



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO  
90<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

6:00 PM – 11:00 PM - Hospitality Room - Bernalillo (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

### **SUNDAY June 1, 2025**

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

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



**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**

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**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](mailto: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:**

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

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**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