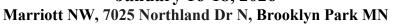




VFW MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

January 16-18, 2026







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	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 17

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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)	
9:00-2:30 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". TENTATIVE 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) TENTATIVE	
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Burial at Fort Snelling: It's Not Automatic for Veterans. 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. JOINT Seminar (Northland Ballroom)	
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Women Veterans Meeting with Cathy Osterbauer. (Hennepin Salon 3) TENTATIVE	
2:00 – 3:30 pm	District VOD Winners Party (Hennepin Salon 1)	
2:30 – 4:00 pm	Buddy Poppy Chairmen Meeting (Minnesota Ballroom) TENTATIVE	
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		

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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)