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## **VFW MIDWINTER CONFERENCE**

**January 16-18, 2026**

**Marriott NW, 7025 Northland Dr N, Brooklyn Park MN**

**TENTATIVE 5 Sept 25**

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 16**

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	<b>VFW Claims Open Office Hours</b> (Arbor Lakes)
2:00 – 3:00 pm	VFW Charitable Association Meeting (Lake Huron)
2:30 – 3:30 pm	Auxiliary Hospital Reps & Deps Meeting ( <i>Invitation Only</i> ) (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 17**

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)
<b>8:00 – 10:00 am</b>	<b>VFW Committee Meetings</b> 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)
9:00 – 2:30 pm	Auxiliary Meeting (Northland Ballroom)

10:15 – 11:30 am	<b>Scholars App Class: VOD/PP Introduction for 2025-26</b> 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”. <b>TENTATIVE</b> <b>Annual VFW Day of Service</b> 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) <b>TENTATIVE</b>
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Burial at Fort Snelling: It’s Not Automatic for Veterans.</b> Presenter: Shane Buldra, representing Dignity Memorial/Sunset Cemetery in Minneapolis, will provide an overview of the steps Veterans must take to establish eligibility and make advance arrangements for burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. <b>JOINT Seminar</b> (Northland Ballroom)
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Women Veterans Meeting with Cathy Osterbauer. (Hennepin Salon 3) <b>TENTATIVE</b>
2:00 – 3:30 pm	District VOD Winners Party (Hennepin Salon 1)
2:30 – 4:00 pm	Buddy Poppy Chairmen Meeting (Minnesota Ballroom) <b>TENTATIVE</b>
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Catholic Service (Lake Michigan)
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Non-Denominational Church Service (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 18**

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)