



2026 REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

NIGHT 2 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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NIGHT 2

SUMMARY OVERVIEW

THU, SEPT 10 • 3:00 – 9:00 PM CT

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3:00 – 4:00 PM CT

- Voiceover Welcome
- Christopher Macchio, Presidential Tenor & Presentation of Colors by the Dallas Police Department Honor Guard
- Mrs. Heather Washburne, Dallas 2026 Host Committee Co-Chair
- Chairman Joe Gruters joined by 2026 Republican Nominees
- Pastor Robert Jeffress, Senior Pastor at the First Baptist Church Dallas
- Laurie Buckhout, Candidate for U.S. House (NC-01) joined by Sergeant Sam Elias, Everyday American, Law-Enforcement Veteran, Father, and Working-Class Advocate
- Video Package: Obstructionist Democrats Supercut
- Rep. Jason Smith (MO-08) & Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (PA-07)
- Greg Cunningham, Candidate for U.S. House (NM-02)
- Freed American Hostages
- Lt. Governor Dan Patrick (TX)
- Oliver Henry, British Travel Creator and Voice for American Exceptionalism

4:00 – 5:00 PM CT

- Top of Hour Network Hold
- Marty O'Donnell, Candidate for U.S. House (NV-03)
- Amanda Hughes, Everyday American, Mother, Conservative Grassroots Leader, and MAHA Advocate
- Derek Merrin, Candidate for U.S. House (OH-09)
- Rep. Lisa McClain, House Republican Conference Chair
- Rep. Richard Hudson, NRCC Chair
- Catherine Rayner, Everyday American, Navy Spouse and TrumpRx Success Story
- Video Package: Open Border Supercut
- Eric Flores, Candidate for U.S. House (TX-34) & Tano Tijerina, Candidate for U.S. House (TX-28)
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- Speaker Mike Johnson, 56th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
- Pastor Lucas Miles, Vice President of TPUSA Faith, Turning Point USA
- Video Package: A Tribute to Charlie Kirk
- Musical Interlude
- Video Package: More That Unites Us Than Divides Us
- Mike Rogers, Candidate for U.S. Senate (MI)
- Governor Greg Abbott (TX)
- Top of Hour Network Hold

6:00 – 7:00 PM CT

- Rep. Mike Lawler (NY-17) joined by Jessica and Tom Gorman, Angel Parents and Public-Safety Advocates
- Musical Interlude
- Ross Ulbricht, Libertarian Icon
- Video Package: 25th Observance of September 11th
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- The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
- Mayor Eric Johnson, Mayor of Dallas, TX
- Video Package: Karoline Leavitt Walk Out Video
- The Honorable Karoline Leavitt, fmr. White House Press Secretary
- Mark LaMoncha, Everyday American, Manufacturer, Small-Business Owner
- Donald Trump Jr.
- Top of Hour Network Hold

8:00 – 9:00 PM CT

- Vice President JD Vance, 50th Vice President of the United States
- President Donald J. Trump, 45th and 47th President of the United States
- Arena Moment / Performance / VPOTUS & Candidates on Stage
- Christopher Macchio, Presidential Tenor



DETAILED OVERVIEW

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SEGMENT DETAILS

3:00 – 3:01 PM

0:01:00

Voiceover Welcome

Welcoming Message and Show Announcement. (Voice of Show)

3:01 – 3:06 PM

0:05:00

Christopher Macchio, Presidential Tenor & Presentation of Colors by the Dallas Police Department Honor Guard

The Honor Guard presents the American flags, followed by Christopher Macchio's performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner." (Live/Stage)

3:06 – 3:08 PM

0:02:00

Mrs. Heather Washburne, Dallas 2026 Host Committee Co-Chair

Welcome Message. (Live/Stage)

3:08 – 3:14 PM

0:06:00

Chairman Joe Gruters joined by 2026 Republican Nominees

2026 Republican Convention "Gavel In" with a recap of the program while setting the frame for Night 2. (Live/Stage)

Republican Nominees — Set #2



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3:14 – 3:19 PM

0:05:00

Pastor Robert Jeffress, Senior Pastor at the First Baptist Church Dallas

Opening Prayer and The Spiritual War Between Good and Evil.
(Live/Stage)

3:19 – 3:26 PM

0:07:00

Laurie Buckhout, Candidate for U.S. House (NC-01) joined by Sergeant Sam Elias, Everyday American, Law-Enforcement Veteran, Father, and Working-Class Advocate

