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VFW 119th National Convention

Kansas City, Missouri

July 21-25, 2018

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Exhibits — Main and Health Fair	Halls BCD
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Visit Orlando.....	Near Escalators Halls BCD

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July 21-24, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Health Fair
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VFW Convention Schedule

Unless noted otherwise, all events are in the Kansas City Convention Center. All meeting rooms are subject to change.

Saturday, July 21

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Exhibits and Registration, Halls BCD

Health Fair, Halls BCD

Community Service Activity, Halls BCD

Auction, Halls BCD

"Buddy" Poppy Display Contest, Halls BCD

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

National Veterans Service Advisory Committee, 2103A

9:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Budget/Finance Committee, 2504AB

9:00 a.m. Veterans Walk-in Claims Clinic, Halls BCD

11:00 a.m. Arlington National Cemetery: Future Eligibility Requirements, 2201

1:00 p.m. Welcome to Kansas City, 2202

1:30 p.m. Council of Administration, 2103ABC

4:00 p.m. VFW Southern Conference Caucus, 3501ABCD

VFW Big Ten Conference Caucus, 2505AB

VFW Eastern Conference Caucus, 3501GH

VFW Western Conference Caucus, 2502AB

6:00 p.m. Catholic Mass, 1501A

Protestant Worship Service, 3501EF

NVS Resolutions Subcommittee - Chairmen and Vice Chairmen, 2213 Boardroom

Sunday, July 22

7:00 a.m. Catholic Mass, 1501A

Gold Star Families Reception (By Invite Only), 2202

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Health Fair, Halls BCD

Community Service Activity, Halls BCD

Exhibits and Registration, Halls BCD

Kansas City Information Desk, Lobby 2200

Auction, Halls BCD

"Buddy" Poppy Display Contest, Halls BCD

- 8:30 a.m.** **Joint Memorial Service**, Hall E
- 9:00 a.m.** **Veterans Walk-in Claims Clinic**, Halls BCD
- 9:30 a.m.** **Update on Federal Benefits and Services for Veterans**, 2505AB
- 10:00 a.m.** **VFW Riders National Advisory Committee**, 2203
Membership Seminar, 2502AB
Veterans and Military Support Committee, 2204
- 11:00 a.m.** **Update on VFW Legislative Priority Goals**, 2104A
VFW Veterans Service Update, 2105
Arlington National Cemetery: Future Eligibility, 2201
- Noon** **Planning in a New Tax Environment: Estate Planning Simplified? (USAA) (By Invite Only)**, 2215A
Emotional Health for Veterans and their Families (Walgreens) (By Invite Only), 3501EF
- 12:30 p.m.** **First-Time Attendees Welcome Orientation**, Hall E
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
VFW Programs Workshop, 2102
 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Programs Overview Town Hall
 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Veterans Emotional Wellbeing Discussion
 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Awards & Citations Committee Meeting
- 1:45 p.m.** **All Committee Members to Meet in General Session Hall**, Hall E
- 2:00 p.m.** **Finance/Internal Organization (200 Series)**, 3501ABCD
General Resolutions (300 Series), 2505AB
National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure/Ritual, 3501GH
National Veterans Service Resolutions Committee (600 Series), 2215B
National Veterans Service Resolution Subcommittee I – Health, 2209
National Veterans Service Resolution Subcommittee II-Benefits, 2215B
National Veterans Service Resolution Subcommittee III – Economic Opportunities/Other, 2210
VFW National Security and Foreign Affairs & VFW POW/MIA Committee (400 Series), 2101
- 3:30 p.m.** **Membership Seminar Post Development**, 2502AB
- 4:00 p.m.** **AQ Assn Meeting**, 2211

7:00 p.m. Welcome Concert Featuring Trace Adkins (Ticketed Event), Doors Open 6 p.m., Municipal Auditorium

Monday, July 23

8:00 a.m. Joint Opening Session, Hall E

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Health Fair, Halls BCD

Exhibits and Registration, Halls BCD

Auction, Halls BCD

"Buddy" Poppy Display Contest, Halls BCD

1:00 p.m. VFW National Outstanding Community Service Post Reception, 3501CD

2:00 p.m. Business Session, Hall E

Tuesday, July 24

8:00 a.m. Business Session, Hall E

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Exhibits and Registration, Halls BCD

