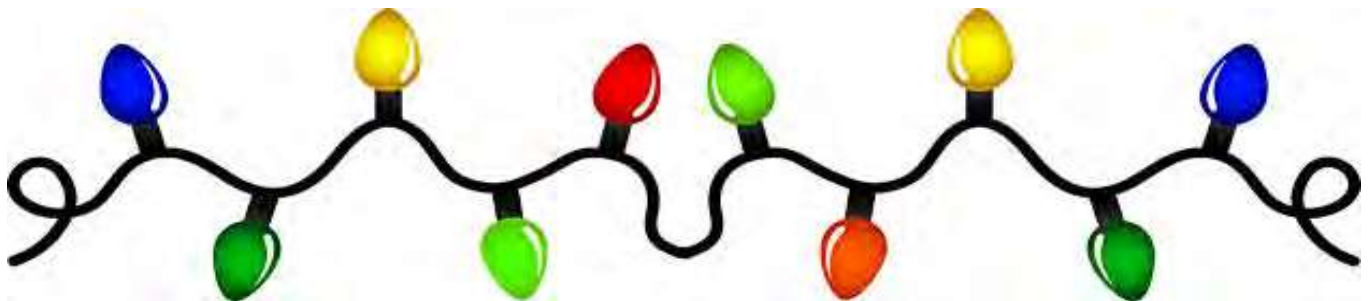


**96<sup>th</sup> Annual Cootie Christmas  
Extravaganza Christmas Party  
at the VFW National Home.**

**Information Packet**

**Grand of Michigan M.O.C.  
and M.O.C.A.**



# Cootie Christmas Hotel Agenda

December 5-7, 2024

**Thursday, 5th** (also refer to VFW NH schedule for other events)

**6pm-9pm** Hospitality room open. Lower level across from elevator. Chili and snacks.

**Friday, 6th** (also refer to VFW NH schedule for other events)

**10am-5pm** Banquet ticket pick-up in lobby.

**1:30pm** Meet up for Regency Veteran visit in lobby. Depart **1:45pm**

**4pm-11pm** Hospitality room open. Lower level across from elevator. Taco bar and snacks. Karaoke by Bob in lower level banquet area.

**7pm-7:30pm** Past Grand Commanders Club Meet-up in lower level banquet area.

**Saturday, 7th** (also refer to VFW NH schedule day's events)

**6am-8am** Pajama Breakfast, main floor breakfast area.

**8am-9am** Depart for VFW NH Christmas Party.

**3pm-10pm** Hospitality room open. Lower level across from elevator. Room also open during banquet for beverages.

**5pm-6pm** Banquet Social Hour, lower level.

**6pm-8pm** Banquet

**Sunday, 8th**

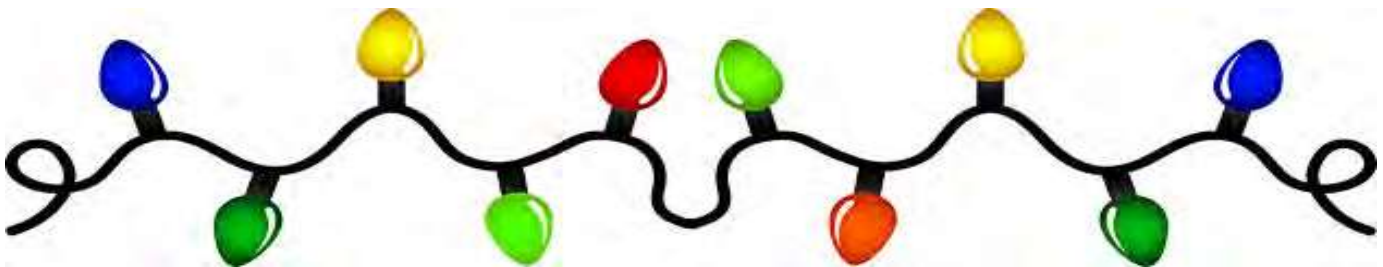
**6am-8am** Breakfast. Thank you for attending. Travel safe.

