

**DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN'S
AMERICAN LEGION ORATORICAL
CONFERENCE**

Friday, September 27, 2024

Conference Registration

Upper Lobby, Sheraton Hotel

General Session – Opening Ceremony

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Meridian West
(Lower Level)

Saturday, September 28, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Call to Order and Salute to Colors

David King, Conference Chair
Panorama Ballroom, 21st Floor

**Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance &
POW/MIA Remembrance**

Conference Welcome & Introductions

Commission Welcome & Greetings

Mark Avis (MA)
Chairman, Americanism
Commission

New Oratorical Video

**Review 2024 National Contest and move
to Hillsdale**

- 2025 Planning and Volunteers

Resources

- Legion.org
- Department Websites
- National requirements
- Dates, notifications, reports

Department Chair Responsibilities

- Budget
- Reports to National (Number of participants by posts, districts, counties, areas, zones, department
- Follow Rules and Guidelines
- Training (give good instructions for EACH position)
- Toolkits for contests

Growing and Promoting

- Internet, Media, Judges, Schools, JROTC, Speech and Debate, other organizations

Future

- **Department Funding**
- **Conference Funding**
- **Best Practices**
- **Potholes – how to avoid**

Recap

Prayer and Salute

Sunday, September 29, 2024

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Non-Denominational Religious Service

National Chaplain

9:00 a.m. – 10:30

Closing Ceremony and Survey

Mark Avis (MA) - Americanism
Chairman

Subject to change