

*Disabled American Veterans, Department of Louisiana*  
**101<sup>st</sup> Annual State Convention**  
**May 16 - 19, 2024**  
*Doubletree Hotel*  
*Kenner, Louisiana*

## Agenda

### Wednesday, May 15, 2024

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Convention Registration	Atrium (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)
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### Thursday, May 16, 2024

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Convention Registration	Atrium (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Women Veterans Forum	Bayou room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	CMDR/ADJ/TREASURER/BPTL/CHAPLAIN TRNG.	Bayou Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Standing Committee Meetings	Bayou Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)

*(All meetings follow each other directly)*

Ways & Means Committee  
 Membership Committee  
 Hospital Service Commission  
 Finance & Budget Committee  
 Awards & Recognition Committee  
 RECESS UNTIL FRIDAY

5:30 PM – until	Hospitality Room	Basin/Bienville/Bourbon Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
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### Friday, May 17, 2024

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Convention Registration	Atrium (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Memorial Service – Dept. Chaplains	Main Ball Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Joint Opening Session	
	Main Ball Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)	
	Call to Order	Conv. Chairman PNEC/PDC Eddie Figueron
	Opening Prayer	Dept. Chaplain Elton Strickland
	POW/MIA Ceremony	Adjutant Hermann
	Posting of Colors	BPTL Mack Bailey
	National Anthem	Auxiliary CMDR. Shelia Stephens
	Pledge of Allegiance	Conv. Chairman PNEC/PDC Eddie Figueron
	Introduction of Local Guests	Conv. Chairman PNEC/PDC Eddie Figueron
	Introduction of Commander	Conv. Chairman PNEC/PDC Eddie Figueron
	Introduction of VIPs	CMDR Jean Mitchel
	Introduction of National Officers	CMDR Jean Mitchel
	Introduction of Department Officers	CMDR Jean Mitchel
	Introduction of Auxiliary Commander	CMDR Jean Mitchel
	Introduction of Auxiliary Officers	CMDR Shelia Stephens
	Announcements	Dept. Adjutant PDC Paul Hermann

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12:00 PM RECESS FOR LUNCH – HOSPITALITY ROOM Basin/Bienville/Bourbon Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

*(Continued After Lunch)*

1:30 PM – 4:PM	1st business Session	Main Ball Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)
	Call to Order	CMDR Jean Mitchel
	Roll Call	Adjutant Hermann
	Call for of Minutes of Last Convention	Adjutant Hermann
	Unfinished Business	CMDR Jean Mitchel
	New Business	CMDR Jean Mitchel
	Appointment of Committee Chairman & Advisor	CMDR Jean Mitchel
	Credentials Committee Report	Chairman Al Leger
	Report of Department Officers	
	Jr. Past Department Commander	Jr. PDC Belinda Hill
	Chaplain	Elton Strickland
	Judge Advocate	Charles “Tex” Stevenson
	Third Jr. Vice Commander	Pam Russell
	Second Jr. Vice Commander	Robert Chapman
	First Jr. Vice Commander	Al Leger
	Senior Vice Commander	R. Terry Waite
	Treasurer	PNEC/PDC Kevin Wenthe
	Adjutant	PDC H. Paul Hermann, Jr.
	Commander	Jean Mitchel
	Announcements	Adjutant Hermann

**RECESS UNTIL SATURDAY**

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Convention Registration Atrium (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

4:15 PM – TILL Nominating Committee Orleans Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

5:30 PM – 9:30 PM Hospitality Room Basin/Bienville/Bourbon Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM Karaoke (NO FOOD PROVIDED) Bayou Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

8:00 AM – 8:45AM Convention Registration Atrium (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

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**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

