

Veterans Affairs Department

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October 26, 2016

This letter serves as official notice of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Veterans Affairs Department Annual Conference. Veterans Affairs Department Officers and Members: Please share this communication with all members and interested parties.

Subject: 2017 Veterans Affairs Annual Conference

To: Officers and Members of the Veterans Affairs Department

We solicit your continuous support as we prepare for the 2017 Veterans Affairs Department Annual Conference.

Dispensation from The Elks Grand Lodge has been received for the 2017 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Veterans Affairs Department Conference, to be held at The Grand Lodge; Winton, NC. March 16<sup>th</sup> thru March 18<sup>th</sup> 2017. All meeting events will be at the Grand Lodge.

Lodging will be on your own and at the Grand Lodge it will be on a first come first served basis. Enclosed are pre-registration forms, ad contract, and the agenda. Feel free to make copies as needed. If you have not submitted your 2016 dues that were due May 1, 2016, or wish to pay your 2017 dues they can be sent now to The Veterans Affairs Department; P.O. Box 3325, Bethlehem, PA 18017. **You must be financial to attend.**

**Souvenir Journal:** a full page ad (**\$60.00**) a half page ad (**\$40.00**) a quarter page ad (**\$30.00**). Please forward all ads and money to: The Veterans Affairs Department; P.O. Box 3325 Bethlehem, PA 18017. **Deadline for ads is February 24, 2017.**

**Executive and Advisory Board meeting will be held on Thursday morning, March 16, 2017 (10:00 - 11:00 A.M.) followed by the opening session at 11AM.**

We are asking for everyone's support. We need your help and God's blessings to make this a successful event. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to seeing you in March.

Fraternally,

*Jeffery L. Wright*

*Wanda M. Grover*

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Grand Commissioner

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# 23rd Annual Veterans Affairs Conference

Winton, NC

March 16 -18, 2017

Pre-Registration deadline: February 24, 2017:

Pre-Registration \$70.00 - On-site: \$75.00

!!! Please Print !!!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge/Temple: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2017 Official Souvenir Journal Ad Request

### \*Ads\*

Full page 8.5 x11 Ad — \$60.00

1/2 page 5.5 x 8 Ad — \$40.00

1/4 page 2 x 4 — \$30.00

Photos — add \$5.00 each

!!! Please print and check spelling on all ads!!!

Please return pre-registration forms & ads no later than February 24, 2017

**Make all checks or money order payable to: Veterans**

**Affairs Department \*Mail to: PO Box 3325**

**Bethlehem, PA 18017**

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# AGENDA

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Veterans Affairs Conference

Thursday: March 16, 2017

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	<b>Registration</b>
10 AM – 11 AM	Executive and Advisory Board Meeting
11 AM – 1 PM	Invocation Post Colors Pledge of Allegiance Elks Ode POW Memorial Ceremony Elks Welcome   N.C. State Presidents Local Welcome   Elks Grand Secretary- PGER Richard Dennis Response to Welcome   President of the Presidents Introduction of Dignitaries – Grand Commissioner
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Joint VAD report – Grand Commissioner
7:00 PM–10:00 PM	<b>Commissioner's Reception: Elks National Shrine, Winton NC</b>

Friday: March 17, 2017

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Reading of previous minutes: Secretary Deputy Report   Deputy Grand Commissioner PGER _____ Deputy Report   Deputy Grand Directress PGDR Dethelder Lang Assistant Commissioners Reports North, South, East, West
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Guest Speaker for Conference: VAVS representative on scope of Hospital Volunteering &amp; Credits</b>
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Partial Credential Report Department Position requirements: Roles and Duties
9:00 PM – Midnight	<b>DISCO</b>

Saturday: March 18, 2017

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Registration
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Recommendations for VAD 2018 Conference Location Open Questions and Remark period Good of the Order Final Remarks Benediction
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	<b>Banquet &amp; Dancing</b>

Safe journey and GOD'S Speed to all as we depart

Hope to see you in Baltimore

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# Veterans Affairs Department Membership May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2017

Last Name	First Name	Initial
Address	City/State	Zip
Phone #	Email	
Department Position	Lodge/Temple	City/State
Your Local VA Hospital	Position (Rep/Deputy/Volunteer)	City/State
Status (Veteran/Active duty/non- vet)	Proof	Verified(only by GR DIR)
War Era Served		
Mail form and payment to: Veterans Affairs Department*PO Box 3325* Bethlehem, PA 18017		

**Dues: Vets \$15.00      Non-Vets \$18.00      1**

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### 2016 Bylaws

**Are available for purchase for \$8.00**

**Make Checks or Money orders out to:**

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. Alexander".

William H. Alexander  
VAD National Secretary

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