



DEPT. OF PA VFW State Convention

June 17, 2026 - June 20, 2026
DoubleTree by Hilton-Pittsburgh-Cranberry
910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA

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 16, 2026

3:00 PM	VETERANS SERVICE MEETING	ROOM TBD
4:00 PM	VFW FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING	ROOM TBD

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

8:00AM-4:00PM	EXHIBITORS	HALLWAY OUTSIDE BALLROOM
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	VFW REGISTRATION	LOBBY
2:00 PM	5th COA MEETING	ROOM TBD
5:00 PM	REHEARSAL FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE	
7:00 PM	MEMORIAL SERVICE	

Thursday, June 18, 2026

8:00 AM-4:00 PM	EXHIBITORS	BACK HALLWAY
8:00 AM -12:00 PM	VFW RIDER REGISTRATION	LOBBY
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	VFW REGISTRATION	LOBBY

3RD ANNUAL PA CONVENTION MOTORCYCLE RIDE-VFW RIDERS
JUNE 2026

RIDER CHECK-IN: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM (RIDER AND PASSENGER FEE: \$10.00)
KICK STANDS UP: 12:30 PM

8:00 AM-11:00 AM VFW & AUXILIARY JOINT OPENING SESSION

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

CALL TO ORDER
OPENING PRAYER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
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STATE COMMANDER WILLIAM ROLAND
STATE CHAPLAIN REV. DAVID BRADY
STATE SGT-AT-ARMS DAVE SWANSON

WELCOME:

STATE COMMANDER
STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 29 COMMANDER
DISTRICT 29 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

WILLIAM (BILL) ROLAND
ROBIN KOHLER
RICH STEFANICK
MICHELE FALLET

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

LYNN ROLF-PROGRAM DIRECTOR
CORTINA BARNES-PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT

2025-2026 DEPARTMENT VFW & AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

ALL STATE DISTRICT COMMANDERS / QUARTERMASTERS
OUTSTANDING AUXILIARY DISTRICT PRESIDENTS
ALL STATE POST COMMANDERS
ALL STATE AUXILIARIES
SALVO AWARD
CHOSNYK AWARD
ROBERT MUSSER MEMORIAL AWARD
VAN ZANDT AWARD
SAFETY AWARD
CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD
HEALTH CARE AWARDS
SCOUTING AWARDS
COMMUNICATIONS AWARD
VFW BUDDY POPPY AWARDS

1ST BUSINESS SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

STATE COMMANDER BILL ROLAND

CONVENTION RULES:

CREDENTIALS REPORT:

BARB KOLLAR

FINANCE REPORT

BOB EILER

ALL CHAIRMEN WILL PROVIDE THEIR REPORTS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CMDR

LEGISLATIVE
INTERNAL AFFAIRS
VETERANS SERVICE

RICH CASSEY
CHESTER POTOSKI
JESSICA KING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATE ADJUTANT JOHN GETZ

~~~END OF GENERAL SESSION~~~

- **2026-2027 VFW STATE LEADERSHIP PHOTOS:**

**PHOTO SESSION WILL START 15 MINUTES AFTER THE SESSION ENDS AND LASTS FOR ONE HOUR.**

# Friday June 19, 2026

8:00AM-4:00PM

EXHIBITORS

BACK HALLWAY

8:00AM-4:00PM

VFW REGISTRATION

LOBBY

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

8:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

STATE COMMANDER BILL ROLAND

OPENING PRAYER

STATE CHAPLAIN REV. DAVID BRADY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STATE SGT-AT-ARMS DAVE SWANSON

CREDENTIALS REPORT

BARBARA KOLLAR

**SPEAKERS:** 10:00

GOVERNOR SHAPIRO

ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE

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DAVE JACKEL-PITTSBURGH WARRIORS DISABLED VETERAN

HOCKEY (BILL ROLAND'S-COMMANDER SPECIAL PROJECT)

11:00 AM

GENERAL FRANK MCGOVERN

## OLD BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

## \*\*\*\*NOMINATION OF 2026-2027 OFFICERS\*\*\*\*

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

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATE ADJUTANT JOHN GETZ

## 2026-2027 VFW STATE LEADERSHIP PHOTOS

- **PHOTO SESSION WILL START 15 MINUTES AFTER THE SESSION ENDS AND LAST FOR ONE HOUR**

**6:15 PM**

VFW OFFICERS LINE UP

**7:00 PM**

**PATRIOTIC RALLY**

**VFW BAND**

PATRIOTIC RALLY (DRESS CODE: PATRIOTIC)

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

# Saturday June 20, 2026

8:00AM-3:00PM  
6:30 AM-8:00 AM

EXHIBITOR  
VFW REGISTRATION

## FINAL BUSINESS SESSION

9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER  
OPENING PRAYER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
CREDENTIALS REPORT

STATE COMMANDER BILL ROLAND  
STATE CHAPLAIN REV. DAVID BRADY  
STATE SGT-AT-ARMS DAVE SWANSON  
BARB KOLLAR

## FINAL NOMINATION, ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF 2026-2027- VFW

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
CLOSING OF CONVENTION:

STATE ADJUTANT JOHN GETZ  
IPS STATE COMMANDER BILL ROLAND

**THE NEW 2026-2027 COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION WILL MEET  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INSTALLATION**

**2026-2027 NEW COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION GROUP PHOTO WILL BE  
TAKEN BEFORE MEETING BEGINS IN THE \*TBD\***

RECEPTION

HOSTED BY: STATE COMMANDER JAMES (JIM)  
BROWN AND DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CEIL COOK  
**ATTIIRE—VFW-COMMANDER OR VFW POLO SHIRT,  
AUXIIARY-PRESIDENTS OR AUXILIARY SHIRT  
NO JEANS PLEASE**



**Thank you for attending the 2026 PA State Convention**  
**Safe travels home!!**

## PTI (POST TRAINING INSTITUTE) 2026-2027

|                          |                                                                                                        |             |                                                       |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday, July 13</b> | <b>Post 6631 Selingsgrove</b><br>940 Route 522 Selingsgrove, PA 17870<br>570-374-312                   | District 17 | 4:00 pm—Light finger foods<br>5:00 pm-Training begins |
| <b>Sunday, July 12</b>   | <b>Post 8488 Kingsley</b><br>8212 State Road 106 Kingsley, PA 18826<br>570-22-9820                     | District 14 | 8:00 am Coffee/Donuts<br>9:00 am Training begins      |
| <b>Sunday July 12</b>    | <b>Post 106 West Chester</b><br>837 Lincoln Avenue West Chester, PA 19380<br>610-696-5858              | District 9  | 5:00 pm Light finger foods<br>6:00 pm Training begins |
| <b>Monday, July13</b>    | <b>Post 7415 New Cumberland</b><br>109 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street New Cumberland, PA 17070<br>717-774-5868 | District 18 | 5:00 pm Light finger foods<br>6:00 pm Training begins |
| <b>Saturday, July 18</b> | <b>Post 1132 Kane</b><br>95 Wetmore Avenue Kane, PA 16735<br>814-837-6630                              | District 19 | 8:00am Coffee/Donuts<br>9:00 am Training begins       |
| <b>Saturday, July 18</b> | <b>Post 5958 Titusville</b><br>206 St John Street Titusville, PA 16354<br>814-827-6223                 | District 28 | 4:00 pm Light finger foods<br>5:00 pm Training begins |
| <b>Sunday, July 19</b>   | <b>Post 128 Rochester</b><br>179 Virginia Avenue Rochester, PA 15074<br>724-774-4378                   | District 27 | 8:00 am Coffee/Donuts<br>9:00 am Training begins      |
| <b>Sunday, July 19</b>   | <b>Post 781 Irwin</b><br>100 Billot Avenue North Huntingdon, PA 15642<br>724-863-1515                  | District 27 | 5:00 pm Light finger foods<br>6:00 pm Training begins |
| <b>Monday, July20</b>    | <b>Post 1754 Huntingdon</b><br>520 Penn Street Rt. 22 Huntingdon, PA 16652<br>814-643-4141             | District 30 | 5:00 pm Light Finger Foods<br>6:00 pm Training begins |

All morning trainings will have coffee and doughnuts served at 8:00am  
Evening trainings will have a light meal served at 5:00pm