Republicans are delivering results — the Working Families Tax Cuts Act and higher incomes for the American people. (Live/Stage)

3:26 – 3:27:30 PM

0:01:30

Video Package: Obstructionist Democrats Supercut

3:27:30 – 3:35:30 PM

0:08:00

Rep. Jason Smith (MO-08) & Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (PA-07)

The Working Families Tax Cuts Act is the largest middle- and working-class tax cut in American history — increasing the income of hundreds of millions of hardworking American families.
(Live/Stage)



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**3:35:30 –
3:40:30 PM**
0:05:00

Greg Cunningham, Candidate for U.S. House (NM-02)

Mainstream policies keep families safe by supporting law enforcement, arresting criminals, and keeping our borders closed. (Live/Stage)

**3:40:30 –
3:50:30 PM**
0:10:00

Freed American Hostages

In a little over one year, President Donald J. Trump has brought back over 100 American hostages from captivity abroad without paying a single dollar to their captors. Promises Made. Promises Kept. (Live/Stage)

Honorees: Ronen Neutra & the Family of Omer Neutra, Family of Fallen American-Israeli Hostage Omer Neutra; Edan Alexander, American-Israeli Hostage Freed from Hamas; Fabian Buglione, U.S. Permanent Resident Freed from Venezuela; Wilbert Joseph Castañeda, Former Navy SEAL Freed from Venezuela; George Glezmman, Freed from Taliban Captivity; Renzo Huamanchumo Castillo, Permanent U.S. Resident Freed from Venezuela; and Ksenia Karelina, Freed from Russian Detention.



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**3:50:30 –
3:55:30 PM**

0:05:00

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick (TX)

Pro-Growth Leadership & Job Reshoring in Texas. Lt. Governor Dan Patrick showcases how Texas's low-tax, business-friendly environment drives record capital investment, reshores manufacturing, and creates jobs while contrasting it with blue-state economic decline. (Live/Stage)

**3:55:30 –
4:00:30 PM**

0:05:00

Oliver Henry, British Travel Creator and Voice for American Exceptionalism

An Englishman who traveled to Dallas for the World Cup and started documenting his journey in understanding what America has to make it “the land of opportunity” — it could only happen in America. (Live/Stage)

**4:00:30 –
4:06:30 PM**

0:06:00

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**4:06:30 –
4:11:30 PM**
0:05:00

Marty O'Donnell, Candidate for U.S. House (NV-03)

Draining the swamp through an aggressive push against systemic corruption, including a ban on congressional stock trading.
(Live/Stage)

**4:11:30 –
4:16:30 PM**
0:05:00

Amanda Hughes, Everyday American, Mother, Conservative Grassroots Leader, and MAHA Advocate

Making America Healthy Again. Children deserve protection, Parents deserve power, and Families deserve the truth. (Live/Stage)

**4:16:30 –
4:21:30 PM**
0:05:00

Derek Merrin, Candidate for U.S. House (OH-09)

Championing the working class. Republican policy puts American workers ahead of global elites — revitalizing domestic manufacturing through strategic trade policy, securing energy dominance to lower everyday costs, and delivering direct tax relief by eliminating taxes on tips, overtime, and Social Security.
(Live/Stage)



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**4:21:30 –
4:26:30 PM**

0:05:00

Rep. Lisa McClain, House Republican Conference Chair

Republicans are cleaning up the Democrats' mess and delivering results for the American people. (Live/Stage)

**4:26:30 –
4:31:30 PM**

0:05:00

Rep. Richard Hudson, NRCC Chair

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**4:31:30 –
4:36:30 PM**

0:05:00

Catherine Rayner, Everyday American, Navy Spouse and TrumpRx Success Story

Lowering Costs & Protecting Patients through TrumpRx and healthcare transparency. (Live/Stage)

**4:36:30 – 4:38
PM**

0:01:30

Video Package: Open Border Supercut



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4:38 – 4:46 PM

0:08:00

Eric Flores, Candidate for U.S. House (TX-34) & Tano Tijerina, Candidate for U.S. House (TX-28)

Border security is making America safe again! (Live/Stage)

4:46 – 4:51 PM

0:05:00

Rep. Brian Jack (GA-03)

Republicans are united to continue delivering wins for the American people. (Live/Stage)

