

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO**

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 23-24-11

May 2024

1. Announcement is made the Department Convention will be held June 6th -June 9th at Kalahari Resorts in Sandusky, Ohio.
2. **The June Convention Tentative Agenda is as follows:**

**As of May 1, 2024
Thursday, June 6, 2024**

10:00 a.m.	Veterans Service Committee Meeting.....	Mangrove Room
11:00 a.m.	Finance Meeting	Mangrove Room
2:30 p.m.	Charities Board of Directors Meeting.....	Mangrove Room
4:00 p.m.	By-Laws Committee Meeting.....	Ebony Room
4:00 p.m.	Credentials Committee Meeting.....	Guava Room
4:00 p.m.	Resolution Committee Meeting.....	Porta
4:00 p.m.	Time & Place Committee	Empress Room
4:30-5:30 p.m.	District Sr. Vice Meeting.....	Wisteria Room
4:30-5:30 p.m.	District Jr. Vice Meeting.....	Mangrove Room

Friday, June 7, 2024

Dept. Line/District Commanders Blues & Greys All Day

8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Registration & Credentials.....	Indigo Reg
9:00-11:00 a.m.	Council of Administration Meeting/General Business	- Kalahari Ballroom A & B
8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Vendors.....	Banyan, Crown Palm, Ironwood Room
11:15 a.m. -12:30 p.m.	Past Commander's Luncheon.....	Indigo Bay Room
1:00 – 2:10 p.m.	Convention General Business.....	Kalahari Ballroom A & B
2:15 – 3 p.m.	Joint Membership/All-State/Auxiliary Awards.....	Kalahari Ballroom A & B
3:15-4:15 p.m.	VFW Riders Meeting.....	Mangrove Room
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Joint Memorial Service.....	Kalahari Ballroom A & B

ALL HOSPITALITY ROOMS WILL BE CLOSED DURING MEMORIAL SERVICE

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	District Caucus	Executive Center
	(2-Porta, 4-Wisteria, 6-Guava, 8-Tamarin, 10-Empress, 12-Ebony)	
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.	District Caucus	Executive Center
	(1-Porta, 3-Wisteria, 5-Guava, 7-Tamarin, 9-Empress, 11-Ebony)	

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Dept Line & District Commanders Morning Session Polo's and Slacks/Afternoon Blues & Grays

8:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Registration & Credentials..... Indigo Reg
8:00 a.m.	Past State Commander's Only Breakfast.... Great Karoo Restaurant
8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Vendors.....Banyan, Crown Palm, Ironwood Room
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Charities School of Instruction.....Kalahari Ballroom A & B
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Convention General Business Meeting...Kalahari Ballroom A & B Scout of the Year Recognition Award Final Credentials Report 2024-2025 Nominations & Election
3:05-3:35 p.m.	Quartermaster Meeting (District & Posts)Kalahari Ballroom A & B
5:00-5:45 p.m.	Past State Commander/State President Reception.... Mangrove Room
6:00 p.m.	Commander's Testimonial.....Orange & Nile Room Convention Center
12:00 a.m.	District 9 POW/MIA Salute..... Grand Hallway

Sunday, June 9, 2024

State Line Officers/District Commanders Blues & Grays

10:30	Installation of 2024-2025 Officers..... Kalahari Ballroom A & B
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Immediately Following the Installation of Officers will be 2024-2025 Department Line Officers & District Commanders Photos for Operations Book.

12:00	2024-2025 Reception (All Welcome) Kalahari Ballroom C & D
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Uniform of the Day:

Thursday

Business Casual for ALL STATE LINE OFFICERS & DISTRICT COMMANDERS

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

STATE LINE OFFICERS & DISTRICT COMMANDER'S BLUES & GREYS

CREDETIALS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLUES & GRAYS

CREDETIALS COMMITTEE MEMBERS DEPARTMENT SHIRT/BUSINESS SLACKS

3. Post, districts should be planning Memorial Day observances. Officers should see that suitable grave markers, wreaths and U.S. flags are placed on the graves of deceased veterans.
4. Per Section 213 of the National Bylaws, Posts that have not submitted a properly completed Post Election Report by June 1 are in arrears and shall be deprived of all representation in District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustments of such deficiencies. Posts that have registered delegates for the Department will not receive credentials until the Post has satisfied their arrearage.
5. Attention is directed to the provision of Section 222 (d) of the National Bylaws, "Each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials, and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10) delegate fee." Post Quartermasters are encouraged to register their delegate(s) online through the Online Membership System (OMS). Posts failing to comply with this provision will be considered delinquent and in arrears
6. Installing officers will see that the provisions of Section 217 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure are properly carried out and that all officers are members in good standing and qualified to hold office prior to installing Post officers for the current year. Post officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. The installing officer shall ascertain that a Post-Election Report must be submitted to National Headquarters prior to the installation. Attention is directed to see that the proper amount of dues the Post charges is reported to National Headquarters. If a post decides to keep current officers, department recommends they do so for the complete year.
7. Attention of incoming Post Officers is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, which outlines those duties of various Post Officers.
8. **Post/District Service Officer: MOP (Manual of Procedures) Section 218, (12) Service Officers:** The work of a Service Officer shall be performed in accordance with the instructions contained in the VFW Guide for Service Officers under the general supervision of the Department Service Officer.
9. District Elected Officers are reminded that a copy of their DD214 or other proof of eligibility must be forwarded to the VFW Department of Ohio Quartermaster/Adjutant no later than 30 days after they were elected. You may send a copy to VFW Dept Headquarters 35 E Chestnut St., Ste 506, Columbus, Ohio 43215, email to rick.ohvfwqm@gmail.com, or fax 614-224-3861.

10. May Important Dates:

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4	District 5 Testimonial Dinner, VFW Post 2792, Barnesville	1800		
4	District 8 Testimonial Dinner, VFW Post 3767, Hubbard	1700	R. Schafer	
5	District 1 Meeting & Installation, VFW Post 5645, Findlay	1000	R. Curry	
5	District 2 Meeting & Installation, VFW Post 6772, Spencerville	1000	C. Wiley	
5	District 3 Meeting, VFW Post 7262, Greenville	1000	M. Milam	
5	District 7 Spring Conference, VFW Post 9295, Mentor	1000	K. Pfeifer	
5	District 9 Meeting	1000	J. Torres	
14	Temple Christian School, Mansfield, OH	1730	C. Wiley	S.Stanley
18	District 6 Testimonial	1800	C. Wiley	
18	District 10 Testimonial Dinner, VFW Post 2920, Crestline	1700	R. Curry	
19	District 4 Meeting, VFW Post 7340, North College Hill	1000	M. Milam	
19	District 6 Meeting, VFW Post 4120, Minerva	1000	C. Wiley	
19	District 8 Meeting, VFW Post 3767, Hubbard	1000	R. Schafer	
19	District 11 Meeting, VFW Post 9857, Columbus	900	R. Curry	
25	Military Rights, 2LT James H. Marrah, London, OH		C. Wiley	
27	Memorial Day Speaker, VFW Post 3343, Clyde	1000	K. Pfeifer	
27	Memorial Day Speaker, VFW Post 4464, Gallipolis	1000	C. Wiley	

11. ALL Posts are reminded do not report any activities in the month of May. HOLD all reports until June 1st on the vfwoh.org.
12. 125th National Convention, July 27 – August 1, 2024, Louisville, KY. Information is posted on the VFW National website.
13. **Posts are again reminded to check on their good standing at least 30 days prior to attending Convention so that corrections or submissions of all required documents can be entered in time for eligibility to vote at the VFW Department Convention in June.**
14. Post Quartermasters and Trustees are again reminded to use vfwohioaudits@gmail.com when forwarding Quarterly Trustee Reports of Audits via email.
15. The total post membership to Department Headquarters on March 31, 2024, will be used to determine the number of delegates to which post are entitled at the **Department Convention**.

BY ORDER OF:
Colleen Wiley
State Commander

OFFICIAL:

Richard T. Curry

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State Adjutant