Health Fair, Hall BCD

Auction, Hall BCD

"Buddy" Poppy Display Contest, Hall BCD

10:00 a.m. The Future of Military Health and TRICARE Changes, 2203

Noon Emotional Health for Veterans and Their Families (Walgreens), 3501EF

12:45 p.m. Department Commanders Luncheon (By Invite Only), 3501GH

All-American Commanders Luncheon (Ticketed Event), 3501ABCD

1:00 p.m. 2018-2019 SVC/SVP Luncheon (By Invite Only), 2505A

2018-2019 JVC/JVP Luncheon (By Invite Only), 2505B

The Future of Military Health and TRICARE Changes, 2203

2:00 p.m. Bucking the Trends: Charting Your Financial Course (USAA) (By Invite Only), 2215A

Parliamentary Procedure 101, 2201

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- 3:00 p.m. **OMS User Feedback**, 2215B
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- 3:30 p.m. **Parliamentary Procedure 101**, 2201
- 5:30 p.m. **Line up for Patriotic Celebration**, Hall D
- 6:00 p.m. **Patriotic Celebration**, Hall E

Wednesday, July 25

- 8:00 a.m. **VFW Business Session/Nomination/Election & Installation of Officers**, Hall E

After Business Session

Council of Administration, 3501EFGH

- 4:00 p.m. **Joint Reception for Commander-in-Chief & National President**, Kansas City Downtown Marriott

VETERANS WALK-IN CLAIMS CLINIC

VA and the VFW will provide on-site claims assistance, to include claims intake and updates for veterans.

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Friday, July 20

10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Early Packet Pickup for those who Pre-Registered, Westin Crown Center and Kansas City Marriott Downtown hotels

Saturday, July 21

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open, Halls BCD

On-site Registration and Packet Pickup, Halls BCD

8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Conference Meetings:

Western Conference, 2502 AB

Eastern Conference, 3501 GH

Southern Conference, 3501 ABCD

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Conference Meeting:

Big Ten Conference, 2505 AB

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

2017-2018 National Council Meeting, Hall A

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

45-Plus Club Luncheon (Reservations Required), 2215C

4:00 p.m.

Circle of Excellence Reception (Invitation only), 2101

5:30 p.m.

Circle of Excellence Ceremony, Hall A

6:00 p.m.

Catholic Mass, 1501A

Protestant Worship Service, 3501EF

Sunday, July 22

7:00 a.m.

Catholic Mass, 1501A

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open, Halls BCD

On-site Registration and Packet Pickup, Halls BCD

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

VFW/VFW Auxiliary Joint Memorial Service, Hall E

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Past Councilors' Club Luncheon, 2215 C

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Auxiliary 2018-2019 Programs Seminar, Hall A

1:00 to 1:30 p.m.: Parade of Programs

1:30 to 1:40 p.m.: Veterans & Family Support

1:40 to 1:50 p.m.: Americanism

**1:50 to 2:00 p.m.: "Buddy" Poppy/VFW
National Home for Children**

2:00 to 2:10 p.m.: Chief of Staff/Extension

2:10 to 2:20 p.m.: Historian/Media Relations

2:20 to 2:30 p.m.: Hospital

2:30 to 2:40 p.m.: VAWS

2:40 to 2:50 p.m.: Legislative

2:50 to 3:00 p.m.: Scholarships

3:00 to 3:10 p.m.: Youth Activities

3:10 to 3:30 p.m.: Membership & Recruitment

3:30 to 3:40 p.m.: Spirit of America Award/SWAP

3:40 to 3:50 p.m.: Family Freedom Festival/Resources

3:50 to 4:30 p.m.: Building on the Auxiliary Foundation

7:00 p.m.

