”

ENTERTAINMENT—12:15 p.m., “Navy Day” Luncheon to National Officers and Distincuted Guests, by members of C. C. Thomas Post, American Legion, Gold Ballroom, Palace Hotel. 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., “Navy Day”; Entertainment, dancing, open house, receptions and high jinks on board all vessels of the United States Battle Fleet. 2:30 p.m., Baseball Championships: El Segundo Post vs. All Pacific Fleet. 6:00 p.m., Banquet to National Officers and Distinguished Guests, Palace Hotel. 7:30 p.m., “A Night in Chinatown.” 8:30 p.m., “Promenade of the Allies,” Gold Ballroom and Concert Room, Palace Hotel, under auspices of Franco-British-Italian Allied War Veterans of San Francisco; R. Bramley, Chairman. 9:00 p.m., Dancing in various downtown halls; open house by fraternal societies, etc. 9:00 p.m., Golden Gate Post No. 40, American Legion; Informal Dance, Winter Garden Pavilion, Sutter and Pierce streets.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
9:00 a.m. Military Parade. Ferry to the Civic Center (for details see Parade Order).
2:00 p.m. Music.
2:30 p.m. Call to Order by National Commander.
Invocation by National Chaplain.
Advancement of Colors.
Address by Frank T. Hines, Director, U. S. Veterans’ Bureau.
Greetings from Veterans' Organizations:
- Grand Army of the Republic.
- United Confederate Veterans.
- Spanish War Veterans.
- Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- Disabled American Veterans of the World War.
- Presentations of Allied Consuls.
- Committee Reports.
- Retirement of Colors.
- Adjournment.

ENTERTAINMENT—12:15 p.m., Knights of Columbus Reception and Luncheon to National Officers and Distinguished Guests, Palace Hotel. 8:00 p.m., Monster High Jinks; Entertainment, Vaudeville, Boxing, Wrestling and Music; Civic Auditorium. Evening: "Stag-ess" to visiting Lady-Legionnaires, by Bay Counties Hostesses Committee; Palace Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

9:00 a.m. Music.

9:30 a.m. Call to Order by National Commander.
- Invocation by National Chaplain.
- Advancement of Colors.
- Addresses by:
  - Dr. Kate Waller Barrett, National President, American Legion Auxiliary.
  - Robert E. Bondy, American Red Cross.
  - William J. McGeenley, Supreme Secretary, Knights of Columbus.
- Committee Reports.
- Retirement of Colors.
- Adjournment.

ENTERTAINMENT—10:30 a.m., "Elks' Day;" Automobile Sightseeing, Luncheon and Entertainment in Band Concourse, Golden Gate Park. 1:30 p.m., Automobile Sightseeing Trip; tour of the city. 2:00 p.m., Dedication of Plaque, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Spreckels' California Legion of Honor Memorial, Lincoln Park. Dedicatory Speech by Alvin Owsley, National Commander. Response on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Spreckels: Senator Samuel Shortridge.

