

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

Thursday, Oct 30

ROOM

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
MOC

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 PSC Paul McIvor
Update from Mich Veterans Home Board – Member Barry Walter
Report of Service Committee – Chairman PSC John Griffith
Report of Budget Committee – Chairman PSC David Miller
Report of Audit Committee – Chairman PSC Ron Amend
Camp Trotter Board of Directors, written report
Charities Board of Directors, written report
Report of Big Ten Steering Committee – Delegate PSC Matt David
State Legislative Committee Update – Directors Taylor & Blumke
Report of 2024-25 Membership Director Garrett Dickey and
Report of 2024-25 All State Director Mike Martin
Presentation of Recruiter Awards
Presentation of 100% Membership Banners
Presentation of 102% pins to Commanders & Quartermasters
Presentation of 2024-2025 All-State Commanders
Presentation of 2024-2025 All-American Commanders

Unfinished Business

New Business

Good of the Order

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.	5m	Welcome by State Commander
	10m	Activities Reporting – Director Bob Lutz
	15m	Hospital Reporting – Director Aaron McClung
	10m	VOD/PP/TOY Reporting - Director Mike Martin
	10m	Community Service Program – Director Tracy Nagy
	10m	Americanism Program – Director Nathan Moran
	10m	Youth Activities Programs – Director Larry Thayer
	10m	Cancer Program – Director Mindy Taylor, Lenn Boston
	10m	Buddy Poppy Program – Director Marilyn Munro
	10m	Safety Program – Director Jason Wallner
	10m	VMS / Homeless Veteran Programs – Directors Doug Brinker & Barb Locke
	15m	Break
	20m	Department Membership Program – Director Orville Beauchamp
	15m	All State Program – Director Mike Martin
	30m	All-American Dashboard/OMS/ID-ME State Commander - Reinold Yahnka Department Adjutant - Barry Walter
12:00		Lunch on your own
1:00 p.m.	10m	Conduct of a Post Inspection – Inspector Ogden
	30m	Service Office update – Service Director Love
	20m	National Legislative Committee updates – Kimberly Napoleon, Ray Lopez
	15m	Presentation from Vet Serv
	15m	Presentation from Oracle, VA Electronic Health Record
	15m	Presentation from Charlie Health
	60m	Michigan Gaming Commission
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

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