



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS - DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

VFW MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

January 16-18, 2026

Marriott NW, 7025 Northland Dr N, Brooklyn Park MN

16 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	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 (<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)
8:00 – 10:00 am	VFW Committee Meetings VFW Bylaws Meeting (Lake Michigan) VFW Riders Meeting (Lake Erie)
9:00 – 10:00 am	VFW Legislative Meeting (Lake Huron)
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)

9:30 – 10:20 am	“Suicide Prevention Class” Speaker is Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Sean Alderman, MD, U.S. Army, Founder of Magnus. Dr. Sean will highlight the importance of breaking isolation, recognizing crisis signs, and building networks to support veterans beyond traditional systems like the VA. Joint Session (Northland Ballroom)
10:30 – 11:30 am	“Members Rights” Speaker is Dan West, National Adjutant General. The focus on clarity and governing principles. Suspension and revocation of Charter; Vacancies and removal of elective officers or committee members; Appointed Delegates; Arrearages, deficiencies, and omissions; Eligibility to office; Commemoratives and tributes; and Rules of Order. (Minnesota Ballroom)
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 SESSION (Northland Ballroom)
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Women Veterans Meeting with Jennifer Warren (Hennepin Salon 3)
2:00 – 3:30 pm	District VOD Winners Party (Hennepin Salon 1)
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)