

**MICHIGAN VFW AUXILIARY
96th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo
June 7-11, 2023**

Wednesday, June 7

VFW Golf Outing

6:00 pm 22-23 Auxiliary Pre-C of A Meeting (Or attend via Zoom link) Glens

Thursday, June 8

8:00 am – 11:30 am Registration Kalamazoo #1

9:00 am - 11:00 am Council of Administration Meeting Glens
(Dress code – business attire)

11:00 am - 11:30 am Allied Organizations Glens

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Joint Opening Glens

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Jr. Vice Presidents meet with Department Jr. Vice Pres. Jane Dady Oaks

1:00 am – 2:30 pm Lunch on your own

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Registration Kalamzaoo #1

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Hospital Booth / Silver Dollar Table Kalamazoo #1

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Floor Practice Glens

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Instruction to Pages Glens

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Sara Manke's**, 2023-2024 Pre-Council of Administration Meeting Glens

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Mandatory practice for Memorial Service** Glens

(All Officers, District Presidents and anyone that is part of the service, if unable to attend, please contact the Dept. President)

6:00 pm – 11:00 pm Department Hospitality Room Rm # 455

Friday, June 9

8:00 am – 11:30 am Registration Kalamazoo #1

8:00 am – 4:00 pm Hospital Booth/ Silver Dollar Table Kalamazoo #1

8:30 am – 5:00 pm **2023-2024 Auxiliary Program Pins available for pick up**
Kalamazoo #1

9:00 am – Noon Auxiliary Business Session Opens Glens

*Rules Committee

*Introduction of Convention Committee and Pages

*Program Awards

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| 11:30 am – 1:00 pm | Photo Room | Kalamazoo #1 |
| 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | Lunch on your own | |
| 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Joint Memorial Service | Glens |
| 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Registration | Glens |
| 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm | Presentation of District and Auxiliary Achievement Awards | Glens |
| 5:45 pm | Joint Testimonial for Commander Griffith and President Diana Ward | Arcadia Room |

Saturday, June 10 (Dress code is official look blouse/shirt and black pants/slacks)

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| 8:00 am – 9:30 am | Registration <i>(REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 9:30 am)</i> | Kalamazoo #1 |
| 8:00 am – 11:30 am | Photo Room | Kalamazoo #1 |
| 8:00 am – Noon | Hospital Booth/ Silver Dollar Table | Kalamazoo #1 |
| 8:00 am – Noon | 2023-2024 Auxiliary Program Pins available pick up | Kalamazoo #1 |
| 8:00 am – Noon | Auxiliary Business Session Resumes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *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 | Glens |
| 11:30 am – 1:30 pm | Photo Shoot | Kalamazoo #1 |
| 12:00 - 1:30 pm | Lunch on your own/Caucus | |
| 12:00 – 1:30 pm | Past State Commanders/Past State Presidents Luncheon | Room #455 |
| 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm | Auxiliary Business Session Resumes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Raffle Drawing *2023 Membership Kickoff *ELECTION OF OFFICERS *INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS *Closing Ceremonies of Auxiliary Convention | Glens |
| 3:15 pm | 2023-2024 C of A Meeting promptly after close of Convention | Glens |
| 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm | Celebration with Commander Ray Lopez and Department President Sara Manke at Hotel. (Dress code for is casual) | Meadows |

Sunday, June 11

Training for the 2023-2024 Administrative year will take place starting at 9:00 am on Sunday. All Chairman will present their new National Program during the morning for the 2023-2024 Auxiliary year. We plan on being finished by noon so you will be on the road at a decent time. This will be classified as a School of Instruction for the 2023-2024 year. We are looking forward to having you join us, as we start off another great year for our organization.