



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO
90th ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
MAY 30 – JUNE 1, 2025



Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel
2910 Yale Boulevard South East
Albuquerque, NM 87106

National Reservation # 1-800-325-3535

Local # (ask for reservations) 1-505-843-7000 Fax at hotel front desk: 1-505-843-6307

Online Registration: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1740413862164&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true&app=resvlink>

KEY PERSONNEL

State Commander

Co-Convention/Conference Chairman, BJ Lawrence: 575-430-4504

Co-Chairman, Dave Fouse at State Headquarters Office: 575-973-4965

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

VFW Department Commander, Brian Ravak, Post 6917

GUESTS

VFW National Representative: Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt

VFWA National Representative: National Conductor 2024-2025 Sandra Uzell

Room Rates

Single/Double/King: \$139.00 per night plus 15.63% in local and state taxes

Prices do not include suites or 8th floor rooms

(Must Mention VFW State Convention to Get Special Rate)

Hotel Reservations must be made prior to 5:00PM, May 1, 2025 to get the VFW rate.

After this date, room rate will be based on current hotel rates.

VFW STATE CONVENTION AGENDA

Buddy Poppy Displays will be set up in Foyer

Thursday – May 29, 2025

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Registration - Foyer

6:00 PM – 11:00 PM - Hospitality Room - Bernalillo (2nd floor)

Friday May 30, 2025

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM – Registration - Foyer

7:00 AM – 7:45 AM – VFW Audit – Vista Norte

7:45 AM – 9:45 AM – VFW Budget – Vista Norte

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM – Council of Administration Meeting – Valle Grande

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Lunch on your own

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM – Joint Opening Session - Alvarado

5:00 PM – Joint Memorial - Alvarado

6:00 PM – 11:00 PM – Hospitality Room - Rio Grande (2nd floor)

Saturday May 31, 2025

7:00 AM – 8:45 AM – Registration - Foyer

9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon – VFW Business Session - Chaco/Bandelier

12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM – Buddy Poppy Judging Will Be Completed

12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM – Lunch on your own

12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM – Past State Commanders Lunch - ???

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM – VFW Business Session con't; All incoming Chairman
(mandatory meeting) - Chaco/Bandelier

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – VFW/VFWA Joint Installation of Officers – Anasazi

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Dinner - Alvarado

9:00 PM – Close – Hospitality Room - Rio Grande (2nd floor)

Sunday June 1, 2025

9:00 AM – 11:00AM – 2025-2026 VFW Council of Administration Meeting – Valle Grande

(Note: Meeting Rooms/Times are subject to change)

AUXILIARY STATE CONVENTION AGENDA

Buddy Poppy Displays will be set up in Foyer

THURSDAY May 29, 2025

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM - VFW & Auxiliary Registration - Foyer
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM - VFWA Line Officers Meeting – Bernalillo (2nd Floor)
6:00 PM – 11:00 PM - Hospitality Room - Bernalillo (2nd Floor)

FRIDAY May 30, 2025

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM - Auxiliary Registration - Foyer
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM - Floor Practice – Grand Quivera
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM- Auxiliary Council of Administration – Grand Quivera
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM - Business Session - Grand Quivera
11:45 AM – 1:30 PM - Past Auxiliary Presidents' Luncheon – In Hospitality Room
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM - Joint Opening Session - Alvarado
5:00 PM – Joint Memorial - Alvarado
6:00 PM – 11:00 PM - Hospitality Room - Rio Grande (2nd Floor)

SATURDAY May 31, 2025

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM - Past Department Presidents' Breakfast - Alvarado
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM - VFW & Auxiliary Registration - Foyer
7:00 AM – 8:15 AM - Floor Practice - Alvarado
8:30 AM – 11:15 AM - Business Session (Continued) - Alvarado
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM - Officer/Chairman Luncheon - **TBA**
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM - Lunch on your own
12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM - Buddy Poppy Display Judging Will Be Completed
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM - Business Session (Continued) - Alvarado
(Nomination and Election of Department Officers and 25-26 Program Presentation)
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM - VFW/VFWA Joint Installation of Officers - Anasazi
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM - Dinner - Alvarado
9:00 PM – Close - Hospitality Room - Bernalillo (2nd Floor)

SUNDAY June 1, 2025

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM - 2025-2026 VFWA Council of Administration (all are welcome) –Grand Quivera

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**STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM
FOR VFW MEMBERS ONLY**

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MAY 14, 2025

Name: _____ Post: _____

Department, District or Post (Just One Title)

Title/Position: _____ Membership #: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Ck# _____

\$8.00 for VFW members (\$15.00 after 5/14/25 and at the Door)

(Make checks payable to **VFW DEPT of NM HQ**)

If paying by check or cash, send this completed registration form and payment to:

**VFW Dept of NM HQ
PO Box 1084
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346**

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS

Name as appears on card: _____

Card # : _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ CVV2: _____
(3 NUMBERS ON BACK OF CARD)

Expiration date: _____ Amount: _____ ZIP: _____

Authorized Card Signature: _____

Circle One

Do you want a receipt emailed? Y or N

Email Address: _____

If paying by Credit Card for Registration and/or Banquet
Forms may be faxed to: 575-653-4207 or emailed to vfwnmhq@gmail.com



**STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM
FOR VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERS ONLY**

**DEADLINE TO RECEIVE
A PRE-PRINTED NAME TAG & HOLDER IS MAY 14, 2025**

Name: _____ AUX#: _____

Title/Position: _____ PDP: YES or NO (circle one)
(as you want it to appear on name tag)

Membership #: _____ Ck# _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

\$10.00 for Auxiliary Members (**\$15.00 after 5/20/2025 and at the Door**) Amount Enclosed \$ _____

or paid by Auxiliary # _____

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR PRE-PRINTED NAME TAG TO BE MADE

(Make checks payable to DEPT of NM VFW AUXILIARY)

Auxiliary Members, send your registration & payment to:

**Penney Howard
PO Box 34
Flora Vista, NM 87415-0034**

DINNER TICKET(S) REQUEST
DUE BY MAY 14 2025 (No exceptions)
Will not be any Dinner tickets sold during registration
See next page for the menu

Name: _____ Post/Aux#: _____

Name: _____ Post/Aux#: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed at \$25.00 per Person: _____ Ck# _____

(Make checks payable to VFW DEPT of NM HQ) Meal Choice(s) _____

If Paying by check or cash, send this completed Registration Form and Payment to:

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Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346

WE ACCEPT CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS
(AMEX/VISA/DISCOVER/MASTERCARD)

(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Name as it Appears on Card: _____

Card # : _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ CVV2: _____
(3 NUMBERS ON BACK OF CARD)

Expiration date: _____ Amount: _____ ZIP: _____

Authorized Card Signature: _____

Circle One
Do you want a receipt emailed? Y or N

Email Address: _____

DINNER MENU

\$25.00 per Person

STEAK DIANE

Pan seared sirloin topped with a brandy glaze and served with roasted baby red potatoes

PAN SEARED SALMON

Fresh Atlantic Salmon Filet in a Caper Dill Cream sauce

MARINATED PORTOBELLO

Marinated portobello mushrooms stuffed with squash and cheese topped with a marinara sauce

Dinners served with freshly baked rolls & butter, Chef's choice of fresh seasonal vegetables, choice of salad, choice of dessert, iced tea Starbucks® Coffee and Taz® teas