



FALL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

September 18-20, 2026

**Willmar Conference Center
240 23rd Street SE
Willmar, MN**

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

Chamber Boardroom is a NEW room. See map in Program Ad Book for the location (Next to Gallery 7).

FRIDAY, September 18, 2026

9:00 am – 10:00 am	Pre-Convention Committee Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Internal Affairs Committee	Chamber Boardroom
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	LUNCH	
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	<u>VFW Registration</u>	WCC Atrium
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<u>Auxiliary Registration</u>	WCC Atrium
8:00 am – 3:00 pm	PROGRAM EXHIBITS/Poppy Contest	Galleries 5-6
11:45 am – 12:45 pm	VFW Aux Hospital Mtg (Closed meeting)	Chamber Boardroom
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Finance Committee	Chamber Boardroom
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Gambling Meeting	Gallery 7
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	MNVFW Charitable Association Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	VFW Council of Administration	Gallery 7
6:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Auxiliary Council of Administration	Galleries 1-4
After Meetings	Hospitality Rooms (3)	Poolside

SATURDAY, September 19, 2026

7:00 am - Noon	VFW Registration	WCC Atrium
8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Auxiliary Registration	WCC Atrium
8:00 am – 3:00pm	VFW OTI Sessions	Gallery 7
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Auxiliary OTI Sessions	Galleries 1-4
8:00 am – 3:00 pm	PROGRAM EXHIBITS/Poppy Contest	Galleries 5-6
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	LUNCH	
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Catholic Mass	Gallery 3
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Non-Denominational Service	Gallery 2
6:00 pm – 6:45 pm	General Reception	Atrium
7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Banquet	Galleries 5-7
	Doors open at 6:45 pm	
	Hospitality Rooms Closed during Banquet	

VFW OTI Sessions – September 19, 2026, in Detail

8:00 – 8:50 am	Commander's Leadership Session	Gallery 7
9:00 – 9:50 am	Quartermaster/Adjutant Session	Gallery 7
10:00 – 10:50 am	Inspections Session	Gallery 7
11:00 – 11:45 am	Commander's Project/Claims Office	Gallery 7
11:45 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<u>Programs</u>	Gallery 7
	-VOD/PP	
	-Legislative	
	-Community Service	
	-Buddy Poppy	

2:10 – 3:00 pm

Programs cont'd

Gallery 7

- Safety
- Scouting
- Teacher of the Year

-Youth Activities District Chairs

Chamber Boardroom

SUNDAY, September 20, 2026

8:00 am – 9:30 am

VFW Council of Administration

Gallery 7

VFW OTI Sessions – Saturday, June 19, 2026

8:00 – 8:50

Commander's Leadership Session taught by Commander Charles Hawkins, Sr. & QM Barry Henriksen

- Membership (National & State Programs)
- Post Issues (Disciplinary Actions, etc.)
- Consolidation vs Surrendering Post Charter

9:00 – 9:50 am

Adjutant/Quartermaster OTI Session – QM Barry Henriksen

- How to do an Audit/Audit Issues/Relief Funds
- Bonding/Assessments: Properly Bonded and Locally bonded
- Entering Community Service, TOY, VOD/PP on Dashboard
- OMS

10:00 – 10:50 am

Inspections Session, learn the changes on Post Inspections – Chief Inspector, David Staehlin.

11:00 – 11:45 am

Commander's Project and VSO Updates, Dan Meyer & Jon Gohn

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Let's talk about Programs

- VOD/PP – Cheryl Burton
- Legislative – Barry Henriksen
- Community Service – Dennis Maddox
- Buddy Poppy – Charlie Cossette

2:10 – 3:00 pm

Let's talk about Programs (cont'd)

- Safety – Duane Frank
 - Scouting – Chris Trebelhorn
 - Teacher of the Year – Kyle Morton
 - Youth Activities – Scott Wiechmann, Dennis Bushy & Barry Henriksen
- "Youth Activities in Chamber Boardroom"**