

Tentative Agenda

2010 Mid-Winter Conference **Hilton Myrtle Beach**

FRIDAY, January 22, 2010

9:00 am Registration and Packet Pick-up opens – Palisades South

10:00 am 1) **General Session Begins – Palisades D-E-F**

Call to Order
Advance the Colors-
Invocation -
Resolution 288
Pledge of Allegiance
Preamble to the Constitution

- 2) Greetings & Remarks-Department Commander Bud Hennis
- 3) Introduction of Guests-Department Adjutant Jim Hawk
- 4) Remarks and updates by Department Staff

- 1:00 pm**
- 1) VA Directors – updates and changes at the VA Regional Office, the clinics and the Hospitals.
 - a) Patricia Pittman, Director, Dorn VA Medical Center, Columbia, SC
 - b) Walter Hitch, Associate Director, Charles George VA Medical Center, Asheville, NC
 - c) Tonya Lobbestael, Chief of Stakeholder Relations/Public Relations Officer, Ralph Johnson VA Medical Center, Charleston, SC
 - d) E. Wayne Martin, III, Assistant Veterans Service Center Manager at the VA Regional Center in Columbia, SC
 - 2) Elbert Long, Baseball Committee Director re: Baseball registration changes
 - 3) Boy Scouts - Richard Uhrich, Boy Scout Committee member

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010

7:30 am Registration begins – Palisades South

8:30 am - General Session Begins – Palisades D-E-F (Time changed for opening)

- 1) Brief Remarks-Department Commander Bud Hennis
- 2) Bill Patterson, Honor Guard Committee Chairman, Post 34
- 3) Jason Gadd, VA&R - Assistant Director for Program Management
The American Legion Washington DC Office
- 4) Richard Keith, Director, American Legion Emblem Sales
- 5) Mike Strauss, Department Membership Chairman

Break

**12:00pm SAL Registration – Palisades South –
Registration is picked up at the Legion Registration Table**

1:00 pm SAL meetings Begin – Palisades G

2:00 pm 1) All Department Commission Chairmen meet with their sub-committee chairman for sub-committee updates and progress (sub-committee members also welcome)

A. Internal Affairs Commission meeting in Palisades D-E-F

- a) Constitution & Bylaws sub-committee
- b) Headquarters sub-committee
- c) Distinguished Public Service Award sub-committee
- d) Graves & Memorials sub-committee
- e) American Legion Riders sub-committee
- f) Membership and Post Activities sub-committee
- g) Public Relations sub-committee
- h) Resolutions sub-committee
- i) SAL sub-committee
- j) Trophies & Awards sub-committee

B. Americanism Commission meeting in Palisades A

- a) Baseball sub-committee
- b) Boy Scout sub-committee
- c) Boys State sub-committee
- d) Children & Youth sub-committee
- e) Community Service sub-committee
- f) Education & School Awards sub-committee
- g) Law Cadet sub-committee
- h) Oratorical Contest sub-committee
- i) Religious activities sub-committee
- j) Shooting Team sub-committee

C. National Security Commission meeting in Palisades B

- a) Civil Defense sub-committee
- b) Foreign Relations sub-committee
- c) Law & Order sub-committee
- d) Legislative sub-committee
- e) Military Affairs sub-committee

D. Economics Commission meeting in Palisades C

- a) Hospital Service sub-committee
- b) Hospital sub-committee
- c) Rehabilitation sub-committee
- d) Veterans employment sub-committee
- e) Veterans Housing sub-committee
- f) Veterans Preference sub-committee

3:30 pm Palisades D-E-F

Commission Chairmen report back to the Department Commander on each of their sub-committees

4:30 pm Recess

SUNDAY, January 24, 2010

8:00 am Buffet Breakfast – Dunes Ballroom

9:00 am Worship Service – Dunes Ballroom
Music accompaniment by John & Brenda Collins

**Benediction
Colors Retired**

* NOTE- ALL MEETING TIMES AND ROOM LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE