



MARYLAND-DELAWARE-DC MOOSE ASSOCIATION

MID YEAR CONFERENCE

MARCH 12 – MARCH 15, 2026

PRINCESS ROYALE HOTEL – OCEAN CITY, MD

The Association Welcomes Our Official Visitor

John Sipes

Mooseheart Board of Directors Chairman

Heart of the Community Event

FIDOS FOR FREEDOM

Fidos for Freedom is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities by providing specially trained service and therapy dogs.

Mission and Services

Fidos for Freedom has been operating since 1987, focusing on enhancing the independence and quality of life for individuals with mobility impairments, hearing loss, and veterans suffering from combat-related PTSD. The organization trains various types of assistance dogs including: Mobility Service Dogs, Hearing Dogs, PTSD Service Dogs and Therapy Dogs.

Suggested Donations in Support of the Conference

Please make checks payable to:

MD/DE/DC Moose Association

Fidos for Freedom
Youth Awareness
Lyons/Krass College Scholarship
Harkins Trade School Scholarship
International Moose Legion Council President Fund

Moose Charities

Endowment
Mooseheart: Uniting Hearts,
Expanding Horizons (\$20K Commit)
MD-DE-DC Home Renovations (\$60K)

Safe Surfin' – Checks made to Safe Surfin'

Note in MEMO line which activity

Registration Hours –

Thursday 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am – 1:45 pm

Thursday – March 12, 2026

- Past President's Luncheon/Meeting – outside hotel. By Invitation Only 11:30 am
- Presenters meet with Tim McElwain to review presentations and power points 1:00 pm
to assure all is in order
- Association Executive Committee and District Presidents with hotel staff 3:00 pm
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- Official Visitor Dinner by Invitation Only 5:30 pm

**** Pilgrim Fundraiser – Open to All Members and Qualified Guests****

Lo Ball (gaming not pool) Tournament

7:30 pm

Eleuthera Room

***Special Note: Dress is business casual for members during all sessions.**

All officers shall dress in business formal during conference sessions*

Friday – March 13, 2026

Session #1 9:45 am – 12:00 noon

- Call to Order/Welcome/Opening Tim Gaverth – President
- Safety Briefing Tim Gaverth -President
- Invocation Brian Ruggles– Chaplain
- Presentation of Colors VFW Mason-Dixon
Post 7234 – Ocean View, DE
- Pledge of National Anthem / Pledge of Allegiance Tim Gaverth – President
- Recognition First Time Attendees Tim Gaverth– President
- Recognition First Responders & EMT Tim Gaverth – President
- Roll Call of Officers & Chairpersons Patricia Cihak – Secretary

- Explanation of Roll Call Procedures
- Roll Call Lodges – Presidents/Administrators/Senior Regents/Treasurer/Members
- Initial Credential Report
- Address Association President
- Introduction of Official Visitor/Opening Remarks
- Official Visitor Opening Comments

- Video – Scott Hart C.E.O.
- Comments Chapter Advocate
- Workshop #1 – Financial Review

- Secretary Comments
- 50/50 Drawings/Door Prizes
- Recess
- Endowment Collection at Door

Patricia Cihak
District Presidents

Peggy Miles – Chairperson
Tim Gaverth - President
Tim Gaverth – President
John Sipes – Mooseheart
Board of Directors Chairman

Patricia Cihak – CAC
Jean Gaverth – Traveling
Administrator, FRS
Patricia Cihak - Secretary

Lunch 12:00 noon -1:30 pm

Session #2 – March 13, 2026

1:45 pm – 4:00 pm

- President Presiding
- Safety Briefing
- Heart of the Community Service
Presentation on Mid-Year Conference Project – Fidos for Freedom
- Video – Gary Urweiller – Executive Director Mooseheart
- Special Mooseheart Presentation

- Video – Helen Taylor – Executive Director Moosehaven
- Special Moosehaven Presentation
- Workshop #2 – Lodge-Chapter-Moose Legion
- Safe Surfin’ Presentation
- Roll Call of Lodges – Presidents/Administrators/Senior Regents/Treasurer/Members
- Secretary Comments
- 50/50 Drawings/Door Prizes
- Recess
- Endowment – Collection at door

Tim Gaverth – President
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Debbie Herbert - Chairperson

John Sipes Mooseheart Board of
Directors Chairman

Bill Trice - Chairman
TBD

Rebecca Dougherty - Chairperson
District Presidents

Patricia Cihak - Secretary

Conference Recessed

Women of the Moose Meeting – 4:30 pm – Eleuthera Room

Academy Rehearsal – 5:30 pm – Eleuthera Room

Saturday March 14, 2026 - Euthera Room

Academy of Friendship Conferral 8:00 am – 9:30 am – Eleuthera Room Dr. Deb Frye - Chairperson

