

**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
6:00 p.m	Paint & Pour	Marriott Hotel
6:00 p.m	Corn Hole Tournament	Gateway Hotel – parking lot
Friday Dress Code: Department Officers & Council Members in CofA uniform		
Post 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	Adams/Jefferson
	Opening Ceremony – Presentation of the Colors	
	Guests - sister organization comments	
	DAV	
	AL	
	VVA	
	MOC	
	Veterans Treatment Court 3 rd District, Yvonne Barnett-Greene	
	Update from MVAA Director	
	Update from MVTF Board	
	Update from Mich Veterans Home Board	
	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 Legislative Update – report on National Legis Conference	
	Riders Group Director - Charlie Cline	
	Officers Reports	
	Report from the Chief of Staff, status of Posts	
	Report from Dept Inspector, Audits and upcoming inspections	
	National Council Member Comments	
	Introduction of National Candidates	
	Department CofA Member Comments	
	National Representative Comments	
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
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Karaoke – Coleman Brothers	Gateway Hotel Atrium
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
8:20 a.m.	Welcome by State Commander	Adams/Jefferson
8:30	Report from 2023-2024 Membership Director & PDC Lopez	
8:45	Report from 2023-2024 All State Director & PDC Lopez	
	Presentation of 2023-2024 All-State Commanders	
	Presentation of 2023-2024 All-American Commanders	
9:00	VTS – Welcome by Director Gary Brown	
9:05	Activities Reporting – Director Bob Lutz	
9:20	Hospital Reporting / Program – Director Ben Light	
9:40	VOD/PP/TOY - Director Mike Martin	
9:55	Community Service Program – Director Joe Tebor	
10:15	Americanism Program – Director Brian Martin	
10:30	Break	
10:45	Youth Activities Program – Director Larry Thayer	
11:00	Membership Program – Director Garret Dickey	
11:30	All State Program – Director Mike Martin	
12:00	Lunch on your own	
1:00	All-American Dashboard/OMS/ID-ME	
	Dept Adjutant Barry Walter	
	Sr Vice Commander Reinhold Yahnka	
1:30	Post & District Officer Training – VTS Director Gary Brown	
2:30	Post & District Adjutant, Quartermaster & Trustee Training	
	Dept Adjutant/Quartermaster Barry Walter	
3:30	Question & Answer Period	
	Closing Remarks by Line Officers	
4:00 p.m.	Thank you – Commander	

Commander's & President's Gala Dress Code: After 5 dress for ladies, Coat & tie for men

**6:30 p.m. Commander's & President's Gala – Fenton VFW Post 3243
Fundraiser to benefit Department Cancer Program & Fisher House
Raffles / Silent Auction**

Sunday, Sept 29, 2024

Safe Travels Home

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