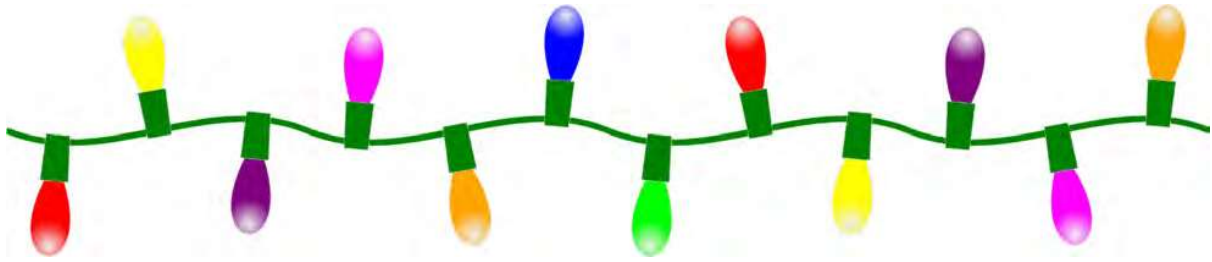


# Glow Parade & Tree Lighting Agenda

December 5, 2024

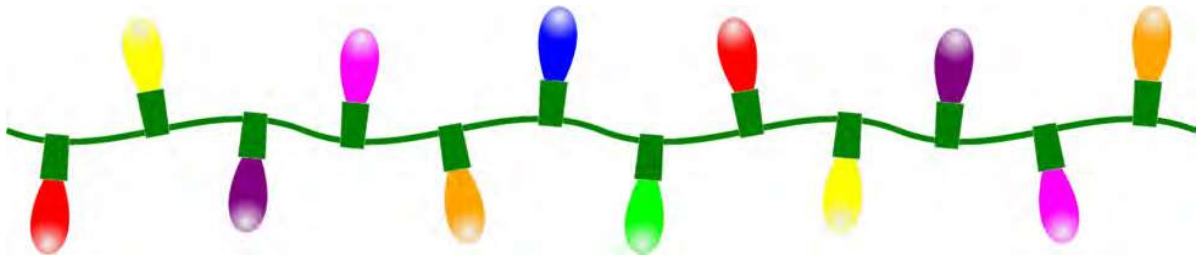
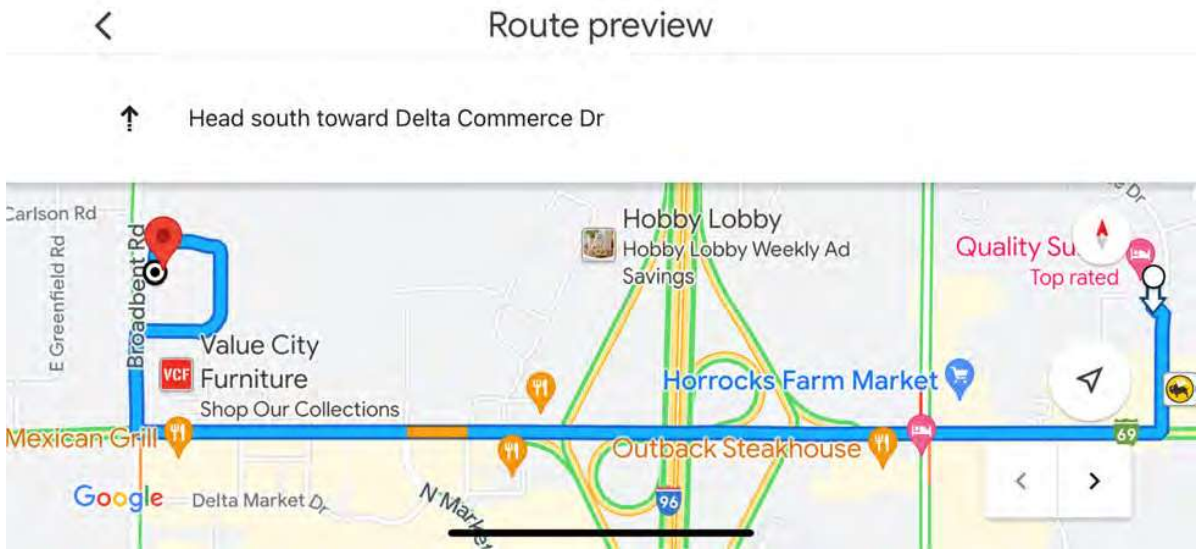
Time	Item
6:30	Katie to set up cookies and hot cocoa in Guest Lodge and gets glow items ready for the kids
7:00	Assigned staff sets out luminary bags along parade path <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• See map for details</li></ul>
7:15	Pass out glow sticks
7:25	Mike gives Welcome and instructions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parade will go along the lit-up path and end at the tree by the guest lodge</li><li>• Tree will be lit</li><li>• Everyone sings "Silent Night"</li><li>• Cookies and Hot Cocoa for everyone</li></ul>
7:30	Parade Begins
7:40	Tree Lighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Robbie Normand Lights the tree</li><li>• Mike Wilson leads crowd into song once the tree is lit</li></ul>
7:50	Hot Cocoa and Cookies are served
8:15	Clean Up





Veteran Visit December 6, 2024. Meeting in the hotel lobby at 1:30pm, departing by 2pm. Regency of Lansing West. 12200 Broadbent Rd, Lansing, MI 48917. Clowns appropriate.

