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MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Secretaries

FROM: ALA National Headquarters Events Team

DATE: May 2025

SUBJECT: STATES DINNER

Experience the ALA States Dinner: *Black & White Ball* — A Modern Twist on Tradition

Join us for an unforgettable evening as the American Legion Auxiliary presents the 2025 States Dinner: an elegant affair with a fresh flair. Think black-and-white attire: black tie, white dinner jackets, and a vibrant atmosphere filled with laughter, light music, and connection. Come for the fine dining; stay for the spirited conversations and classic celebration.

EVENT OVERVIEW

Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Tampa Convention Center, Ballroom A-D

Theme: Black & White Ball

Ticket Price:

- **Before July 25:** \$65
- **After July 25:** \$75

HOW TO ORDER TICKETS

Ticket ordering opens **July 1, 2025**. Departments will receive an email with access instructions to the **Convention Information and Ticket Portal**.

- **Authorized Orders:** Only department secretaries or executive directors may place orders.

Additional Tickets

To add tickets before July 25:

- Log back in to the Convention Portal using your **original confirmation number and email address**.
- Update your ticket quantity and proceed to payment.

To purchase tickets **after July 25**, email meetings@ALAforVeterans.org.

Tickets will only be available **if space allows**, and must be purchased with a credit card. Ticket sales will close on August 13.

Payment Methods

We've modernized payment processing!

Accepted methods: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, Apple Pay, and Google Pay.

Checks are no longer accepted.

DINNER MENU

- Traditional Caesar Salad with Herbed Croutons and Parmesan
- Braised Beef Short Rib with Natural Reduction, Au Gratin Potatoes, and Asparagus
- Key Lime Pie

Special dietary needs can be accommodated **only** if indicated by July 25. List member names and specific requests during ticket submission. **The American Legion Auxiliary and the Tampa Convention Center will not be able to accommodate special requests on site.**

SEATING & TABLE ASSIGNMENTS

- Tables of 10, subject to change.
- Priority seating based on department membership percentage 30 days prior to convention.
- Orders placed after July 27 will be seated on a space-available basis.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

- Departments should NOT purchase tickets for national officers, Past National Presidents, national chairs, or their spouses/significant others.
- These individuals will receive direct invitations and are guests of the national president.
- National chairs and Past National Presidents must purchase tickets for spouses/significant others directly from ALA National Headquarters.
- They will be seated in distinguished guests area.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Ticket deadline:** Friday, July 25, 2025
- **Refund deadline:** Monday, July 28, 2025
- **No ticket sales after Wednesday, August 13, 2025**
- **Ticket pickup:** Starting Thursday, August 21, at ALA National Headquarters' office in the Tampa Convention Center

CC: Department Presidents (*for information only*)