ARMY AFTERNOON—(a) Air Service Exhibit at Crissey Field, as follows:
- 1:30 p.m., Announcement, by wireless, from plane. 1:35 p.m., Arrival of Air Mail. 1:45 p.m., Shooting of Water Targets from Airplanes. 1:55 p.m., Aerial Combat, Army and Navy. 2:10 p.m., Refueling airplanes in air, Army. 2:30 p.m., Laying smoke screen, Navy. 2:35 p.m., Bombing by Army airplanes of a floating barge used as target; also firing at airplanes by a detachment of the 63rd Anti-Aircraft Battalion from Fort Scott. 2:50 to 3:00 p.m., Formation Flights, Army and Navy. (b) Parade; Exhibition Drills and Military Exhibits in the main parade ground of the Presidio of San Francisco; including Military Review. (c) Hot lunch at north end of Main Parade Ground. (d) Concerts by 30th Infantry and Coast Artillery Bands. (e) Arrival of two U. S. Marine Corps airplanes from world's flying meet at St. Louis. 2:30 p.m., Tennis Exhibitions, Berkeley Tennis Club, Berkeley. 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., Reception to Marines and ex-Marines, by Major-General George
Barnett, U. S. M. C., at 36 Annie St. Concert by Marine Band in Palm Court of Palace Hotel. **Evening:** Illumination of entire United States Battle Fleet. **3:30 to 5:00 p. m.,** Reception to Lady Legionnaires, Nurses’ Recreation House, Letterman General Hospital, Presidio. Miss Dora Thompson, Hostess. **7:30 p. m.,** Night Parade of California Counties and Cities, under direction of American Legion, Department of California. **8:00 p. m.,** “Casey’s Overseas Show” and Ball, under auspices of Knights of Columbus; David F. Supple, Supreme Warden; A. G. Bagley, Department Director, Knights of Columbus War Activities, Civic Auditorium. Entertainment at 8:00, Joseph Scott; Dancing at 10:00. **6:30 p. m.,** Reception and Banquet by Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Roof Garden, Hotel Whitcomb.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18TH**

**9:00 a. m.** Music.

**9:30 a. m.** Call to Order by National Commander.

Invocation by National Chaplain.

**Address by:**

Samuel Gompers, President American Federation of Labor.

Greetings from American Women’s Overseas League.

Committee Reports.

Retirement of Colors.

Adjournment.

**ENTERTAINMENT—12:15 p. m.,** Kiwanis Club luncheon and reception to fellow Kiwannian, Alvin Owsley, Fairmont Hotel. **12:15 p. m.,** Luncheon and Reception to National Officers and National Chaplain Father William P. O’Connor, also World War Chaplains, by Order of Alhambra, Palais Royal Cafe. **12:30 p. m.,** A. W. O. L. Luncheon to Lady-Legionnaires, Oakland Municipal Boathouse, Oakland. **12:30 p. m.,** Citizens’ Luncheon, Hotel Oakland. **Afternoon:** “Alameda County Day.” Leave San Francisco by the Southern Pacific or Key Route boats, from the Ferry Building, every twenty minutes after 12 o’clock noon. Parade starts from foot of Broadway, Oakland, at 2:30 p. m. Sightseeing Trips; entertainment continuously to 4:00 p. m. Ladies’ Reception Committee headquarters at Shriner’s Hall, 13th and Harrison streets. Open house at Elks, Knights of Columbus, Sciots, Eagles and other lodges. **2:30 p. m.,** Track and Field Meet, American Olympiad, University of California Oval, Berkeley. Rifle Shoot, Leona Heights. **4:00 p. m.,** Boxing Tournament, Oakland Auditorium, 12th Street. Swimming events at Neptune Beach, Alameda. **Evening:** Grand Ball, under auspices of Citizens’ Reception Committee of Alameda County, Oakland Municipal Auditorium, 12th St. “Alameda County Day,” programme under direction of Dr. John F. Slavich, Chairman; Alvin W. Chase, Executive Secretary. **9:00 p. m.,** National Grand Promenade, 40 and 8, at Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, preceded by street parade. **10:00 p. m.,** Institution of California Department, 8s and 40s (ladies), Elks Hall, 540 Powell street, followed by midnight banquet in Chinatown.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19TH**

**9:00 a. m.** Music.

**9:30 a. m.** Call to Order by National Commander.

Invocation by National Chaplain.

Advance of Colors.

Committee Reports.
E. J. Tobin
Treasurer

Charles H. Kendrick
Chief of Staff: Finance-Audit

L Hunter Liggett
Chairman

Jesse C. Colman
Hospitality

Henry G. Mathewson
Parades

Leon French
Reception

John R. Quinn
Public Gatherings
Unfinished Business.
   Awarding of Prizes, Band and Bugle Corps contests, etc.
New Business.
Election of Officers:
   Commander.
   Five (5) Vice-Commanders.
   Chaplain.
Awarding of Colors to Outgoing and Incoming National Commanders.
Retirement of Colors.
Benediction.
Adjournment.