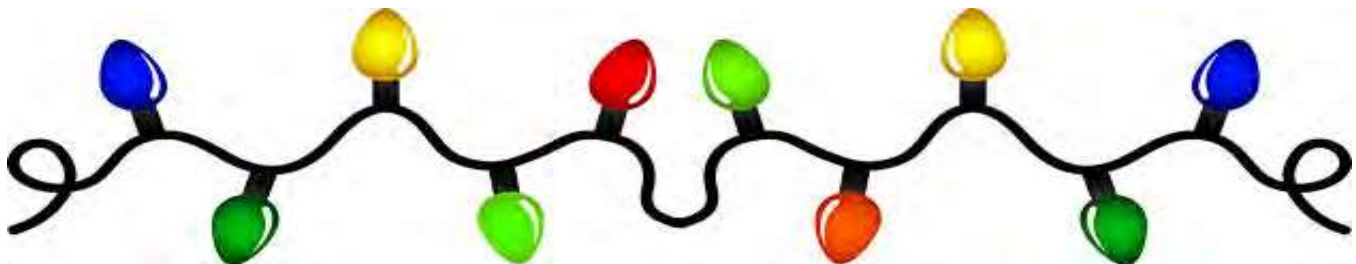
Caroling scheduled.



# District 8 Santa Fire Truck Agenda

December 6, 2024

Time	Item
4:30	Katie to Set Up Snacks and Drink in Fire Barn
5:00	Assigned staff and participants to arrive at fire barn <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Each fire truck will be parked in the back CC parking lot with its support truck behind it (support truck is listed on Jobs List).</li></ul>
5:15	Rick will do the kick-off meeting with instructions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3 routes, 3 teams</li><li>Each Fire truck will have the driver, Santa (w/ Mrs. Claus or Elf), and a Case Manager to direct where each home is at.</li><li>Support trucks will follow their assigned truck. Each support truck will have a driver, photographer, and Case Manager</li><li><b>The only people allowed in the houses are Santa, Mrs. Claus/elf, Case Manager Helper, and photographer.</b></li><li>Pass out route maps and house list</li></ul>
5:30	Load up trucks
5:55	Teams go to their start positions
6:00	Trucks start their routes









# Cootie Christmas Agenda

## December 7, 2024

Time	Item
9:00 AM	Cootie Meeting in E&TC
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Museum Open
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Welcome Center Open
10:00 AM	CC Doors open for guests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Tables for residents reserved in advanced</i></li> </ul>
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Craft Sales in CC Café (or until supplies last) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Nancy Bowers is in charge</i></li> </ul>
10:00 AM – 11:30AM	Family Photos in CC Storage Room <i>Photos will pause during Mike’s opening remarks</i>
10:30 AM	Residents arrive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Residents can come at 10am for Family Photos</i></li> </ul>
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Craft Table (Programs leading) and Face Painting
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Magic Show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Magician will walk around and do tricks from 11-11:30</i></li> </ul>
10:45 AM	Mike Wilson - Welcome and Opening Remarks
10:55 AM	Prayer and Tribute – Hazel White
11:00 AM	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>DJ plays Christmas music during lunch</i></li> </ul>
11:30 AM	Christmas Bingo with Angie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Program has Prizes</i></li> </ul>
<b>Cootie Christmas Party</b>	
12:10 PM	Mrs. Claus announced to stage to do story time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Angie to announce</i></li> <li>• <i>Dim lights in the back of the room</i></li> <li>• <i>Nikki and Ivy to help Ms. Claus keep the kids organized and pass out cookie <b>after</b> the story.</i></li> </ul>
12:30 PM	Christmas Carols lead by Nikki <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Song list inserted here</b></li> <li>• <i>Carols end with “Santa Claus is Coming to Town” while Santa is walks to the stage</i></li> </ul>
12:45 PM	Begin gift giving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Santa’s helpers are Angie, Rhonda, Laura, and Jen</i></li> </ul>
1:45 PM	Mike Wilson gives closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Robbie and Patches to say something</i></li> </ul>
1:55 PM	DJ plays Christmas music to close out the party


# Map from Hotel to VFW National Home.

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to VFW National Home, 3573 S Waverly Rd, Eaton ...

