



DEPT. OF PA
VFW/AUXILIARY
State Convention

June 13, 2023-June 18, 2023

Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel
4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA. 17111
717-558-4607

AGENDA



- **ROLL CALLS MAY BE TAKEN ANYTIME. THOSE WHO RECEIVE PER DIEM MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE PER DIEM. IF YOU ARE NOT PRESENT FOR A ROLL CALL, THEN YOUR TRAVEL EXPENSES WILL NOT BE REIMBURSED**

ALL HOSPITALITY ROOMS MUST BE CLOSED DURING BUSINESS SESSIONS

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

10:00 AM	PRE-CON-MEETING	HEMLOCK
1:00 PM	VETERANS SERVICE MEETING	HEMLOCK
2:30 PM	VFW FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING	HEMLOCK

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

8:00AM-4:00PM	SET UP VFW PROGRAM AND EXHIBITOR BOOTHS	AB FOYER
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	VFW REGISTRATION AUXILIARY REGISTRATION	PENNSYLVANIA BALLROOM PENNSYLVANIA BALLROOM
1:00 PM	CURRENT DISTRICT COMMANDERS MEETING	SALON BCDE
2:00 PM	VFW COA MEETING	SALON BCDE
5:00 PM	REHEARSAL FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE	SALON BCDE
7:00 PM	MEMORIAL SERVICE	SALON BCDE
9:00 PM	RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE BY-LAWS & RITUAL COMMITTEE NATIONAL SECURITY/ FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE POW / MIA SUB-COMMITTEE VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE VETERANS SERVICE SUB COMMITTEE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MINUTES AND CONVENTION RULES	SALON BCDE

Thursday, June 15, 2023

8:00AM-4:00PM	VFW PROGRAM AND EXHIBITOR TABLES	AB FOYER
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8:00AM-4:00PM

VFW REGISTRATION
AUXILIARY REGISTRATION

PENNSYLVANIA BALLROOM
PENNSYLVANIA BALLROOM

8:00 AM

VFW/ AUXILIARY JOINT OPENING SESSION

COMMONWEALTH

PRESENTATION OF COLORS
OPENING PRAYER
NATIONAL ANTHEM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

VFW COLOR GUARD
STATE CHAPLAIN REV. PETER HOOK
KATHE DECARLO
STATE SGT-AT-ARMS-RUTH FAIRCHILD

WELCOME:

STATE COMMANDER
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
NATIONAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**
AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT**
STATE SR. VICE COMMANDER
STATE JR. VICE COMMANDER
STATE QUARTERMASTER

HENRY MANNELLA
TIMOTHY BORLAND
VALERIE DECORTE
SANDI ONSTWEDDER
DAVID "SPIKE" GYGER
BARBARA LONCAR
JOHN GETZ

AWARDS

VFW ALL STATE POST COMMANDERS, QUARTERMASTERS
AUXILIARY ALL STATE PRESIDENTS
VFW ALL STATE DISTRICTS
AUXILIARY OUTSTANDING DISTRICT PRESIDENT
VFW MEMBERSHIP AWARDS
AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP AWARDS
VFW EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS
VFW SAFETY AWARDS
VFW COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS
VFW HONORARY AWARDS
VFW STATE CHAPLAIN'S AWARD
AUXILIARY FLAG PRESENTATION VIDEOS
AUXILIARY YOUTH NATIONAL ANTHEM WINNERS
AUXILIARY YOUTH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE WINNERS
NATIONAL HOME TRUSTEE

1ST BUSINESS SESSION

1:00 PM

COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM

CALL TO ORDER:
CONVENTION RULES:

STATE COMMANDER HENRY MANNELLA
PSC: THOMAS "ACE" HANZES & LARRY N. REECE

COA MINUTES 2022-2023: PSC: THOMAS "ACE" HANZES & LARRY N. REECE
 CREDENTIALS REPORT: CHAIRPERSON BARBARA KOLLAR
 VFW VETERANS COURT ADVOCATE AWARD
 VFW NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE AWARD
 BYLAWS-PROPOSED CHANGES: PSC: GLENN UMBERGER; ROBERT EILER
 NATIONAL SECURITY/ FOREIGN AFFAIRS: PSC RUSS CANEVARI
 PSC BENJAMIN MASTRIDGE
 VETERANS SERVICE RESOLUTIONS: CHAIRMAN CHUCK BEATTIE
 VETERANS SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE: PSC RUTH FAIRCHILD & PSC GARY SMITH
 POW/MIA RESOLUTIONS: CHAIRMAN JAMES BRUDER & PSC DWIGHT FUHRMAN
 FINANCE REPORT: PSC: ROBERT EILER
 2:30 DMVA GENERAL MAUREEN WEIGL

