# VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
## Twenty-first National Convention
### Orlando, Florida
#### August 8 – 12, 2023

**Draft #19**

**TUESDAY, August 8, 2023**

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<td>National Board of Directors meeting</td>
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<td>6:00pm – 8:30pm</td>
<td>Welcome Home Party</td>
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<td>Convention floor open for delegates</td>
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Credentials Office open  
Salon 18

Note: Registration, VVA Office, Credentials Office, Elections Office Media Office will be closed during Opening Ceremony)

9:00am – 12:00pm  
Convention opening session  
Grand A/B/C

Invocation –  
Presentation of Colors –  
National Anthem –  
Pledge of Allegiance – Hotel employees (Veterans)  
Introduction of Officers  
Welcome – Jack McManus, President  
Welcome – Florida State Council President – John McGinty  
Welcome – AVVA President – Sharon Hobbs  
Keynote Speaker – Homer Hickham

(Five minute break at conclusion of opening ceremony to allow guests to depart hall. Marshals will ensure that only delegates are seated on convention floor)

Credentials Committee –Richard Lindbeck, Chair  
Rules Committee – Joe Jennings, Chair  
Adoption of Agenda – Bill Meeks, National Secretary  
Constitution Committee- Leslie DeLong, Chair  
Resolutions Committee- Leslie DeLong, Chair  
Elections Committee- Scott DeArman, Chair  
Announcements- Wes Guidry, Director of Meetings  
Strategy for the future of VVA – Jack McManus, President

12:00pm – 1:15pm  
AVVA luncheon  
Jr. Ballroom G  
(Advance tickets required)

1:00pm – 2:30pm  
Committee hearings on resolutions  
Agent Orange/Dioxin Committee  
Salon 3/4  
POW Committee  
Salon 5/6  
PTSD and Substance Abuse Committee  
Salon 1/2  
Veterans Benefits Committee  
Salon 9/10  
Veterans Incarcerated Committee  
Salon 11/12

2:30pm – 4:00pm  
Committee hearings on resolutions  
Membership Affairs Committee  
Salon 3/4  
Public Affairs Committee  
Salon 5/6  
Health Care Committee  
Salon 1/2  
Women Veterans Committee  
Salon 9/10  
Homeless Veterans Committee  
Salon 11/12

4:00pm – 5:30pm  
Committee hearings on resolutions  
Minority Affairs Committee  
Salon 3/4  
Government Affairs Committee  
Salon 5/6  
Constitution Committee  
Salon 1/2  
ETBO  
Salon 11/12  
Resolution Committee  
Salon 9/10

6:00pm – 6:30pm  
Candidates briefing  
Salon 3/4

7:00pm  
Regional caucuses

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**THURSDAY, August 10, 2023**

7:30am – 8:45am  Service Representatives' breakfast  Signature 2

8:00am – 5:00pm  Situation Room opens (meeting planner)  Salon 19

8:00am – 5:00pm  VVA Office & VVA Media office open  Salon 23

8:00am  AVVA office Closed  Suite 235

9:00am – 5:00pm  Elections Committee office open  Salon 24

9:00am – 5:00pm  THE VETERANS MALL open  Grand D/E

8:00am – 4:30pm  Convention registration  Registration Desk 2

8:00am – 4:30pm  Credentials Office open  Salon 18

9:00am – 5:00pm  AVVA Convention General Session  Salon 9/10

9:00am – 11:45am  Convention General session  Grand A/B/C

Guest speakers - TBA
- Credentials Committee – Richard Lindbeck, Chair
- Elections Committee – Scott DeArman, Chair
- Announcements – Wes Guidry, Director of Meetings
- Announcement of VVA awards
- Recognitions & Introductions
- Delegates act on Constitution amendments – Leslie DeLong, Chair
- Reading and action on Resolutions – Leslie DeLong, Chair

12:00pm – 1:30pm  Lunch (on your own)

12:00pm  Registration deadline for voting eligibility

1:30pm – 3:00pm  Convention General session (continues)  Grand A/B/C

7:00pm  Regional caucuses

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**FRIDAY, August 11, 2023**

7:00am - 7:30am  POW/MIA Ceremony  Grand A/B/C

7:30am – 8:45am  Women Veterans breakfast  Signature 2

(Advance tickets required)

8:30am – 5:00pm  Situation Room opens (meeting planner)  Salon 19

8:00am – 5:00pm  VVA Office & VVA Media office open  Salon 23

9:00am – 5:00pm  THE VETERANS MALL open  Grand D/E

9:00am - 10:30am  VVA elections/voting  Salon 3/4

9:00am – 10:30am  AVVA Candidate forum  Salon 9/10
AVVA Election
Salon 9/10
10:30am – 12:00pm AVVA Reconvene (if needed) Salon 9/10
11:00am – 1:00pm Convention General session Grand A/B/C
   Announcements – Wes Guidry, Director of Meetings
   Announcement of VVA awards
   Reading and acting on Resolutions – John Margowski, Chair

1:00pm Lunch (on your own)

2:30pm Convention General session resumes Guillford ABC

When adjourned Chapel of Four Chaplains ceremony Guillford ABC

When adjourned Meet and greet with Laurel Schaefer-Bozoukoff, Miss America 1972 Hallway of ABC

6:00pm – 9:00pm Friday Night Special Executive Ballroom

SATURDAY, August 12, 2023

7:30am – 8:45am Legislative Coordinator breakfast Signature 2
   (Advance tickets required)
8:00am – 10:00am AVVA New board meeting Suite 235
9:00am – 5:00pm Situation Room opens (meeting planner) Salon 19
9:00am – 5:00pm Elections Committee office open Salon 24
9:00am – 12:00pm THE VETERANS MALL opens Grand D/E
9:00am – 10:30am VVA run-off election (if needed) Salon 3/4
10:00am Convention General session Grand A/B/C
   Elections Committee – Scott DeArman, Chair
   Resolutions (if required)
   Announcements – Wes Guidry, Director of Meetings
   Announcement of VVA awards
   Recognitions & Introductions

At conclusion of National Board of Directors meeting (new board) Salon 3 & 4
   General Session
12:00pm Lunch (on own)

5:30pm – 7:00pm Pre-banquet reception Foyer

7:00pm VVA Awards Banquet Grand A/B/C
   (Advance tickets required)