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## Presidential candidates to address American Legion National Convention

WASHINGTON (August 17, 2016) - Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton have both accepted invitations to attend The American Legion's 98th National Convention, which will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 26 through September 1. The Republican and Democratic presidential candidates are both slated to attend the event as guest speakers.

As a nonpartisan veterans service organization, The American Legion invites candidates from each of the two major parties to address its members every presidential election cycle.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will address the convention on Wednesday, August 31. Clinton has a [comprehensive plan](#) for military members, their families, and national security. Clinton vows to "maintain the best-trained, best-equipped, and strongest military the world has ever known" if she is elected as president in November. Clinton also promises to reform VA health care and block any initiative to privatize the VA. To read Clinton's entire position on military veteran issues and national security, visit [www.hillaryclinton.com/issues](http://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues).

According to his campaign site, Mr. Trump, who speaks on Thursday, September 1, proposes to "make our military so big, powerful and strong that no one will mess with us" if he is elected as the next commander-in-chief. His proposal for VA reform includes increasing funding for mental health resources for veterans, better care for women veterans, and modernizing all VA centers with better 21st Century state of the art technology. To read his entire position for VA reform, visit [www.donaldjtrump.com](http://www.donaldjtrump.com).

Read "**Our Pillars Your Platform**" [[hyperlink bold text to document](#)] to see how each candidate's campaign issues compare with The American Legion's positions. For additional information regarding the national convention, visit [www.legion.org/convention](http://www.legion.org/convention) or download the **mobile app** [[hyperlink bold text to http://www.legion.org/mobileapps/nationalconvention](http://www.legion.org/mobileapps/nationalconvention)].

The American Legion is the largest wartime veterans service organization with 2.2 million members in more than 13,000 posts in communities across America. The Legion, established by an act of Congress in 1919, was instrumental in getting the original GI Bill through Congress and the creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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