



DEPT. OF PA VFW/AUXILIARY State Convention

June 13, 2023 - June 16, 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 COM MEETING	SALON BCDE
5:00 PM	REHEARSAL FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE	SALON BCDE
7:00 PM	MEMORIAL SERVICE	SALON BCDE
8:00 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

8:00AM-4:00PM VFW REGISTRATION PENNSYLVANIA BALLROOM
AUXILIARY REGISTRATION PENNSYLVANIA BALLROOM

8:00 AM VFW/ AUXILIARY JOINT OPENING SESSION COMMONWEALTH

PRESENTATION OF COLORS VFW COLOR GUARD
OPENING PRAYER STATE CHAPLAIN REV. PETER HOOK
NATIONAL ANTHEM KATHE DECARLO
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE STATE GREAT-ARMS-RUTH FAIRCHILD

WELCOME:

STATE COMMANDER HENRY MANNELLA
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
NATIONAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF TIMOTHY BORLAND
AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT VALERIE DECORTE
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT SANDI ONSTWEDDER
STATE SR. VICE COMMANDER DAVID "SPIKE" GYGER
STATE JR. VICE COMMANDER BARBARA LONCAR
STATE QUARTERMASTER JOHN GETZ

AWARDS

VFW ALL STATE DISTRICT COMMANDERS/QUARTERMASTERS
AUXILIARY ALL STATE PRESIDENTS
VFW ALL STATE DISTRICTS
AUXILIARY OUTSTANDING DISTRICT PRESIDENT
VFW MEMBERSHIP AWARDS
AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP AWARDS
VFW EAGLE SCOUT AWARD
VFW SAFETY AWARDS
VFW COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS
VFW HEALTH CARE 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: STATE COMMANDER HENRY MANNELLA
CONVENTION RULES: 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 LAMBERGER; ROBERT EILER
NATIONAL SECURITY/ FOREIGN AFFAIRS: PSC: RUSS CANEVARI
PSC: BENJAMIN MASTRIDGE
CHAIRMAN CHUCK BEATTIE
VETERANS SERVICE RESOLUTIONS: PSC: RUTH MARSHALL & PSC GARY SMITH
VETERANS SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE: PSC: RUTH MARSHALL & PSC GARY SMITH
POW/MIA RESOLUTIONS: CHAIRMAN JAMES BRUDELL 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

PRELIMINARY

# Friday June 16, 2023

8:00AM-4:00PM

VFW PROGRAM AND EXHIBITOR TABLES

AB FOYER

VFW REGISTRATION

PENNSYLVANIA

AUXILIARY REGISTRATION

PENNSYLVANIA

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

8:00 AM -1:00 PM

COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM

CALL TO ORDER

STATE COMMANDER HENRY MANNELLA

OPENING PRAYER

STATE CHAPLAIN REV. PETER HOOK

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STATE GUEST-ARMY RUTH FAIRCHILD

CREDENTIALS REPORT

CHAIRPERSON BARBARA KOLLAR

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATE ADJUTANT JOHN GETZ

• 2023-2024 VFW & AUXILIARY STATE LEADERSHIP PHOTOS

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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

STATE COMMANDER HENRY MANNELLA  
STATE CHAPLAIN REV. PETER HOOK  
STATE SGT-AT-ARMS RUTH FAIRCHILD  
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 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INSTALLATION  
PHOTOGRAPHER: TOM NESBIT

5:00 PM RECEPTION

COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM

HOSTED BY: STATE COMMANDER DAVID "SPIKE" GYGER  
DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY PRESIDENT MARY JEAN MASTRIDGE  
DRESS CODE: CASUAL  
5:30-6:00 PM: CASH BAR  
7:00 PM: RECEPTION LINE FOLLOWED BY COLOR GUARD  
7:15 PM: DINNER

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