



For God and Country

Official Call

70th Annual Sons of The American Legion Detachment of California Convention June 19 - 22, 2008, Bakersfield, California

To all Detachment of California Squadrons of record; Detachment of California Executive Committee Members; Functionaries of the Detachment of California; Officers of all California Squadrons of record; all other proper persons and organizations having an interest or responsibility in conjunction with the Detachment of California.

Pursuant to Article VII of the Detachment of California Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, I, Rodney B. Perkins, Detachment Commander, hereby call for the 70th Annual Detachment of California Convention to be held Thursday thru Sunday, June 19 - 22, 2008, in the Grape Room at the Rabobank Arena Theatre & Convention Center, 1001 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Detachment Convention Sessions in accordance with the Uniform Code of Procedures for Detachment of California Conventions will be convened at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 19, 2008. A copy of the Uniform Code of Procedures for the Organization of Detachment Conventions, revised March 16, 2008 is attached. Further copies may be obtained from the Detachment web site.

The 70th Annual Convention shall be convened for the following purposes:

1. To complete all business of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of California for 2007-2008.
2. To consider and vote on all resolutions, which are properly presented to the Detachment Adjutant.
3. To adopt a Budget for fiscal year 2008-2009.
4. To nominate and elect National Convention Delegates.
5. To elect a Detachment Commander, and all other positions of the Detachment Executive Committee for the ensuing year 2008-2009. Elections shall take place on Saturday, June 21, 2008 in the Grape Room at the Rabobank Arena Theatre & Convention Center, 1001 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301.
6. To consider and act upon all other business of the Detachment of California properly presented to the Delegates of the 70th Annual Convention.

Detachment Executive Committee Meetings

The Pre-Convention DEC Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 1:00 PM, in the Grape Room at the Rabobank Arena Theatre & Convention Center, 1001 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301. The Post-Convention DEC Meeting will convene at 10:00 am on Sunday, June 22, 2008 in Grape Room at the Rabobank Arena Theatre & Convention Center, 1001 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Representation:

Representation of the Detachment Convention shall be allotted in accordance with the provisions of Article VII. Section 4. of the Detachment Constitution and reads as follows:

Voting strength of each squadron of The Sons of The American Legion at convention shall be three (3) votes for charter (which consists of ten (10) members and one (1) vote for every additional ten (10) paid up members or major fraction thereof. Each past Detachment Commander, Past National Commander, and each duly elected District Commander, if present, shall have one (1) vote. There shall be no proxy voting.

- a. The Annual Convention Delegate strength will be calculated by the total number of paid members of each squadron properly transmitted to, and received by, the Department Headquarters and verified by the Detachment Adjutant sixty (60) days prior to the start of the annual convention.*
- b. The Detachment Adjutant shall send to each squadron their voting strength and delegate registration form, which must be completed and returned to the Detachment Adjutant with delegate fees thirty (30) days prior to the annual convention.*
- c. Only registered and paid delegates or chairman of said registered and paid delegation can vote at the annual convention. Deadline for registration of prepaid delegates in attendance shall be at the recess of the Friday business session.*
- d. The Detachment Commander shall appoint a Credentials Committee consisting of a chairman and two (2) other committee persons. The Chairman shall report at each session the voting delegate strength and total delegates voting strength."*

Registration:


Certification of Squadron Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Past National Commanders, Past Detachment Commanders, and District Commanders along with a \$4.00 per Delegate registration fee must be received by the Detachment Adjutant no later than Monday, May 20, 2008. All certifications and delegate fees must be received at the address printed on the Delegate Certification Form. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Registration of certified and paid Delegates and Alternate Delegates will start on Thursday, June 19, 2008 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Friday, June 20, 2007, from 8:30 A.M. to Noon. The registration desk will be located inside the Rabobank Arena Theatre & Convention Center, 1001 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301. There will be no delegate registration on Saturday. All delegate registrations must be completed prior to noon on Friday, June 20, 2008.

All Delegates and Alternate Delegates must display their Convention Identification Credentials while on the floor of the Convention while the Convention is in session. Credentials will only be issued to properly certified and paid delegates. All Convention Delegates and Alternate Delegates must possess a valid and current 2008 Sons of The American Legion Membership Card and must show their Membership Card to the Detachment Registrar.

All inquiries and questions or concerns should be directed to the Detachment Adjutant at rbedell336@sbcglobal.net or 951 898-4678.

ATTESTED: Dated, April 19, 2008,



Rodney B. Perkins, Commander



Robert F. Bedell, Adjutant