



SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE 113TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

RENO SPARKS CONVENTION CENTER - RSCC

Saturday July 25, 2026 - Thursday July 30, 2026

Date: June 23, 2026

To: National Line Officers
National Historian*
National Color Bearers*
National Musician & Soloist*
NDCMs & Newly Elected NDCMs
National Chief of Staff
National Patriotic Instructor*
National Flag & Banner Bearer*
National POW/MIA Banner Bearer*
National Ambassadors
National Asst. Musician and Asst. Soloist*
National Asst. Guard and Asst. Conductor*
Appointed Chairman and Co-Chairman of Pages
Appointed Convention Pages
Membership Coaches

* National Floor Team

CC: Past National Presidents

From: Ann Panteleakos, National Secretary-Treasurer

Subject: 2026 National Convention Dress, Ritualistic Practice, Meetings and Duties

Official Convention Dress:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday:

The official blue blouse/shirt with collar pins, black pants/skirt or dress and black shoes. Caps optional.

Friday, July 24, 2026

10:00 am-4:00 pm	Early Packet Pick up	El Dorado Hotel Lobby
4:00-5:00 pm	Volunteers Meeting	Room A118

Saturday, July 25, 2026

8:00-8:45 am **Conductor/Color Bearers only Meeting** **Hall 1**

10:00-11:30 pm **VFW Auxiliary Conference Meetings**

Big 10 Conference	GCCC	C 4
Eastern Conference	GCCC	A 1-6
Southern Conference	GCCC	C 1-3
Western Conference	GCCC	D 1-3

Line Officers - Business Attire

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*** Officers' and Appointed Officers' Floor Practice in RSCC-Hall C** **Hall 1**

Appointed Officers are Asst. Conductor, Asst. Guard, COS, Historian, Soloist, Musician, all Floor Team carrying flags, [Floor pages encouraged to attend] **Cross of Malta, etc.** (The Musician or Assistant plays marching music)

- ⌘ To secure the item/items associated with your office, i.e. the Charter, Bible, Altar cloth, Flags, Flag stands, etc. from the storage area behind the "black" pipe & drape (behind stage).
- ⌘ It is the team's responsibility to get the floor set-up for each session as well as returning items to the storage area following the recess of each session.

12:00-1:30 pm **45+ Luncheon** **Room D 4-5**

1:00-2:00 pm **Musicians & Soloists' Rehearsal** **Hall 1**

1:30-2:00 pm **Current Coaches-Award Presentation Training** **Hall 1**

4:45-5:00 pm **Volunteers welcome National President** **Hall 1**

5:00-6:00 pm **Circle of Excellence Ceremony** **Hall 1**

- ◇ National Line Officers and the Chief of Staff will be the escorts for the Circle of Excellence Ceremony. Please be at the stage 15 minutes prior to the ceremony for instructions.
 - Dressy attire (formal) is requested for Presidents, Line Officers and Chief of Staff

Sunday, July 26, 2026

8:30-9:30 am **VFW & VFW Auxiliary Joint Memorial Service** **Hall 4 & 5**
(Doors open at 7:45)

Dress for National Officers sitting on Stage - Black suit with the blue official look shirt, black pants and black shoes.

Dress for National Conductor and Color Bearers -

The blue official look shirt, black pants and black shoes.

Dress for National Guard & National S/T will be Business.

Sunday, July 26, 2026 cont.

10:15-10:45 am	Guards' Meeting	Room E 1
11:00-11:30 am	Pages' Meeting	Room E 1
10:45-11:30 am	NDCM Training	Room E 2-3
11:30-12:30 pm	Past NDCM Luncheon	Room D 3
1:00-4:30 pm	Program Seminar	Hall 1
5:30-10:00 pm	Awards Banquet	Reno Ballroom-Silver Legacy

Dressy/semi-formal attire for all attendees

Monday, July 27-Wednesday, July 29, 2026 - Auxiliary Business Sessions *

◇ **National Floor Team** will arrive at least 45 minutes prior to the opening of each session so that the floor may be properly set-up including the Charter and stand (and the drape), flags and stands, etc. placed properly unless the floor is already set-up.

Monday, July 27, 2026

8:00-12:30 pm	VFW & VFW Auxiliary Joint Opening	Hall 4 & 5
	Dress for National Officers sitting on Stage - Black suit with the blue official look shirt, black shoes and cap. Dress for other National Officers will be Business.	
1:00-5:00 pm	VFW Auxiliary Business Session *	Hall 1
	Council meeting to award outgoing COA with their Past NDCM pin. Immediately followed by the 1st Business Session.	
	△ Ritualistic Opening, Cross of Malta, Welcome Volunteers Draping of the Charter.	
	△ Presentation of Past National Presidents	
	△ Presentation of Pages and 45+, also Program awards.	
	∞ Conference Coaches to assist with Program awards.	

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

8:00-12:30 pm	VFW Auxiliary Business Session *	Hall 1
	△ Guests	
	△ Resolutions - Bylaws Revisions	
	△ Nominations and Guard Candidates	
	Candidates will have 5 minutes to address the membership.	
2:00-3:00 pm	Business Session cont. if needed	Hall 1

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 continued

5:15 PM	Line Up Patriotic Celebration	Hall 2
6:00-8:00 pm	Patriotic Celebration - (Patriotic attire)	Hall 4 & 5

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

7:45-12:00 am	VFW Auxiliary Business Session *	Hall 1
7:00- 7:45 am	7:00 a.m. Practice for Presentation of 2025-2026 Presidents Doors open at 6 a.m. - Patriotic Instructor will lead practice	
7:45-11:30 am	Presentation of 2026-2027 Presidents by PI, Diana Russell Milton Presidents with two Color Bearer flags. Δ National Commander-in-Chief - escort through Aisle of Honor Δ Donations by Groups Δ National President - escort through Aisle of Honor Δ Election of 2026-2027 National Officers Δ Installation of 2026-2027 National Officers	

Immediately Following Installation and the close of the Convention

- Δ Photos taken - National Officers, National President & family, National Guard & Family, Newly elected NDCMs
- Δ It is the responsibility of the National Conductor to see that the duties listed herein are carried out.
- Δ Each member of the National Floor Team is expected to assist with the packing of all items before you consider your appointment completed. (HQ Staff will pack flags)

3:00-5:00 pm	National President & CIC Reception	RSCC Ballroom
	Attire for National Line Officers will be President's Shirt.	

Thursday, July 30, 2026

9:00-12:00 am	Council of Adm. Meeting	Convention Center @ El Dorado
	Attire Business Casual, no jeans, no shorts	
6:00-9:00 pm	PA Reception for National President	Same as COA
	Attire Business Casual	

* Thank you National Floor Team for accepting this position and the duties of that position. I know that we will all work together so that this, our 113th National Convention, will be the most successful Convention ever.

Ann Panteleakos, National Secretary-Treasurer

Please note - rooms and times may be subject to change. Please check the app.