

KANSAS CITY WEB VERSION PRE-REGISTRATION BROCHURE July 16-21, 2022

Note: This information will be updated periodically.

WELCOME TO KANSAS CITY

We're looking forward to having you in Kansas City! Resilience is in our nature- just like our innovative dining, creative culture and entrepreneurial spirit. Get reacquainted with the New Midwest and see what you've been missing. No matter the reason for your travel, trust that you can travel with confidence in Kansas City.

Every corner of our city has a story to tell. Visit our revitalized Downtown, hop aboard the free KC Streetcar or enjoy the buzzing Power & Light District. Historic jazz is the cornerstone of 18th and Vine, and repurposed warehouses have transformed the heart and soul of the Crossroads Arts District.

CONVENTION LOCATION

Convention activities will take place at the Kansas City Convention Center located at 301 West 13th Street, Kansas City, MO

LOCATION

Kansas City is a vibrant downtown that is "walkable" for visitors. With restaurants, hotels, attractions, and museums in close proximity of each other, Kansas City is an easy city for visitors to navigate on foot or via the free KC Streetcar. From its location in the Heart of America to tried-and-true traditions like jazz and barbecue, there are many reasons to love KC.

Kansas City is easily accessible by car, plane or train. Kansas City International Airport (MCI) is located just 15 miles north of the city.

The population of Kansas City in 2019 was 486, 404. Average temperatures in July & August are in the high 80s with lows in the 70s

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, All American Commanders) and may be on stage to receive your award as photographs are taken during those functions.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

The Kansas City International Airport (MCI) is located just 25 minutes north of Downtown Kansas City. Getting to and from the airport is easy with many transportation options available. Ranging from public transportation to app-based ride services, you can find a mode of transportation to meet your travel needs. Explore options [HERE](#) to figure out which is best for you.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

[Try](#) any of these Kansas City transportation options to explore the city like a local.

PARKING

Check with your assigned hotel for parking availability and costs. Parking information, costs etc., for the convention center can be accessed via this link <https://kcconvention.com/downtown-kc/directions/>
The link also has a map of additional downtown parking lots.

REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP

See mobile APP for times and locations of registration/packet pick-up. Registration for both VFW for Auxiliary, Hall B.

Note: Want to miss the crowds/lines and pick-up your name badge & packets early? Try Remote Registration. Both the VFW and Auxiliary will have remote registration for those who are **PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES ONLY**. You will be able to do that at the VFW Headquarter hotel, **Kansas City Marriott Downtown** and the Auxiliary Headquarter hotel, **Loews**.

PACKET PICK-UP

VFW - if you are not pre-registered, you will need to go to Hall B at the convention center on Saturday, July 16 starting at 8a to register and pick-up your convention packet.

Auxiliary 'remote' **pre-registration:** Friday, July 15, 9a-5p
Loews Hotel - Locations/times: **Mobile Check-in desk - Lobby**

VFW 'remote' **pre-registration.** Friday, July 15, 9a-5p
KC Marriott Downtown- Locations/times: **Marriott Lobby West**

MOBILE APP

We will NOT be publishing a convention schedule of events in hard-copy. All events and convention information will be contained in the Mobile APP. Go to www.vfw.org/convention for instructions on how to download the mobile APP which will be closer to the dates of the convention. The mobile APP provides immediate updates on any changes that may occur during the convention.

SHUTTLES

The hotels in Kansas City are located in the downtown area and within walking distance from the convention center. Therefore, a **limited shuttle service** will be provided. The following is a **tentative** schedule of days the shuttle will operate. Specific times will be found in the convention mobile app. If you require special transportation (handicap/scooter/wheelchair), contact the shuttle provider at the number provided in the mobile APP event schedule. A final shuttle schedule will be included on the Mobile APP and will be updated on the VFW convention web page prior to the convention dates.

Saturday, July 16, 2022

7a-8p

Sunday, July 17, 2022

7a-5p

Monday, July 18, 2022

7a-6p

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

7a-9p

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

7a-5p

Thursday, July 21, 2022

7a-6:30p

(refer to convention mobile app for complete schedule including pick-up and drop-off points)

HOTEL INFORMATION

Housing opened **2/17/22** and closes **6/13/22**. Go to www.vfw.org at the convention website. The official convention hotels for the 123rd National convention are listed on the convention web site.

HOTEL PARKING

Check with your assigned hotel regarding parking availability and costs.

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, as a guideline, we recommend gratuities of \$1 per day for your housekeeper and \$1 per bag for taxicab drivers 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 816-756-3390.

SAFETY TIPS (See hotel information located in room)

SPECIAL SERVICES

First Aid Room Location Kansas City Convention Center - Thursday, July 14-Thursday, July 21
Emergency--Emergency after hour's numbers provided before convention or call 911.

Scooter rental –Scooter rental information is listed on the convention web page.

If you have not been vaccinated for COVID-19, we encourage you to wear a mask while in attendance of the convention.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Check with VISIT Kansas City for locations of local churches, synagogues, etc. for services. VFW will conduct a Catholic Mass on Saturday, July 16 and Sunday morning, July 17 at the convention center. Protestant service will be held on Saturday 7/16 at 6p in the Convention Center. *Check Mobile APP for locations.*

QUIET ROOM

A QUIET ROOM for reflection will be open 24 hours at the Kansas City Convention Center – *Check Mobile APP for location.*

AGENDA

See tentative web agenda at www.vfw.org/convention. 123rd VFW National Convention information. A final agenda will be provided within the mobile APP and can be found by downloading the VFW Mobile APP approximately 2 weeks before the convention.

VISITOR INFORMATION

For additional visitor information go to www.visitkc.com

GENERAL INFORMATION KANSAS CITY:

Get the Inside Scoop on specially created Kansas City experiences based on your interests!
<https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/things-do/trip-ideas>

Be sure to sign up for the KC Savings program to get the city's best discounts (registration to the program is free!).
<https://experience.visitkc.com/checkout/290/visit-kc/1659/kc-savings>

For fun and unique things to do in Kansas City: <https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/things-do>

Where to Eat: <https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/places-eat>

Shopping : <https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/things-do/shopping>

Arts & Culture : <https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/things-do/arts-and-culture>

Attractions : <https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/things-do/attractions>

Sports: <https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/things-do/sports-recreation>

What's going on right now?

<https://www.visitkc.com/things-do-kansas-city-right-now>

Visitor Information

Please visit the Visit KC Visitor Center located at 1241 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. Make sure to check the hours, as they change each day.

For more information, please visit www.visitkc.com