4:51 – 4:56 PM

0:05:00

Senator Ted Cruz (TX)

The reality of Extreme Liberal Democrats' agenda. (Live/Stage)

**4:56 – 4:57:30
PM**

0:01:30

Video Package: Obstructionist Democrats Supercut

**4:57:30 – 5:04
PM**

0:06:30

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5:04 – 5:09 PM

0:05:00

Video Package: The Common Sense Revolution v2

5:09 – 5:19 PM

0:10:00

Speaker Mike Johnson, 56th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives

An Agenda and Ticket for the American People. Legislating wins for working families through Democrat obstruction — and the road ahead for continued victories. (Live/Stage)

5:19 – 5:24 PM

0:05:00

Pastor Lucas Miles, Vice President of TPUSA Faith, Turning Point USA

Opening Prayer and Tribute to Charlie Kirk. (Live/Stage)

5:24 – 5:28 PM

0:04:00

Video Package: A Tribute to Charlie Kirk

5:28 – 5:33 PM

0:05:00

Musical Interlude



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5:33 – 5:36 PM

0:03:00

Video Package: More That Unites Us Than Divides Us

5:36 – 5:41 PM

0:05:00

Mike Rogers, Candidate for U.S. Senate (MI)

The Radical Agenda of Abdul El Sayed. (Live/Stage)

5:41 – 5:48 PM

0:07:00

Governor Greg Abbott (TX)

Red State Success vs. Blue State Failure. (Live/Stage)

5:48 – 6:02 PM

0:14:00

Top of Hour Network Hold

Musical Interlude

6:02 – 6:13 PM

0:11:00

**Rep. Mike Lawler (NY-17) joined by Jessica and Tom Gorman,
Angel Parents and Public-Safety Advocates**

The GOP is unified to deliver for Americans and keep them safe.
(Live/Stage)



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6:13 – 6:15 PM

0:02:00

Musical Interlude

6:15 – 6:25 PM

0:10:00

Ross Ulbricht, Libertarian Icon

Spotlights historic Libertarian achievements by the Trump Administration. (Live/Stage)

6:25 – 6:29:30 PM

0:04:30

Video Package: 25th Observance of September 11th

6:29:30 – 6:41:30 PM

0:12:00

Remote — Mr. Frank Siller, CEO of Tunnel to Towers / Live — Christopher Macchio, Presidential Tenor & On Stage Moment

Remembering the September 11th attack on America and honoring the lives of the victims and the heroism of first responders. (Remote)

Presentation of Colors and laying of a wreath and performance of “Ave Maria.” (Live/Stage)



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**6:41:30 –
6:43:30 PM**
0:02:00

Musical Interlude

**6:43:30 –
6:47:30 PM**
0:04:00

Video Package: No Retreat – “The Patriot”

**6:47:30 –
6:50:30 PM**
0:03:00

Marcus Coleman & Daughter Dalilah Coleman, Everyday Americans, Father, Truck Driver, and Roadway-Safety Advocate

Protecting Americans against the recklessness and violence that come from open border policies. (Live/Stage)

**6:50:30 –
7:00:30 PM**
0:10:00

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**7:00:30 –
7:10:30 PM**
0:10:00

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Protecting Our Food & Bodies and empowering families to Make America Healthy Again. (Live/Tape)

**7:10:30 –
7:15:30 PM**
0:05:00

Mayor Eric Johnson, Mayor of Dallas, TX

Welcomes attendees to Dallas and shares why he left the Democratic Party, arguing that true prosperity comes from lower taxes and business-friendly policies that put hardworking Americans first. (Live/Stage)

**7:15:30 –
7:16:30 PM**
0:01:00

Video Package: Karoline Leavitt Walk Out Video

**7:16:30 –
7:23:30 PM**
0:07:00

The Honorable Karoline Leavitt, fmr. White House Press Secretary

The Golden Age of America! (Live/Stage)



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7:26:30 PM**

0:03:00

**Mark LaMoncha, Everyday American, Manufacturer,
Small-Business Owner**

The American Small Business Dream is Back! (Live/Stage)

**7:26:30 –
7:41:30 PM**

0:15:00

Donald Trump Jr.

