

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	
<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, Mindy Taylor Community Service Director Report, Tracy Nagy Day of Service Recognition 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	

12:00 – 1:30 pm	Convention Delegates - Lunch on your own	
1:30 pm	Resume Convention Business Session –	Prairies
	(Incoming CofA members should come to afternoon CofA session in proper CofA uniform)	
	Resume Committee Reports as required	
	Final Registration / Credentials Report – Adjutant, Credential Chairman	
	Reopening of Nominations – Presentation of Candidates	
	Recess Convention District Caucuses – 30 minutes	
	Resume Convention	
	Election of Officers	
	Good of the Order – Comments by distinguished guests	
	National candidates:	
	James Nail – MO	
	Chris Haynes - OH	
	VFW National Council Member. PSC Kevin Conklin	
	VFW National Representative, Robert “Bobby” Lovergne, Jr.	
	Closing Ceremonies	
	VFW Installation of Officers	Prairies
	2026-27 CofA Meeting promptly after Installation	Prairies
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Celebration with Department Commander Larry Thayer and Department President Jason Manke at Hotel.	Kalamazoo 1
6:30 pm – Doors Open, Cash Bar		
7:00 pm - Hors D’Oeuvres Buffet		
	VFW Uniform for Reception: Casual – slacks and Commander’s / President’s polo shirt optional	
<u>Sunday</u>	DRIVE HOME SAFE	

Revised May 25, 2026