Evening
9:30 p. m. Installation of National Officers, Civic Auditorium.

ENTERTAINMENT—1:30 p. m., Automobile sightseeing trip down Peninsula of San Francisco to Palo Alto Base Hospital. Entertainment and refreshments at hospital by San Mateo Post, American Legion; American Red Cross, Knights of Columbus and Jewish Welfare Board.

8:00 p. m. Grand Convention Ball, Civic Auditorium.
8:00 p. m. Special entertainment for Legionnaires by Argonne Lodge No. 514, F. & A. M., composed of ex-service men of the World War, Hall No. 2, Masonic Temple, Van Ness avenue and Market street.

EXHIBIT OF ARMY ORDNANCE MATERIAL

Throughout the entire period of the American Legion Convention there will be an exhibit of army ordnance material in the Civic Center on Fulton street, between Hyde and Larkin. World War equipment and devices invented since will be shown, including French and American models of 75 m.m. carriages and limbers, 155 m.m. howitzers and guns, an artillery repair truck, rifles, machine guns, airplane flare and aircraft bombs ranging from 40 to 1100 pounds.

EXHIBIT OF AIRPLANES

At the Civic Center throughout the entire week there will be an exhibit of army and navy airplanes, photo and repair trucks and other air service equipment. These will include some of the speed planes that took part in the recent meet at San Diego.

OPEN HOUSE

The warships in the bay and various fraternal and welfare organizations of San Francisco will hold open house for delegates and visitors during the entire period of the Convention.
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1923

2:00 p.m. Opening of American Legion Auxiliary National Convention.
Address by Alvin Owsley.

Meeting of Convention Committees:
(a) Resolutions, Committee Room "A."
(b) Rehabilitation, Committee Room "B."
(c) Legislative, Committee Room "C."
(d) Constitutional Amendments, Room "D."
(e) Internal Organization, Committee Room "E."
(f) Americanism, Committee Room "F."
(g) Finance, Committee Room "G."
(h) Military Affairs, Committee Room "H."
(i) Naval Affairs, Committee Room "I."
(j) Aeronautics, Committee Room "J."
(k) Time and Place, Committee Room "K."

8:00 p.m. Business Session.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

Morning. Military Parade.
2:00 p.m. Business Session.
7:00 p.m. "States Dinner," St. Francis Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

9:00 a.m. Business Session.
2:00 p.m. Business Session.
4 to 6 p.m. Reception and Tea to members of the American Legion Auxiliary and Lady Legionnaires by Knights of Columbus, Palace Hotel.
7:00 p.m. Banquet to National Officers, Palais Royal Cafe.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

9:00 a.m. Business Session.
2:00 p.m. Business Session.
6:00 p.m. Department Secretaries' Dinner, Marquard's Cafe.
8:00 p.m. Business Session.
Afternoon Bay Trip by Immigration Committee to Angel Island Immigration Station.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

9:00 a.m. Business Session.
2:00 p.m. Final Business Session, Election of National Officers.

(Nota.—All entertainment functions for the American Legion, where ladies are included, are open to delegates and members of the Auxiliary. Numerous teas, receptions and other social functions, not listed in the Official Program, will be covered by special tickets, newspaper announcements and other forms of notification.)
PROGRAM

MILITARY REUNIONS

1ST DIVISION—Whitcomb Hotel, Market Street, opposite Civic Center.

Monday, October 15th: 8:00 p. m. Reception and Dance, Roof Garden, Hotel Whitcomb—Tuesday, October 16th: All 1st Division men requested to participate in Divisional parade as Divisional unit in uniform. 8:00 p. m., Reunion and Banquet at St. Germain Restaurant, 64 Ellis St.—Wednesday, October 17th: Boat Ride around bay, visiting fleet. (See bulletin board for time).

