

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
46th ANNUAL MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

THURSDAY JANUARY 30, 2025

6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Room 837
7:15 p.m.	DINNER WITH JR VICE COMMANDER-in-CHIEF (by invitation)	Brink & Brine

FRIDAY JANUARY 31, 2025

DRESS CODE of the DAY: CASUAL, VFW COMMANDER'S POLO & GREY SLACKS

**PICK UP PRE-PURCHASED BANQUET TICKETS
(Pickup at Auxiliary Registration)**

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Registration (Closed for Lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.)	Kalamazoo 1
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Program Display tables	Kalamazoo 1
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Auxiliary Buddy Poppy Displays	Kalamazoo 1
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Joint VFW & Auxiliary Training State of Michigan Charitable Gaming	Glens
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Joint VFW & Auxiliary Training State of Michigan MLCC	Glens
11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:15 a.m.	VFW Service Committee Meeting Chairman, Kevin Conklin	Prairies
11:30 a.m.	VFW Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Chairman, Phil Patterson	Prairies
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
1:00 p.m.	VFW Legislative Priorities Update National Legislative Committee Member, Kimberly Napoleon State Legislative Director, Barry Walter	Prairies
1:30 p.m.	Post Inspections & Audits Dept Inspector, Butch Ogden	Prairies
2:00 p.m.	Post Service Officer Updates Service Office Director, Sidney Love	Prairies
2:00 p.m.	(break out meetings) Dept & District Senior Vice Commanders Dept & District Junior Vice Commanders	Oaks Fields

2:30 p.m.	Break	
2:45 p.m.	Parliamentary Procedure David Staehlin, State Commander Minnesota	Prairies
4:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks, Department Officers	
5:00 p.m.	Students Meet & Greet with National Representative	Stone Theatre
6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Room 837
6:30 p.m.	DINNER WITH JR VICE COMMANDER-in-CHIEF AND DEPARTMENT CofA MEMBERS	Meadows

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2025

**DRESS CODE of the DAY: VFW CofA UNIFORM for COUNCIL MEMBERS
VFW Commanders's POLO for VFW MEMBERS**

ALL BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 10:00 A.M.

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Registration	Kalamazoo 1
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Program Display tables	Kalamazoo 1
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m	Auxiliary Buddy Poppy Displays	Kalamazoo 1
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Council of Administration Breakfast	Meadows
9:05 a.m. -	Council of Administration Meeting Program Director Reports as requested by the Commander	Prairies
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	VFW Aux. VOD/ PP Reception	Glens
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	VOD/ Patriot's Pen Students and Head table meet for line up	Meadows

**VFW BANQUET DRESS – HEAD TABLE BLACK JACKET FORMAL
VFW MEMBERS ATTENDING – SUIT & TIE**

**5:00 p.m. VOD/ Patriot's Pen Banquet Arcadia Ballroom
(Tickets must have been purchased in advance)
(Doors open at 4:45 pm)**

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Safe Travels Home