



2019 Convention Call Details



REGISTRATION / CREDENTIALS:

All Members and Guests must pre-register and pay the convention registration fee by May 17, 2019. The Registration Fee of \$100.00 is non-optional, and should be paid by all Members, Guests and Associate Members. A late fee of \$25.00 should be paid on all Registrations received after the May 17, 2019 deadline. The registration fee covers the costs of all convention related activities. Mail completed registration form with fees to: American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., ATTN: Jo Ann Maitland, National Service Officer, 1115 SE Alamanda Lane, Stuart, Florida 34996 or through Pay Pal online. Members may register and pay on the first official day of convention, but they will not be registered as a Delegate or Alternate. They will not be guaranteed a copy of the convention journal, convention meals, space at convention activities or convention gifts. No registrations after the first day of convention will be processed without approval of the National Executive Board.

REPRESENTATION:

Delegates: Each Chapter shall be entitled to one delegate for each five members or major fraction thereof whose current National dues has been received by the National Treasurer **at least 30 days prior to the convention**, and to one alternate for each delegate. Delegates and alternates shall be elected at a regular or special business meeting of the Chapter for which a notice has been given to all members at least ten days prior to said meeting. In addition, each incumbent Chapter President, Department President, and National Officer by virtue of their offices shall be a delegate without alternate. Past National Presidents shall be a delegate without alternate.

Alternates- Alternates may participate in discussions on the floor and may also serve on appointed committees/positions but may not vote unless their delegate is not present at the time of voting. Members not elected to a Delegate or Alternate position may participate in discussions on the floor and may also serve on appointed committees/positions. The National Service Officer and the National Membership Committee will determine eligibility of delegates. Chapter Presidents and Department Presidents are responsible for communicating the election of said delegates in writing by May 17, 2019 to Cindy Tatum, 223 Walnut Grove Road, Milan, TN 38358 or by email at 2ndvp@goldstarmoms.com.

AMENDMENTS to the Constitution and Bylaws

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution must be published at least 30 days prior to Convention in *The Gold Star Mother*. Amendments to the C&BL can be made by a Department Board from the floor, but must be passed by a unanimous vote of the convention body. For information on appropriate Robert's Rules of Order format, contact Sarah Taylor, National Parliamentarian by email: bannerguard@goldstarmoms.com prior to the convention start.

RESOLUTIONS may be approved at the National Convention after ratification by the National Executive Board. Resolutions must be presented to the NEB in writing by May 17, 2019. Lorna Harris, National Resolutions Chair, PO Box 16, Patten, ME 04765 or by email: sgtatarms@goldstarmoms.com. The Resolutions Chair will be responsible for reviewing and presenting said resolutions to the NEB at their meeting prior to the convention.

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

This event recognizes the service of our departed members since the last convention and pays tribute in memory of the fallen. Department Chaplains are responsible for ensuring the accurate reporting of names of all departed members and associate members by May 19, 2019 to Denise Torbert, National Chaplain, 31 Glen Oaks Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603, email: chaplain@goldstarmoms.com.

JOURNAL:

Aside from helping to defray the cost of the convention, the Journal provides information on Convention events and serves as a tribute to our fallen sons and daughters.

See Journal page for cost, format requirements and publishing deadline.

RECOMMENDED DRESS CODE:

Friday-Registration-Red T-shirts to Remember Our Troops

Friday Night-Welcome Reception-Red, White and Boots!

Business Meetings: White Business Dress

Memorial Service: White Business Dress or Semi-formal Attire

Installation of officers: White Business Dress

Banquet: Semi-formal or Formal

NOMINATIONS:

Nominations shall be for a specific office. (See Constitution and Bylaws for detailed requirements of each office.) Requests for Job Descriptions of a specific office will be made to Jo Ann Maitland, National Service Officer. Nomination letters are limited to 400 words and will be specific for work that aligns with and supports the American Gold Star Mothers mission.

Accomplishments outlined in the nomination letter that do not support the AGSM mission, may be redacted. All nominations for National Office shall be sent by May 17, 2019 to the Chair of Nominations: Sue Pollard, 23911 South 222nd Way, Queen Creek AZ 85142 or by email:

billandsuepollard@gmail.com.

PAGES:

The National Sergeant-at-Arms appoints and directs at least two Pages to assist with conduct of the business meetings and other events. During the business meetings, Pages will wear white business attire, caps, white gloves and a badge designating their position.

REQUEST FOR UNPLANNED BUSINESS:

Members wishing to present a subject on the convention floor which is not a part of the planned agenda must present her request in writing to the National Executive Board of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., for their consideration **15 days before opening** of the convention. Any member wishing to appear before the Executive Board at their scheduled meeting on June 27, 2019 must request permission in writing 15 days before the opening of the convention stating purpose and intent. Requests for additions to the business agenda and presence at the National Executive Board meeting must be mailed to National President, Becky Christmas, PO Box 173 Wagon Mound, NM 87752 or emailed to: president@goldstarmoms.com.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS MEETINGS:

The conduct of all American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. business meetings and/or events shall be by the rules set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws AND the Ceremonial and Business Procedures Book (Little Gold Book, 2017 printing). Members attending convention are encouraged to bring their copies. A limited number of copies of the Constitution & By-Laws and The Little Gold Book will be available for sale at Mothers Cupboard.

PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY:

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Service animals, individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability, are permitted at AGSM events, as per the Department of Justice statutes.