9:00 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Business Session Call to Order Credentials Committee Report Report of VAVS Chairman Report of NSO Supervisor Report of HSC Chairman Report of Ways & Means Chairman Report of Membership Chairman 8 <sup>th</sup> District Report	Main Ballroom (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor) CMDR Jean Mitchel Chairman Al Leger PDC Shedrick Figaro NSO Supervisor Beverly James Chairwoman Jennifer Lockett 2 <sup>nd</sup> JVC Robert Chapman 1 <sup>st</sup> JVC Al Leger Alt. NEC PDC Mason Causey
11:00 AM	RECESS FOR LUNCH - HOSPITALITY ROOM	Basin/Bienville/Bourbon Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
12:00 PM	Past Dept. Commanders Lunch	Orleans Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
1:30 PM	Convention Committee Meetings <i>(All Meetings Follow Each Other Directly)</i> Resolution Committee Benefits Protection Team Com. (Legislative) Constitution & Bylaws Committee Time & Place Committee Civil Service/Service Officers & NSO Rehabilitation Committee	Main Ball Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor) Chairman PDC Joe Menard Chairman Mack Bailey Chairman Judge Advocate Tex Stevenson Chairman Sr. VC R. Terry Waite Chairman Sgt. at Arms Donald Bryant

### **RECESS TILL SUNDAY**

6:00 PM	Banquet and DAV Auxiliary Auction	Grand Ballroom (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)
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**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

8:00 AM	Inter-Faith Church Service	Main Ball Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)
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**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

9:00 AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Business Session Call to Order Report of Women Veterans Representative Report of LDVA Commission Final Credentials Report Unfinished Business Committee Reports Finance & Budget Resolutions Benefits Protection Team (Legislative) Constitution & By-Laws Time & Place Chairman Civil Service/Service Officers & NSO Rehabilitation Nominating	Main Ball Room (1st Floor) Commander Jean Mitchel Sandy Franks H. Paul Hermann Chairman Al Leger Commander Jean Mitchel Chairman Sr. VC R. Terry Waite Chairman PDC Joe Menard Chairman Mack Bailey Chairman "Tex" Stevenson Sr. VC R. Terry Waite Chairman Sgt. at Arms Donald Bryant Chairman PNEC/PDC Kevin Wenthe
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***ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025 - INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS***

11:00 AM	Department Executive Committee Meeting Call to Order Roll Call Appointments of Positions (Adj/Treas.) New Business (Fundraisers) Announcements Adjournment	Main Ball Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor) New Dept. Commander Department Adjutant Hermann Department Commander Department Commander Department Adjutant
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**NOTE:** There will be a Hospital Service Commission Meeting immediately after Adjournment.

**NOTE:** All Dept. Line Officers are also asked to remain to take individual and group photos after the meetings.

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5:30 PM – until	Hospitality Room	Bienville/Bourbon Rm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor

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8:00 AM	Memorial Service – Dept. Chaplains	Grand Ball Room 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
9:00 AM	Joint Opening Session	Grand Ball Room 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
12:00 PM	RECESS FOR LUNCH – HOSPITALITY ROOM	Bienville/Bourbon Rm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
1:00 PM	Pre-Convention State Executive Meeting <i>(ALL Unit SEC and Alternate SEC should be in attendance)</i>	Pontchartrain 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
1:30 PM	First Business Session	Pontchartrain 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Convention Registration	Atrium (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)
5:30 PM	Hospitality Room	Bienville/Bourbon Rm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
6:00 PM	Karaoke (NO FOOD PROVIDED)	Bayou Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

8:00 AM-8:45 AM	Registration	Atrium 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
9:00 AM	Second Business Session	Pontchartrain 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
11:30 AM	RECESS FOR LUNCH – HOSPITALITY ROOM	Bienville/Bourbon Rm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
12:00 PM	Past State Commanders Luncheon	Royal Rm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
1:30 PM	Final Business Session	Pontchartrain 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
3:00 PM	Installation of Officers, SEC's, and SEC Alter.	Pontchartrain 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor

**\*\*\*Post-Convention State Executive Meeting Immediately following Final Business Session\*\*\***

*(ALL Unit SEC and Alternate SEC should be in attendance)*

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8:00 AM	Church Service – Inter-Faith - Department Chaplains	Grand Ball Room 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
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**Note: Each Auxiliary member will receive a booklet with an in-depth agenda at the first meeting they attend.**

**\*\*\*State Officers participating in the Joint Memorial Service should be in the Grand Ball room no later than 7:45 am to rehearse. Wear white top, black slacks/skirt, & black dress shoes\*\*\***