

# 96th Annual State Convention

Wyndham Springfield City Centre  
700 East Adams Street • Springfield, Illinois 62701

## VFW Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

- 2:00 p.m. Registration begins for District Commander-Elect Conference  
Ambassador Room
- 3:00 p.m. District Commander-Elect Conference - Ambassador Room

Thursday, June 15, 2017

- 7:00 a.m. District Commanders-Elect Breakfast  
Lincoln Room - Abraham Lincoln Hotel
- 8:30 a.m. District Commander-Elect Conference Continues  
Ambassador Room
- 10:00 am Registration Opens  
Headquarters Office Opens  
VFW Supply Sales Opens  
*All located in Rendezvous Room*
- 12:00 pm Rules of Convention Committee  
Veterans Service Committee  
Convention Committee  
By-Laws & Resolutions Committee  
*Plaza III*  
Poppy Display Entries Open - *Conference Room Foyer*
- 1:00 pm Silent Auction Opens - *Outside of Rendezvous Room*
- 3:00 pm Final 2016-2017 Council of Administration Meeting - *Plaza III*
- 4:00 pm Registration Closes - *Rendezvous Room*  
Poppy Display Entries Close - *Conference Room Foyer*
- 6:00 pm Memorial Service - *Grand Ballroom*
- 7:00 pm **Appreciation Reception honoring Terry Vance**  
*29th Floor – Vista Rooms 4-6*

Friday, June 16, 2017

- 7:00 am Service Officer Seminar | Plaza III
- 8:00 am Registration Opens  
Headquarters Office Opens  
*Rendezvous Room*  
Poppy Display Entries Open - *Conference Room Foyer*  
Distinguished Guests - *Conference Room 2*
- 8:30 am Joint Opening Session - *Grand Ballroom*
- 12:00 pm Past State Commanders' Luncheon | 29th Floor | Vista Room 6
- 1:00 pm Business Session Begins
- 1:15 pm All-State Membership Awards
- 3:30 pm Nominations of Department Officers
- 4:00 pm Registration Closes | *Rendezvous Room*  
Poppy Display Entries Close | *Conference Room Foyer*
- 5:00 pm Church Service | Plaza III
- 7:00 pm Patriotic Rally - *Grand Ballroom*

Saturday, June 17, 2017

- 8:00 am Registration Opens  
Headquarters Office Opens  
*Rendezvous Room*  
Distinguished Guests  
*Conference Room 2*
- 8:30 am Business Session Begins - *Grand Ballroom*
- 12:00 pm Past District Commanders' Luncheon | 29th Floor  
Registration Closes | *Rendezvous Room*
- 1:30 pm Business Session Reconvenes  
Election of Department Officers
- 4:00 pm Installation of Department Officers
- 6:30 pm Doors Open for the State Commander's and President's  
Reception | *Grand Ballroom*

Sunday, June 18, 2017

- 9:00 am First 2017-2018 Council of Administration Meeting | Plaza III

# Candidates for State Office

The election and installation of officers will be held Saturday, June 17, 2017 during the afternoon business session. Below are the announced candidates as of May 1, 2017.

**Elect**  
**Jeffrey Hastings**  
**State Commander**

**Elect**  
**Don Boyer**  
**State Sr. Vice Commander**

**Elect**  
**Bobby Edwards**  
**State Jr. Vice Commander**

**Elect**  
**Bradley Gould**  
**State Jr. Vice Commander**

**Elect**  
**Kenneth Samborski**  
**State Jr. Vice Commander**

**Elect**  
**Michael DeRoss**  
**State Quartermaster**

**Elect**  
**Jules D. Spindler**  
**State Quartermaster**

**Re-Elect**  
**Rev. Donald Meeks**  
**State Chaplain**

**Re-Elect**  
**C. Victor Smith**  
**State Judge Advocate**

**Re-Elect**  
**Laurie Emmer**  
**State Surgeon**