Saturday March 14, 2026

Session #3 9:45 am – 12:00 pm

- **Welcome to Saturday Session** **Tim Gaverth - President**
- **Safety Briefing** **Tim Gaverth - President**
- **Youth Awareness** **Laurie Hunt-Chairperson**
- **Comments Regional Manager and Other Moose International Appointees**
 - Regional Manager – Brian Dowd**
 - John Sipes – Mooseheart Board of Directors Chairman**
 - Brian Weaver – Moose International Moose Legion Committee**
- **Moose Charities Presentation** **Danielle Welch - Chairperson**
- **Video – Frank Vorhees Director of Membership**
- **Membership Production & Retention** **Brian Weaver - Chairperson**
- **Workshop #3 – Fraternal Recognition** **Tim Gaverth - President**
- **Official Visitor Remarks** **John Sipes – Mooseheart Board Of Directors Chairman**
- **Arrowhead Awards** **TBD**
- **Lifetime Achievement Award** **Patricia Cihak - Secretary**
- **Roll Call of Officers & Chairman** **Patricia Cihak – Secretary**
- **Roll Call of Lodges – Presidents/Administrators/Senior Regents/Treasurer/Members** **District Presidents**
- **Secretary Comments** **Patricia Cihak - Secretary**
- **50/50 Raffles & Door Prizes**
- **Recess**
- **Endowment Collection at door**

Lunch 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Moose Legion Luncheon/Meeting – 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Aruba & Barbados Rooms
M/L Ambassador and/or Area Manager – update Moose Legion Members on matters related to the Moose Legion Degree. Official Visitor Comments
Moose Legion Members only – Ticket Required

Session #4 Saturday 3/14/26 1:45 pm – 4:00 pm

- **President Presiding** **Tim Gaverth – President**
- **Safety Briefing** **Tim Gaverth - President**
- **Moose Training – Program Updates** **Patricia Cihak – Chairperson**
- **Sporting & Family Activities** **Maureen Barker - Chairperson**
- **Government Relations** **Bessie Staab-Hickman - Chairprsn**
- **Workshop #4 – Orientation** **David Murphy - Chairperson**
- **2026 International Convention in Oklahoma City** **Jeff Ringer – Territory Manager**
 - Preview of and Required Attendance**
- **Chairman of the Board** **Hugh John Dougherty-Chairman**

- Roll Call of Lodges - President/Administrator/Senior Regent/Treasurer/Members
- Final Credentials Report
- Final T-Shirt Sales Report
- Final Announcements and Meeting Dates
Benediction
- Secretary Comments
- 50/50 Drawings and Door Prizes
- Motion to Adjourn "Sine Die"
- Endowment Collection taken at door

District Presidents

Peggy Miles – Chairperson
Joan Pruitt - Chairperson
Patricia Cihak – Secretary
Brian Ruggles – Chaplain
Patricia Cihak - Secretary

Tim Gaverth – President

Saturday Evening Barbados & Cayman Rooms

6:00 – 7:00 pm Let's "Rock" the Moose Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar (Ticketed Event)
Dress in your best College, 70's, 80's or 90's apparel and Rock the Night

7:00 PM Cash Bash Event - Must have Cash Bash Ticket to enter. (Cash Bar)

Sunday Morning Sunday – 3/15/26

10:30 am – Exit Meeting (Casual Dress)

(Association Executive Committee and District Presidents, MI Liaison, Association Sgt at Arms, Assistant Sgt at Arms, Inner Guard, Outer Guard, Membership Chairperson, Moose Charities Chairperson, and MI Regional Manager and Territory Managers)

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTES & RULES

- Smoking and consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited in any meeting.
- Smoking must be done ONLY in designated areas of the hotel – attendees must properly dispose of all butts and trash in designated areas.
- Roll Call of Lodges will include a separate call for the attendance of the Administrator and President (it must be the President and Administrator of record and not an alternate or representative). All other members please let the Lodge President know you are in attendance so he can report the number of members present for the Lodge.
- Hospitality Rooms MUST operate only the hours allowed by the Association and follow all rules established by the Association/Hotel. All operations must be considerate of all hotel guests. No outside alcohol permitted in meeting rooms or common area of the hotel.
- Hospitality Rooms shall be available ONLY for registered members and qualified guests. Note: Non-registered members do NOT qualify as guests. Decorum MUST be maintained at ALL times – no action(s) by members and guests should bring any disgrace upon the Moose Fraternity.