

DRAFT - DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN - DRAFT
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
98th ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE
COMFORT INN & CONFERENCE CENTER, MT. PLEASANT, MI
OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Thursday, Oct 30

ROOM

1:00 p.m. (Tentative Casino excursion – Soaring Eagle)
(details will be provided as soon as possible)

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Department Hospitality

Friday, Oct 31

Friday Dress Code: Department Officers & Council Members in CofA uniform

Post Members, Navy or Gray slacks & Commander's polo shirt

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Conference Registration
(closed for lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Committee and Vendor Tables

8:30 a.m. VFW Service Committee Meeting

9:00 a.m. VFW Budget Committee Meeting

9:30 a.m. VFW Bylaws meeting – review of amended Department and National Bylaws

10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m. **Joint VFW / Auxiliary Opening**
Welcome by Commander Reinold Yahnka & President Deb Scheetz
VFW National Home Representative Remarks
MVAA Representative Remarks
Karmanos Cancer Institute Representative
Check Presentation by PSC Kimberly Napoleon & Co-Directors
Mindy Taylor and John Griffith
Program Presentation by Blue Star Service Dogs
Closing Remarks by Department Commander Reinold Yahnka &
Department President Deb Scheetz

HAVE A GREAT CONFERENCE

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch on your own**

12:00 p.m. **VFW Council of Administration Lunch**

1:15 p.m. **VFW Council of Administration Meeting**
Opening Ceremony – Presentation of the Colors
Roll Call of Officers

Introduction of Guests - sister organization comments

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Report of the Adjutant / Quartermaster

(Adj, reading / approval of Convention & CofA minutes)

(QM, report of receipts & disbursements and report on balance of funds and accounts)

Officers Reports

Report from the Chief of Staff, status of Posts

Report from Dept Inspector, Audits and upcoming inspections

Report of Committees

Update from MVTF Board – Member Paul McIvor

Update from Mich Veterans Home Board – Member Barry Walter

Report of Service Committee – Chairman John Griffith

Report of Budget Committee – Chairman David Miller

Report of Audit Committee – Chairman Ron 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

National Committee members Kimberly Napoleon / Ray Lopez

Reports from 2024-2025 Membership Director Garrett Dickey & All State Director Mike Martin & PSC Kimberly Napoleon

Presentation of Recruiter Awards

Presentation of 2024-2025 All-State Commanders

Presentation of 2024-2025 All-American Commanders

Presentation of 100% Membership Banners

Presentation of 102% pins to Commanders & Quartermasters

Introduction of National Candidates

National Council Member Comments

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

7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Department Hospitality

Saturday, November 1

Saturday Dress Code: Officers and Members, Navy or Gray slacks & Commander's polo shirt

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Conference Registration

8:00 a.m. Committee and Vendor Tables

8:30 a.m. Department Program Director Presentations

8:30 a.m. Welcome by State Commander
Activities Reporting – Director Bob Lutz
Hospital Reporting – Director Aaron McClung
VOD/PP/TOY Reporting - Director Mike Martin
Community Service Program – Director Tracy Nagy
Americanism Program – Director Nathan Moran
Youth Activities Programs – Director Larry Thayer

Break

Department Membership Program – Director Garret Dickey
All State Program – Director Mike Martin
All-American Dashboard/OMS/ID-ME
Department Adjutant - Barry Walter
State Commander - Reinold Yahnka

12:00 Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. Conduct of a Post Inspection – Inspector Ogden
Service Office update – Service Director Love
National & State Legislative priority updates –
Kimberly Napoleon, Scott Taylor, Derek Blumke
Presentation from Vet Serv
Presentation from Oracle, VA Electronic Health Record
Presentation from Charlie Health

3:30 p.m. Closing Remarks by Line Officers

Thank you – State Commander Reinold Yahnka

**6:30 p.m. Fall Conference Dinner & Halloween Costume Party
Raffles / Silent Auction**

Sunday, November 2 Safe Travels Home