

Department of New Hampshire 2026 State Convention

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Date: Thursday, May 28 through Sunday, May 31, 2026

These are the official dates. The American Legion Auxiliary will meet earlier on Wednesday to take up current business and discuss other information.

Convention Location: Sheraton Nashua, 11 Tara Boulevard, Nashua, NH 03062

Hotel Price: Single/Double Queen Bed - \$149.00 plus taxes (Plus 8.5% State + local taxes)

This is a three-night convention.

- ✪ Arrive on Thursday night. Convention starts with memorial service on Friday morning with joint opening ceremony.
- ✪ Saturday session will start early to get through committee reports and convention committees.
- ✪ Voting for department officers needs to start by noon on Saturday.
- ✪ Department convention banquet will be on Saturday night (6:00 social, 7:00 dinner).
- ✪ Banquet tickets will be available after mid-winter conference. Price for tickets will be determined by our contract with hotel.
- ✪ At this time there is nothing planned for Sunday.
- ✪ All rooms, convention halls, and banquet will be in this one location.
- ✪ There will also be breakout rooms Wednesday (ALA), Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

For Reservations:

Reservations for this conference will be made by individual attendees (or posts) directly with the **reservation line @ 866-276-0374 for the Sheraton.**

Each Legion family will book their own rooms. All room transactions will be handled directly with the hotel. The department will not be doing any reservations or accepting any money. **We encourage ALL Legion organizations to book at the Sheraton; we have secured a contract and there is a minimum number of rooms we need to buy.**

Reservations are now open. Cut-off date is May 1, 2026.

The Department Commander will have a pin available and there will be convention shirts. We will have a couple of the shirts at the mid-winter conference to show what they look like.

Transportation: Nashua Post 3 is looking to get transportation from the hotel to their post.

Convention Program: The program on average costs about \$6,000. As the home post, Nashua is working to create the cover page. Nashua has a subcommittee to work with the department to get ads from local businesses. All posts and units are asked to help with ads from their local businesses. This book covers the entire state of New Hampshire, not just Nashua. Be sure to mention this to businesses so they understand the potential reach their advertising will have and that it is not limited to just the Nashua area.

All page layouts, prices, and information are located on the department website. We will have a patron page at mid-winter conference for all to sign up.

Raffles: The department will sponsor a 50/50 raffle to help with convention costs.

Gun raffle: The department will be organizing and selling tickets for a gun/pistol raffle.