



**VFW AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON
100th ANNUAL CONVENTION
MIRABEAU PARK HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER
1100 N. SULLIVAN ROAD
SPOKANE VALLEY, WASHINGTON
JUNE 19-22, 2024**

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, 2024

- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM** Department Audit Diamond Room
- 12:00 PM – 1:45 PM** Line Officers Meeting Diamond Room
- 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM** Floor Team Practice Ponderosa Room
ALL Department Line Officers & District Presidents – Adrienne Halvorsen - Department Conductor
- 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM** Registration – Hotel Lobby
- 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM** Council of Administration Meeting – Diamond Room
- 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM** Line Officers Dinner – Outback Steak House (Valley Mall)

THURSDAY JUNE 20, 2024

- 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM** Registration – Hotel Lobby
- 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM** VFW Office Open (pick up banquet tickets)
- 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM** Hospital Program Raffle Baskets/Promotion – Hotel Lobby (all weekend)
Buddy Poppy Displays – Hotel Lobby (all weekend)
Patriotic Art – Hotel Lobby (all weekend)
Illustrating America- Hotel Lobby (all weekend)
- 9:00 AM** Joint Opening - Tamarack Room

30 minutes after close of Joint Opening – Opening Session of the Auxiliary in Ponderosa / Juniper

- Presentation of POW/MIA Banner by Department POW/MIA Banner Bearer by Esther Roche
- Introduction – Convention Chairman – Glenda Scholten
- Greeting – District 9 President – Robyn Sterrett
- Response – Department Sr. Vice Sue Gregg
- Officers March
- Roll Call of Officers & Chairmen – Department Secretary – Cindy Burkey
- Ritualistic Opening

Escort of National Representative – Brenda Bryant
Past National President – Virginia Carman
Past Department Presidents
Introduction of Guests/New Attendees
Minutes of Previous Convention by Department Secretary – Cindy Burkey
Official Communications by Department Secretary – Cindy Burkey

Announcements of Convention Committees

Convention Rules – Robyn Sterrett
Registration – Patsy Moon
Credentials – Erin Mezek
Pages – Lisa Heitmann

12:00 Noon Recess for lunch- lunch on your own

PRESENTATION OF PROGRAM AWARDS

Veterans & Family Support – Annie Sullivan
Americanism – Doreen Dale
Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home for Children – Christine Dougherty
Hospital – Lori Nettles
Legislative – Marge Lindberg
Membership – Rebecca Pellechi

3:00 PM Recognition of 45-Year Plus Members
By-laws and Resolutions – Tami Wagoner
Standing Rules – Chairman: Sue Gregg, Committee: Virginia Carman, Adrienne Halvorsen
Credentials Report – Erin Mezek
Announcements – Cindy Burkey

3:30 PM Practice for Joint Memorial Service – District Commanders, District Presidents, Line Officers, and Floor Team – Tamarack Room

4:00 PM VFW Joint Memorial Service - VFW Chaplain, Uschi Graeff and VFW Auxiliary Chaplain Robyn Sterrett - Tamarack Room

4:30PM Dinner on your own

7:00 PM Reception for National Representatives – National Senior Vice Cmdr. Al Lippart & National Senior Vice Brenda Bryant in Hospitality Room

FRIDAY JUNE 21, 2024

- 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM** Registration – Hotel Lobby
- 8:00 AM (Sharp!)** Practice of Presentation of Flags & Banners for District Presidents
- 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM** Presentation of Flags & Banners under the direction of Department Conductor Adrienne Halvorsen and Patriotic Instructor Doreen Dale
- 9:30 AM** Call to Order by Dept. Secretary/Treasurer & PDP – Cindy Burkey

PRESENTATION OF PROGRAM AWARDS

Auxiliary Outreach – Tom Huffman
Extension – Elaine Taylor
Historian/Media Relations – Robbin Seeberger
Mentoring for Leadership – Tami Wagoner
Youth Activities – Tracie Tomsen
Scholarship – Michelle Madonna

- 10:15 AM** Visitation of Department Commander Craig Dougherty and VFW National Representative, Al Lippart, National VFW Senior Vice Commander
- 11:00 AM** Visitation to the Veterans of Foreign Wars by Department President Rose Green and National Representative – Brenda Bryant
- 11:20 – 11:45 AM** Nominations - 2024-2025 Department Officers
- 11:45 – 11:55 AM** Draping of the Charter by Department Chaplain Tracie Tomsen
- 11:55 – 12:00 Noon** Announcements – Department Secretary – Cindy Burkey
- 12:00 – 12:30 PM** Caucus (for any office with more than one candidate)
- 12:30 PM** Lunch on your own
- Past Department President's Lunch – Red Robin Restaurant at the Valley Mall

Adjourn until Banquet

- 5:30 – 6:00 PM** No Host Cocktails/Social – Tamarack/Spruce
- 6:00 PM** Banquet – Tamarack/Spruce – Business Attire
(You must show your dinner ticket to enter the Banquet Room!)

SATURDAY JUNE 22, 2024

- 8:00 AM -10:00 AM** Registration – Hotel Lobby
- 7:00 AM – 8:15 AM** Past Auxiliary President's Breakfast – TBD (20-30 people)
- 8:15 AM – 8:45 AM** Opening Session Begins – Skits to honor Department President Rose Green

- 8:55 AM** Call to Order by Past Department President – Tami Wagoner
- 9:00 AM – 9:20 AM** Presentation of Outstanding District Presidents of the Year and Outstanding Auxiliary Presidents of the Year – Convention Awards Chairman – Karen Flynn
- 9:20 AM – 9:35 AM** Presentation of Remaining Program Awards & Raffles, Poppy & Hospital
- 9:45 AM – 10:10 AM** Membership Kick-off for 2024-2025
- 10:10 AM – 10:20 AM** Final Credentials Report – Erin Mezek
- 10:20 AM – 10:45 AM** Election of 2024-2025 Department Officers
Announcements – Cindy Burkey & Rose Green
- 10:45 AM – 11:10 AM** Remarks by National Representative – Brenda Bryant
- 11:10 AM** Closing Ceremony
- 1:30 PM** Practice for Installation of Officers – Tamarack Room
- 2:00 PM** Joint Installation of Officers 2024-2025 – Tamarack Room
- 5:00 PM Approx.** Reception to honor new Department Commander and new Department Auxiliary President to be held in courtyard or Ballroom (determined by weather)

SUNDAY JUNE 23, 2024

A special thank you to District #9 for all your effort to make our Convention successful.

Thank you to all of you who took the time out of your busy schedules to attend the Convention. We want to thank you for such an extraordinary year. You have all accomplished so many amazing events! YOU “do it for those who can’t” and continue to “band together for our veterans.”

BEST WISHES and SAFE TRAVELS HOME!

