



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

PRELIMINARY
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

2:00 PM

PRE-CON MEETING

HEMLOCK

4:00 PM

VETERANS SERVICE MEETING

HEMLOCK

5:30 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

PENNSYLVANIA BALLROOM
VFW / AUXILIARY REGISTRATION

1:00 PM

CURRENT DISTRICT COMMANDERS PRE-MEETING

SALON BCDE

2:00 PM

VFW 5TH COA MEETING

SALON BCDE

5:00 PM

REHEARSAL FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

SALON BCDE

7:00 PM

MEMORIAL SERVICE

SALON BCDE

9:00 PM

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEES:
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

PENNSYLVANIA BALLROOM

VFW/AUXILIARY REGISTRATION

8:00 AM

COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM

VFW AND AUXILIARY JOINT OPENING SESSIONS

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

VFW COLOR GUARD

OPENING PRAYER

STATE CHAPLAIN REV. PETER HOOK

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

STATE SGT-AT-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

PRELIMINARY

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 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:
CREDENTIALS REPORT:

PSC: THOMAS "ACE" HANZES & LARRY N. REECE
CHAIRPERSON BARBARA KOLLAR

VFW VETERANS COURT ADVOCATE AWARD
VFW NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE AWARD

BYLAWS-PROPOSED CHANGES:
NATIONAL SECURITY/ FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

PSC: GLENN UMBERGER; ROBERT EILER
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 MINUTE AFTER THE RESOLUTIONS**

**PENNSYLVANIA BALLROOM**

**PRELIMINARY**

**Friday June 16, 2023**

**8:00AM-4:00PM**

**AB FOYER**

**VFW PROGRAM AND EXHIBITOR TABLES**

**PENNSYLVANIA BALLROOM**

**VFW/AUXILIARY REGISTRATION**

## 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 SGT-AT-ARMS 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

**PRELIMINARY**

6:30 PM

COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM

6:45 PM

COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM

PATRIOTIC RALLY (DRESS CODE: PATRIOTIC)

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

**ENTERTAINMENT JESSICA BELLA BAND**

**Saturday June 17, 2023**

8:00AM-3:00PM

AB FOYER

VFW PROGRAM AND EXHIBITOR TABLES

6:30 AM – 7:15 AM

PENNSYLVANIA BALLROOM

VFW REGISTRATION

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 BEFORE  
MEETING BEGINS IN THE COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM**

**6:00 PM**

**RECEPTION**

**COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM**

HOSTED BY: STATE COMMANDER DAVID "SPIKE" GYGER  
DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY PRESIDENT MARY JEAN MASTRIDGE  
DRESS CODE: CASUAL

**PRELIMINARY**

**Thank you for attending the 2023 PA State Convention**

**Safe travels home!!**