**Welcome Concert Featuring Trace Adkins (Ticketed
Event), Doors Open 6 p.m., Municipal Auditorium**

Monday, July 23

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open, Halls BCD

On-site Registration and Packet Pickup, Halls BCD

7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

VFW and VFW Auxiliary Joint Opening Session, Hall E

1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Auxiliary Opening Business Session, Hall A

Tuesday, July 24

8:00 a.m. – Noon On-site Registration and Packet Pickup, Halls BCD

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open, Halls BCD

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Auxiliary Business Session, Hall A

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

VFW Patriotic Celebration, Hall E

Wednesday, July 25

7:00 a.m. **Presentation of Flags Practice**, Hall A

8:00 a.m. **Presentation of Flags**, Hall A

8:30 a.m. **Final Auxiliary Business Session and Installation (Election and Installation of Officers)**, Hall A

4:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.

Joint Reception for VFW Commander-in-Chief and National President (Ticketed Event), Kansas City Marriott Downtown

Thursday, July 26

Post-Convention Event

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

2018-2019 Council Meeting (No Ambassador Q&A), The National World War I Museum and Memorial

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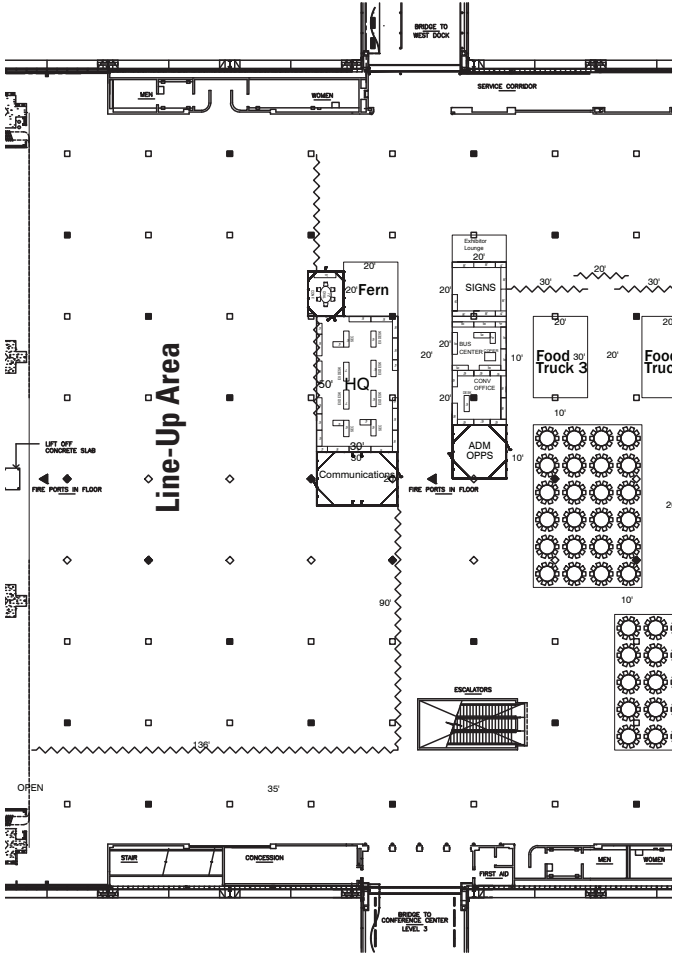
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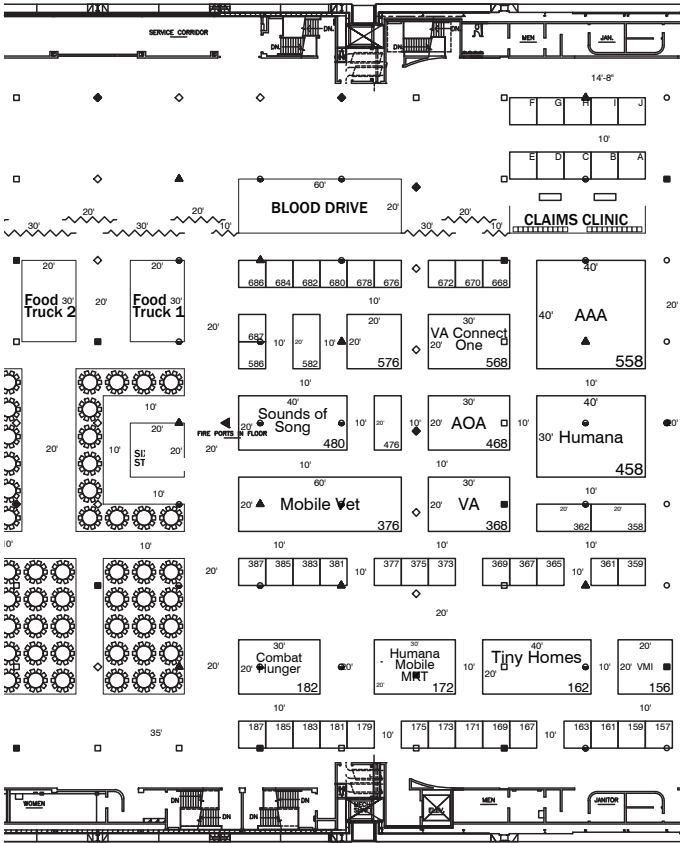
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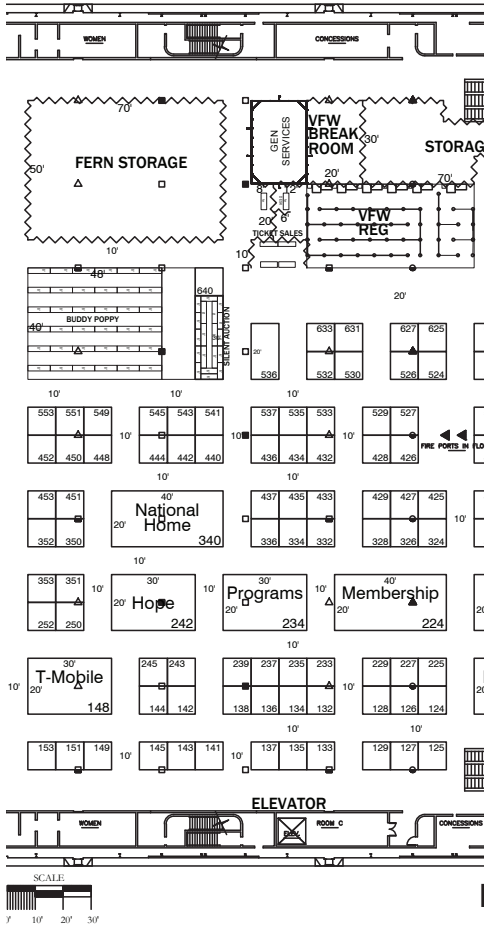