ALL CHAIRMEN WILL PROVIDE THEIR REPORTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS STATE ADJUTANT JOHN GETZ
 ~~~END OF GENERAL SESSION~~~

- **2023-2024 VFW & AUXILIARY STATE LEADERSHIP PHOTOS:**  
**PHOTO SESSION WILL START 15 MINUTES AFTER THE SESSION ENDS**  
**PENNSYLVANIA BALLROOM - PHOTOGRAPHER: TOM NESBIT**

**Friday June 16, 2023**

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| <b>8:00AM-4:00PM</b> | VFW PROGRAM AND EXHIBITOR TABLES | <b>AB FOYER</b>     |
|                      | VFW REGISTRATION                 | <b>PENNSYLVANIA</b> |
|                      | AUXILIARY REGISTRATION           | <b>PENNSYLVANIA</b> |

**2<sup>ND</sup> BUSINESS SESSION**

8:00 AM –1:00 PM

COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM

CALL TO ORDER  
OPENING PRAYER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
CREDENTIALS REPORT

STATE COMMANDER HENRY MANNELLA  
STATE CHAPLAIN REV. PETER HOOK  
STATE SGT-AT-ARMS RUTH FAIRCHILD  
CHAIRPERSON BARBARA KOLLAR

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**\*\*\*NOMINATION OF 2023-2024 OFFICERS\*\*\***

**(NOTE: ALL CANDIDATES MUST FILL OUT OFFICER CANDIDATE FORM)**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATE ADJUTANT JOHN GETZ

• **2023-2024 VFW & AUXILIARY WAVE LEADERSHIP PHOTOS**  
**PHOTO SESSION WILL START 15 MINUTES AFTER THE SESSION ENDS**  
**PENNSYLVANIA BALLROOM -PHOTOGRAPHER: TOM NESBIT**

6:30 PM VFW & AUXILIARY OFFICERS LINE UP COMMONWEALTH

6:45 PM PATRIOTIC RALLY COMMONWEALTH  
(DRESS CODE: PATRIOTIC)

(PROCESSION WITH STATE LINE OFFICERS, DISTRICT COMMANDERS & PRESIDENTS)

**ENTERTAINMENT JESSICA BELLA BAND**

**Saturday June 17, 2023**

8:00AM-3:00PM VFW PROGRAM AND EXHIBITOR TABLES AB FOYER

6:30 AM–7:15 AM VFW REGISTRATION PENNSYLVANIA BALLROOM

**FINAL BUSINESS SESSION**

8:00 AM COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM

CALL TO ORDER  
OPENING PRAYER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
CREDENTIALS REPORT

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STATE CHAPLAIN REV. PETER HOOK  
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CHAIRPERSON BARBARA KOLLAR

**FINAL NOMINATION, ELECTION &  
INSTALLATION OF 2023-2024 VFW OFFICERS**

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS STATE ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER JOHN GETZ  
CLOSING OF CONVENTION IMMEDIATE PAST STATE COMMANDER HENRY MANNELLA

**THE NEW 2023-2024 COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION WILL MEET IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING THE INSTALLATION**

**2023-2024 NEW COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION GROUP PHOTO WILL BE TAKEN  
BEFORE MEETING BEGINS IN THE COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM  
PHOTOGRAPHER: TOM NESBIT**

**6:00 PM RECEPTION COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM**

HOSTED BY: STATE COMMANDER DAVID W. "SPIKE" GYGER  
DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY PRESIDENT MARY JEAN MASTRIDGE  
DRESS CODE: CASUAL NO SHORTS OR JEANS  
5:30 PM: CASH BAR  
6:00 PM: RECEPTION  
STATE COLOR GUARD  
7:15 PM: DINNER

**Thank you for attending the 2023 PA State Convention  
Safe travels home!!**