

117TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Convention Highlights

Saturday, July 23, 2016
National Council of Administration Meeting

Presidential Candidates to Speak Monday and Tuesday

Hillary Clinton will be the featured speaker on Monday at 11 a.m. Donald Trump will take the stage Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. The doors to the convention center will open at approximately 6 a.m. both days. The hall will open at 8 a.m. All attendees must enter the morning session through metal detectors. Official convention badges must be worn for admittance to the hall. Delegates are encouraged to be respectful of both candidates. Also speaking on Tuesday morning is VA Secretary Bob McDonald.

The National Council of Administration voted to replenish the \$30,000 Charitable Contributions Fund (CCF) contingent upon a budget surplus. VFW had expended \$14,000 from the fund. Established in 1997, the CCF is used to satisfy some of the many small-donation requests VFW receives annually.

The National Veterans Service Advisory Committee announced that John Barrett has been named *VFW Accredited Service Representative of the Year*. Barrett has been the only service officer for the state of New Hampshire for 11 years. He will receive the award during Tuesday morning's business session.

During closing remarks, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Keith Harman thanked members and staff, particularly NVS, for the outstanding year. "I look forward to working with all of you," he said.

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Brian Duffy reminded members that VFW will be in the spotlight over the next few days. "This will be seen by the entire nation," he said. "Keep in mind whom you represent."

Commander-in-Chief John Biedrzycki, Jr., thanked National Council of Administration members for their service. He said that VFW has a legacy that should be shared. "We need to go back to the past to lead us into the future," he said.

Members attending the Commander-in-Chief's Reception Wednesday night must be present at the installation of national officers that morning to receive a ticket. No ticket, no admittance, Adjutant General John Hamilton said.

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