



Mid-Winter

Conference Agenda

January 15, 2026 – January 18, 2026

Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center
2634 Emmitsburg Road Gettysburg, PA. 17325
717-334-2755



“Teach, Coach, Mentorship

Hospitality Rooms Must Be Closed During Business Sessions

VFW DEPARTMENT

Bill Roland	State Commander
Jim Brown	Sr. Vice Commander
Glenn Owen	Jr. Vice Commander
John B. Getz Jr.	Adjutant/Quartermaster
Christopher Haynes	National Inspector General

VFW AUXILIARY

Robin Kohler	Department President
Ceil Cook	Sr. Vice President
Becky Fox	Jr. Vice President
Jodie Hollinger	Secretary-Treasurer
Bonnie Drake	Nat'l Council Member

Thursday, January 15, 2026

2:00 PM	Veterans Service Meeting	Stillwell Room
3:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting	Stillwell Room

Friday, January 16, 2026

9:00 AM	Convention Corporation Meeting	Stillwell Room
	Exhibits - Vendors	Hallway of Ballroom
10:00 AM-5:00 PM	VFW Registration / Banquet Tickets	Lobby of Eisenhower
3:00 PM	General Session-VFW/AUXILIARY Bill Roland-State Commander Christopher Haynes—National Inspector General Robin Kohler—Auxiliary President Bonnie Drake—National Council Member and Representative Vincent Gavin—Voice of Democracy Chairman Bill Lamond—Patriot's Pen Chairman David Sunday---PA Attorney General Roxanne Shearer—Barger Scholarship Check Presentation Sandy Brenner & Roger Miller—Diabetes Walk Chek Presentation	Ballroom

7:00 PM	VFW Training Session—Suicide Prevention VA Representative	Ballroom
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Team Building	Aspire Ballroom
8:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Auxiliary Hospital Representatives and Deputies Meeting	TBD
8:00 PM	Floor Practice (Conductor and Dept floor team only)	TBD

Saturday, January 17, 2026

7:30 AM – 12:00 PM	VFW Registration / Banquet Tickets	Lobby/Eisenhower
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	VFW SO Benefits Training—Jessica King VFW Membership Training—Tom Sally Home Associations—Bill Stellfox Disciplinary Actions—John Getz	Eisenhower Ballroom
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Auxiliary District President’s Meeting	Aspire Ballroom
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	VFW Auxiliary Council of Administration Including Jeff Patackis, CPA, Campton Patackis, LLC	Aspire Ballroom
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Auxiliary Last Chance On the Road Training	Aspire Ballroom
2:00 PM	VFW Council of Administration	Aspire Ballroom
5:00 PM	Voice of Democracy District Winners District Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents	Eisenhower Lobby (Group Photos)
6:00 PM	VOD-Patriot’s Pen Banquet Reception/Cash Bar	Eisenhower Ballroom
6:30 PM	VFW/Auxiliary Lineup with students	Ballroom Hallway
6:45 PM	Color Guard for VOD Banquet By JROTC Chambersburg Senior High School	

Dress Code
Meetings-Commander’s Shirt
VOD Banquet-Blues/Grays, Suit or Dress

Sunday, January 18, 2026

**DEPART FOR HOME
SAFE TRAVELS**



**Thank you for attending the VFW Mid-Winter Conference.
We hope that you had an enjoyable time and also received
valuable information to take back to your Posts and Districts.**

Department Headquarters is here to help you.

We want to help your Posts succeed!

God Bless each of you on your travels home!

Department State Commander William "Bill" Roland

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