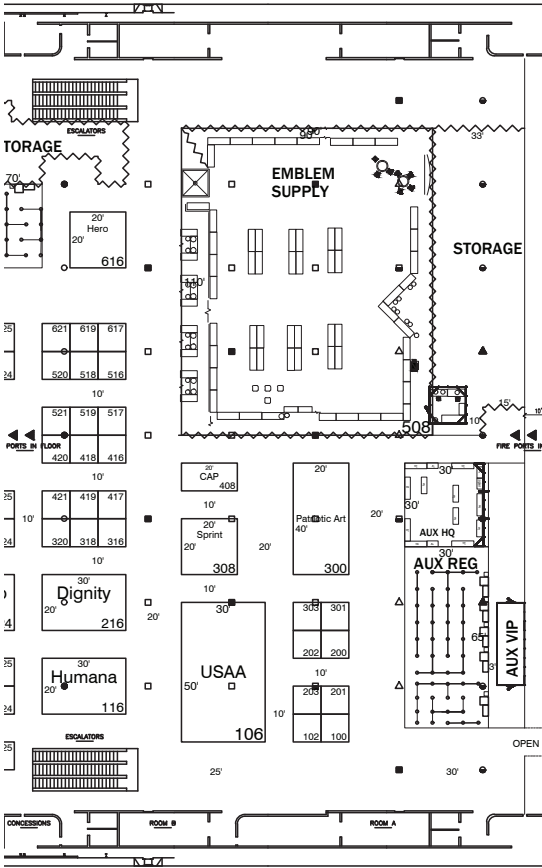
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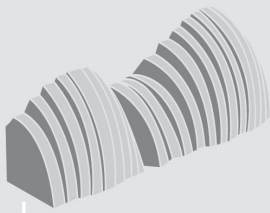


