

2026 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
15-17 January 2026

Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday 15 January 2026

4:00 PM – 6:00PM	<i>(Conference Center Main Lobby)</i>	Registration
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Hip Pocket Department Training	Hospitality Room
6:00 PM – 10:00PM	<i>(Room 124)</i>	Hospitality Room

Friday 16 January 2026

12:00 noon – 4:00 PM	<i>(Conference Center Main Lobby)</i>	Registration
<i>(Attire is Business Casual; Others-R.E.D. Friday attire acceptable; VFW cap (tan or brown))</i>		
12:00PM – 2:30 PM	<i>(Aspen Room)</i>	COA Auxiliary Officer School of Instruction
2:30 – 3:30 PM	<i>(Aspen Room)</i>	Auxiliary Floor Practice
2:30 – 3:15 PM	<i>(Tamarack Room)</i>	VFW Dept COA Executive Session (COA only)
3:30 – 5:00 PM	<i>(Tamarack Room)</i>	Department VFW Council Meeting
3:30 – 5:30 PM	<i>(Aspen Room)</i>	Auxiliary Council Meeting
<i>(Attire is casual, or, optional- dress to theme) (Theme: Monte Carlo Casino Royale)</i>		
5:00 PM	<i>(Ponderosa/Tamarack)</i>	No Host Cocktails before Homecoming
6:00 PM	<i>(Ponderosa/Tamarack)</i>	Homecoming Dinner at The Riverside Hotel
8:00 PM – 10:00PM	<i>(Room 124)</i>	Hospitality Room

Saturday 17 January 2026

7:00 – 8:00 AM	<i>(Quiet Bar Room)</i>	Past Department Presidents (PDP) Breakfast**
8:00 – 10:30 AM	<i>(Conference Center Main Lobby)</i>	Registration
<i>(Attire is Business Casual* for Joint Opening, VFW cap (brown or tan))</i>		
9:00 – 10:30 AM	<i>(Tamarack Room)</i>	VFW & AUX Joint Opening
<i>(Attire is VFW Casual After Joint Opening; VFW cap (brown or tan))</i>		
10:30 – 11:30 PM	<i>(Tamarack Room)</i>	Department VFW Business Meeting
11:30 – 12:00 PM	<i>(Tamarack Room)</i>	OMS Training Session #1
10:30 – 12:00 PM	<i>(Aspen Room)</i>	Auxiliary Business Meeting
12:00 – 1:30 PM	<i>(On Your Own)</i>	Lunch Break
12:00 – 1:30 PM	<i>(Quiet Bar Room)</i>	Past State Commanders (PSC) Luncheon**
1:30 – 3:30 PM	<i>(Tamarack Room)</i>	Department VFW Business Meeting
3:30 – 4:00 PM	<i>(Tamarack Room)</i>	All American Dashboard Training Session #2
1:30 – 4:00 PM	<i>(Aspen Room)</i>	Auxiliary Business Meeting/Program Training
4:30 – 5:30 PM	<i>(Quiet Bar Room)</i>	VOD & PP Winners Meeting
5:30 – 6:30 PM	<i>(Fireside Foyer)</i>	No Host Cocktails

(Everyone in their seats for Introductions by 6:15PM)

(Attire is Business formal for Awards Dinner(only Presenter, State Commander, State Awards Chairman will wear hats for award recipient pictures))

6:30 PM	Introduction of VOD and Patriot's Pen Students, CET Recipient	
7:00 – 9:00 PM	<i>(Laurel/Ponderosa)</i>	VFW Awards Banquet
9:00 – 10:00 PM	<i>(Room 124)</i>	Hospitality Room

Sunday 18 January 2026 Departure Day – Safe Trip Home

****Business casual - defined as closed toe footwear, trousers (clean, good condition blue jeans are acceptable) or dress/skirt, VFW Collared shirt, VFW overseas cover. It can tend to get cold in the room so you may want to bring a light jacket.***