The Extreme Liberal Democrats. (Live/Stage)

**7:41:30 –
8:02:30 PM**

0:21:00

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Musical Interlude

**8:02:30 –
8:37:30 PM**

0:35:00

**Vice President JD Vance, 50th Vice President of the United
States**

Remarks. (Live/Stage)

**8:37:30 –
8:52:30 PM**

0:15:00

**President Donald J. Trump, 45th and 47th President of the
United States**

Closing Remarks. (Live/Stage)



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**8:52:30 – 9:00
PM**

0:07:30

**Arena Moment / Performance / VPOTUS & Candidates on
Stage**

Balloon Drop, YMCA, Pinball Wizard

9:00 – 9:00 PM

0:00:00

Christopher Macchio, Presidential Tenor

“Nessun Dorma” Performance

MAIN PROGRAM CONCLUDES



EVERYDAY AMERICAN BIOGRAPHIES

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Sergeant Sam Elias, Everyday American, Law-Enforcement Veteran, Father, and Working-Class Advocate

Pronunciation: SAM eh-LIE-us | Location: Forks Township, Pennsylvania; serves in Bethlehem

Sergeant Sam Elias has walked a Bethlehem night beat for more than 20 years, raised six kids, run a small business on the side, and carried forward the work ethic his Lebanese immigrant father instilled in him. He knows the value of an overtime hour better than most, which is why he joined President Trump onstage in Macungie, Pennsylvania, in June 2026 to explain how No Tax on Overtime is putting real money back in his family's pocket. He's a plainspoken voice for working families, law and order, and the dignity of hard work.

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Ronen Neutra & the Family of Omer Neutra, Family of Fallen American-Israeli Hostage Omer Neutra

Pronunciation: Ronen: roh-NEN NOY-truh; Omer: OH-mehr NOY-truh | Location: Plainview, New York

Ronen Neutra's son, Captain Omer Neutra, was a Long Island basketball captain who chose to serve as an Israel Defense Forces tank commander and was killed at just 21 during the October 7, 2023 Hamas attacks. His body was held in Gaza for more than two years. Rather than retreat into grief, Ronen, his wife Orna, and their son Daniel became tireless advocates for hostage families, even addressing the 2024 Republican National Convention to demand the hostages' return. When Omer's remains finally came home in November 2025 under a U.S.-brokered ceasefire, Ronen thanked President Trump and his envoys at the funeral for delivering what the family called a “deep sense of relief” alongside their grief.



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Edan Alexander, American-Israeli Hostage Freed from Hamas

Pronunciation: ee-DAH-N al-ig-ZAN-der | Location: Tenaflly, New Jersey

Edan Alexander was serving in the Israel Defense Forces when Hamas abducted him during the October 7, 2023 terrorist attacks. Edan spent 584 treacherous days in captivity. His parents and hometown of Tenaflly, New Jersey refused to let the world forget him.

On May 12, 2025, Trump administration negotiations secured his release. Edan was the last known living American hostage in Gaza. Edan walked out holding a sign thanking the President, and his homecoming stands as a testament to President Trump's relentless diplomacy and a family's refusal to give up hope.

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Fabian Buglione, U.S. Permanent Resident Freed from Venezuela

Pronunciation: fah-bee-AHN boo-LYOH-neh | Location: New York

Fabian Buglione built a security-camera business and a life in New York with his two kids. When he took a trip to Venezuela in October 2024, he faced nearly nine months of detention and silence. His family back home was desperate for answers.

On July 18, 2025, the Trump administration negotiated Fabian's release through a prisoner exchange, finally bringing the Uruguayan-born father home. His return represented a concrete win for an America First foreign policy built on bringing detained Americans and lawful residents back to their families who never stopped fighting for their loved ones.



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Wilbert Joseph Castañeda, Former Navy SEAL Freed from Venezuela

Pronunciation: WIL-bert JOH-sef kahs-tah-NYEH-dah | Location: San Diego, California

Wilbert Joseph Castañeda, a father of four, enlisted in the Navy in 2007 and spent his career with Naval Special Warfare units. In August 2024, he disappeared in Venezuela during personal travel.

According to his brother, armed men in masks pulled him from his hotel room. Nicolás Maduro's government imprisoned him for 325 days with severely restricted family contact. On July 18, 2025, a negotiated prisoner exchange freed ten U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Wilbert was included in this exchange, bringing the father of four home for good.

