

TENTATIVE - MICHIGAN VETERANS of FOREIGN WARS
Agenda 107th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo
June 10 – June 14, 2026

**VFW Uniform for Convention: CofA Members in CofA Uniform; Chairmen in business casual;
Delegates in VFW polo shirt of choice**

		ROOM
<u>Wednesday, June 10</u>		
VFW Golf Outing	by pre-registration	
<u>Thursday, June 11</u>		
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Convention Delegate Registration	Fields
(Registration closes for lunch 11:00am – 12:30pm)		
7:30 – 8:15 am	CofA Breakfast	Meadows
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Program Display Tables	Great Lakes
8:30 am	Service Committee Meeting	Prairies
8:45 am	Budget & Finance Committee Meeting	Prairies
9:00 am	ByLaws & Resolutions Committee Meeting	Prairies
10:00 am	Break	
10:15 am	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Prairies
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch on your own	
12:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Convention Delegate Registration	Fields
1:00 pm	Joint VFW / Auxiliary Opening (see separate program agenda)	Glens
5:00 pm -	Mandatory practice for Joint Memorial Service Required for Dept Line Officers & District Commanders	Glens
6:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Department Hospitality Room	9th Floor, Room 100 West
<u>Friday, June 12</u>		
8:00 am –11:00 am	Convention Delegate Registration (Registration closes for lunch 11:00 – 12:30)	Fields

8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Program Display Tables	Great Lakes
8:00 am to 3:00 pm	Incoming Officer / Director photos	Great Lakes
8:30 am – Noon	Opening Session of 2026 Department Convention Opening Ceremonies Roll Call of Officers Reading - adoption of Convention Rules Registration / credentials report by the Adjutant / Credentials Chairman Budget & Finance Committee Report - PSC David Miller Service Committee Report – PSC John Griffith, Director Sidney Love Camp Trotter Board Report – Board President VFW Charities Board Report – Board President Reports of Committees All State Director Report, Michael Martin Americanism Director Report, Nathan Moran Buddy Poppy Director Report, Marilyn Munro Cancer Director Report, Shane Houghton for Mindy Taylor Community Service Director Report, Tracy Nagy Day of Service Recognition Citations Day of Challenge Director Report, Arthur Kreivi Homeless Veteran Director Report, Barbara Locke Hospital Director Report, Aaron McClung Membership Director Report, Orville Beauchamp National Home Director Report, James Hubbard Pool League Director Report, Don Smith Safety Director Report, Jason Wallner State Legislative Director Report, Scott Taylor & Derek Blumke VMS / Mental Health & Welfare Director Report, Doug Brinker Voice of Democracy / Patriot’s Pen / Teacher of the Year Director Report, Michael Martin – Presentation of TOY National Citations Youth Activities Director Report, Larry Thayer	Prairies
12:00 pm	Recess Convention for lunch	
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Convention Delegates - Lunch on your own	
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Convention Delegate Registration	Fields
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Resume Convention Business Session – Resume Committee Reports	Prairies
2:15 pm	Suspend order of business – Opening of Nominations Commander Sr Vice Commander Jr Vice Commander Quartermaster Judge Advocate Surgeon	

Chaplain
Big Ten Delegate

3:15 Recess Convention Session

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Joint VFW / Auxiliary Memorial Service Glens
VFW Uniform for Memorial Service: CofA Members in CofA Uniform; Chairmen in business casual;
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4:30 pm VFW Riders Groups Meeting, Director Kevin Conklin Prairies

5:45 pm Doors Open Joint Testimonial Kalamazoo I

VFW Uniform for Testimonial: Casual – slacks and Commander’s / President’s polo shirt optional

Following Testimonial Department Hospitality Room 9th Floor, Room 100 West

Saturday, June 13

8:00 am – 10:00 am Convention Delegate Registration Fields

(REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 10:00 am)

8:30 am Resume Convention Business Session Prairies

Updated Registration / Credentials Report – Adjutant, Credentials Chairman

8:45 am The below listed awardees may be seated by the Honor Guard in the reserved seating area off of the stage as soon as opening ceremonies are completed. Chairmen are responsible to ensure their awardees are seated.

Youth Activities / Scouting Director, Larry Thayer – presentation of awards
Boy Scout of the Year – National Citation and Plaque
Girl Scout of the Year - Plaque
JROTC Cadet of the Year - Plaque

Safety Director, Jason Wallner – presentation of individual awards
Law Enforcement of the Year – National Citation & Plaque
Firefighter of the Year – National Citation & Plaque
EMT / Paramedic of the Year – National Citation & Plaque
Dispatcher of the Year – National Citation & Plaque

Resume Committee Reports

VFW Rider Group Director Report, Kevin Conklin
National Legislative Committee Report, Kimberly Napoleon, Ray Lopez
National Women Veterans Committee Report, Hazel White

10:30 am ByLaws & Resolutions Director Report, Kevin Conklin
(Action as required by Convention delegates)