2ND DIVISION—36 Annie St. (Marine Headquarters).

Daily luncheon, Bristol Grill, 1204 Market St.—Tuesday, October 16th: Reunion Dinner, Hotel Des Alpes, 730 Broadway.

3RD DIVISION—1159 Market St., Clubrooms San Francisco Post No. 1. Telephone Park 4920. Hilary H. Crawford, Chairman.

Wednesday, October 17th: 5:00 p. m., Plate Dinner with 30th Infantry at regimental area of that regiment, Presidio.

4TH DIVISION—Clubrooms, San Francisco Post No. 1, 1159 Market St. Chairman, Col. Alden Trotter, 625 Market St., Tel. Kearny 2718. Vice-Chairman, Robt. W. Norton, Room 230, 235 Montgomery St., Tel. Garfield 3873

Tuesday, October 16th: 6:30 p. m., Reunion Dinner and Smoker at St. Germain Restaurant, 60 Ellis St.

8TH DIVISION—Y. M. C. A., 220 Golden Gate Ave., Tel. Franklin 461. Col. C. W. Otwell, President; W. H. Nanry, Secretary. (Special mail service will be installed at Y. M. C. A. for former 8th Division men).

Tuesday, October 16th: 7:00 p. m., Reunion Dinner. (See bulletin board at Y. M. C. A. for location).—Friday, October 19th: 10:30 a. m., Excursion to former Camp Fremont. Train will leave S. P. Depot at 3d and Townsend streets. Further details on bulletin board at Y. M. C. A.

18TH ENGINEERS—Hotel Larne, 210 Ellis Street.

Tuesday, October 16th: 7:00 p. m., Banquet and Reunion, Palais Royal, 168 O'Farrell St.

26TH DIVISION—Room 1201 Chronicle Building, Phone Kearny 3876. C. A. S. Frost, Chairman.

Wednesday, October 17th: 7:30 p. m., Reunion Dinner at La Favorite Restaurant, 821 Pacific St.

39TH DIVISION

Tuesday, October 16th: 7:30 p. m., Reunion Dinner, Federal Hotel, 808 Pacific Street.

30TH INFANTRY—Presidio of San Francisco; also Clubrooms, S. F. Post No. 1, 1159 Market St.

Wednesday, October 17th: 5:00 p. m., Open House and “Chow Line” dinner for all former 30th Infantry and 3rd Division men on regimental area of 30th Infantry at Presidio. All desiring to attend will register at headquarters, 1159 Market St. before 12 m. Wednesday.
35TH DIVISION—611 Balboa Building (Market and Second Streets). Harry Witthorne, Chairman, Phone Douglas 6730.

Wednesday, October 17th: 9:30 a.m., Auto Ride around San Francisco. Assemble at Hotel Bellevue, Geary and Taylor, 7:00 p.m.; Re-union Dinner.

Thursday, October 18th: 10:00 a.m., Auto Ride around Oakland. Assemble in front of Oakland City Hall. 7:00 p.m., Dinner in Oakland.

42ND DIVISION—519 California St., Room 601. Phone Douglas 283. Harold F. Uttley, Chairman.

Monday, October 15th: 7:00 p.m., Re-union Dinner, White House Hotel, 846 Jackson Street.

45TH ENGINEERS—Rooms 901-902, 14 Montgomery St. Tel. Sutter 3160. Major Geo. L. Dillman, Chairman.

77TH DIVISION—McKinley Hall, Civic Auditorium. Harry A. Nelson, Chairman.

Monday, October 14th: Registration at headquarters—Tuesday, October 16th: 7:00 p.m., Re-union Dinner at Defalts Restaurant, 730 Broadway, a la estaminet. Thursday, October 18th: Auto Trip around Alameda County. Assemble at American Legion Hall, 419 12th Street, Oakland, 2:00 p.m.

