



## VFW MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

January 12-14, 2024

Marriott NW, Brooklyn Park MN

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

6:30 – 10:30 am	Breakfast Buffet in the Wadsworth Restaurant
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 13

7:00 – 11:00 am	Breakfast Buffet in the Wadsworth Restaurant
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 By-Laws Committee (Lake Michigan) 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 – 11:15 am	<b>Nonprofit Workshop for Commanders/Quartermasters</b> with Marc Garduno, National Quartermaster General. Auxiliary can benefit from this workshop as well. (Hennepin Salon 3)
10:15 – 11:15	<b>“Mental Health focusing on SAD and Suicide Prevention”</b> with Krysta Stanenas & Kristi Stites from MN Dept of Veterans Affairs

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(JOINT SESSION) They will talk about "Applied Suicide Intervention Skills" (ASIST), a 2-day training program that teaches participants how to assist those at risk for suicide. Many healthcare professionals use ASIST, but anyone 16 years or older can use this approach, regardless of professional background, ASIST training is free. (Northland Ballroom)

- 11:30 am – 1:00 pm LUNCH BREAK
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm **"Cyber Safety and Computer Basics"** with Department PAO, Jarrod McReynolds (JOINT SESSION) What you should know before you jump into social media. How to present your brand in the best way possible, and don't alienate your audience. (Northland Ballroom)
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm **"VFW Adjutant/Quartermaster Open Office Hours"** Department Adj/QM Barry Henriksen. Come with all your questions about DASHBOARD/Community Service/Audits/Bonding/Difficulties in logging into National website. (Hennepin Salon 3)
- 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 with Pastor Robert Smith, Administrative Pastor, Hope Community Church (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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

- 7:00 – 11:00 am Breakfast Buffet in the Wadsworth Restaurant
- 9:00 am – 11:00 am VFW Council of Administration (Minnesota Ballroom)