

VFW DEPT. OF WISCONSIN
103rd Annual State Convention
June 12 - 15, 2024
Tundra Lodge Resort
865 Lombardi Ave, Green Bay, WI 54304

AGENDA

(Agenda and Room Locations Subject to Change)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024

- Attire for C of A/Committees: VFW Business Casual (Collared Shirt/Polo & Slacks)
- 11:00 to 3:00pm **Registration (Pre-Function Area)**
- 12:00 to 5:00pm **Vendor Tables (Hotel Lobby)**
- 9:30 to 11:30am **Committee Meetings (Ballroom):** One joint opening will occur for all committee meetings. Meetings will occur sequentially as listed on this agenda.
- Convention Committee:** Co-Chair – Phil Allen
- Veterans Service Committee:** Chair – PSC William Hustad
- WI VFW Foundation:** Sec/Treas – PSC Renee Simpson
- Finance Committee:** Chair – PSC Wilfred “Twiggy” Johnson
- 11:30 to 2:30pm **Lunch/Break - On your own. District Calendar Distribution**
- 1:45 to 2:30pm **Council of Administration (Ballroom) – Approval of Convention Rules: Commander Ramos**
- 4:30 to 5:30pm **Joint Memorial Service (Ballroom) – VFW State Chaplain Ilein Taipe and VFWA State Chaplain Janey Owens**
- 6:30pm **VFW & Auxiliary Night Out at Stadium View Sports Bar – Come join in on fun and camaraderie! Food, drinks, and transportation will be on your own.**

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024

- Attire for State Line Officers: VFW Business Casual
- 7:30 to 11:30am & 1:30 to 3:00pm **Registration (Pre-Function Area)**
- 8:00 to 5:00pm **Vendor Tables (Hotel Lobby)**
- 8:00 to 8:30am **Opening of VFW Convention (Ballroom)**
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| Open Meeting | Commander Ron Ramos |
| Presentation of Colors | State Honor Guard |
| Opening Prayer | Chaplain Ilein Taipe |
| Pledge of Allegiance | Commander Ron Ramos |
| Post Colors | State Honor Guard |
| Roll Call | Adjutant Adam Wallace |
| Reading of Convention Rules | Judge Advocate George Stoeber |
| Credentials Committee | Andrew McKinney – Chair |
| Intro of National Representative | Commander Ron Ramos |
| National Representative Comments | Georgia NCM Jeff Carroll |
- 8:30 to 10:00am **Reports**
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| Convention Committee | Phil Allen – Co-Chair |
| Service Committee | PSC William Hustad – Chair |
| Finance Committee | PSC Twiggy Johnson – Chair |
| WI VFW Foundation | PSC Renee Simpson – Sec/Treas |
| News Committee | PSC Joel Walker – Chair |
| National Legislative | PSC Jason Johns – NLS Chair |

