

**Veterans Conference  
November 1, 2024  
Mohican State Park**

Hello! My name is Lisa Dalton-Sims,

I'm writing a report for the Veterans Conference I attended November 1, 2024 at the Mohican State Park. The theme was "From Service to Solidarity, Union's Empowering Veterans" and indeed this was a powerful conference.

This was the first veterans conference I've attended and was very happy, the lodge was beautiful with very nice comfortable rooms, private balconies and beautiful paintings all along the walls. I was unable to make it timely for contract training but did manage to make it to end of meet & greet, they served pizza & wine when we arrived.

Next day I register and had coffee & pastries for breakfast or you could order from restaurants, we also had a very nice lunch buffet. One of the best events for myself was the Missing man ceremony. This was one a beautiful tribute, I was in tears thinking about the missing soldiers and the ones whom lost their lives for our freedom. Now our democracy is threatened after all the hard work veterans and have fought for, along with current soldiers.

I enjoyed Chris Maybe enthusiasm and his genuine care about Union & veterans together, there were four great speakers from Krystal Mayer who spoke about how to get veterans benefits when you can't get through, Deborah Ashenhurst who spoke respecting the flag, appreciation of military service and what it builds in a person. Judge Guy Reese a retired Colonel from US Army & a Bronze award winner, spoke about the country during Vietnam and similarities of the country today. All the speakers I learned something to bring home for my daily living. To some it up We must all love and respect each other.

Again, this was a wonderful experience being that my Grandfather and five of my uncles served. I appreciate the knowledge and the stories I've heard this weekend. Topped it off I won a \$25 gift card from Target.

Best regards,  
Lisa Dalton-Sims