

**Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Department of Louisiana  
95<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
June 18, 19, 20, and 21, 2026**

**The Hotel Bentley in Alexandria & Randolph Riverfront Convention Center**

## Thursday, June 18, 2026

4:30pm - 5:30pm	Pre-Paid Registration (VFW Only) Banquet Tickets, Dinner Tickets	Lobby Bentley Hotel
5:00pm	Council of Administration	Bentley Ball Room
6:00pm	Committee Meetings	Bentley Ball Room
6:00pm	<b>Hospitality Room – Bentley Beauregard</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</b>

## Friday, June 19, 2026

Dress: Business Casual or Commanders Shirt

7am – 9am	Breakfast	Bentley Claiborne Room
8:30am - 11:30am	Registration	Convention Hall Entrance A
9:00am – 10:15 am	Suicide Prevention (Informal)	Convention Hall A-C
9:00am - 10:15am	QM Training - QM General Marc Garduno	Bentley Ball Room
10:15am – 10:30am	Break	
10:30am – 11:30am	Awards Presentation	Convention Hall A-C
	- Membership	
	- POW/MIA	
11:30AM – 1:00PM	Lunch (Fundraiser for Sonja Lambert)	Bentley Ball Room
1:00pm – 3:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Business Session	Convention Hall A-C
	● Reading of Convention Rules	
	● Awards Presentation Continued	
	○ Community Service	
	● 1st Nominations of State Officers	
1:00pm – 5:00pm	Pastalaya Cook Off Begins	Bentley Outside Patio
4:00pm - 5:00pm	By Laws Committee Meeting	Bentley Bayou Roberts Rm (2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl)
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Memorial Service	Convention Hall A-C
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Incoming Leadership Meeting - Arends	2nd Floor Bayou Roberts Room
5:00pm	Pastalaya Judging	Bentley Outside Patio
6:30pm	Aux Fundraiser Dinner	Bentley Ball Room
	<b>Hospitality Room – Bentley Beauregard 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</b>	

## Saturday, June 20, 2026

Casual or Business Casual dress for membership, Blue and Grays or Suits and Ties for District Commanders and Line Officers.

7:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast	Bentley Claiborne Room
8:30am - 11:30am	Registration	Convention Hall Entrance A
9:00am – 11:30am	Joint Opening	Convention Hall A-C

10:00am - 3:00pm	Blood Mobile	Convention Center
11:30am - 1:00pm	Lunch Uncle Larry Seafood	Main Ball Room Bentley
11:30am - 1:00pm	Past State Commanders Luncheon	2nd Floor Bayou Roberts Room
11:30am - 1:00pm	Past State Presidents Luncheon	2nd Floor Alexandra Room
11:30am - 1:00pm	Woman Veterans Luncheon	2nd Floor Bentley Boardroom
12:30pm - 3pm	Registration Ends 3:00pm	Convention Hall Entrance A
1:15pm - 3:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Business Session	Convention Hall A-C
	- Department ByLaws	
	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nomination of State Officers	
	- Election of State Officers	
6:00pm - 8:30pm	VFW/Auxiliary Awards Banquet	Convention Hall A-C
8:30pm - Midnight	Commander / President Reception	Bentley 2nd Floor Claiborne Room

## **Sunday, June 21, 2026**

**Casual or Business Casual dress for membership, Blue and Grays or Suit and Ties for District Commanders and Line Officers.**

7:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast	Bentley Claiborne Room
10:00am	Joint Installation Ceremony	Convention Hall A-C
	Ray Bass officially appointed as installing officer	