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| | State Legislative Membership | Jordan Tilleson – Chair Randy Engness – Chair PSC Gundel Metz – Co-Chair |
| 10:00 to 10:30 | Break | |
| 10:30 to 12:00pm | Reports Cont. Awards Committee Safety Student Veterans Honor Guard Hospital Report Women Veterans Committee National Home Unmet Needs Poppy Scouting WI-NG CMD Chief Warrant Ofc. | George Stoeber – Chair Jason Janecek – Chair Curtis Lemke – Chair PSC Mike Eggleston Dr. Angela Thomsen – Chair Dr. Angela Thomsen – Chair PSC Michele Rathke – Chair PSC Don Lynch – Co-Chair Bruce Sorensen – Chair PSC Renee Simpson – Chair Christina Flanagan – Chair CW5 Charles Mattison |
| 12:00 to 1:30pm | Past CDR’s Club Luncheon Ticketed Lunch (Ballroom A) or lunch on your own. | |
| 2:00 to 4:30pm | Training/Seminars (Classes will run concurrently) State and National Website Training (McKinley/Kodiak Rooms): Presented by State Commander Ron Ramos and State AAQM Steve Eisenhauer. Come and learn about the resources and functionality offered on both our State and National websites and answer general questions. All are welcome. Bylaws and Parliamentary Procedure (Denali/Big Horn Rooms): Presented by NCM Cory Geisler, Judge Advocate George Stoeber and Adjutant Adam Wallace. The presenters will provide guidance on how to have successful and productive meetings utilizing our Bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order and answer general questions. All are welcome. | |
| 6:00 to 7:00pm | Joint Awards Celebration Cocktail Hour (Ballroom) w/ Music by Ace Entertainment for You | |
| 7:00pm | Joint Awards Celebration (Ballroom) | |
| <u>FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024</u> | Attire for State Line Officers: VFW Business Casual | |
| 7:30 to 11:30am & 1:30 to 3:00pm | Registration (Pre-Function Area) | |
| 8:00 to 5:00pm | Vendor Tables (Hotel Lobby) | |
| 8:00 to 8:30am | General Session, Cont. (Ballroom) Reopen Meeting Opening Prayer Roll Call Credentials Committee Charters, By-Laws, Resolutions Report | Commander Ron Ramos Chaplain Ilein Taibe Adjutant Adam Wallace Andrew McKinney – Chair George Stoeber – Chair |
| 8:30 to 9:30am | Guest Speakers American Legion – TBD, DAV – TBD, WDVA – TBD, Legislative Award Presentation | |
| 9:30 to 10:00am | Break | |
| 10:00 to 11:00am | Nomination of State Officers | |
| 11:00 to 12:00pm | District Caucuses with State Officer Candidates | |
| 12:00 to 1:30pm | Lunch – On your own & Past State Commanders Luncheon (By Invitation Only) | |

2:00 to 4:00pm

Training/Seminars (Classes will run concurrently)

Post Commanders Seminar (Denali/Big Horn Rooms): Presented by NCM Cory Geisler, State Commander Ron Ramos, and State SVC Mary Ann Christopherson. 2024-2025 Post Commanders, SVC's, JVC's, and aspiring Post leaders are invited to a session to learn about the responsibilities and what it takes to be a successful Post Commander and leader. All are welcome.

Post QM and Trustee Seminar (McKinley/Kodiak Rooms): Presented by State QM Tom Heath, State Inspector Leroy Jansky, and State AAQM Steve Eisenhauer. Come and learn how to handle Post finances and audits successfully and responsibly. Also learn about the required tasks the Post QM must complete during their year. All are welcome.

6:00 to 7:00pm

Cocktail Hour Cash Bar (Ballroom) w/ Music Provided by Ace Entertainment for You
-All-State recipients check in at Registration Pre-Function Area

7:00pm

All-State Banquet (Ballroom)

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

Attire for State Line Officers: Business (Suit)

7:00 to 8:00am

Registration (Pre-Function Area)

8:00 to 12:00pm

Vendor Tables (Hotel Lobby)

8:00 to 9:00am

General Session (Ballroom)

Reopen Meeting/Salute Colors

Commander Ron Ramos

Opening Prayer

Chaplain Ilein Taipe

Roll Call

Adjutant Adam Wallace

Credentials Committee

Andrew McKinney – Chair

Cootie Grand

Paul Kirsch

Past State Commanders Continuing Service Award PSC Mike Eggleston

9:00 to 10:00am

Vote on Resolutions and Bylaw Amendments

10:00 to 10:30am

Break

10:30 to 11:15am

Election of 2024 – 2025 State Officers

11:30am

Closing Remarks – Commander Ramos

1:00pm

Joint VFW/Auxiliary Installation of 2024 – 2025 Officers PSC Rathke, Installing Officer
Officers to be installed attire: Business

30 mins after installation

2024 - 2025 Council of Administration Meeting

4:00 to 8:00pm

Commander/President Reception – Light hors d'oeuvres served.
Duck Creek Pub, Post 7534. 754 Riverview Dr, Green Bay, WI