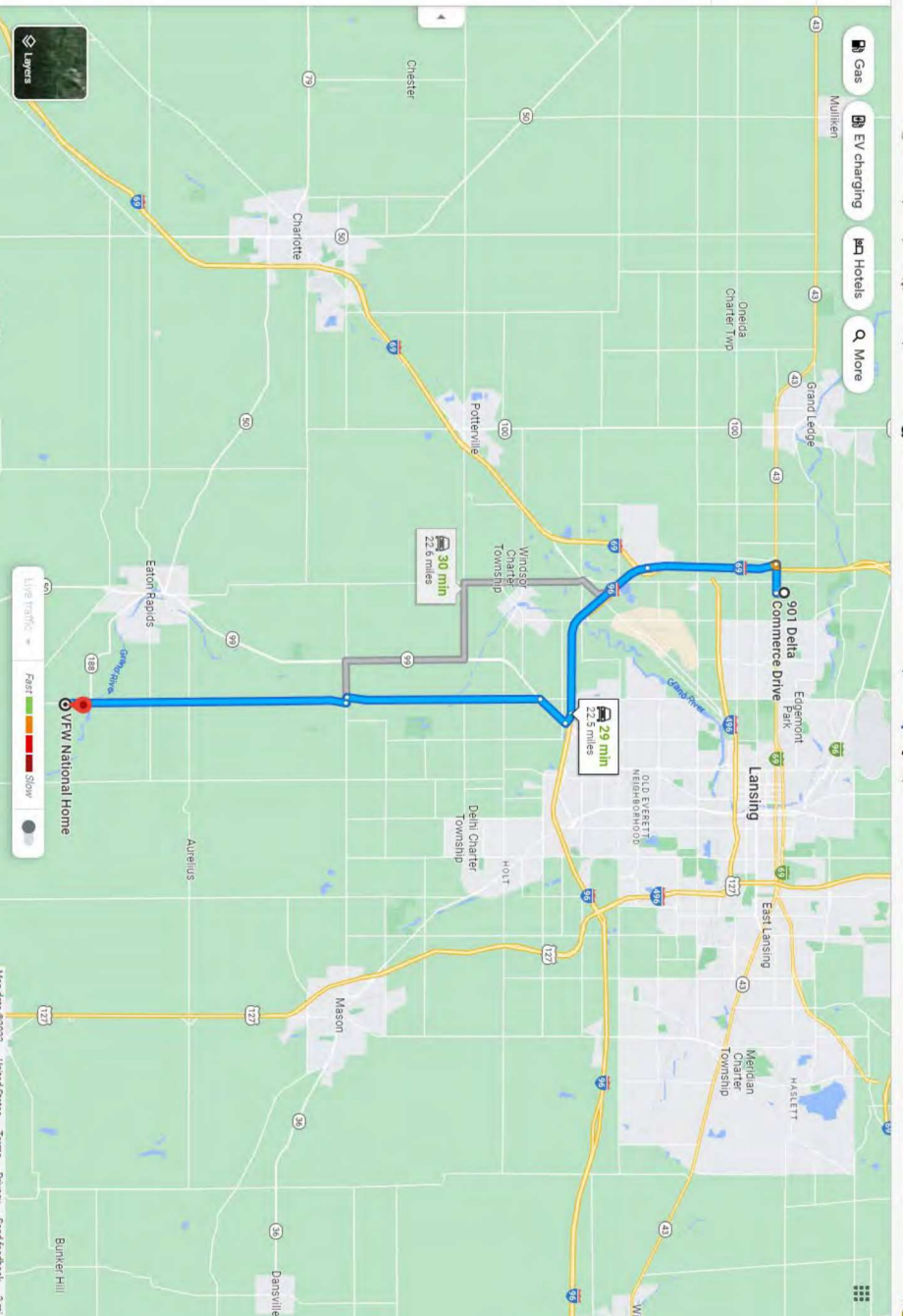
**29 min (22.5 miles)**      

via I-96 E and S Waverly Rd  
Fastest route now due to traffic conditions

**901 Delta Commerce Dr**  
Lansing, MI 48917

- > Take Delta Commerce Dr to I-69BL
- 1 min (0.2 mi)
- > Take I-96 E and Waverly Rd to Aloha Hawaii Pkwy In Hamlin Township
- 27 min (22.2 mi)
- ← Turn left onto Aloha Hawaii Pkwy
- 1 min (351 ft)  Destination will be on the right

