

**VFW DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN**  
**104th Annual State Convention**  
**June 11 - 14, 2025**  
Madison Marriott West  
1313 John Q Hammons Dr, Middleton, WI 53562

**AGENDA**

*(Agenda and Room Locations Subject to Change)*

<b><u>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025</u></b>		Attire for C of A/Committees: VFW Business Casual (Collared Shirt/Polo & Slacks)
11:00 to 3:00pm	<b>Registration, Credentials, and Poppy Displays</b>	
12:00 to 5:00pm	<b>Vendor Tables</b>	
9:30 to 12:00pm	<b>Committee Meetings:</b> One joint opening will occur for all committee meetings. Meetings will occur sequentially as listed on this agenda.	
	<b>Veterans Service Committee:</b> Chair – Phil Landgraf	
	<b>WI VFW Foundation:</b> Sec/Treas – JVC Renee Simpson	
	<b>Finance Committee:</b> Chair – Jim Cairo	
	<b>News Committee:</b> Chair – JVC Renee Simpson	
	<b>Women Veterans Committee:</b> Chair: Dr. Angela Thomsen	
12:00 to 1:45pm	<b>Lunch/Break</b> - On your own.	
2:00 to 4:00pm	<b>Council of Administration</b> – Approval of Convention Rules: Commander Ramos	
4:30 to 5:30pm	<b>Joint Memorial Service</b> – VFW & Auxiliary Chaplains	
6:00pm	<b>VFW &amp; Auxiliary Night Out at VFW Post 8483</b> -Food and Beverages available to purchase. Hawaiian shirts encouraged.	
<b><u>THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025</u></b>		Attire for State Line Officers: VFW Business Casual (Mary Ann’s Shirt/Purple Shirt)
7:30 to 11:30am & 1:30 to 3:00pm	<b>Registration, Credentials, and Poppy Displays</b>	
8:00 to 5:00pm	<b>Vendor Tables</b>	
8:00 to 8:30am	<b>Opening of VFW Convention</b>	
	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
8:30 to 10:00am	<b>Reports (Breaks as Needed)</b>	
	Convention Committee	Wayne Woodman – Chair
	Service Committee	Phil Landgraf – Chair
	Finance Committee	Jim Cairo – Chair
	WI VFW Foundation	JVC Renee Simpson – Sec/Treas
	News Committee	JVC Renee Simpson – Chair
	Women Vets Committee	Dr. Angela Thomsen

National Legislative	PSC Jason Johns – Chair
Unmet Needs	PSC Jason Johns – Chair
State Legislative	Jordan Tilleson – Chair
Membership	Randy Engness – Chair
Safety	Jason Janecek – Chair
Honor Guard	PSC Mike Eggleston – Lt. Colonel
Awards Committee	George Stoeber – Chair
National Home	PSC Michele Rathke – Chair
Poppy	PSC Renee Simpson – Chair
Frank Brown	Wayne Woodman – Chair
Big 10 Conference	Adam Wallace – Conference Chairman
State Riders	Paul Morrison – State President
Military Order of the Cooties	Grand Commander

12:00 to 1:30pm

**Past CDR’s Club Luncheon Ticketed Lunch** or lunch on your own.

2:00 to 4:30pm

**Training/Seminars (Classes will run concurrently)**

**State and National Website Training – ADJ Wallace**

Take a tour/refresher of the State and National websites and explore the members only section of the state website, and OMS and training resources available on the National website. This training is great for new and seasoned officers and members. This is a great opportunity to learn and ask questions if you’re making the transition to doing more online.

**Military and Funeral Honors Program Training – WDVA**

Training covers flag folding and rifle team training. All equipment will be on-site. This training is required by at least one member of your Post’s Honor Guard to be eligible for Stipend Reimbursement.

6:00 to 7:00pm

**Joint Awards Celebration Cocktail Hour**

7:00pm

**Joint Awards Celebration**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025**

Attire for State Line Officers: Business Attire (Suit)

7:30 to 11:30am & 1:30 to 3:00pm **Registration, Credentials, and Poppy Displays**

7:30 to 8:30 am **Women Veterans Breakfast Ticketed Breakfast**

8:00 to 5:00pm **Vendor Tables**

8:00 to 8:30am **General Session, Cont.**

Reopen Meeting	Commander Ron Ramos
Roll Call	Adjutant Adam Wallace
Credentials Committee	Andrew McKinney – Chair
Charters, By-Laws, Resolutions Report	George Stoeber – Chair

8:30 to 10:00am **Guest Speakers**

10:00 to 10:30am **Break**

10:30 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)**

