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)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025 Attire for C of A/Committees: VFW Business Casual (Collared Shirt/Polo & Slacks)

11:00 to 3:00pm Registration, Credentials, and Poppy Displays

12:00 to 5:00pm Vendor Tables

9:30 to 12:00pm Committee Meetings: One joint opening will occur for all committee meetings. Meetings will

occur sequentially as listed on this agenda.

Veterans Service Committee: Chair – Phil Landgraf

WI VFW Foundation: Sec/Treas – JVC Renee Simpson

Finance Committee: Chair – Jim Cairo

News Committee: Chair – JVC Renee Simpson

Women Veterans Committee: Chair: Dr. Angela Thomsen

12:00 to 1:45pm Lunch/Break - On your own.

2:00 to 4:00pm Council of Administration – Approval of Convention Rules: Commander Ramos

4:30 to 5:30pm **Joint Memorial Service**— VFW & Auxiliary Chaplains

6:00pm VFW & Auxiliary Night Out at VFW Post 8483

-Food and Beverages available to purchase. Hawaiian shirts encouraged.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025 Attire for State Line Officers: VFW Business Casual (Mary Ann's Shirt/Purple Shirt)

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

8:00 to 5:00pm Vendor Tables

8:00 to 8:30am **Opening of VFW Convention**

Open Meeting
Presentation of Colors
Opening Prayer
Chaplain Ilein Taipe
Pledge of Allegiance
Post Colors
Commander Ron Ramos
State Honor Guard
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Roll Call
Adjutant Adam Wallace
Reading of Convention Rules

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Andrew McKinney Chair

Credentials Committee Andrew McKinney – Chair Intro of National Representative Commander Ron Ramos

8:30 to 10:00am Reports (Breaks as Needed)

Convention Committee Wayne Woodman – Chair Service Committee Phil Landgraf – Chair Finance Committee Jim Cairo – Chair

WI VFW Foundation

News Committee

JVC Renee Simpson – Sec/Treas

JVC Renee Simpson – Chair

Women Vets Committee

Dr. Angela Thomsen

National LegislativePSC Jason Johns – ChairUnmet NeedsPSC Jason Johns – ChairState LegislativeJordan Tilleson – ChairMembershipRandy Engness – ChairSafetyJason 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

Roll Call

Credentials Committee

Charters, By-Laws, Resolutions Report

Commander Ron Ramos

Adjutant Adam Wallace

Andrew McKinney – Chair

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)

2:00 to 4:00pm Officer Panels

Post Commanders Panel

Join a variety of current and past Post Commanders as they discuss their experiences.

Post Quartermaster Panel

Join a variety of current and past Post Quartermasters as they discuss their experiences.

6:00 to 7:00pm Cocktail Hour Cash Bar

7:00pm All-State Banquet

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025 Attire for State Line Officers: Business Attire (Suit)

7:00 to 8:00am Registration and Credentials

8:00 to 12:00pm Vendor Tables

8:00 to 9:00am General Session

Reopen Meeting/Salute Colors

Roll Call

Guest Speaker

Commander Ron Ramos

Adjutant Adam Wallace

WDVA Sec. Bond

Credentials Committee Andrew McKinney – Chair

National Junior Vice Candidates

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 2025 – 2026 State Officers**

11:30am Closing Remarks – Commander Ramos

1:00pm Joint VFW/Auxiliary Installation of 2025 – 2026 Officers

Officers to be installed attire: Business.

30 mins after installation 2025 - 2026 Council of Administration Meeting

4:00 to 8:00pm Commander/President Reception – VFW Post 1318