**VFW National Home**  
3573 S Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827



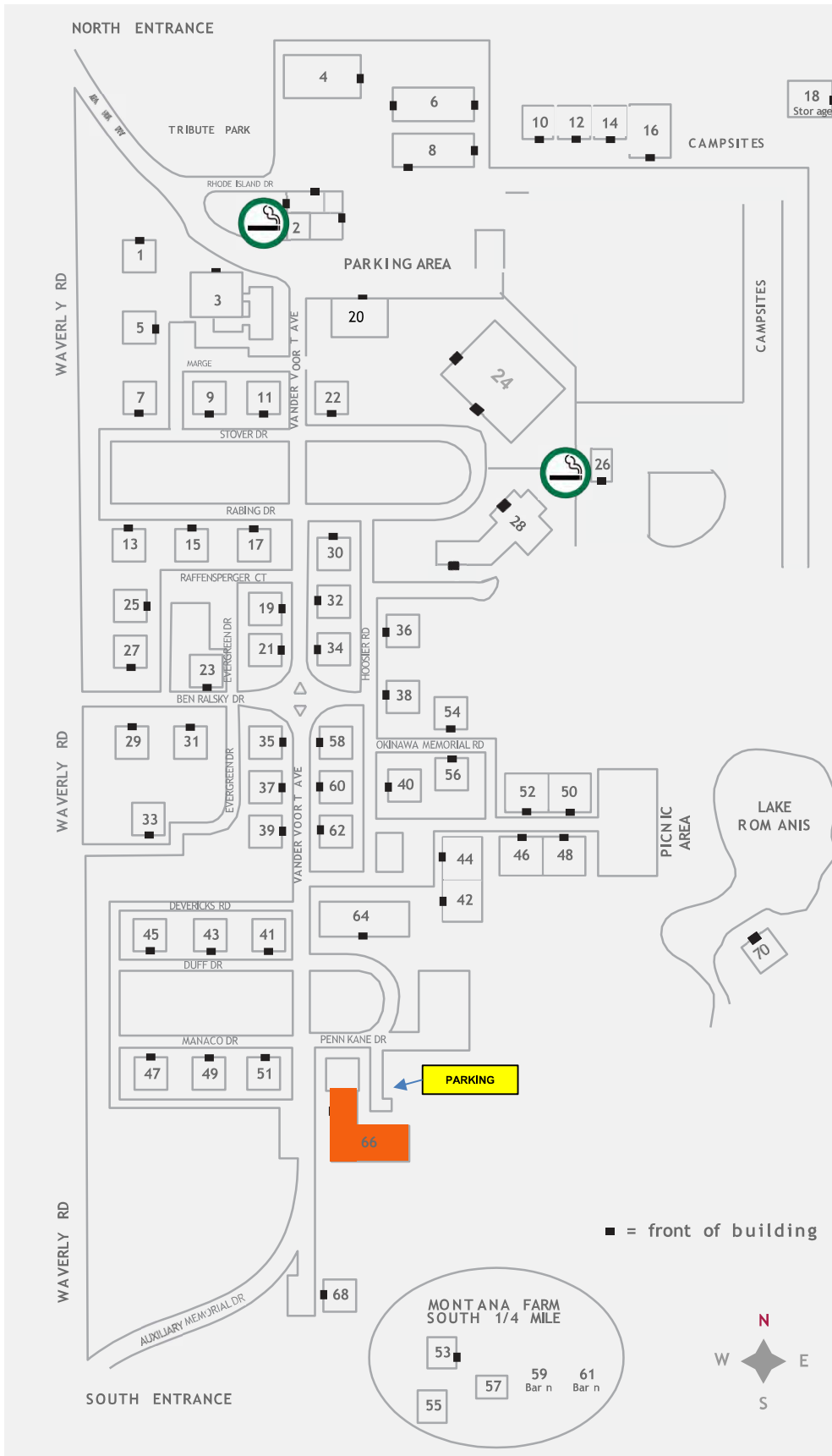
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# Guest Lodge Map