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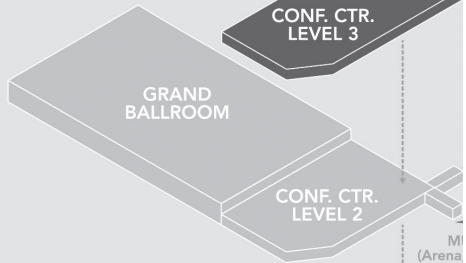
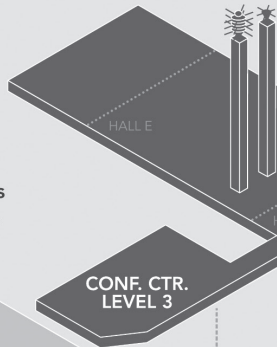


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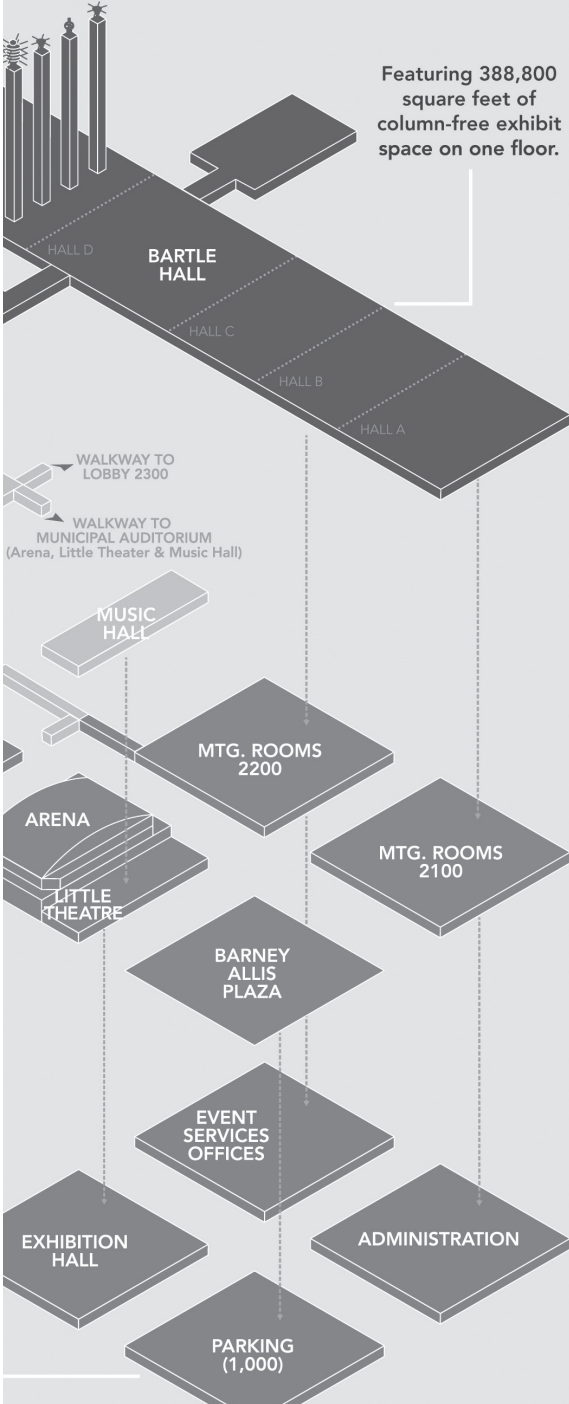


