



Attn: VFW Military Order of the Cooties,

In preparation for the VFW Patriotic Celebration March on Tuesday, July 28th, at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center, all participants are requested to be in position in the designated area by 5:30 p.m. in Hall 2.

Commander-in-Chief Carol Whitmore has requested that her team of Department Commanders and Presidents march as a group in the parade just behind the VFW National Officers and Council Members. (The Department Presidents will march in a group just behind the VFW Auxiliary National Officers and Council Members.) This will give you the opportunity to salute the Commander-in-Chief and National President whom you served in 2025–2026. Outgoing Department Commanders may walk with their Department after they march with their class. Lastly, the parade order will be published in the Convention App for the Patriotic Celebration event.

All participants, including your color guard which are welcome, but not mandatory, are requested to be in position, in the designated area, for the lineup.

All participants are welcome and encouraged to dress “Patriotic.” (Please dress accordingly to the local weather and make sure your members are well hydrated. There will be water available on the premises for the marchers.)

The parade order is based on the membership numerical gain or loss of your department as of June 30, 2026. There will be a sign with your state’s name on it located in the assembly area, Tuesday, July 28th, 5:15 p.m., indicating your department’s position in the Patriotic March.

See what the excitement is all about [127th VFW National Convention Patriotic Celebration !](#)

Please don’t forget to get teams signed up and sponsor a set of cornhole boards for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual VFW Cornhole Tournament. [Register Here](#)

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### **General VFW Patriotic March Rules**

1. *All persons are requested to be in position by 5:30 p.m. in the staging area, in Hall 2.*
2. *In order to meet a set time schedule, the march must start at 6:00 p.m.*
3. *Distance between each unit is approximately twenty paces.*
4. *The Department Commander and President will pass in review. The Commander-in-Chief and National President will review the Parade.*
5. *Have fun!!!*

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