# VFW NATIONAL HOME

3573 SOUTH WAVERLY ROAD EATON RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 48827



Alphabetically	Numerically
Administration - 3	1 - Georgia
Air Force - 50	2 - Ed/Train Center
Air National Guard - 52	3 - Transportation
Alaska - 48	4 - Administration
Arizona - 62	5 - Quonset Hut
Autoshop - 6	6 - Mississippi
California 2 - 45	7 - Autoshop
California1 - 27	8 - Illinois 1
Colorado - 49	9 - Facilities Supplies
Community Center - 24	10 - Massachusetts
Connecticut - 34	11 - Facilities Storage
Donated Goods - 2	12 - Virginia
Ed/Train Center - 2	13 - Water Treatment
Childcare Center - 64	14 - Pennsylvania 1
Facilities Storage - 10	15 - Water Pressure
Facilities Supplies - 8	16 - New Jersey
Fire Barn - 16	17 - Fire Barn
Florida - 38	18 - MOC/MOCA
Georgia - 1	19 - New York 1
GL/Chapel - 66	20 - Museum
Guest Lodge Annex - 68	21 - Washington
Hawaii - 46	22 - Michigan 1
Health & Education - 28	23 - Minnesota
Illinois 1 - 7	24 - Community Center
Illinois 2 - 36	25 - Kentucky
Indiana - 40	26 - Science Lab
Iowa - 58	27 - California1
Kansas - 41	28 - Health & Education
Kentucky - 25	29 - Ohio
Maryland - 31	30 - Texas
Massachusetts - 9	31 - Maryland
Michigan 1 - 22	32 - Missouri
Minnesota - 23	33 - Pollett
Mississippi - 5	34 - Connecticut
Missouri - 32	35 - Wisconsin
MOC/MOCA - 17	36 - Illinois 2
Montana Farm - 53	37 - New Hampshire
Museum - 20	38 - Florida
Nevada - 60	39 - North Carolina
New Hampshire - 37	40 - Indiana
New Jersey - 15	41 - Kansas
New York 1 - 19	42 - Yokich South
New York 2 - 54	43 - West Virginia
North Carolina - 39	44 - Yokich North
Ohio - 29	45 - California 2
Oregon - 47	46 - Hawaii
Pennsylvania 1 - 13	47 - Oregon
Pennsylvania 3 - 51	48 - Alaska
Pig Barn - 55	49 - Colorado
Pollett - 33	50 - Air Force
Quonset Hut - 4	51 - Pennsylvania 3
Rabbit Barn - 57	52 - Air National Guard
Science Lab - 26	53 - Montana Farm
Scout Cabin - 70	54 - New York 2
Tennessee - 56	55 - Pig barn
Texas - 30	56 - Tennessee
Transportation - 2	57 - Rabbit Barn
Virginia - 11	58 - Iowa
Washington - 21	60 - Nevada
Water Pressure - 14	62 - Arizona
Water Treatment - 12	64 - Childcare Center
West Virginia - 43	66 - Guest Lodge & Chapel
Wisconsin - 35	68 - Guest Lodge Annex
Yokich North - 44	70 - Scout Cabin
Yokich South - 42	



## **VFW National Home General Visitor Policy**

Contact us at 800-424-8360 or [info@vfnationalhome.org](mailto:info@vfnationalhome.org)

You are welcome to visit the National Home anytime Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern time (closed on Holidays). If you want to schedule a guided tour, please contact us one week prior to arriving.

When visiting the National Home, please register at the reception desk in the lobby of the Administration Building.

**A Campus Tour** is a guided tour of campus (golf cart or van) with information about the history of the National Home, programs and services offered, and information about campus buildings and landmarks.

### **National Home Visitor Rules:**

- Smoking is allowed in outside designated smoking areas only. There is no smoking in any of our buildings.
- No firearms or other weapons are allowed on National Home property.
- No alcohol consumption in meeting and administrative spaces, including lower level of Guest Lodge.
- Only food that is professionally prepackaged is allowed to be distributed at campus events in accordance with national and local health code.
- Cooking food on campus to serve to residents and staff is prohibited unless approved by the Executive Director.
- No drones allowed on campus without prior approval from the Executive Director.
- Properly documented and trained service animals will be the only animals allowed on campus. No emotional support animals are allowed. Service Animals must be on a 6 foot leash and under the full control of their owner at all times.
- No pets allowed in the Guest Lodge or Guest Lodge Annex.
- Overnight guests are free to walk around campus, however, for safety and privacy reasons, visitors should not approach any houses in an attempt to visit or take pictures of residents.

Failure to adhere to these rules may result in termination of tour/visit and visitor(s) may be asked to leave the property immediately.

Thank you for your understanding and we hope you enjoy your visit!