



PRE-REGISTRATION BROCHURE JULY 20-24, 2019

Welcome to Orlando! Orlando will host the 120th VFW and 106th Auxiliary national conventions July 20-24, 2019.

GETTING TO ORLANDO

Car

To determine driving distance between your city and Orlando, go to: <http://www.travelmath.com/driving-time/>

GETTING AROUND ORLANDO

Refer to the Micro-site <http://VFW19.orlandomeetinginfo.com/>

CONVENTION LOCATION

Convention activities will take place at the Orange County Convention Center (West Concourse), located at 9800 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

WHAT TO WEAR

A general guideline for attire for the convention is business casual for meetings. For VFW members, it is always appropriate to have your cap on hand for meetings. Jackets are not required unless you are an award recipient (e.g. Community Service Post, All American Commanders). You may be on stage to receive your award as photographs are taken. You may wish to bring and wear patriotic themed apparel for the Patriotic Celebration. *(See Patriotic Celebration information in this document).*

WEATHER

Refer to the Micro site <http://VFW19.orlandomeetinginfo.com/>

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

COMPANY: VFW National Discount

LINK: <http://www.supershuttle.com/default.aspx?GC=VFWUS>

NOTE: Please update your browser if the above link does not work or go through Google Chrome. Also, you can go directly to www.supershuttle.com and enter the code **VFWUS**

DISCOUNT: Your discount gives you **10% off your roundtrip reservation**. Discount does not apply to pre-existing reservations. **Discounts cannot be applied retroactively**. Your travelers can use this code on both ends of their travel: at airport of origin and at their destination airport.

QUOTE: How much does it cost? To get a Fare Quote, go the bottom of our home page, and click Fare Quote. Select an airport and destination to generate your fare quote. Link:

https://booking.supershuttle.com/?_ga=2.218474457.1146509480.1511995716-1784955752.1482963717

RESERVATIONS: For special reservation questions call 1-800 BLUE VAN ([800-258-3826](tel:800-258-3826)) or customer service, available 24/7. Please note that if you call in your reservation instead of booking and paying online with your discount code, a \$3 call center fee applies. All of our other contact numbers are on our website at: <http://www.supershuttle.com/Locations>

For additional transportation information, refer to the Micro Site. <http://VFW19.orlandomeetinginfo.com/>

PARKING

Parking information, costs etc., for the convention center will be available at a later date. Watch for updates on the convention webpage at WWW.VFW.ORG under News and Publications/Events

RV PARKING/CAMPING

<https://www.visitorlando.com/en/places-to-stay/campgrounds>

VISITOR INFORMATION

See the following link for a digital copy of the Official Attendee Guide.
<http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/orlandocvb/attendeeguide2018/>

ORLANDO APP

Now there is a new way to put Orlando right at your fingertips. Download our free App for your personalized Orlando experience. The best way to navigate Orlando.

<https://www.visitorlando.com/plan-your-trip/visit-orlando-destination-app/>

Visit Orlando Official Visitor Center:

Address: 8102 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819
(Next to Mango's Tropical Café)
Open Daily: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Phone: (407) 363-5872
Toll Free: (800) 972-3304
E-mail: info@visitorlando.com

REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP

See on site convention agenda (event guide distributed on-site on 7/20/19) for times and locations of registration/packet pick-up. Registration for both VFW and Auxiliary will be located in West Hall C/WD1 West Concourse of the Orange County Convention Center

Note: *Want to get register early? Try Remote Registration." Both the VFW and Auxiliary will have remote registration for those who are **pre-registered** and want to pick up their name badges early. You will be able to do that at the VFW Headquarter hotel, Rosen Centre and the Auxiliary Headquarter hotel, Rosen Plaza. **PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES ONLY.** If you haven't yet registered, you will need to do that beginning on Saturday, 7/20/19, 8a at the Convention center. **Note:** Your actual convention packet will be picked up at the center.*

Auxiliary 'remote' pre-registration:

Rosen Plaza - Locations/times: **To be advised.**

VFW 'remote' pre-registration.

Rosen Centre - Locations/times: **To be advised.**

Note: On-site (*not pre-registered*) registration **must** be done at Orange County Convention Center – West Hall C beginning Saturday, July 20 at 8a. All packets will be picked up at on-site registration including ‘remote’ registered individuals.

