

January 15, 2026

Post Commanders, National Deputy Chiefs of Staff, and Members,

Subject: 2026 VFW Spring Conference

State Commander James MacArthur, Department of New York, Veterans of Foreign Wars cordially invites you to attend the 2026 Spring Conference on March 27-28, 2026, at the Radisson Hotel Corning, 125 Denison Parkway East, Corning, New York 14830.

There will be a Council of Administration Meeting on Friday, March 27, 2026, at 6:00 PM and a General Session on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at 12:00 PM. There will be a dinner honoring our Service Officers on Saturday evening at 6:00 PM with a cocktail hour commencing at 5:00 PM. A dinner selection and reservation form is included in this mailing. Winners of the Department Service Officer Raffle will be announced at the dinner.

For room reservations please call the Radisson Hotel Corning, 125 Denison Parkway East, Corning, New York 14830 (607) 962-5000. A discounted VFW rate is available at one hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$129.00). The cutoff date for room reservations is Friday, March 6, 2026. **The Department does not cover your room or travel expenses for attending this conference, the expenses to attend this conference shall be your responsibility.**

On Saturday morning March 28, 2026 there will be a Membership Meeting at 10:00 AM. **State Commander MacArthur requests all who are present at the Spring Conference to attend this Membership Meeting.**

A Spring Conference schedule of events and meetings is enclosed for your information. Dress attire for the Council of Administration meeting is VFW casual. Dress attire for the General Session and Service Officer recognition dinner is VFW business (jacket & tie).

Sincerely,



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

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2026 VFW SPRING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Radisson Hotel Corning, 125 Denison Parkway East
Corning, New York 14830
(607) 962-5000**

Friday, March 27, 2026

2028 State Convention Bid	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
State Steering Committee 2026-2027 Candidate Interviews (State Steering Committee Only)	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Council of Administration Dinner (By Invitation Only)	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Council of Administration Meeting	6:00 PM

Saturday, March 28, 2026

District Sr. Vice Commander's Meeting	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Department Service Officer Meeting	8:00 AM -10:00 AM
Legislative Meeting	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Membership Meeting	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
<u>General Session</u>	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Church Service	Following General Session
Spring Conference Dinner *Cocktail Hour*	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Spring Conference Dinner	6:00 PM

"HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME"

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YOU DON'T WANT TO
MISS
THIS YEAR'S
SPRING CONFERENCE DINNER
RADISSON HOTEL
CORTLAND, NEW YORK
MARCH 28, 2026

**HONORING
OUR SERVICE OFFICERS
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNER
PATRIOT'S PEN WINNER**

**WINNERS OF THE
SERVICE OFFICER RAFFLE
WILL BE REVEALED!**

Cocktails (Cash Bar): 5:00-6:00 PM

Dinner: 6:00 PM

\$40.00 per person

Dinner selection on reverse side

Your dinner entrée choices below:

Choices:

#1 Breast of Chicken—Boneless Breast of Chicken prepared with Marsala Sauce

#2 Yankee Pot Roast with Pan Sauce, Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes

#3 Shrimp Scampi—Sauteed in Butter and Garlic, served over Linguine

Dinner is served with Garden Green Salad, seasonal vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & Hot Tea

Dessert will be Chocolate Flourless Cake

DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 16, 2026

Number of Dinner Tickets: _____ @ \$40.00 each _____ TOTAL _____

PAYMENT IS EITHER BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD

If paying by credit card please fill out all fields:

Name on Card

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date: ____ / ____

CRV Code on Back Last 3 Numbers on back of card, for AMEX, 4 numbers on the front

If paying by check please make checks payable to Department of New York VFW and mail with completed form to:

Department of New York VFW, 69 Sand Creek Road, Albany, NY 12205

Credit Card payment can be emailed to: **JTreadway@vfwny.com**

SPRING CONFERENCE DOG PARADE

Come One, Come All!!
Bring Your Stuffed Dogs, Big or Small!!

A \$5 registration fee will be charged PER dog and PER category.

The 5 Categories will be:

- Most Patriotic
- Most Unique
- Biggest
- Smallest
- Softest

Each registered dog will receive a one-of-a-kind Buddy Poppy Bandana, signed by "Honor", and a tin tab poppy. Dogs may be registered in as many categories as the owner wishes.

Tickets will be sold to vote for the winner of each category.

Dogs may be kept or donated to a local fire department or police station after event.



Spring Conference 2026 Puppy Parade

Pre-Registration Form

Please **Circle** Your Chosen Categories from the List Below

*Enter **AS MANY DOGS** in **AS MANY CATEGORIES** As You Would Like*

Most Patriotic

Most Unique

Biggest

Smallest

Softest

Dog Owner Name: _____

of Dogs: _____ # of Categories @ \$5/each: _____

TOTAL: \$ _____ Check # _____

*A Check or Money Order is Preferred, Made out to “**Dept. of NY VFW Auxiliary**” MEMO LINE – Special Project NY Houses*

****Please note New York’s Chairman resides in Kentucky****

Please Mail This Form with Payment to:

Sharon Combs

98 Beech Court

Elizabethtown, KY 42701



DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS MARCH 1, 2026