



# 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 PM	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

**1<sup>ST</sup> 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:  
CREDENTIALS REPORT:  
VFW VETERANS COURT ADVOCATE AWARD  
VFW NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE AWARD  
BYLAWS-PROPOSED CHANGES:  
NATIONAL SECURITY/ FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

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

VETERANS SERVICE RESOLUTIONS:  
VETERANS SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE:  
POW/MIA RESOLUTIONS:

PSC: GLENN UMBERGER; ROBERT EILER  
PSC RUSS CANEVARI  
PSC BENJAMIN MASTRIDGE  
CHAIRMAN CHUCK BEATTIE  
PSC RUTH FAIRCHILD & PSC GARY SMITH  
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**

**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  
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

STATE COMMANDER HENRY MANNELLA  
STATE CHAPLAIN REV. PETER HOOK  
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**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 PHOTOGRAPH TO BE TAKEN  
BEFORE MEETING BEGINS IN THE COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM**  
PHOTOGRAPHER: TOM NESBIT

**6:00 PM              RECEPTION                      COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM**

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

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

**PRELIMINARY**