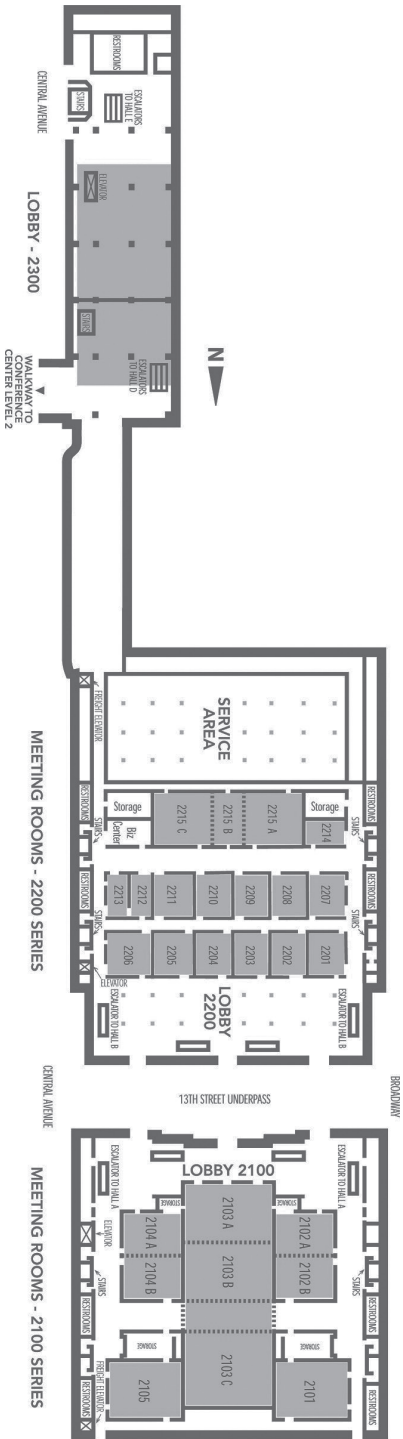
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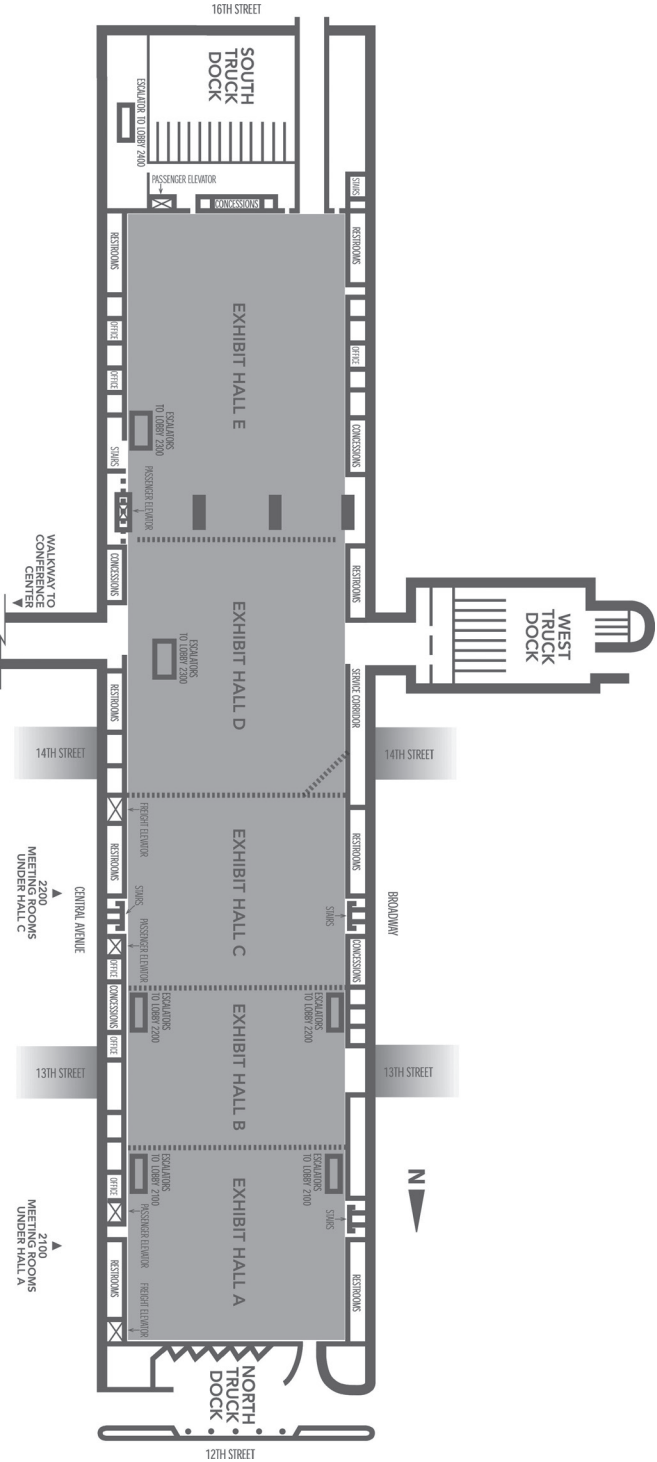
