

# Big 10 Conference

October 13-15, 2017



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Welcome to MINNESOTA! Land of scenic lakes, beautiful fall leaves, and cool autumn nights. These are just a few of the things we have to offer you when you attend the 2017 Big 10 Conference in Minnesota.

We have chosen a beautiful Marriott Airport location providing comfortable accommodations, free parking and free shuttle service to and from the airport as well as local attractions. Please visit our event website often as we continue to post more details about our event: [www.mn.gov/vfw](http://www.mn.gov/vfw)

You will find many types of attractions at your finger tips. Fall fishing is great on the local lakes. The Mall of America and IKEA are must see locations to be experienced. The art and science museums are just a short distance away and worth the trip.

Plan to enjoy some Midwest Hospitality- our great registration package includes beverages and meals Friday evening all the way through Saturday night. You won't want to miss the great Minnesota treats planned for you!

As you can see, we have a great deal to offer our Big 10 Conference guests and visitors. We are looking forward to your time with us, and if we can do anything to make your stay more memorable, please let us know. See you in 2017...

Yours in Comradeship,

Rick Bugbee  
State Commander (2017-2018)

Patrick Bohmer  
Big "10" Chairman

Loyally,

Gail Brekke  
State President (2017-2018)



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## Tour Opportunities

We would like to offer the following Tour Opportunities for your consideration during the 2017 Big 10 Conference in Minnesota:

### US Bank Stadium Tours

**SEE:** Guided adventure through the U.S. Bank Stadium will give you behind-the-scenes access to the new home of the Minnesota Vikings. Discover the inner workings of this State-of-the-Art stadium including premium clubs and suites, the Thomson Reuters Press Level, stadium art collection, team locker room, stadium floor and so much more. The knowledgeable Tour Guides are well-versed on building architecture, Vikings history and sustainability features of the Stadium.

**LENGTH:** 90 minutes

**COST:** \$14 per person

**MINIMUM GROUP SIZE FOR TOUR TO OCCUR:** 20 people

### Historic Fort Snelling

**SEE:** Built in the early 1820s, Historic Fort Snelling is a great place to learn about military history from before the Civil War through World War II, fur trade history, slavery in Minnesota, the U.S.– Dakota War of 1862 and much more. Its location—at the junction of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers— has been significant for centuries to many American Indian Communities. Visit all regular stops within the historic fort, as well as the exhibit and film in the Visitor Center.

**LENGTH:** 2 Hours

**COST:** \$10 per person

**MINIMUM GROUP SIZE FOR TOUR TO OCCUR:** 15 people

**DEADLINE DATE FOR TOUR INTEREST:**  
**August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

*(A limited number of spots may still be available after this deadline, but we MUST have the minimum number of attendees for a tour by the deadline in order for a tour to take place.)*

**Big 10 TOURS 2017**

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**SEND FORM TO:** MN Veterans of Foreign Wars, Rice Street Station, PO Box 17146, St Paul, MN 55117  
**Or Email** Required info to [melodymnvfw@vfwmn.us](mailto:melodymnvfw@vfwmn.us)

NAME(S) & TITLES: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPT: \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Aux (Circle One) \_\_\_\_\_

TOUR CHOICE: (Please prioritize if interested in both)  STADIUM  FORT SNELLING

TOUR DAY PREFERENCE: (Please prioritize if interested in both)  FRIDAY  SUNDAY

**We will confirm Tour plans and collect fess starting September 1st, 2017.**





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## Program AD Book Form

Welcome to Minnesota and the 2017 Big Ten Conference

The Conference will be held at the Minneapolis Marriott Airport, located at 2020 American Blvd.,  
Bloomington, Minnesota

We, as the Host State are responsible for preparing a "Big Ten Conference Program Book". To help us complete this mission we are offering ADS to all Departments, Districts, Posts and Auxiliaries interested in placing an AD in our 2017 Big Ten Conference Program.

### **AD BOOK RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

<u>PAGE SIZE</u>	<u>RATES</u>
FULL PAGE (8" X 11")	\$200.00
ONE HALF PAGE	\$125.00
ONE QUARTER PAGE	\$75.00

ALL ADS ***MUST*** BE READY TO BE SENT TO THE PRINTER "AS IS".