*****PSC Luncheon, PDP Breakfast, buffet, fixed price, no extras. Located in Quiet Room***

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND ITS AUXILIARY PRESENTS
THE
2026 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
JANUARY 15-17, 2026, at THE RIVERSIDE HOTEL– BOISE, IDAHO**

The hotel information is as follows: The Riverside Hotel - Boise
2900 Chinden Blvd. Boise, Idaho 83714

Phone No. 208-343-1871

Call them direct for reservations and ask for "VFW Mid-Winter Rate"

Room Rates are: Single and Double - **\$167.00** - per night plus applicable taxes.

PER HOTEL: DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AT THIS RATE IS DECEMBER 26, 2025

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RETURN REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK TO:

VFW State Headquarters – 1425 S. Roosevelt St. Boise ID 83705

Phone (208) 342-2438

REGISTRATION - \$40 EACH

\$ _____

Name: _____ Post # _____ District# _____

Office Held: _____

Name _____ Auxiliary# _____ District# _____

Office Held: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Phone _____

HOMECOMING MEALS @\$40.00 EACH	#	BUFFET	#	VEGETARIAN	TOTAL\$
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(PLEASE SEND IN HOMECOMING PAGE WITH THIS PAGE FOR REGISTRATION)

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT'S PEN AWARDS BANQUET (SATURDAY)- All choices are \$ 40.00 each

Each choice comes with Mixed Greens with Salad Dressings, rolls/butter, cheesecake, Tea & Coffee.

Choice 1: Dijon-Crusted Pork Loin/Garlic Mashed Potatoes/Fresh # _____ \$ _____

Vegetables

Choice 2: Roast Inside Round of Beef/Garlic Mashed Potatoes/Fresh # _____ \$ _____

Vegetables

Choice 3: Vegetarian Option: Fettuccine Primavera/Pasta w Fresh # _____ \$ _____

Vegetables/in an Alfredo Sauce

NOTE: If you have dietary restrictions and cannot eat one of these choices, please call
Department Headquarters and we will make every effort to accommodate you.

Other Meals: (**Past State Presidents and Past State Commanders only, or by invitation**)

PDP Breakfast Saturday 7:00am (breakfast buffet)(\$16.00 per person) # _____ \$ _____

PSC Lunch Saturday 12:00pm (Burger Bar Buffet, fries, cookies)(\$25.00/person)# _____ \$ _____

PDP Breakfast, PSC Luncheon, buffet, fixed price, no extras. Located in Quiet Bar

Credit Card/Venmo fee add 3% processing fee \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO, VFW

Credit Card Registrations must email the registration form (Idahovfw@gmail.com) and
call Department HQ to make payment (208-342-2438) between 9:00am-3:00pm, Monday-Friday

MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY December 19, 2025

THERE WILL BE NO MEAL TICKETS SOLD AT THE CONFERENCE

Food Allergies: Contact Melanie Palmer at Dept. Headquarters 208-342-2438

STATE COMMANDER TROY JUNIER AND
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT JESSICA RAY
~ HOMECOMING ~
“MONTE CARLO CASINO ROYALE”



Dress:
Secret
Agent
Attire

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Friday, January 16, 2026
No Host Cocktails at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

The Riverside Hotel, 2900 Chinden Blvd. Boise

Dinner Choices:

1. Italian Buffet: Mixed Greens w/Assorted Dressings, Garlic Herb Rolls, Fettuccini Alfredo, Lasagna, Sauteed Fresh Vegetables, Tiramisu
2. Vegetarian Option: Fettuccine Primavera - Pasta w/vegetables in an Alfredo Sauce, Tiramisu, Mousse

Iced Tea and Coffee Service.

\$40.00 per person, inclusive of all charges.

NAME: _____ DINNER CHOICE # _____

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Number of Tickets _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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Department of Idaho VFW

1425 South Roosevelt St., Boise ID 83705

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