

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
97th ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE
GATEWAY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, FLINT, MI
September 26 – September 29, 2024**

Thursday, Sept 26, 2024		ROOM
9:00 a.m. -	Golf Outing, Fenton	
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Department Hospitality	Fillmore
Friday Dress Code: Department Officers & Council Members in CofA uniform Members, Navy or Gray slacks & Commander’s polo shirt		
Friday, Sept 27, 2024		
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Conference Registration (closed for lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)	McKinley
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Committee and Vendor Tables	Taft/Taylor
8:30 a.m.	Joint VFW / Auxiliary Program Presentations	Washington/Lincoln/ Monroe
8:30	Welcome by Commander Kimberly Napoleon & President Jane Dady	
8:40	VFW National Home Representative	
8:50	FOXHOLE	Modesto Delao
9:00	Heroes to Hives	Gary Brown
9:10	Mid-Michigan Honor Flight	Robert Green
9:20	POW / MIA - DOD Program status	Brian Martin
9:30	Gold Star Mothers	Carol Johnson
9:40	Mission Six	Ron Monroe
9:55	VOD/PP Program	Martin/Arnold
10:10	Break	
10:25	Fisher House Representative	Kate Melcher
10:40	VMS / Veteran Mental Health & Welfare Dr Kai Anderson MD, CMU Asst Prof, Behavioral Psychiatry	Brinker, Humes
11:10	Service Office – Claim evidence / Development	Sidney Love
11:40	Karmanous Cancer Institute Representative Check Presentation by PSC Ray Lopez & Director James Proteau	
11:50	Closing Remarks by Department Commander Kimberly Napoleon & Department President Jane Dady	
HAVE A GREAT CONFERENCE		
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own	
12:00 p.m.	Council of Administration Lunch	Oval/Jackson
1:00 p.m.	Service Committee Meeting	Adams/Jefferson
1:30 p.m.	Budget Committee Meeting	Adams/Jefferson

2:00 p.m.	VFW Council of Administration Meeting Opening Ceremony – Presentation of the Colors Guests - sister organization comments DAV AL VVA MOC Veterans Treatment Court 3 rd District, Yvonne Barnett-Greene Report of the Adjutant / Quartermaster (Adj, reading / approval of Convention & CofA minutes) (Adj, reading of correspondence) (QM, report of receipts & disbursements and report on balance of funds and accounts) Report of Committees Report of Service Committee – Chairman Conklin Report of Budget Committee – Chairman Patterson Report of Audit Committee – Chairman Amend Camp Trotter Board of Directors, written report Charities Board of Directors, written report Report of Big Ten Steering Committee – Delegate Matt David National Home Director, Michigan Day Report, 100 th Anniversary – Jim Hubbard Riders Group Director - Charlie Cline National Council Member Comments Department CofA Member Comments National Representative Comments	Adams/Jefferson
5:00 p.m.	Council of Administration Closing Ceremony	
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Auxiliary fundraiser – Bingo, Silent Auction, Raffle	Washington/Lincoln/Monroe
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Department Hospitality	Fillmore
Saturday Dress Code:	Officers and Members, Navy or Gray slacks & Commander’s polo shirt	
Saturday, Sept 28, 2024		
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Conference Registration	McKinley
8:00 a.m.	Committee and Vendor Tables	Taft/Taylor
9:00 a.m.	Welcome by State Commander	Adams/Jefferson
9:05	Update from MVAA Director – invite	
9:20	Update from MVTF Board - invite	
9:35	Update from Mich Veterans Home Board – invite	
9:50	National Legislative Update – report on recent Wash Legis Conf	
9:55	State Legislative Update – report on action on Convention Resolution	
10:00	Report on impact of National Bylaws amendment from Convention	
10:10	Report from the Chief of Staff, status of Posts	
10:20	Report from Dept Inspector, Audits and upcoming inspections	
10:30	Break	

- 10:45 Report from All State Director –
Presentation of 2023-2024 All-State Commanders
Presentation of 2023-2024 All-American Commanders
- 11:15 Report from Membership Director
- 11:30 Report from VOD, Patriot Pen, TOY Programs Director
- 11:40 General Q&A from members to Dept Officers
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own**
- 1:00 p.m. Comments by State Commander Adams/Jefferson
Program Director presentations – discussion of program conduct and ideas
- 1:05 Youth Activities Programs, and Scout & JRTOC nominations
- 1:20 Community Service Programs & nominations
- 1:35 Americanism / POW/MIA Programs
- 1:50 Buddy Poppy Program
- 2:00 Drug & Safety Program, Nominations
- 2:10 VMS donation Program
- 2:20 Homeless Veterans Director
- 2:30 Break**
- 2:45 Social Media Communications Director (Facebook & Website use)
- 3:00 Cancer Director
- 3:15 Ft Custer National Cemetery
- 3:20 Great Lakes National Cemetery
- 3:25 Hospital Director – Report entry Q&A
- 3:40 Program Evaluation Director – Q&A Report entry by Posts to include
Auxiliary Reports
- 4:00 General Q&A to Committee Directors & Officers
- 5:00 p.m. Thank you – Commander**

Commanders Gala Dress Code: After 5 dress for ladies, Coat & tie for men

- 6:30 p.m. Commander’s Gala – Davison VFW Post
Fundraiser to benefit Department Cancer Program & Fisher House
Raffles / Silent Auction**

Sunday, Sept 29, 2024

Safe Travels Home