



# *DISTRICT 23 DISPATCH*

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## *Alabama Department State Convention 2025* *June 19-22, 2025*

Below you will find important Convention documents can be found on the department website under the Conferences and convention page.  
[www.legional.org](http://www.legional.org).

Our annual convention will be held June 19 - June 22, 2025, at the Renaissance Hotel in Mobile, Alabama. The room rates are \$149.00 per night. Call 800-468-3571 and make your reservation. REMINDER: the reservation deadline is May 22, 2025.

All Legionnaires, especially Post Commanders, Adjutants and Officers, are strongly encouraged to attend this year's Department Convention on June 19-22, 2025 at the Renaissance Hotel in Mobile, Alabama,

The Department Convention is a time to elect next year's Department leaders. It is also the time for our Division caucuses. Your votes are important to the success of the Department of Alabama. Also, the Department has been listening to Legionnaires' comments that has made training and the information presented more meaningful and relevant to our Post operations.

REMINDER: if your Post has a debit balance in your over/under account you WILL NOT be able to vote. Per the Department C&B all debits must be cleared up before you vote.

DUE DATE REMINDER: Delegate fees are due by **June 6th**. Buffet ticket orders are due by **June 9th**.

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## **Member Posts**

Post 6 -Clanton  
Post 17 -Talladega  
Post 45 -Sylacauga  
Post 47 -W. Blockton  
Post 68 -Childersburg  
Post 105 -Goodwater  
Post 131-Columbiana  
Post 138 -Alabaster  
Post 195 -Sterrett  
Post 216- -Clanton  
Post 343 -Clanton  
Post 555 -Pelham





## **Department Convention Agenda**

### **Thursday, June 19, 2025**

12:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Registration
12:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Vendors
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Legion Meetings – <b><u>Bon Secour Bay 1</u></b>
12:00 pm	Post Officer Training -
1:00 pm	Post Grievances & Communication
2:00 pm	Recruitment of new Members
3:00 pm	20-4 Meeting
4:00 pm	Victory Center – only for posts in Jackson, Marshall, Dekalb, Cherokee, Etowah, Blount, St. Clair, Calhoun, Talladega, Clay, Randolph, Coosa, Tallapoosa, and Chambers Counties.
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Legion Store - <b><u>Mobile Bay 1 &amp; 2</u></b>
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	PDC Club Meeting – <b><u>Jubilee Suite</u></b>
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm	Auxiliary Finance Mtng. – <b><u>Jubilee Suite</u></b>
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm	Auxiliary DEC Mtng. – <b><u>Jubilee Suite</u></b>

### **Friday, June 20, 2025**

8:00 am to 3:00 pm	LEG & SAL Registration
8:00 am to 11:30 am	AUX Registration
8:00 am to 3:00 pm	Legion Store - <b><u>Mobile Bay 1 &amp; 2</u></b>
8:00 am to 4:00 pm	Vendors
9:00 am to 11:30 am	Joint Session - <b><u>Bon Secour Bay 1 &amp; 2</u></b>
11:30 am to 12:30 pm	Break for Lunch on your own
11:30 am to 12:45 pm	100% Membership Luncheon – <b><u>The Harbor Room</u></b>
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Auxiliary Opening Session – <b><u>Bon Secour Bay 2</u></b>

**Friday, June 20, 2025, Continued**

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Legion Opening Session - <b><u>Bon Secour Bay 1</u></b> Membership Awards – Chairman James Bryant Commander’s Awards – Commander Willie Rogers Adoption of Rules – JAG Tom Long Resolutions Accepted – JAG Tom Long Const. & Bylaws Changes – JAG Tom Long Credentials Report – Adjutant Marshall SAL Commander Report – Blair Miles LEG NEC Report – Rico Hall LEG Commander Report – Willie Rogers
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	LEG Finance Meeting - <b><u>Bon Secour Bay 1</u></b>
5:15 pm	SAL DEC – <b><u>Mobile Bay 3</u></b>
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm	College Alumni Assoc. - <b><u>Bon Secour Bay 1</u></b>
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Christy’s 50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party - <b><u>The Harbor Room</u></b> 70’s Theme <b><i>must RSVP</i></b>

**Saturday, June 21, 2025**

7:00 am to 8:30 am	Boys State Breakfast Mtng – <b><u>The Harbor Room</u></b>
8:00 am to 12:00 pm	Registration
8:00 am to 9:45 am	Legion Store - <b><u>Mobile Bay 1 &amp; 2</u></b>
9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Auxiliary Meetings - <b><u>Bon Secour Bay 2</u></b>
9:00 am to 4:00 pm	SAL Meetings - <b><u>Mobile Bay 3</u></b>
9:00 am to 10:00 am	Legion Annual Reports - <b><u>Bon Secour Bay 1</u></b> Oratorical – Chair. Willie Rogers Legion Riders – Dir. Tony Berenotto Baseball – Chair. Alan Phillips Boys State – Judge Johnson

