

# RENO WEB VERSION PRE-REGISTRATION BROCHURE July 18-23, 2020

*Note: This information will be updated periodically.*

## **WELCOME TO RENO**

Reno Tahoe is a premier four-season destination with countless activity options for visitors including award-winning craft breweries, bars and restaurants, diverse outdoor excursions, exciting art and cultural activities, and historical attractions. Recent investments in the Midtown District, Brewery District and downtown Reno all make the destination even more amazing! This is a great time to enjoy the Reno Tahoe experience!

And with Lake Tahoe just a 40-minute drive from downtown Reno, additional opportunities for pre- and post-convention activities are accessible and abundant. To find out how to get the most out of your time in Reno, go to [VisitRenoTahoe.com](http://VisitRenoTahoe.com).

## **CONVENTION LOCATION**

Convention activities will take place at the Reno Sparks Convention Center located at 4590 South Virginia Street, Reno, NV

## **LOCATION**

**Reno-Sparks:** Located at the base of the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada, 13 miles east of the Nevada-California state line on Interstate 80. **Lake Tahoe:** Bisected by Nevada-California borders, Lake Tahoe is 40 minutes southwest of Reno in the Sierra Nevada.

Nine major airlines service the Reno-Sparks area making it accessible from most U. S. cities. Reno-Tahoe International Airport welcomes 120 daily [flights](#) with more than 50 airports nationwide offering either non-stop or one-stop air service.

Reno-Sparks averages more than 300 days of sun each year with wide variations in temperatures during a 24-hour period. Its dry, mild climate makes it attractive to visitors year-round. Rand McNally rates the area #1 for outdoor activities.

Average temperature in Reno during July: High – 90, Low-58, Lake Tahoe: High 80s, Low-40s

## **WHAT TO WEAR**

A general guideline for attire for the convention is business casual for meetings. For VFW members, it is always appropriate to have your cap on hand for meetings. Jackets are not required unless you are an award recipient (for example, Community Service Post, All American Commanders) and may be on stage to receive your award as photographs are taken during those functions. You may wish to bring and wear patriotic or themed apparel for the Tuesday night Patriotic Celebration. (*See Patriotic Celebration information in this document*).

## **AIRPORT SHUTTLE**

The airport is 10 minutes from downtown. Most hotels, offer complimentary airport to hotel shuttle service. Taxis, limousines, buses and shuttles provide airport service to anywhere in the valley.

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

Taxis, buses and rental cars are available. Visit [www.visitrenotahoe.com](http://www.visitrenotahoe.com) for additional information.

RTC RAPID is a limited-stop bus service designed to move swiftly along its route, similar to a light rail system. RTC RAPID makes only six stops as it traverses Virginia Street between downtown Reno and the Meadowood Mall. An electronic system permits drivers to control traffic signals as they approach intersections, eliminating long waits at red lights. RTC RAPID is equipped with new articulated 60-foot hybrid diesel/electric buses.

RTC RAPID runs every 10 minutes from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. It's every 30 minutes from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, RTC RAPID service is every 12 minutes from 6:36 a.m. to 7 p.m. and every 30 minutes from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## **PARKING**

Parking at most hotels is complimentary. Parking information, costs etc., for the convention center will be available at a later date.

## **REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP**

See on site convention agenda (event guide distributed on-site on 7/18/20) for times and locations of registration/packet pick-up. Registration for both VFW and Auxiliary will be located in Hall 1&2 of the Reno Sparks Convention Center.

*Note: Want to get register early? Try Remote Registration." Both the VFW and Auxiliary will have remote registration for those who are **PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES ONLY** and want to pick up their name badges early. You will be able to do that at the VFW Headquarter hotel, Grand Sierra and the Auxiliary Headquarter hotel, Atlantis.*

*Note: VFW- Your actual convention packet will be picked up at the center on Saturday, 7/18/20. Not pre-registered or on-site registration - If you haven't yet registered, you will need to do that beginning on Saturday, 7/18/20, 8a at the Convention center.*

### **Auxiliary 'remote' pre-registration:**

Atlantis - Locations/times: **To be advised.**

### **VFW 'remote' pre-registration.**

Grand Sierra - Locations/times: **To be advised.**

## **VISITOR INFORMATION**

For additional visitor information go to [www.visitrenotahoe.com](http://www.visitrenotahoe.com)

## **PACKET PICK-UP**

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## **SHUTTLES**

Shuttle service will be provided from the following hotels: **Grand Sierra Resort**. The Atlantis hotel is connected via walkway to the Reno Sparks Convention Center. The following is a **tentative** schedule. If you require special transportation (handicap/scooter/wheelchair), contact the shuttle provider at the number on your event schedule (*obtained on-site*). A final shuttle schedule will be included in the on-site event guide and will be updated on the VFW convention web page prior to the convention dates.

