

National Convention Information for VFW Illinois Auxiliary members

Dress requirements

- *Saturday Morning Conference Meeting* – Danielle's Polo/T-shirt (Don't get messy, need to wear it again on Wednesday! 😊)
- *Saturday Evening Circle of Excellence* - Diane's Polo/T-shirt (Don't get messy, need to wear it again on Monday! 😊)
- *Sunday* - Anything
- *Monday* - Diane's Polo/T-Shirt
- *Tuesday* - Any Auxiliary Shirt (Not Danielle's) – **Patriotic Rally – (See below)**
- *Wednesday* - Danielle's Polo (Except Danielle, Terry, and Mike; in official look)



PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION PARADE CONTEST

To encourage greater participation and foster community spirit among VFW members and auxiliary members, the parade will feature three fun and engaging judging categories:

Best Dressed Patriotic Group:
Recognizes groups whose members creatively dress in patriotic attire, costumes, or uniforms.

Best Scooter Decoration Contest:
Invites participants to decorate their scooters in a fun, patriotic manner, making this a lively and inclusive competition for all ages.

Legacy Pair Award (Veteran & Spouse/Partner):
Celebrates a veteran and spouse/partner who participate together and best represent VFW family spirit through a coordinated, patriotic presentation. These categories are designed to make the event enjoyable, inspire creativity, and engage more VFW members and auxiliary members in the celebration.

Judging Criteria (1-5 Scale)

Each entry will be scored on a 1–5 scale for the criteria listed below (1 = needs improvement, 3 = good, 5 = excellent.) Scores may be totaled to determine category winners.

Prize for each category winner!
Celebrate, compete, and sing crowd karaoke with Commander-in-Chief Carol Whitmore!



2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

All meetings are held in the convention center unless otherwise noted. **Times for various functions are subject to change.** Meeting rooms will be posted closer to meeting dates and are subject to change. Check the National website for updates as we get closer to Convention.

FRI, JULY 24

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Early packet pickup at the Eldorado Resort - Casino

SAT, JULY 25

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open/Registration

10:00-11:30 a.m. Conference Meetings

Noon-1:30 p.m. 45-Plus Club Luncheon
(Reservations required)

5:00-6:00 p.m. Circle of Excellence Ceremony

SUN, JULY 26

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open/Registration

9:00-10:00 a.m. Joint Memorial Service

10:45-11:30 a.m. National District Council Member Training

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Past Councilors' Club Luncheon

1:00-4:30 p.m. Programs Seminar and Training

6:00-10:00 p.m. VFW Awards Banquet, Reno Ballroom, Silver Legacy Resort - Casino

MON, JULY 27

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open/Registration

8:00 a.m.-Noon Joint Opening Session

1:00-5:00 p.m. Auxiliary Opening Business Session

TUE, JULY 28 *(Last day for exhibits/registration)*

8:00 a.m.-Noon Exhibit Hall Open/Registration

8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Auxiliary Business Session

1:30-2:30 p.m. Auxiliary Business Session Continued (if needed)

6:00-8:00 p.m. VFW Patriotic Celebration

WED, JULY 29

7:45 a.m. Presentation of Department Presidents with Colors

8:10-11:30 a.m. Officer Election, Installation and Closing Session

3:00-5:00 p.m. Joint Reception for Commander-in-Chief and National President *(Ticketed event)*, Convention Center

POST-CONVENTION

THURS, JULY 30

9:00 a.m. - Noon National Council of Administration meeting, area between Silver Legacy Resort - Casino and Eldorado Resort - Casino. Look for signage.

Mobility Scooter Rental Services

Reno, Nevada

MEDTECH SERVICES INC.:

☎ (775) 826-2022

📍 555 Gentry Way, Reno, NV 89502

🌐 <https://www.medtech-services.com/>

▶ Rentals Starting at \$55/Day*

SCOOTER GIRL:

☎ (775) 232-8774 yalweishekimberly@gmail.com

📍 Reno, NV 89502

🌐 <https://scooter-girl.com/>

▶ Rentals Starting at \$45/Day*



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THINGS TO KNOW

Note: This information will be updated periodically.

WELCOME TO RENO

Reno, known as “The Biggest Little City in the World,” is a must-visit destination offering a perfect blend of urban excitement and outdoor adventure. Reno provides easy access to world-class skiing, hiking, and the iconic Lake Tahoe. The city boasts a vibrant arts scene, eclectic dining options, lively casinos, and unique festivals, making it an exciting getaway for all types of travelers. With its small-town charm and big-city amenities, Reno is the ultimate gateway to exploring the best of Northern Nevada. We can’t to welcome you in July!

CONVENTION LOCATION

Convention activities will take place at the Reno Sparks Convention Center located at 4590 S Virginia St, Reno, NV 89502.

Please note for your convenience and safety Reno Sparks Convention Center (RSCC) is a cashless facility. All food and beverage purchases are completed using a credit or debit card, cash is not accepted.

LOCATION

Ever asked yourself “Where is Reno, Nevada?” Located in the heart of the state, Reno has quickly become the hub of Northern Nevada. Nestled at the base of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, we’re within a days drive of the west coast and offer several non-stop and one stop flights from all across the country. Once you’re here, you’re less than an hour away from all that Northern Nevada has to offer.

