



**The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas
2nd Division Convention Information
May 20 2023**

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The purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary 2nd Division Convention is to hear the year's reports from each District President, to elect a 2023-24 Division President, to elect Delegates and Alternates for the National Convention. and to transact other business that may be properly presented to the convention. This year we will also welcome as our Distinguished Guest our Department of Texas Vice-President Holly Heatly who will address the convention.

This year's ALA 2nd Division Convention will be hosted by the C.M. Joslin Post 618 located at 13054 FM, Willis, TX 77378 on Saturday May 20 2023 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The Post will be open from 07:30 AM for Registration with coffee and pastries provided. A barbeque lunch will be served from 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM. A silent auction will be held during lunch.

All members of the American Legion Auxiliary in good standing are invited and encouraged to attend, and each Unit in the 2nd Division should send a delegation to the Convention. Prior to the Pre-Registration cut-off date of May 6 2023, please mail your completed Certification of Delegates form, Member Registration forms and the Pre-Registration fee of \$25 for each member attending (made payable to The American Legion 2nd Division earmarked Registration Fees) to the **2nd Division Adjutant Lynn Sparks, 1408 San Marino Drive, Pearland, TX 77581** to arrive by May 6 2023. Retain a copy of your Certification of Delegates form to be turned in upon arrival at the Convention Registration table. Members can also turn in their Registration fee (\$30) and their completed Member Registration form at the door, but we encourage you to take advantage of the reduced Pre-Registration fee (\$25) and pay prior to May 6 2023 so that Unit 618 will know how much food to prepare.

The Pre-Registration fee for each member is \$25 and the cut-off date is May 6 2023. Make checks payable to The American Legion 2nd Division earmarked Registration Fee plus the completed Certification of Delegates form and the Member Registration forms and mail to: 2nd Division Adjutant Lynn Sparks, 1408 San Marino Drive, Pearland, TX 77581

The voting strength of each Unit will be based on the 2023 membership certified to the Division President by the Department Secretary. In the Division Convention, a Unit shall be entitled to two (2) delegates for the first ten (10) members and one (1) additional delegate for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received by Department fifteen (15) days prior to the convening of said Convention, and to one (1) alternate for each delegate. The delegates and alternates shall be elected at a regular Unit meeting to be held not less than fifteen (15) days before the Division Convention.

For those interested in arriving on Friday evening the following hotel has been contacted:
LaQuinta Inn, 4006 Sprayberry Lane, Conroe, Texas 77303. The phone number is 936-228-0790 and the contact is Ramila. To receive a 10% discount the reservations need to be made 3 weeks before the Convention (prior to April 29 2023)

There will be a Joint Memorial Service at 10:45 AM so District Presidents please send a complete list of your Unit members deceased since the last Division Convention to Auxiliary 2nd Division Chaplain Sharon Phelps at sharonphelps@tconline.net

If you are standing for office, please mail your Letters of Intent and your Resolutions to **2nd Division President Gillian Woodstrom, 258 Coppersmith Drive, Katy TX 77450** or by email to gwoodstrom@woodborne.com Also please let me know if you will be attending the Division Convention.

There will be a Silent Auction during lunch and we are requesting that each Post, Unit and Squadron donate a basket or item to the auction. On the morning of the Convention please turn in the items for auction to 2nd Division Adjutant Lynn Sparks.

There will be a 50/50 draw and a basket raffle benefiting our host Unit 618 Willis

There will be no program booklet this year.

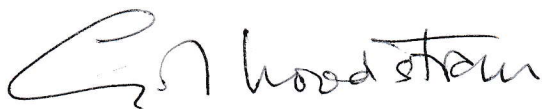
All District Presidents are required to make a three (3) minute oral report on their District highlighting their Units' accomplishments that they are most proud of from this past year, as well as turn in a hand-written or typed report to the District Secretary on their Units' activities for the year.

Schedule (subject to change):

07:30 – 09:00 AM: Registration with coffee and pastries
09:00 – 10:30 AM: Training on Conflict Resolution & Unit Revitalization
10:30 – 10:45 AM: Break
10:45 – 11:15 AM: Joint Memorial Service
11:15 – 12:00 PM: Joint Presentation by the VA
12:00 – 01:00 PM: Lunch with Silent Auction
01:00 – 04:30 PM: Business Meeting

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Convention and your cooperation in making this convention a success will be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call, text or email me.

Kind regards,



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