

2016 National Convention - Misc. Information

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Ladies & Gentlemen,

We wanted to give each of you a quick update on what we are working on for our attendees' enjoyment at the 2016 National Convention. All are in the early stages but wanted to provide for your information and planning as necessary. We are excited about the below opportunities so stay tuned as we progress to Cincinnati, Ohio and our 98th National Convention.

1.	Friday, August 26, 2016	- Color Guard Competition at 5:00PM. Rules and applications forthcoming.
2.	Saturday, August 27, 2016	- Competitive Concert Band Contest and Exhibition Concert Band performance. Contests will start at 1:00PM. Rules and applications forthcoming.
3.	Sunday, August 28, 2016	- Patriotic Memorial Service starting at 11:00AM.
4.	Sunday, August 28, 2016	- National Convention Parade. Great parade route going right through the heart of the city on Fifth Street, starting at Sentinel Street and ending at Elm Street where the Department of Ohio may host a Post Parade Party.
5.	Tuesday, August 30, 2016	- National Commander's Banquet. As we are finalizing the contract for the Banquet Entertainment, your National Commander has selected Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers. Tickets are \$46.00 per person and each table is a round for TEN (10) people. Departments may send their checks to the Convention & Meetings Office, payable to National Treasurer of The American Legion, on or after January 1, 2016.
6.	The Cincinnati Reds will be away during our National Convention dates of August 26 - September 1, 2016. However, they have a couple of home games before and after our official Convention dates should someone come in pre/post. If interested, you may contact the Cincinnati Reds Box Office directly.	
7.	Should the Cincinnati Bengals have a pre-season home game during the official National Convention dates, we will communicate any special discounts to you in the second quarter of next year.	
8.	Posts that desire to host your functions are listed on our website at www.legion.org/convention .	

We are confident our American Legion Family members will enjoy the events we have planned thus far as well as the business sessions of The American Legion and other aspects of our 98th National Convention. We will have shuttle transportation, off-site/parade bus transportation costs as well as tour options to you on or before February 17, 2016.

We thank each of you for your continued support and assistance. Please let us know if you have any questions. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to You and Yours.

Sincerely,

Your Convention & Meetings Team