Friday, October 19th: Auto Trip around Bay. Assemble Palace Hotel, San Francisco, at 2:00 p.m.

81ST DIVISION—1159 Market St., Clubrooms of San Francisco Post No. 1. Phone Park 4920. Hilary H. Crawford, Chairman.

Wednesday, October 19th: 10:00 a.m., Meeting of all former 81st Division men at Headquarters.

82ND DIVISION—Room 906, 22 Battery St., Phone Kearny 1000. W. T. Busch, Chairman.

Re-union Dinner to be arranged at Headquarters.

89TH DIVISION—Room 411, American Bank Building, California and Montgomery Sts., Phone Sutter 2966. A. J. Watson, Chairman.

Thursday, October 18: 12:15 noon, Luncheon and Reunion, San Francisco Commercial Club, Merchants Exchange Building.

115TH FIELD SIGNAL BUREAU—State Armory, 14th and Mission Streets. Chairman, Capt. W. E. Goodsell. Secretary, B. P. Oliver, Jr., Phone Garfield 34.

Thursday, October 18th: 7:00 p.m., Re-union Banquet St. Germain Restaurant, 64 Ellis Street.


Re-union to be arranged at Headquarters.

MARINE CORPS—660 Market St., Room 201. Tel. Douglas 630, Paul Gray.

Wednesday, October 17th: Reception by Maj.-Gen. Geo. Barnett, U. S. M. C., at Marine Corps Building, 30 Annie St., San Francisco, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Concert by U. S. Marine Band, Palm Court, Palace Hotel, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

U. S. ARMY AMBULANCE SERVICE ASSOCIATION—39 Second St. (F. W. Wentworth Co.), Phone Sutter 4424, Mr. Haley in Charge.

Wednesday, October 17th: 7:00 p.m., Re-union Dinner, St. Germain Restaurant, 64 Ellis Street.
PROGRAM
NINETY-FIRST DIVISION REUNION
San Francisco, October 13 and 14, 1923

91st DIVISION ASSOCIATION
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OCTOBER 13TH

9:00 a. m. to 7 p. m.
Registration of Visitors at Municipal Auditorium, Civic Center.

12:30 p. m.
Meeting of Executive Committee.

7:00 p. m.
Divisional Dinner (all units of Division) in main hall, Municipal Auditorium.

During the day, sight-seeing trips and automobile rides will be operated for benefit of those desiring to see the city. Informal gatherings and get-together meetings will be held.

OCTOBER 14TH

9:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m.
Sight-seeing trips for visitors.

11:00 a. m.
Business meetings of various regimental and unit organizations.

12:30 p. m. to 1:30 p. m.
Organ Recital in Municipal Auditorium.

1:30 p. m.
Business meeting of 91st Division Association. Election of officers—in main hall of Municipal Auditorium. Speeches of welcome by prominent public officials. The film, “The 91st Division in Action,” will be shown following the business meeting.

7:00 p. m.
On-the-quiet dinners for the “Old Gang” you used to hang around with in the “estaminet.”

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OFFICIAL PROGRAM
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

Arrival of Delegates and Visitors.
Registration of Delegates and Visitors.
Informal receptions around city.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

Arrival of Delegates and Visitors.
Registration of Delegates and Visitors.
1:00 p. m. National Cheminots' meeting at Eagles' Hall.
3:30 p. m. Sightseeing tour of the city for the National Officers.
8:00 p. m. Meeting of Delegation Chairman and Secretaries at National Headquarters, Auditorium.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

10:00 a. m. Meeting of Credentials Committee, National Headquarters, Auditorium.
10:00 a. m. Permanent Organization Committee, Eagles' Building.
10:00 a. m. Meeting of Committee on Rules and Order, Eagles' Building.
1:30 p. m. Call to order by Chef de Chemin de Fer.
Invocation.
Reading Call of Convention.
Address of Welcome.
Response by Chef de Chemin de Fer.

