



August 11, 2021

Department Elected and Appointed Officers, District Commanders, Jr. Past State Commander, Department Historian, State Photographer, Department Veterans Service Officers, Department Sergeant-at-Arms, Past State Commanders, Aides to the State Commander, Advisors to the State Commander, Budget and Finance Chairman, Bylaws Chairman, Buddy Poppy Chairman, Citizenship, Education Chairman, Community Service Chairman, Legislative Chairman, Legislative Vice-Chairman, Legislative Committee Members, Life Membership Chairman, Membership Chairman and Vice Chairman, Military Assistance Chairman, National Home Chairman, POW/MIA Chairman, Safety Chairman, Student Veterans Association Liaison, Special Project Chairman, Scouter Chairman, Service Officer Raffle and Journal Chairman, Youth Development Chairman, Youth Activities Chairman.

Subject: 2021 VFW Fall Conference

State Commander Michael Hoag, Department of New York, Veterans of Foreign Wars cordially invites you to attend the 2021 VFW Fall Conference on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12205.

The Council of Administration Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 8, 2021 at 2:00 PM with the General Session on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 12:00 PM. There will not be a Council of Administration meal provided as there is a formal dinner scheduled for the evening.

There will be a Testimonial Dinner in honor of Past Commander-in-Chief William "Doc" Schmitz along with Past Department Commanders Thomas Todaro and Thomas Howard and Past Department Presidents Debbie Casella and Mary Makosky. The dinner is scheduled for Friday, October 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM with a cocktail hour commencing at 5:00 PM. Please see the attached dinner registration form.

There will be a Reception in honor of State Commander Michael Hoag and Department President Ruth Huber in conjunction with Commander Hoag's Homecoming at 6:00 PM on Saturday, October 9, 2021. The event will include a cash bar with complimentary drink tokens and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

For room reservations please call the Albany Marriott directly at (518) 458-8444. The VFW rate is \$117.00 per night. The cutoff date for reservations is Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

A schedule of events and meetings is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

**OFFICIAL**

Robert J. Mitchell, State Adjutant  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Department of New York

**DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**

69 Sand Creek Road  
Albany, New York 12205-1823



## 2021 VFW FALL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road,  
Albany, New York 12205

### Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

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Bylaws Committee Meeting	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
<u>Council of Administration Meeting</u>	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Testimonial Dinner	5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

### Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

Veterans Service Committee Meeting	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Legislative Committee Meeting	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Membership Meeting	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
<u>General Session</u>	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Stop-22 Program	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Church Service	Following Stop-22 Program
Commander/President's Reception	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

***"HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME"***

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**FALL CONFERENCE GENERAL SESSION SCHEDULE  
12:00 PM – SATURDAY – OCTOBER 9, 2021**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Michael Hoag, Commander

**OPENING PRAYER:** Rev. Edward R.P. Kane, Chaplain

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** Dave Rogers, Patriotic Instructor

**ROLL CALL:** Robert J. Mitchell, Adjutant

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Michael Hoag, Commander

**REPORTS:**

Membership	Eugene Ratigliano, PSC
Director of Veterans Service	Thomas Todaro, PSC
Financial Report	Daniel McMahan
Buddy Poppy	Rick Gales
Citizenship, Education	Carl Fosco
Community Activities	Ann Marie Hogancamp
OTI 2021	Peter Pennelle
Legislative	Marlene Roll, PSC
National Home	Arthur Scheuneman
POW/MIA	Pat Iuliucci
Inspections	Jim Haas
Military Assistance Program	Gary Wasserman
Youth Development (VOD)	William Hughes
Youth Activities (PP)	Jim McGovern
Special Projects	Dennis Sullivan, PSC
Safety Chairman	Elizabeth Gessel
Service Officer Raffle	Sean Dion
Service Officer Journal	Ray Thies
Scouting Chairman	Ronald Jubis
Student Veterans Liaison	John Wenig

**GUESTS:** Eugene Ratigliano, National C of A, PSC

**NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE:** Paul Spera, Past CIC

**CLOSING REMARKS:** Michael Hoag, Commander

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Rev. Edward R.P. Kane, Chaplain

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Dave Rogers, Patriotic Instructor

**ADJOURNMENT:** Michael Hoag, Commander

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**FALL CONFERENCE  
ALBANY, NEW YORK  
OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>-9<sup>TH</sup> 2021**



**TESTIMONIAL DINNER  
Friday – October 8, 2021**

**HONORING**

**Past Commander-in-Chief William “Doc” Schmitz  
Past Department Commander Thomas Todaro  
Past Department Commander Thomas Howard  
Past Department President Debbie Casella  
Past Department President Mary Makosky**

Marriott Hotel – Ballroom, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, New York

**Cocktails (Cash Bar): 5:00 – 6:00 PM     Dinner: 6:00 PM**

\$ 45.00 per person

Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings – mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetable

The above selection served with Warm Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Tea  
Apple pie for dessert

RSVP Required

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 – NO EXCEPTIONS**

POST/AUX#	County Council	District	Name	Address	Title

Number of Dinner Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 ea. \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:** Department of New York, Veterans of Foreign Wars  
**MAIL FORM & CHECK TO:** 69 Sand Creek Road, Albany, New York 12205

**VFW DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
COMMANDER and PRESIDENT**

**2021-2022**



Reception Honoring

State Commander Michael Hoag

Department President Ruth Huber

at

Commander Hoag's Homecoming

6:00 PM Saturday October 9, 2021

Cash bar with complimentary drink tokens

Heavy hors d'oeuvres

Entertainment

Grand Ballroom Albany Marriott

RSVP by September 30, 2021 to  
Jody Treadway at [JTreadway@VFWNY.com](mailto:JTreadway@VFWNY.com)



## *Saturday, October 9, 2021*

*Stop 22 is a partnership initiative between the Department of NY Veterans of Foreign Wars and one of the nations leading health and well-being companies HUMANA to increase awareness of Veterans committing suicide – 22 each day.*

*On Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the Dept of NY Fall Conference and at every Post in the Department and throughout the month of October, VFW and Auxiliary members will take the opportunity for a 22 minute walk/run to increase public awareness on veteran suicide. HUMANA will donate \$1,500 as a sponsorship donation to the project.*

*Each Post which desires to participate will register participants on the attached sheet and collect \$1.00 per participant, a portion of which will go to the Commander's Homeless Veterans Special Project in support of Homeless Veterans to assist in PTSD/Suicide Prevention & Awareness and a monetary award to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place Post with the most participants who conduct a Stop 22 walk or run on the same day.*

*\$500.00 to First Place Post  
\$250.00 to the Second Place Post  
\$100.00 to the Third Place Post*

*Registration sheet and photographs must be submitted to Dept HQ by November 16, 2021 to be considered in the contest. Each post at the Fall Conference will be considered an individual entrant so bring as many members as you like to boost your Posts chances of winning and increasing the numbers in support of suicide awareness. Participants in the walk will need NOT be VFW or Auxiliary members – the public is invited to participate!*



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**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
OF THE UNITED STATES**

*And its Auxiliaries*



***THEY MARCHED FOR US . . . WE  
WALK FOR THEM!***

In Support of Veteran Suicide Awareness

\$1.00 Registration going to Homeless Veterans Project to Assist  
in Suicide Prevention Awareness – Commander's Special  
Project & Post Awards

***STOP 22 WALK-A-THON***

***At the Department of NY Fall Conference  
Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Rd., Albany, NY  
Saturday, October 9, 2021 - 3:30 PM***



