

## **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

### **VFW 126<sup>th</sup> National Convention Columbus, OH Greater Columbus Convention Center August 9-13, 2025**

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#### **Friday, August 8, 2025**

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	VFW Pre-Registration	<b>Central Entrance Foyer</b>
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	National Veterans Service Advisory Committee	<b>Union Station A</b>

#### **Saturday, August 9, 2025**

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits	<b>Hall B-C</b>
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Budget and Finance Committee	<b>Union Station A</b>
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	VA Claims Clinic	<b>Hall B-C</b>
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Uniting to Combat Hunger (Community Service Activity)	<b>Hall B-C</b>
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Vander Clute Memorial Ride	<b>Off-Site</b>
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	First Time Attendees Welcome Orientation	<b>C170-172</b>
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	National Council of Administration Meeting	<b>Union Station B</b>
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Eastern Conference	<b>Short North B</b>
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Southern Conference	<b>Battelle B</b>
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Big Ten Conference	<b>Short North A</b>
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Western Conference	<b>Battelle A</b>

#### **Sunday, August 10, 2025**

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits	<b>Hall B-C</b>
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Joint Memorial Service	<b>Hall A</b>
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	VA Claims Clinic	<b>Hall B-C</b>
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	VFW Riders National Advisory Committee	<b>C150-151</b>
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	District Commander Responsibilities Workshop	<b>Union Station A</b>
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Post Commander Authority & Member Rights Workshop	<b>Short North A</b>
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	QMG Overview & Workshop	<b>Short North B</b>
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Update on VFW Legislative Priority Goals	<b>C170-172</b>
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Providing Local Benefits Assistance	<b>B230-235</b>
1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	All Committee Member Briefing	<b>Hall A</b>
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual	<b>C161-162AB</b>
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Finance and Internal Organization (200 series)	<b>C170-172</b>
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	General Resolutions (300 Series)	<b>Short North A</b>
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	National Security and Foreign Affairs (400 series) Sub Committee – POW/MIA	<b>A212-215</b>
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	National Veterans Service Resolutions (600 series) Sub-committee – Health Sub-committee – Benefits Sub-committee – Economic Opportunity/Other	<b>Union Station C</b>
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Women's Veterans Committee	<b>A114-115</b>
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	VFW Programs Town Hall	<b>C150-151</b>
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Parliamentary Procedure Workshop	<b>Union Station A</b>
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	VFW Programs Town Hall	<b>C150-151</b>

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#### **Sunday, August 10, 2025 (cont.)**

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	OMS for Quartermasters Workshop	<b>Short North A</b>
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	2025-2026 Membership Program Review	<b>Short North B</b>
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Department Adjutant/Quartermasters Association Meeting & Reception <i>(by invite only)</i>	<b>B230-235</b>
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Cornhole Tournament	<b>Atrium</b>

#### **Monday, August 11, 2025**

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits	<b>Hall B-C</b>
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Joint Opening Session <i>(business session will resume after lunch break)</i>	<b>Hall A</b>
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	VA Claims Clinic	<b>Hall B-C</b>
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	VFW Business Session	<b>Hall A</b>
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Empowering Women Veterans: Understanding your VA Journey	<b>B140-142</b>
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Cornhole Tournament Championship	<b>Atrium</b>
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	126 <sup>th</sup> VFW National Convention Awards Banquet-Cocktail Hour <i>(ticketed event)</i>	<b>Battelle Grand Balcony</b>
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	126 <sup>th</sup> VFW National Convention Awards Banquet <i>(ticketed event)</i>	<b>Battelle Grand Ballroom</b>

#### **Tuesday, August 12, 2025**

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits <b><i>(EXHIBIT HALL CLOSES AT NOON)</i></b>	<b>Hall B-C</b>
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	VFW Business Session (Nominations)	<b>Hall A</b>
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	VA Claims Clinic	<b>Hall B-C</b>
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	2025-2026 Department Commanders Luncheon <i>(by invite only)</i>	<b>A110-114</b>
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	2025-2026 Department Sr. Vice Commanders/ Sr. Vice President's Luncheon <i>(by invite only)</i>	<b>A120-122</b>
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	2025-2026 Department Jr. Vice Commanders/ Jr. Vice President's Luncheon <i>(by invite only)</i>	<b>A123-125</b>
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Afghanistan War Commission Briefing	<b>Union Station C</b>
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Chaplains Workshop	<b>A210-211</b>
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Recruiting at the Post Level Workshop	<b>Short North A</b>
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Truths and Myths about the Vietnam War (Movie)	<b>C170-172</b>
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Your VA Health Record: Past, Present, & Future	<b>B140-142</b>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Truths and Myths about the Vietnam War (Movie)	<b>C170-172</b>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Charitable Gaming: Present & Future Workshop	<b>B143-144</b>
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	QMC Overview & Workshop	<b>Short North B</b>
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Retention and Recovery of Members Workshop	<b>Union Station A</b>
5:15 p.m.	Parade Line-up	<b>Hall C</b>
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Patriotic Rally & Entertainment <i>(concession available for purchase)</i>	<b>Hall A</b>

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#### **Wednesday, August 13, 2025**

8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.	VFW Business Session	<b>Hall A</b>
TBA	Election/Installation of National Officers	
	National Council of Administration Meeting	<b>Union Station B</b>
	<i>(one-hour following close of the business session)</i>	
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	All-American Commanders Luncheon	<b>Hyatt Regency Ballroom</b>
	<i>(ticketed event)</i>	
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Commander-in-Chief's and National President's Reception	<b>Hyatt Regency Ballroom</b>
	<i>(ticketed event)</i>	