SHUTTLES

A shuttle schedule will be provided closer to the July convention dates.

If you require special transportation (handicap/scooter/wheelchair), contact the shuttle provider at the number on your event schedule (**obtained on-site**). A final shuttle schedule will be included in the convention program book and the Mobile Convention APP. Updates will be found on the VFW convention web page prior to the convention dates.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Housing opens February 15 – you may access housing information and the reservation form beginning February 15 by going to www.vfw.org at the convention website. VFW Department hotels/housing assignments may also be found at the website beginning February 15.

HOTEL PARKING

Check with your assigned hotel for parking costs and details.

LUGGAGE STORAGE

If you wish to store your luggage at the hotel before you check in, or after checking out before departure, please make arrangements with guest services.

GRATUITIES

You are responsible for all gratuities during your stay. Tipping is personal, however as a guideline, we recommend gratuities of \$1-\$2 per day for your housekeeper and \$1 per bag for ground transportation providers and hotel bell staff.

PHONE MESSAGES

Messages may be left with the hotel operator, who will make sure you get them as soon as you return to your hotel. In case of emergency, call the VFW National Headquarters 833-839-8387. We encourage you to provide your emergency contact information when you pick-up your registration materials at the convention center.

SAFETY TIPS (*See hotel information located in room*)

SPECIAL SERVICES

Scooter Rentals

We encourage individuals requiring scooters to make those arrangements prior to arriving on-site in Orlando as scooter rentals are based on availability and first-come, first- served.

Refer to the micro site <http://VFW19.orlandomeetinginfo.com/>

Special Screenings

(Information available on-site at Health Fair located at Orange County Convention Center (West Hall C) - check event guide for location and times)

First Aid Room Location

Orange County Convention Center; open during convention hours, Saturday, July 20 -Wednesday, July 24 (6p)

Emergency

Emergency after hour's numbers will be provided before convention or call 911.

Religious Services

Catholic Mass is scheduled for Saturday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 21 at 7:00 a.m. at the Orange County Convention Center. *Check event guide for room locations*

Protestant Services are scheduled for Saturday, July 20 at 6p. *Check event guide for room locations.*

VFW MEMORIAL SERVICE

The joint VFW/Auxiliary Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, July 21 at 8:30 a.m. at the Orange County Convention Center - **West Hall D**

VFW PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

The 2019 details will be disseminated closer to the July event.

To keep the Patriotic Spirit of this yearly event, check out the patriotic apparel at VFW Store.

<http://www.vfwstore.org/?Action=SkipLogin>

AGENDA

See tentative web agenda at www.vfw.org for the 120th National Convention information. A final agenda will be included in the convention program book and on the convention Mobile App.

CHARITY AUCTION

The VFW will hold a silent auction Saturday, July 20 through Monday, July 22 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in West Hall D of the convention center. Winners will be listed at the "Buddy"® Poppy/Silent Auction desk on Tuesday morning, July 23. **All items must be paid for and picked up during the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. on July 23.** Payment will be accepted via check, cash (*in exact amount*) or credit card (Visa, Master Card or Discover). If an item has NOT been picked up prior to 3:30 p.m., it will be shipped to National Headquarters to be dispersed from there. The winners will be contacted for a shipping address and shipping costs will be applied to their bid. Silent auction items are donated by VFW Departments, individual members and vendors. Auction proceeds will benefit **The VFW National Home for Children.**

BUDDY POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST

The annual "Buddy"® Poppy Display Contest will be held in West Hall D of the Orange County convention center. Entries will be accepted for registration and may be set up beginning at 8 a.m., Saturday, **July 20**, until noon on Monday, **July 22**. Once judging is completed, winning displays will be identified with appropriate ribbons on Tuesday morning, **7/23** and winners will also be announced on the Convention floor during the day. Please remember the sponsoring unit is responsible for the shipping to and from convention (to include all costs) and the assembly/disassembly of the displays. In addition, the displays **must be removed prior to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday** otherwise, they may be removed by the convention personnel and destroyed.

THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND ORLANDO

Go to the www.VFW.org and access the Microsite at the convention web page for additional information on what to do, where to go, where to eat in Kansas City.

For more information:

Refer to the VFW convention web page via www.vfw.org which is updated as new information is added.

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