**Saturday, July 18, 2020**

**Sunday, July 19, 2020**

**Monday, July 20, 2020**

**Tuesday, July 21, 2020**

**Wednesday, July 22, 2020**

**Thursday, July 23, 2020**

## **HOTEL INFORMATION**

Housing opens in February (18<sup>th</sup>)— you may access a housing information, reservations form beginning in February by going to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) at the convention website. The two official convention hotels for the 121st National convention are:

- Grand Sierra Resort - *VFW Headquarters hotel*
- Atlantis –*Auxiliary headquarters hotel*

## **HOTEL PARKING**

Parking at each of the VFW Hotels is complimentary.

## **LUGGAGE STORAGE**

If you wish to store your luggage at the hotel before you check in, or after checking out before departure, please make arrangements with guest services.

## **GRATUITIES**

You are responsible for all gratuities during your stay. Tipping is personal, as a guideline, we recommend gratuities of \$1 per day for your housekeeper and \$1 per bag for taxicab drivers and hotel bell-staff.

## **PHONE MESSAGES**

Messages may be left with the hotel operator, who will make sure you get them as soon as you return to your hotel. In case of emergency, call the VFW National Headquarters 816-756-3390.

## **SAFETY TIPS** (See hotel information located in room)

## **SPECIAL SERVICES**

### **Scooter/Wheelchair Rental**

- Scootaround – 888-441-7575 – Reservations open 7 days a week

**Special Screenings** (Information available on-site at Health Fair located in Hall 1 & 2 of the Reno Sparks Convention Center.

**First Aid Room Location** - [Reno-Sparks Convention Center, open during convention hours](#) Thursday, July 16-Thursday, July 23.

**Emergency**--Emergency after hour's numbers provided before convention or call 911.

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## **RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

Catholic Mass is scheduled for Saturday, July 18 at 6p and Sunday, July 19 at 7a at the Reno Sparks Convention Center. Protestant Services are scheduled for Saturday, July 18 at 6p. *Check on-site event form for room locations.*

## **SUNDAY NIGHT CONCERT**

Join VFW and Auxiliary Members for a concert on Sunday evening, July 19, featuring The Heist playing music from the 50s60s70s.

## **VFW MEMORIAL SERVICE**

The VFW/Auxiliary Joint Annual Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, July 19, 8:30am at the Reno Sparks Convention Center in Hall 4&5.

## **VFW PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION**

Patriotic Celebration, Tuesday, July 21, 6:30p-8:30p. Patriotic March to be held at the Reno Sparks Convention Center in Hall 4&5.

To keep in the Patriotic Spirit of this yearly event, why not buy some patriotic apparel? Go to <http://www.vfwstore.org/category/patriotic/apparel?page=1&size=100>

## **AGENDA**

See tentative web agenda at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) 121st VFW National Convention information. A final agenda will be provided on-site and can be found by downloading the VFW Mobile App approximately 2 weeks before the convention.

## **CHARITY AUCTION**

The VFW will hold a silent auction from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, July 18, through Tuesday, July 21 at noon. Winners will be listed at the Auction booth Tuesday afternoon by 2:00 p.m. Items may be paid for and picked up from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Tuesday and 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday July 22. The following payment methods are accepted: cash (in exact amount), check (made payable to the VFW) and the following credit cards will be accepted: Visa, Master Card, AMEX and Discover. If an item has NOT been picked up prior to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, it will be packaged and shipped to National Headquarters to be dispersed from there. The winners will be contacted for a shipping address and shipping costs will be applied to their bid. Please be advised that the VFW National Headquarters will not be responsible for damage during shipping. Silent auction items that are donated by VFW Departments may be previewed in Exhibit Hall 1 & 2 of the Reno Sparks Convention Center. Auction proceeds will benefit the Veterans and Military Support program.

## **General Information Reno:**

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/things-to-do/insider-guide/> Ultimate Insiders Guide of Interesting Things to do. (Interactive with map)

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/restaurants/> Dining like a local

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/things-to-do/outdoor-activities/> Outdoor Activities

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/things-to-do/tours/> Tours

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/things-to-do/arts-and-culture/> Arts & Culture

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/things-to-do/spas/> Spas

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/things-to-do/shopping/> Shopping

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/things-to-do/nightlife/> Nightlife

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/travel-trade/clothing-and-climate/> Clothing and Climate

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/plan-your-trip/flights-to-reno-tahoe/> Flights

For more information:

**Visitor Information**

**Reno Tahoe USA... Far from expected**

Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority (RSCVA)

800-FOR-RENO (800-367-7366)

[www.VisitRenoTahoe.com](http://www.VisitRenoTahoe.com)

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