Reports of Committees on:
2:30 p. m. Permanent Organization.
2:30 p. m. Credentials.
2:30 p. m. Rules of Order.
3:00 p. m. Report of National Officers.
Announcements (Committees, etc.)
4:00 p. m. Adjournment.

Evening
Chinatown and North Beach Sightseeing Trip.
Open House in Chinatown and North Beach.
7:00 p. m. Banquet and Entertainment for National Officers and Grand Chefs, etc., Eagles' Hall.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

9:00 a. m. American Legion Parade. All voyageurs will parade with the Legionnaires from their respective States, etc.
2:00 p. m. Committee Meeting of National Convention.
Evening Informal Sightseeing Tours to Chinatown and North Beach.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

10:00 a. m. Meetings of Convention Committees.
1:30 p. m. Call to Order.
Invocation.
1:45 p. m. Reports of Committees:
   1. Paraphernalia.
   2. Voiture Activities.
   4. Ritual.
   5. Finance.
   6. Initiation and Parade.
   7. Resolutions.
4:00 p. m. Adjournment.
8:00 p. m. American Legion Illuminated Street Parade.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

16:00 a. m. Meetings of Convention Committees.
1:30 p. m. Call to Order.
Invocation.
1:45 p. m. Unfinished business.
   Reports of Committees:
   9. Constitutions.
   7. Resolutions (supplemental).
New Business.
   Election of Officers.
4:00 p. m. Adjournment.
7:00 p. m. Monster strictly 40 and 8 Street Parade. From Union Square
   to Post and Market to Civic Center. Each delegation of Voitures
   lined up alphabetically by States.
9:00 p. m. Big 40 and 9'er Show and Entertainment in Auditorium prior to
   Promenade and Wreck, under auspices of the Entertainment
   Committee.
10:00 p. m. Big Promenade and Initiation, under direction of Grand Con-
   ducteur O. H. Trompeter of California.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

p. m. Possible Business Session of National Convention.
Evening Informal Trips to North Beach and Chinatown.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
Soccer—Olympic Club, S. F. vs. Thistles, S. F., 1:00 p. m. (Exhibition).

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15
Baseball—El Segundo Post No. 38 (California Champs) vs. All Pacific Fleet, 2:30 p. m; Recreation Park, San Francisco. (Championship).
Basketball—Leona Heights National Guard vs. S. F. All Stars, 8:00 p. m. (Exhibition).
Sacramento Post No. 61 (California Champs) vs. All Pacific Fleet, 8:50 p. m. (Championship). Both games at Humboldt Club Courts, San Francisco.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16
Golf—Presidio Golf Club. Morning and afternoon, San Francisco. (Championships).
18 Holes Qualifying Round; 16 Low Gross Scores Remain. (Continued).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17
Tennis—Berkeley Tennis Club, Berkeley; Morning and Afternoon. (Championships).
Berkeley Tennis Club, Berkeley; 2:00 p. m. Eight internationally famous stars. (Exhibitions).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18
Track and Field—University of California Track, Berkeley; 2:00 p. m. Complete schedule of events, including number world’s greatest stars. (Championships and Exhibitions).
Swimming—Neptune Beach, Alameda, (Alameda Day). Complete schedule of events. (Championships and Exhibitions).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19
Soccer—At Stanford University, 1:00 p. m: Palo Alto Fremont Post vs. British Team. (Exhibition).
Football—At Stanford University, Palo Alto, 2:30 p. m.: Stanford University Second Team vs. Ships Team, Pacific Fleet (1st half); Stanford University Second Team vs. Mare Island Sailors (second half). Exhibition.
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IDAHO ........................................................................Cartwright, 524 Sutter St.
ILLINOIS .....................................................................Hotel Sutter, Sutter and Kearny Sts.
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