

“We all must play a pivotal role to ensure we can meet in Phoenix and to create a safe national convention experience for all who can attend. We can certainly be flexible, have patience, and put the safety of our members first this year in order to meet.”

National Convention Commission Chairman Michael Walton

Health guidelines for 102nd National Convention

During the 102nd National Convention in Phoenix, set for Aug. 27-Sept. 2, The American Legion will follow official guidance, precautions, and rules from the convention host city. Please note that everything is subject to change. Go to legion.org/convention for the latest news.

Cancellations
The National Convention Parade and National Band Contest have been canceled.

SAFETY PROCEDURES

Face coverings

- ▶ Wear at all times unless actively eating or drinking
- ▶ Wear covering both nose and mouth
- ▶ Do not touch or adjust masks in public
- ▶ Make sure they are clean, in good shape and worn right-side out
- ▶ Do not borrow or loan
- ▶ Must be worn on the convention stage and only removed when at the lectern speaking
- ▶ Required while riding buses from hotels to the Phoenix Convention Center



Social distancing
Maintain at least 6 feet at all times



Hands
Follow CDC guidelines and wash hands for 20 seconds with hot water and soap.

Greetings

No hugs, kisses or handshakes. Instead, try fist bumps, elbow bumps, footshakes, waves, salutes and tips of the hat.



WHEN TO STAY HOME

- ▶ If you experience any symptoms within 14 days of the convention
- ▶ If you test positive within 14 days of departure



WHAT TO EXPECT IN PHOENIX

Temperature checks

- ▶ Taken daily for entrance into the Phoenix Convention Center.
- ▶ Readings 100.4 or higher will require a 10 minute hold in a control area to await a second screening.
- ▶ A reading of 100.4 or higher on the second screening will require a negative result on a COVID-19 rapid test to permit entry to the venue



Pre-registration

- ▶ The national convention is a private event, not open to the public.
- ▶ Walk-ins are not permitted.
- ▶ All attendees must register in advance with their department.

Liability waiver

All attendees and dignitaries must sign a waiver to attend. The city of Phoenix accepts no liability and declines to indemnify anyone choosing to attend.

Exhibit Hall numbers

There will be a maximum number of people in the Exhibit Hall at one time.

The Navy's next frigate

The newest *Constellation*-class frigate will be named USS *Congress* in honor of President George Washington's six original frigates, Military.com reports. (The first ship in the class was named USS *Constellation*.) If the Navy follows through and names the rest of the class after those original ships christened for the newborn American republic, they would be named *President*, *Chesapeake*, *United States* and *Constitution*.



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