



## VFW MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

January 10-12, 2025

Marriott NW, Brooklyn Park MN

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### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

- 6:30 – 10:30 am Breakfast Buffet in the Wadsworth Restaurant (\$20/person)
- 8:30 – 9:30 am Pre-Con Meeting (Arbor Lakes)
- 10:00 – 11:00 am VFW Internal Affairs Committee (Lake Michigan)
- Noon – 4:00 pm Registration and Banquet Tickets (Northland Foyer)
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm VFW Finance Committee Meeting (Lake Michigan)
- 2:00 – 5:00 pm **VFW Claims Open Office Hours** (Arbor Lakes)
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm VFW Charitable Association Meeting (Lake Huron)
- 2:30 – 3:30 pm Auxiliary Hospital Reps & Deps Meeting (*Invitation Only*) (Lake Michigan)
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm Gambling Seminar (Elm Creek Room)
- 3:00 – 6:00 pm Displays and Vendors (Hallway in front MN Ballroom Lobby)
- 6:00 – 8:00 pm VFW Council Meeting (Minnesota Ballroom)
- 6:00 – 9:00 pm Auxiliary Council Meeting (Northland Ballroom)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

- 7:00 – 11:00 am Breakfast Buffet in the Wadsworth Restaurant (\$20/person)
- 7:00 – 9:00 am Register Poppy Displays (Hallway from Hotel Lobby to Northland Foyer Area)
- 8:00 – 10:00 am VFW Committee Meetings**  
VFW Bylaws Committee (Lake Michigan)  
VFW Legislative Committee (Lake Huron)  
VFW Riders (Lake Erie)
- 8:00 – 1:00 pm Registration and Banquet Tickets (Northland Foyer)
- 8:00 – 3:00 pm Displays & Vendors (Hallway in front MN Ballroom Lobby)
- 9:30 – 2:30 pm Auxiliary Meeting (Northland Ballroom)

- 10:15 – 11:30 am      **Scholars App Class: VOD/PP Introduction for 2025-26**  
 State VOD/PP Chairman, Dewey Hermanson, will explain the expectations for VOD/PP in 2025-26 when receiving, judging and submitting applications for VOD/PP using the “Scholars App”.  
**Annual VFW Day of Service** with ADJ/QM Barry Henriksen. He will explain what is required to conduct and organize the VFW Day of Service. This event required for All American and what a great way to interact with your community. (Salon 2 & 3)
- 11:30 am – 1:00 pm      LUNCH BREAK
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm      **Suicide Awareness & Prevention**  
 Presenter: Eric Wittenberg, MSW, from the Mpls VA in Mental Health. The VA S.A.V.E. program is designed to help build confidence in identifying signs of suicide and talking with your Veteran, family or friends about suicide. **JOINT Seminar** (Northland Ballroom)
- 2:00 – 3:30 pm      District VOD Winners Party (Hennepin Salon 1)
- 2:30 – 4:00 pm      Buddy Poppy Chairmen Meeting (Minnesota Ballroom)
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm      Catholic Service (Lake Michigan)
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm      Non-Denominational Church Service (Lake Huron)
- 5:30 – 10:00 pm      Daycare/babysitting Room during Banquet (Lake Huron)
- 5:30 – 6:30 pm      District VOD Winners Reception (Arbor Lakes)
- 5:30 – 6:45 pm      Banquet Reception (Cash Bar) (Atrium)
- 6:30 pm      Line up for the Procession
- 6:45 pm      Banquet Doors Open
- 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm      Grand Banquet procession begins into the Grand Ballroom and Dinner and Program

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

- 7:00 – 11:00 am      Breakfast Buffet in the Wadsworth Restaurant (\$20/person)
- 8:00 am – 10:00 am      VFW Council of Administration (Minnesota Ballroom)