

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
2025-26 Pre-Council Meeting

Thursday, June 11

8:00 am – 11:00 am (Dress code – Debbie’s Lavender Shirt)
and 12:30 pm – 5:00 pm Registration

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 and
new Auxiliary Posts
*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 de 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)**