**Saturday, June 21, 2025 - Continued**

10:30 am	Division Caucus
	1 <sup>st</sup> Division – <b><u>Grand Ballroom 1</u></b>
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Division – <b><u>Jubilee Suite</u></b>
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Division - <b><u>Bon Secour Bay 1</u></b>
11:30 am to 12:45 pm	Lunch
12:00 pm	LEG Resolution Deadline – <b><u>Regis. Table</u></b>
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	LEG Election - <b><u>Bon Secour Bay 1</u></b>
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	ALR Meeting - <b><u>Bon Secour Bay 1</u></b>
6:00 pm to 6:30 pm	LEG Installation - <b><u>Bon Secour Bay 1</u></b>
7:00 pm to 10:30 pm	Banquet – <b><u>The Harbor Room</u></b>

**Sunday, June 22, 2025**

8:30 am to 10:00 am	Memorial Service - <b><u>Bon Secour Bay 1</u></b>
10:15 am to 12:30 pm	AUX Meeting - Bon <b><u>Secour Bay 2</u></b>
10:30 am	LEG DEC Meeting - <b><u>Bon Secour Bay 1</u></b>

## **Citizen of Character**

We are proud to share that Commander Willie Rogers was selected as the 2025 Frank Lamar Citizen of Character by the Prattville-Autauga Character Coalition. This esteemed honor recognized his exceptional character, leadership, and service to our community.

Commander Rogers was officially honored during the 2025 Character Luminary Awards Luncheon, held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at the Marriott Legends in Prattville, AL. The event was proudly sponsored by Arrow Pest Control and the Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Prattville-Autauga Character Coalition, a nonprofit organization founded in 2007, works to promote excellence in character across homes, schools, and neighborhoods. Since 2010, they have hosted this annual luncheon to celebrate individuals who have made a meaningful impact through their example and integrity.

Commander Rogers' selection as a Character Luminary is a reflection of his continued dedication to uplifting others and strengthening the community through his actions. We are honored to have him as part of our organization and community.

Please join us in congratulating Commander Rogers on this well-deserved recognition.





## Public Relations Update

### *DISTRICT 23 DISPATCH*

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The District 23 Quarterly welcomes articles from Posts within the District to be published.

Recommended subject matter is past and future activities of your Post or any American Legion or Veteran-related subject matter.

The articles need to be proofed and “print ready” prior to sending to the editor for publication. If the article includes graphics or photos, it is helpful to include additional separate photos in Jpeg format along with your article.

The newsletter will be published on the first of the quarter prior to the meeting month. Deadline for articles will be two weeks prior to the publishing date. A reminder will be sent to each Post prior to deadline.

Items for publication are accepted on Executive Committee approval, available space and American Legion regulations. Please submit articles via email to Ron Koonce, Editor at:

[americanlegion.ala.23@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegion.ala.23@gmail.com)

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## *Next District Meeting*

### Spring District 23 Meeting 2025

**When:** Saturday May 17, 2025  
9:00 am-12:00 pm

**Where:** Goodwin-Lee Post 138  
Alabaster Veterans Center  
127 1st St SW  
Alabaster, AL 35007



### Directions to Meeting Location

#### **The American Legion Goodwin-Lee Post 138**

Exit I-65 at 238 on to Highway 31 North towards Birmingham. Continue through Alabaster to 2nd PL NW street. Turn on to 2nd PL NW cross the railroad tracks to the first building on the right, Alabaster Veterans Center(Annex)

### *District 23 Elections in May 2025*

The 23<sup>rd</sup> District elections for Commander, Vice Commander, and Department Executive Committeeman (DEC) will be held at the District meeting on 17 May 2025. All other District positions are appointed by the incoming District Commander. *Nominations will be accepted from the floor.*

All District 23 Auxiliary Unit Officers and members are requested to attend.



*Student Character Awards*

*American Village - April 18, 2024*



Post 555 held its Student Character Award Banquet to recognize Shelby County students with high academic achievements and displayed high character during the last quarter.

*Post Holds Everlasting Ceremony for  
Six of its Fallen Comrades.*



*Members of Sons of The American Legion  
Squadron 555 and Post 555 conduct flag  
replacement at the Pelham Senior Senior.*





## District 23 Winter Meeting Photos

