

**MICHIGAN VFW AUXILIARY**  
**99th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**  
**Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo**  
**June 10 – 14, 2026**  
**\*\*\*TENTATIVE\*\*\***

**Wednesday, June 10**

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm      VFW Golf Outing  
2024-25 Pre-Council Meeting

**Thursday, June 11**

**(Dress code – Debbie’s Lavender Shirt)**

8:00 am – 11:00 am      Registration  
and 12:30 pm – 5:00 pm

10:00 am – 12:00 pm      Auxiliary Council of Administration Meeting

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm      Lunch on your own

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm      Hospital Table and Camp Trotter Table

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm      Joint Opening  
\*Welcome by Commander Yanka and President Scheetz  
\*Introduction of National Representatives  
\*National Home Representative Rathke, Mike Wilson and Presentation  
\*Allied Organizations (MOC/MOCA, AL/AL Aux, DAV/DAV Aux,  
MOPH/MOPHA, MCL/MCL Aux  
\*Presentations to: Fisher House, Heroes to Hives, FoxHole, and  
Gold Star Mothers Memorial, Blue Star Dogs  
\*Comments by Department President and National Auxiliary  
Representative  
\*Comments by National Department Commander and VFW National  
Representative

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm      Instruction to Pages

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm      Floor Practice

5:00 pm      **Mandatory practice for Memorial Service**  
**(All Officers, District Presidents and anyone that is part of the service, if**  
**unable to attend, please contact the Dept. President)**

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm      2026-2027 Pre-Council of Administration Meeting  
6:00 pm – 11:00 pm      Department Hospitality Room

**Friday, June 12**

**(Dress code - Official look blouse/shirt and black pants/slacks)**

7:30 am – 11:00 am

Registration

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Hospital Table and Camp Trotter Table (last day)

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

**2026-27 Auxiliary Program Pins available for pick up**

8:00 am – Noon

Auxiliary Business Session Opens

\*Rules Committee

\*Resolutions

\*Introduction of Convention Committee and Pages

\*Program Awards

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Lunch on your own

District Jr Vice Presidents meeting with Department

Jr. Vice President Jan Passmore

12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Registration

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Presentation of District and Auxiliary Achievement Awards

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Joint Memorial Service

5:45 pm

**Joint Testimonial for Commander Reinhold Yanka and President  
Debbie Scheetz**

**Dress Code: suit/tie for men; cocktail attire for women**

**Saturday, June 13**

**(Dress code is official look blouse/shirt and black pants/slacks)**

8:00 am – 10:00 am

Registration

***(REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 10:00 am)***

8:00 am – 11:30 am

Photo Room (2026-27 Officers, District Presidents and Chairmen)

8:00 am – Noon

**2026-27 Auxiliary Program Pins available pick up**

8:00 am – Noon

Auxiliary Business Session Resumes

\*Flag Presentation

\*Presentation of Past Department Presidents

\*Recognition of 45-year plus

\*Presentation of Patriotic Art Winner

\*Chapel of Four Chaplains Award

\*Comments from National VFW Auxiliary Representative

\*Nominations

\*Candidates Question and Answer Session

12:00 - 1:30 pm

Lunch on your own/Caucus

12:00 – 1:30 pm

Past State Commanders/Past State Presidents Luncheon

1:30 pm

Auxiliary Business Session Resumes  
\*2027 Membership Kickoff  
\***ELECTION OF OFFICERS**  
\***INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**  
\*Closing Ceremonies of Auxiliary Convention

**2026-27 C of A Meeting promptly after close of Convention**

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Celebration with Commander Larry Thayer and Department President Jason Manke at Hotel. **(Dress code is casual and light hors d'oeuvres will be served at 7:00 pm)**

**Sunday, June 14**

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**2026-27 Program Kickoff by Program Chairmen  
(This will count as a School of Instruction)**