WHAT TO WEAR

A general guideline for attire for the convention is business casual for meetings. For VFW members, it is always appropriate to have your cap on hand for meetings. Jackets are not required unless you are, All American Commanders) and may be on stage to receive your award as photographs are taken during those functions.

AIRPORT

Your adventure starts at Reno-Tahoe International Airport - RNO. As the gateway to and from the Reno-Tahoe region, our nonstop and one-stop flights make it easy to visit the people and places you love. Fly RNO. Use our [interactive flight map](#) to plan your trip now!

GETTING AROUND RENO

Reno is the quintessential 10-minute city. All major hotel resorts offer complimentary airport transportation and there will be several shuttle busses from the hotel resorts to the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. Taxis are always waiting outside of the resorts, with Uber and Lyft available as well. Click [here](#) for more info!

PARKING

Parking at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center is convenient. Parking is located around the perimeter of the Convention Center. There are over 2,100 surface parking spaces. All parking spaces are within convenient walking distance. Parking will be complimentary for all VFW Conference attendees.

REGISTRATION BADGE PICK-UP

Already registered and want to miss the crowds/lines and pick-up your badge? Try remote registration. VFW and the Auxiliary will have remote registration set-up at the locations specified below **for those who have pre-registered**. See mobile APP for times and locations of registration badge pick-up. Registration packets must still be picked up at registration at the convention center.

VFW Remote Pre-Registration

Friday, July 24, 10:00 AM-4:00 P

Location: Silver Legacy Resort (Lobby)

Auxiliary Remote Pre-Registration

Friday, July 24, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Location: Eldorado Resort (Lobby)

PACKET PICK-UP

VFW - if you are not pre-registered, you will need to go to registration at the convention center on Saturday, July 25th, starting at 8:00 AM to register and pick-up your convention packet.

MOBILE APP

We will NOT be publishing a convention schedule of events in hard copy. All events and convention information will be contained in the Mobile app. Go to www.vfw.org/convention for instructions on how to download the mobile app which will be available closer to the dates of the convention. The mobile app provides immediate updates on any changes that may occur during the convention.

SHUTTLES

Shuttle service will be provided from Silver Legacy Hotel to the convention center daily. That schedule will be provided as we get closer to the Convention dates.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Housing opens **3/18/26 and closes 6/15/26**. Go to www.vfw.org/convention. The official convention hotels for the 127th National convention will be listed on the convention web site. Departments will not be assigned to specific hotels this year, so it will be up to each individual to coordinate with their department directly if they wish to stay together. There is no guarantee and availability is on first come first served basis.

LUGGAGE STORAGE

If you wish to store your luggage at the hotel before you check in, or after checking out before departure, please make arrangements with guest services.

GRATUITIES

You are responsible for all gratuities during your stay. Tipping is personal, as a guideline, we recommend gratuities of \$1 per day for your housekeeper and \$1 per bag for taxicab drivers and hotel bell-staff.

SAFETY TIPS *(See hotel information located in room)*

SPECIAL SERVICES

First Aid Room RSCC Saturday, 7/25 – Wednesday, 7/29 – Hall 2/3Emergency after hour's numbers provided before convention or call 911.

Scooter Rental - Scooter rental information is listed on the convention web page.

RV Park Information

https://www.visitrentalho.com/places-to-stay/campgrounds-and-rv-parks?amenity=&locality=&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23215294488&gbraid=0AAAAAD_jetS4AxEXR-uFFvCNWl_2m78Doo&gclid=EAlaQobChMI2c-jmvSGkwMVFiCtBh3zOONPEAMYAiAAEgINx_D_BwE

RELIGIOUS SERVICE

Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church
1881 Harvard Way Reno NV 89502
(775) 322-0393
<https://cbsreno.org/>

Catholic

Little Flower Catholic Church
875 E Plumb Ln, Reno, NV 89502
(775) 322-2255
<https://www.littleflowerchurchreno.org/>

Episcopal

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
200 Island Ave, Reno, NV 89501
(775) 329-4279
<https://trinityreno.org/>

Greek Orthodox

St Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church
4795 Lakeside Dr Reno, NV 89509
(775) 825-5365
<https://www.saintanthonyreno.org/>

Islamic Mosque

Northern Nevada Muslim Community Center
1857 Oddie Blvd, Sparks, NV 89431
(775) 351-1857
<https://nnmcc.org/>

Jewish Synagogue/ Temple Congregation

Chabad of Northern Nevada
1175 W. Moana Lane Reno NV 89509
(775) 825-8928
<https://www.chabadnorthernnevada.com/>

MOTHERS ROOM

A mother's room will be located on-site at the convention center - *Check Mobile app for location.*

AGENDA

See tentative web agenda at www.vfw.org 127th VFW National Convention information. A final agenda will be provided within the mobile APP and can be found by downloading the VFW Mobile APP approximately 2 weeks before the convention. Please note a Schedule of Events will **NOT** be printed. If you are unable to download the Mobile App. Please pick up a printed copy of the agenda at registration.

VISITOR INFORMATION

[Things To Do](#)

