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MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Secretaries
FROM: ALA National Headquarters Events Team
DATE: May 2023
SUBJECT: STATES DINNER

Boys with their hot rod cars and girls with their skirts and scarves all meet down at the soda shop after dancin' at the hop! Give us a ring on the telephone to say you'll come to a hop of our own! Join us for the 2023 States Dinner — a sock hop featuring the Daddy D Show band.

WHEN: Wednesday, August 30, 2023
WHERE: Charlotte Convention Center; Crown Ballroom
TICKET PRICE: \$60 (until July 28; after this date: \$65)
TO ORDER: <https://cvent.me/4za92P>

Please utilize the online Convention Ticket Order System to submit the department's completed order and payment for tickets.

- Ticket orders will be accepted from the department secretary only. Tickets must be purchased through ALA National Headquarters' Convention Ticket Order System.
- Ticket orders and full payment must be received at National Headquarters **no later than Friday, July 28, 2023**. Credit card payments will be processed immediately. Checks must accompany a confirmation form showing how many tickets are purchased. Checks combined with other payments will not be accepted (this includes delegate/alternate registration). No refunds will be given after July 31, 2023.
- For additional tickets (after the department's initial order is placed) before July 28, go back into the Convention Ticket Order System and update your ticket order number using the confirmation number and email address you used to purchase the initial ticket order. Late ticket sales will close on August 9, 2023.
- Tickets may be picked up from the ALA National Headquarters office at the Charlotte Convention Center beginning Thursday, August 24, 2023.

MENU: Herb chicken breast and braised short ribs, whipped potatoes, chef's choice vegetables, pecan cheesecake.

If someone you are buying tickets for has special dietary or religious needs, an alternate may be substituted for the main entrée only if that information is submitted with the ticket order. If an allergy or special dietary request is indicated, please list the specific request and include the member's name in the system. Special dietary requests will be considered only if received by the deadline.

The American Legion Auxiliary and the Charlotte Convention Center will not be able to accommodate special requests on site.

ENTERTAINMENT & THEME:

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the infectious energy of a bygone era with our sensational 9-piece band Daddy D! Since 2006, they've been on a mission to bring people and music together like never before. Inspired by the unforgettable variety shows of yesteryears, they've fused them with their own unique brand of "Daddy D" energy, resulting in a truly irresistible sonic experience.

Get ready to twist, jive, and rock 'n' roll as they transport you to the fabulous '50s! This talented ensemble specializes in delivering the ultimate sock hop extravaganza. From the iconic hits that defined the era to hidden gems that'll have you bopping in no time, they've curated a playlist that captures the spirit of that unforgettable era.

With their larger-than-life stage presence, vibrant costumes, and impeccable musicianship, they'll have you swinging and swaying in no time. So, grab your poodle skirts, leather jackets, and saddle shoes, and join us for an unforgettable journey back in time. Get ready to dance the night away to timeless tunes that will have you wishing the sock hop never ends.

SEATING:

Dinner seating is planned for tables of 10, but this is subject to change. Priority table assignments for departments are based on the membership percentage attained 30 days prior to the National Convention. Any ticket orders received after July 28, 2023, will be seated on a space-available basis and not according to renewal percentage.

GUESTS OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT:

Departments do **NOT** need to purchase States Dinner tickets for national officers, spouses/significant others of national officers, Past National Presidents, or national chairmen. These individuals are guests of the national president and will be seated in the distinguished guests area.

NATIONAL CHAIRMEN SPOUSES/SIGNIFICANT OTHERS:

National chairmen and Past National Presidents are guests of the national president. National chairmen and Past National Presidents must purchase tickets for their spouses/significant others directly from National Headquarters. Ticket information for these individuals will be included with the invitation from the national president and sent in July.

REFUNDS: No refunds will be made after Monday, July 31, 2023.

TICKETS AFTER JULY 28: Please contact the ALA National Headquarters Events Team at meetings@ALAForVeterans.org if you need to purchase tickets after July 28. Requests will be accepted on a space-available basis, and tickets may be purchased with a credit card only. After July 28, States Dinner tickets will cost \$65. There will be no ticket sales on/after Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

CC: Department Presidents (*for information only*)