

DRAFT- 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

Wednesday, June 10

VFW Golf Outing **by registration**

Thursday, June 11

8:00 am – 11:00 am Registration
(Registration closes for lunch 11:00am – 12:30pm)

7:30 – 8:15 am **CofA Breakfast** **Meadows**

8:00 am - 4:00 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 **VFW Council of Administration Meeting** **Prairies**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch on your own

12:30 pm – 5:00 pm 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

Friday, June 12

8:00 am – 11:00 am Registration
(Registration closes for lunch 11:00 – 12:30)

8:00 am – 3:00 pm Program Display Tables

8:30 am – Noon

Opening Session of 2026 Department Convention

Prairies

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, 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,
Buddy Poppy Director Report,
Cancer Director Report,
Community Service Director Report,
Day of Service Recognition
Day of Challenge Director Report,
Homeless Veteran Director Report,
Hospital Director Report,
Membership Director Report,
National Home Director Report, James Hubbard
Pool League Director Report, Don Smith
Safety Director Report,
State Legislative Director Report,
VMS / Mental Health & Welfare Director Report, Doug Brinker
VFW Rider Group Director Report, Charlie Cline
Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen / Teacher of the Year Director Report,
Michael Martin – Presentation of TOY National Citations
Youth Activities Program Report, Larry Thayer

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

Registration

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Resume Convention Business Session –

Prairies

Resume Committee Reports

2:15 pm

Suspend order of business – Opening of Nominations

Commander
Sr Vice Commander
Jr Vice Commander
Quartermaster
Judge Advocate
Surgeon
Chaplain

- 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;
Delegates in VFW polo shirt of choice
- 6:00 pm** **Joint Testimonial** **Arcadia Ballroom**
VFW Uniform for Testimonial: CofA Members in CofA Uniform; Members in business casual.

Saturday, June 13

- 8:00 am – 10:00 am** Registration
(REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 10:00 am)
- 9:00 am to 4:00 pm** **Incoming Officer / Director photos - location to be announced**
- 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**
- 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)
- 12:00 pm** **Recess Convention Session for lunch**
- 12:00 – 1:30 pm** **Past State Commanders / Past State Presidents Luncheon**
(by invitation)