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George Glezmman, Freed from Taliban Captivity

Pronunciation: JORJ GLEZ-mun | Location: Atlanta, Georgia

George Glezmman, an Atlanta airline mechanic with a passion for travel that had taken him to more than 100 countries, was seized by the Taliban in Afghanistan in December 2022 and held for 836 grueling days. He was formally designated as wrongfully detained by the U.S. government. His health deteriorated in captivity, while his wife, Aleksandra, campaigned tirelessly for his release.

On March 20, 2025, direct diplomatic engagement led by hostage envoy Adam Bohler brought him home, ending more than two years of separation and delivering the kind of results-driven diplomacy this administration touts.



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Renzo Huamanchumo Castillo, Permanent U.S. Resident Freed from Venezuela

Pronunciation: REN-soh wah-mahn-CHOO-moh kahs-TEE-yoh | Location: California

Renzo Huamanchumo Castillo, a Peruvian national and California-based security professional, was arrested at the Colombian border in September 2024 and vanished into Venezuelan custody for nearly ten months, where he was cut off from his family and without access to a lawyer. The Trump administration secured his freedom on July 18, 2025, through a negotiated prisoner exchange that finally brought him home. His homecoming reflects a straightforward promise: protect Americans abroad, and don't stop until they're free.

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Ksenia Karelina, Freed from Russian Detention

Pronunciation: KSEH-nee-uh kuh-REH-lih-nu | Location: Los Angeles, California

Ksenia Karelina, a Russian-American former ballerina living in Los Angeles, went home to visit family in early 2024 and walked straight into a nightmare: Russian authorities arrested her and sentenced her to 12 years for treason over a \$51.80 donation to a Ukraine-linked charity. After roughly 15 months behind bars, the Trump administration negotiated her freedom in a prisoner exchange on April 10, 2025. She later stood in the Oval Office to thank the President in person, her story a powerful reminder of how far this administration will go to bring Americans home.



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Amanda Hughes, Everyday American, Mother, Conservative Grassroots Leader, and MAHA Advocate

Pronunciation: uh-MAN-duh HYOOZ | Location: Karlstad, Minnesota

Amanda Hughes is a first-generation college graduate who's spent more than three decades in the trenches of communications and grassroots organizing, now serving as Minnesota State Director for Moms for America. Through her Make America Healthy Again advocacy, she's built her platform on a simple creed: kids deserve protection, parents deserve power, and families deserve the truth. From her base in Karlstad, she connects health and education transparency directly to parental authority and personal responsibility.

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Catherine Rayner, Everyday American, Navy Spouse and TrumpRx Success Story

Pronunciation: KATH-rin RAY-ner | Location: Virginia Beach, Virginia

Catherine Rayner and her husband spent five grueling years navigating infertility and sky-high fertility medication bills, until a single click changed everything. In February 2026, she became the very first customer to use TrumpRx.gov, watching the price of her upcoming fertility-medication order plummet from roughly \$4,000 to under \$500. That savings didn't just ease a budget; it renewed hope for a Navy family determined to grow. Her story puts a human face on the administration's push for transparent, affordable prescription drugs.



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Marcus Coleman & Daughter Dalilah Coleman, Everyday Americans, Father, Truck Driver, and Roadway-Safety Advocate

Pronunciation: MAR-kus KOHL-mun | Location: Bakersfield, California

Marcus Coleman's life split into before and after on June 20, 2024, when an unlawfully present truck driver slammed into a construction zone in San Bernardino County, catastrophically injuring his five-year-old daughter, Dalilah, in a six-car pileup. She spent weeks in a coma and now lives with cerebral palsy, unable to speak, still fighting through therapy. President Trump brought Dalilah into the House gallery as an honored guest at the 2026 State of the Union, calling her “a great inspiration” and pushing Congress to pass the Dalilah Law barring states from issuing commercial licenses to illegal aliens. Marcus has channeled unimaginable grief into a mission for stronger CDL standards and secure roads.

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Mark LaMoncha, Everyday American, Manufacturer, Small-Business Owner

Pronunciation: MARK luh-MON-chuh | Location: Columbiana, Ohio

Mark LaMoncha runs Humtown Products, a third-generation family manufacturer in Columbiana, Ohio, that fuses old-school metal-casting craft with cutting-edge 3D-printed sand cores and molds. Humtown Products just earned LaMoncha the title of 2026 National Small Business Person of the Year. At a White House event, he reported a 10 percent hiring surge and plans to bring in even more million-dollar printers. He credits the administration with helping “reboot the economy” and is blunt about his mission: “make America manufacture again.”