

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
96<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE  
GATEWAY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, FLINT, MI  
September 28 – October 1, 2023**

**Thursday, Sept 28, 2023**

9:00 a.m. -	Golf Outing, Fenton (Golf Course)	
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Department Hospitality	Fillmore

**Friday, Sept 29, 2023**

8:00 a.m.	Council of Administration Breakfast	Oval/Jackson
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Conference Registration (closed for lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)	McKinley
<b>8:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Program Directors Display Tables</b> Visit with your Program Directors Review program materials, discuss program reporting questions Visit with Conference sponsors	Taft/Taylor
9:00 a.m.	Service Committee Meeting, Chairman Matt David Service Officer, Sidney Love	Adams/Jefferson
9:30 a.m.	Budget Committee Meeting, Chairman Matt David Quartermaster, Barry Walter	Adams/Jefferson
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Conference Joint Opening, VFW and Auxiliary</b>	Washington/Lincoln/Monroe
10:05	Greetings from VFW State Commander, Ray Lopez Introduction of VFW National Representative, Adjutant General Dan West	
10:10	Greetings from Auxiliary State President, Sara Manke Introduction of Auxiliary National Representative	
10:15	Presentation to Karmanos Cancer Institute, Linda Filipeczak By Past State Cmdr Griffith	
10:25	Comments by National Home Trustee – Furguson, Intro by State President	
10:30	Introduction of 2023-24 Buddy Poppy Child	
10:35	Presentation by Veterans Court Judge, Introduction by Cmdr Lopez	
10:50	Presentation by State President Sara Manke	
11:00	Presentation of National Auxiliary Chairmen Awards	
11:15	Presentation to VFW Post 1136 (Dept Commander & National Rep)	
11:20	Presentation to VFW Post 7573 (Dept Commander & National Rep)	
11:25	VFW Membership Director, 2022-23 AA Awards (Dickey, Griffith)	
11:40	VFW All-State Director, 2022-23 AS Awards (Martin, Griffith)	
<b>11:55 a.m.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	
11:55 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own	
<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>VFW Council of Administration Meeting</b>	Adams/Jefferson
1:00	Opening Ceremony – Presentation of the Colors	
1:15	Introduction of Sister Organization Guests –Remarks (3 min each)	
1:15	State President, Vietnam Veterans of America	
1:20	State Commander, The American Legion *	
1:25	State Commander, Disabled American Veterans	

1:30 State Commander, MOPH \*  
1:35 Grand Commander MOC, Horace Frazier \*

1:40 Report of the Adjutant / Quartermaster  
(Adj, reading / approval of CofA minutes)  
(Adj, reading of correspondence)  
(QM, report on balance of funds)

**2:00 Commander's call for Committee Reports to the Council of Administration**

2:00 Report of the Budget Committee (David)  
2:10 Report of the Audit Committee (Amend)  
2:15 Report of the Service Committee and Service Director (David, Love)  
2:25 Report of the VFW Charities Board of Directors (Lopez)  
2:30 Report by the Camp Trotter Board of Directors Chairman, Lopez  
2:35 Report of the MVTF Board of Trustees (McIvor)  
2:40 Report of Michigan Veterans Homes Board of Directors (Walter)  
2:45 Report of the Big Ten Steering Committee (Nat'l Convention), (Mauldin)  
2:50 Recognition of National Distinguished Service Award, Post 1370  
3:00 Report of Membership Director (Dickey)  
3:05 Report of All-State Director (Martin)  
3:10 Report of VFW Riders Group Director, Tim Artibee

**3:15 15 minute break**

Other Committee Reports - (3 minutes each)

3:30 Americanism Director (B. Martin)  
3:35 Buddy Poppy Director (Almy)  
3:40 Cancer Director (Proteau)  
3:45 Community Service Director (Tebor)  
3:50 Day of Challenges Director (Paavola) \*\*  
3:55 Homeless Veteran Director (Locke)  
4:00 Hospital Director (VAVS update) (Light)  
4:05 Legislative Director (Devine)  
4:10 National Legislative Committee Member (Hensley)  
4:15 Mental Health & Welfare Director (Brinker)  
4:20 Veterans & Military Support Director (Brinker)  
4:25 Drug / Safety Director (Drayton)  
4:30 National Home Director, Report of Michigan Day (Hubbard)  
4:35 Patriot Pen, VOD, TOY Director (M. Martin)  
4:40 Youth Activities & Scouting Director (Thayer)  
  
4:45 Unfinished Business  
4:50 New Business  
5:05 Good of the Order  
Guest comments  
5:05 Comments by National Council Member, Kevin Conklin  
5:10 Comments by National Representative, Adjutant General Dan West

**5:30 p.m. Council of Administration Closing Ceremony**

7:00 p.m. Auxiliary Quarter mania Washington/Lincoln/Monroe

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Department Hospitality Fillmore

## Saturday, Sept 30, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Conference Registration	McKinley
<b>8:00 a.m – noon</b>	<b>Program Directors Display Tables</b> Visit with your Program Directors Review program materials, discuss program reporting questions Visit with Conference sponsors	Taft/Taylor
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome from Cmdr Lopez to “Presentations by Committee Directors”</b>	Adams/Jefferson
8:40	Service Officer School, Subject of the Day, Q&A	
9:40	Director Presentations: (each Director has 15 min, 10 pres, 5 Q&A) Programs Director, Joe Tebor – Ringmaster	
9:45	The Department Website at a Glance - John Gubin	
10:00	The Department social media presence – Ben Light / Sarah Daniels	
<b>10:15</b>	<b>Break</b>	
10:30	The Department Membership Program – Garrett Dickey	
10:45	The National All American Program at a Glance	
11:00	The Department All State Program at a Glance - Martin	
11:15	Department Post / District activity reports and Evaluation - Lutz	
<b>11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch on your own</b>	
1:00	Community Service Program & Special Projects – Tebor	
1:15	How do you enter an Americanism Activity Report – Martin	
1:30	How do you enter a Hospital Activity Report – Light	
1:45	How do you enter a Legislative Activity Report – Devine	
2:00	How do you enter a Drug / Safety Activity Report – Drayton	
2:15	How do you enter a Youth Activities Report – Thayer	
2:30	How do you order Buddy Poppies – Almy	
2:45	How do you enter a VMS Donation / Report – Brinker	
<b>3:00</b>	<b>Break</b>	
3:15	How do you enter a Mental Health & Welfare Report - Brinker	
3:30	How do you report your PP / VOD / TOY program activity – Martin	
3:45	How do you report your Cancer donations – Proteau	
4:00	How do you report your National Home donations – Hubbard	
4:15	Preparing for your Post Inspection – Williams	
4:30	Preparing & Submitting your Post Audit – Yahnka	
4:45	Officers, Your Duties and Responsibilities at a Glance – Napoleon	
5:00	Posts Requesting District & Department assistance – David	
<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Thank you – Commander Lopez</b>	
<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Dinner on your own</b>	
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Department Hospitality</b>	Fillmore

## Sunday, Oct 1, 2023

Safe Travels Home