

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

*****TENTATIVE AS 4/30/26*****

Wednesday, June 10

	VFW Golf Outing	
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	2025-26 Pre-Council of Administration Meeting	Suite 813

Thursday, June 11 - (Dress code – Debbie’s Lavender Shirt)

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

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Hospital and Camp Trotter Tables	Great Lakes
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10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Auxiliary Council of Administration Meeting	Glens
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12:0 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch on your own	
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1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Joint Opening (Subject to Change)	Glens
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- *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, and 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	Glens
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4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Floor Practice	Glens
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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)	Glens
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7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	2026-2027 Pre-Council of Administration Meeting	Glens
6:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Department Hospitality Room	Suite 837

Friday, June 12 (Dress code - Official look blouse/shirt and black pants/slacks)

7:30 am – 11:00 am	Registration	Fields
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm		
8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Hospital Table and Camp Trotter Table (Last day)	Great Lakes
8:30 am – 5:00 pm	2026-27 Auxiliary Program Pins available for pick up	Fields
8:00 am – Noon	Auxiliary Business Session Opens *Rules Committee *Resolutions *Introduction of Convention Committee and Pages *Program Awards	Glens
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch on your own District Jr Vice Presidents meeting with Department Jr. Vice President Jan Passmore	Suite 813
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Presentation of District and Auxiliary Achievement Awards	Glens
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Joint Memorial Service	Glens
5:45 pm	Joint Testimonial for Commander Reinhold Yanka and President Debbie Scheetz Dress Code: Casual, no jeans	Kalamazoo

Saturday, June 13 (Dress code is official look blouse/shirt and black pants/slacks)

8:00 am – 10:00 am	Registration <i>(REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 10:00 am)</i>	Fields
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Photo Room 2026-27 Officers, District Presidents and Dept Chairmen	Great Lakes I
8:00 am – 10:00 am	2026-27 Auxiliary Program Pins available for pick up	Fields
8:00 am – Noon	Auxiliary Business Session Resumes *Flag Presentation *Presentation of Past Department Presidents *Recognition of 45-year plus	Glens

- *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	TBA
1:30 pm	Auxiliary Business Session Resumes *2027 Membership Kickoff * ELECTION OF OFFICERS * INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS *Closing Ceremonies of Auxiliary Convention	Glens

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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)	Kalamazoo
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Sunday, June 14
SAFE TRAVELS HOME

(Presentation of new programs has been cancelled)