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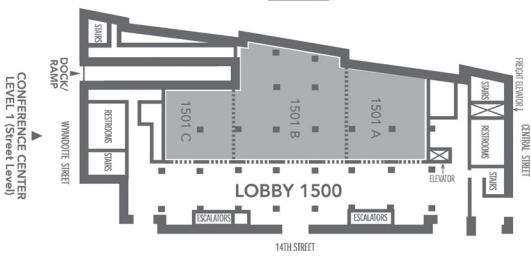
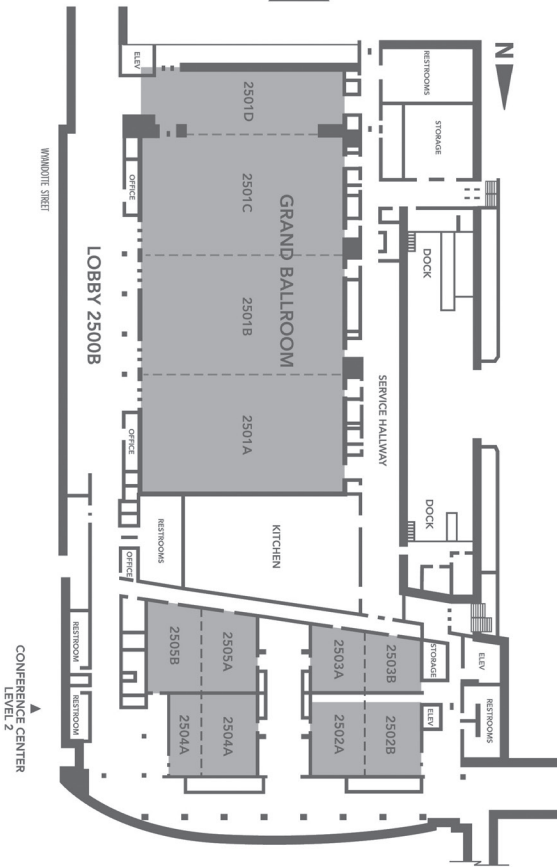
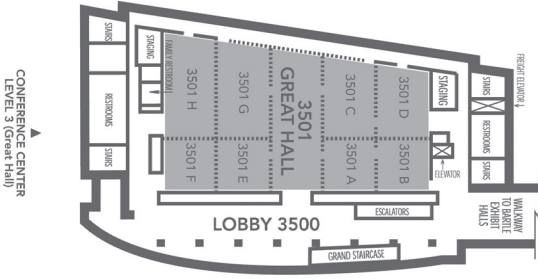