*Our printer has notified us that ads which are not camera ready will be charged an extra \$10.00.*

**QUESTIONS:** Call Melody 651-291-1757 or [melodymnvfw@vfwmn.us](mailto:melodymnvfw@vfwmn.us)

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Department MN V.F.W.

**EMAIL Ads to:** [melodymnvfw@vfwmn.us](mailto:melodymnvfw@vfwmn.us)

**MAIL Check (and Ads) TO:** Dept of MN Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Rice Street Station  
PO Box 17146  
St Paul, MN 55117

**DEADLINE DATE FOR BOOKLET:**  
***September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

## Half Page Ad

8 x 5 1/8

### **Things you should think about while making an ad!!**

- **Does my Ad look good in a Gray Scale?**
  - Light colors such as red and yellow do not look good in a gray scale.
- **Are the quality of my pictures in my ad good?**
  - The higher quality of picture you have the better we can make you ad look. We prefer them to be 300 DPI or better.
- **Is my add layout correct?**
  - A full page is just that a full page.
  - For a Half page layout look to the top of the page and a Quarter page is to the right.
- **Is you Ad formatted correctly?**
  - We accept Word, Publisher, JPEG and Tiff.
- **How can I guarantee the best Quality for my ad?**
  - Send it to us electronically either in a CD or Email.
  - If you send it in hard copy, print your ad in the highest quality setting your printer can go and have it print in a gray scale NOT color. Also try not to fold you ad.

**Any questions please email Melody at  
[melodymnvfw@vfwmn.us](mailto:melodymnvfw@vfwmn.us)**

## Quarter Page Ad

3 3/4 x 5 1/8



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## Advanced Registration

Location: Minneapolis Marriott Airport, 2020 American Blvd., Bloomington, MN 55425

**\$115.00 registration fee includes:**

- ❖ Ditty Bag
- ❖ Two (2) drink tickets (for either Friday's Hospitality Mixer or Saturday's Banquet)
- ❖ Friday Hors D'oeuvres at Hospitality Mixer
- ❖ Saturday Breakfast
- ❖ Saturday Lunch
- ❖ Banquet ticket for Saturday evening

**Advance Registration Deadline Postmarked By October 1, 2017**

*Late registration will be \$125 per person*

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Department MN V.F.W.

**MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT TO:** Dept of MN V.F.W.  
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PO Box 17146  
St Paul, MN 55117

**Big 10 Registration 2017**

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\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPT: \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Aux (Circle One) \_\_\_\_\_ *Special Dietary Needs?* \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL # REGISTRANTS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHK #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\$115 per person POSTMARKED by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>... \$125 per person after

**Transportation Information:**

**DRIVING:** *Arrival* Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ *Departure* Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**FLYING:** *Arrival* Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Airline/Flight # \_\_\_\_\_

*Departure* Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Airline/Flight # \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER:** Type: \_\_\_\_\_ *Arrival* Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ *Departure* Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Advanced HOTEL Registration

Location: Minneapolis Marriott Airport, 2020 American Blvd., Bloomington, MN 55425

In order to be processed, all information must be complete. Please fill out a separate form for each room being requested. Housing requests will be handled as received.

**FULL Name** (Please PRINT)

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone  Post/Auxiliary No.  Department

**Rooms:**      **Rate per Night:**

**Special Requests:**

- \$109.00 plus tax    -Single (one bed)
- \$109.00 plus tax    -Double (two beds)

Sharing with:

Arrival Date       Departure Date

FREE Parking  
\*\*\*  
Directly Across from  
Mall of America & IKEA  
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FREE SHUTTLE to  
Airport, Mall & more

**Credit Card Information:** (Reservation **MUST** include guarantee deposit)

Type of card:       Number:

Expiration Date:       Name on Card:

**OR**      Check #  for one (1) night made to **Mpls Marriott Airport**

**NOTE:** You may include an email address for receipt confirmation from MN Department Headquarters  
**Yes-I would like to receive an Email from Department confirming my 'Reservation has been Received'**

**Email address:**

<p><b>Mail reservations to:</b> Department of Minnesota, VFW Rice Street Station PO Box 17146 St. Paul, MN 55117</p>	<p><b>Questions??</b> Contact Melody at Dept. Headquarters 651-291-1757 melodymnvfw@vfwmn.us</p>
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**\*\*\*DEADLINE DATE: September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017\*\*\***