

**DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA, VFW  
STATE CONVENTION AGENDA JUNE 5-7, 2026  
EMBASSY SUITES  
300 Tallapoosa Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5: (Attire: Department Officers – Polo and Khakis; All Others Business Casual)**

8 AM - 4 PM           **VFW Office Open – Pick up Registration Packets**

1:00 PM               **VFW Business Session**

Call to Order – Commander Michael Gronkowski  
Opening Prayer – Chaplain Raymond Brandon  
Pledge of Allegiance – Audience  
Roll Call of Posts – Adjutant Lee Lambert  
Greeting – Commander Michael Gronkowski  
Finance Committee Report – Chairman Colt Drouillard  
QM Report – Quartermaster Jim Steddum  
Temporary Delegate Reports – Adjutant Lee Lambert  
Credential and Election Rules – Bylaws Chairman David Dunn  
Bylaws Committee Report – Bylaws Chairman David Dunn  
Announcement of Teller Committee: Chairman David Dunn, 2 Members  
TBA  
Nomination of Officers for 2025–2026 – Commander Michael Gronkowski  
National Rep Remarks – Quartermaster General – Marc Garduno

**Recess**

6:00 – 10:00 PM    Social Room – Presidential Suite

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6: (Attire: Department Officers – Suit and Tie; All Others Business Casual)**

8 – 10 AM           **VFW Office — Banquet tickets must be picked up by 10:00AM**

8:00 – 8:50 AM     **Joint Opening Session**

Call to Order – Adjutant, Lee Lambert  
Invocation – Auxiliary Chaplain Suzanne Clemens  
Pledge of Allegiance – Audience

**Adjutant – Introduce following:**

Introduction of Auxiliary President - Jenny Hutto  
Introduction of Auxiliary National Rep – Cynthia Davis  
Introduction of Department Commander – Michael Gronkowski

Introduction of National Rep – Quartermaster General Marc Garduno  
Introduction of National Council Member – Scott Gedling

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6 (Continued):**

9:00 AM

**VFW Business Session**

Call to Order – Commander Michael Gronkowski  
Prayer – Chaplain Raymond Brandon  
Pledge of Allegiance – Audience  
Roll Call of Posts – Adjutant Lee Lambert  
Recognize National Rep – Quartermaster General Marc Garduno  
Recognize National Council Member – Scott Gedling  
Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs – Commissioner Jeff Newton,  
Brigadier Gen (Ret)  
Temporary Delegate Report – Adjutant Lee Lambert  
Membership – Commander Michael Gronkowski  
    District and Post Membership Award  
    Post Community Service Program Standings  
    All State Team Standings

11:00 AM

**RECESS FOR LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN**

1:00 PM

**VFW Business Session**

Credential and Election Rules – Bylaw Chairman David Dunn  
Final Delegate Report – Adjutant Lee Lambert  
Vote on Department Proposed Bylaw Changes  
Nominations & Elections of Officers for 2026 – 2027

4:00 PM

Installation of Officers for 2026 – 2027 Officers

5:30 PM

Cash Bar

6:00 PM

**Banquet – Dining Out (Suit and Tie / Formal Attire / Military Uniform)**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7:**

8:00 AM

MEMORIAL SERVICE

9:00 AM

**Special Council Meeting (2026-2027 CoA Members Must Attend)**

Approve Continued Budget Operations until August CoA Meeting.  
Approve Continued Budget Expenditure Guide until August CoA Meeting.  
Set 2026 – 2027 Delegate Dues

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commanders Guidance for all Elected and Appointed Department Officers and  
CoA After Action Review / Handoff