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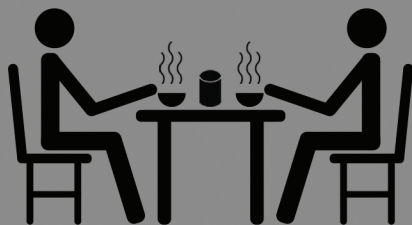




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STEP 2: Your donations will help provide meals to those who face food insecurity.



STEP 3: Celebrate as we help to fight food insecurity in our local communities!



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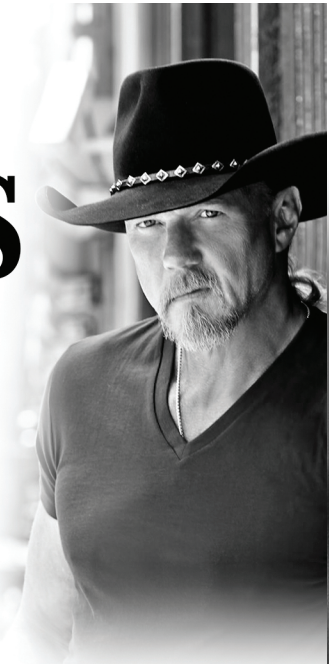
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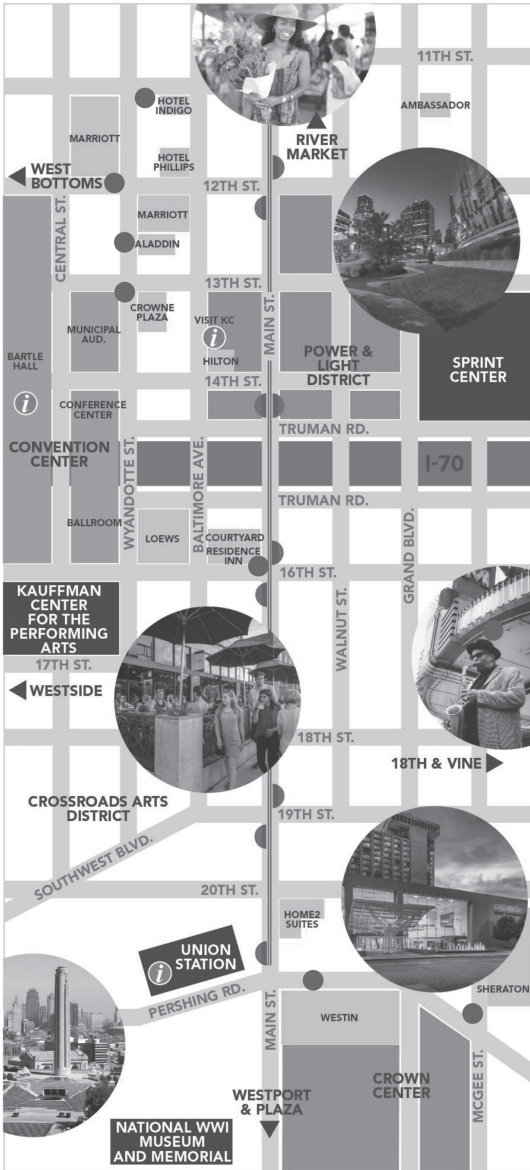
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Complimentary shuttle service is provided between the Kansas City Convention Center (Bartle Hall) and the hotels listed below. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday staff shuttles can be utilized by attendees to visit the Headquarters for self-guided tours from 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Shuttles will run every 20 – 30 minutes.

Hotel	Route	Boarding Location
Sheraton Crown Center	Blue	On McGee – Front
Westin Crown Center	Blue	On Pershing – Front
Courtyard by Marriott Kansas City Downtown	Red	Corner of 16th and Baltimore streets
KC Marriott Downtown	Red	West side of Marriott Downtown, north of 12th Street on Central

Marriott Downtown and Courtyard by Marriott Kansas City Downtown are walkable to the convention center. However, a minimal shuttle is available on a less frequent basis to and from the convention center. Hotel Phillips, Aladdin, Crowne Plaza are walkable distance to the Kansas City Convention Center.

Hours of Service *(Service approximately every 10-30 minutes.)*

Saturday, July 21	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunday, July 22	6 a.m. – 10 p.m. <i>Welcome Concert (Municipal Auditorium), 6-9:30 p.m. (Doors open 6 p.m.)</i>
Monday, July 23	6 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Tuesday, July 24	6 a.m. – 6 p.m. <i>Patriotic Celebration (Kansas City Convention Center), 4:30 – 9:00 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, July 25	6 a.m. – 3 p.m. <i>CNC/NP Reception at Marriott Downtown, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., service from Westin and Sheraton only</i>

Shuttle information and special assistance



(816) 753-2424. Please call at least 30 minutes prior to pick-up. Convention Days Only.

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