



**VFW AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON
ANNUAL CONVENTION
RED LION CONVENTION CENTER – YAKIMA, WA
JUNE 25-28, 2025**

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY JUNE 25, 2025

- 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM** Department Audit – VFW Auxiliary Meeting Room – South C
- 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM** Line Officers Meeting – VFW Auxiliary Meeting Room – South C
- 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM** Floor Team Practice – VFW Auxiliary Meeting Room – South C
ALL Department Line Officers & District Presidents – Rebecca Pellechi - Department Conductress
- 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM** Council of Administration Meeting – VFW Auxiliary Meeting Room South C
- 5:15 PM – 6:45 PM** Line Officers Dinner Meeting – Olive Garden, 222 E. Yakima Ave., Yakima

THURSDAY JUNE 26, 2025

- 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 – Convention Ctr. Lobby (all weekend)
Buddy Poppy Displays – Convention Center Lobby
Patriotic Art – Convention Center Lobby
- 9:00 AM** **Joint Opening** – South Ballroom

30 minutes after close of Joint Opening – Opening Session of the Auxiliary in Room South C

Introduction – Convention Chairman – Barbara McDonald
Greeting – District 17 President – Barbara McDonald
Response – Past Department President – Valerie Peterson
Officers March
Roll Call of Officers & Chairmen – Department Secretary – Cindy Burkey
Ritualistic Opening
Escort of National Representative / National Chaplain – Kim Harney
Past National President – Virginia Carman
National Council Member #20 – Erin Mezek
Past Department Presidents
Introduction of Guests/New Attendees
Minutes of previous Convention by Department Secretary – Cindy Burkey

Announcements of Convention Committees

Convention Rules – Erin Mezek

Registration – Patsy Moon

Credentials – Ruth Lamoureux

Pages – Barbara Moore

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

1:30 PM **Auxiliary Reconvenes** – Call to order by Past Department President – Tami Wagoner

1:35 PM **PRESENTATION OF PROGRAM AWARDS**

Veterans & Family Support – Marjorie Stetson

Americanism – Doreen Dale

Hospital – Margie Lindberg

Legislative – Elaine Taylor

Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home for Children – Cheryl Scheeler

Membership – Emily Arnold

2:45 PM Recognition of 45-Year Plus Members
Bylaws and Resolutions – Tami Wagoner
Standing Rules – Rose Green
Credentials Report – Ruth Lamoureux
Announcements – Cindy Burkey

3:15 PM Practice for Joint Memorial Service – District Commanders, District Presidents, Line Officers and Floor Team – South Ballroom

3:30 PM VFW Joint Memorial Service - VFW Chaplain, Uschi Graef and VFW Auxiliary Chaplain Adrienne Halvorsen – South Ballroom

4:30 PM Dinner on your own

7:30 PM Reception for National Representatives (Post & Auxiliary) – Hospitality Suite at Legends

FRIDAY JUNE 27, 2025

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM Registration – Hotel Lobby

8:00 AM (Sharp!) Practice for Presentation of Flags & Banners for District Presidents

8:30 – 9:30 AM Presentation of Flags & Banners under the direction of Department Conductress Rebecca Pellechi and Patriotic Instructor Doreen Dale

9:30 AM Call to Order by Dept. Sec/Treas. & PDP – Cindy Burkey

PRESENTATION OF PROGRAM AWARDS

9:40 AM	Extension & Revitalization – Lori Nettles Youth Activities – Courtney Rowe Scholarship – Adrienne Halvorsen Auxiliary Outreach – Tom Huffman Historian/Media Relations – Rose Green
10:15 AM	Visitation of Department Commander and VFW National Representative
11:00 – 11:15 AM	Department President Sue and National Representative Kim visit VFW
11:20 – 11:45 AM	Nominations - 2025-2026 Department Officers
11:45 – 11:55 AM	Draping of the Charter by Department Chaplain Adrienne Halvorsen
11:55 – 12:00 Noon	Announcements – Department Secretary – Cindy Burkey
12:00 – 12:30 PM	Caucus if required (for any office with more than one candidate)
12:30 PM	Lunch on your own Past Department President's Lunch – meet in the hotel lobby – lunch at 2nd Street Grill in downtown Yakima Adjourned until Banquet.
5:00 – 5:45 PM	No Host Cocktails/Social – South Ballroom
6:00 PM	Banquet – South Ballroom – Business Attire (you must show your dinner ticket to enter the Banquet Room!)

SATURDAY JUNE 28, 2025

7:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration – Hotel Lobby
7:00 – 8:15 AM	Past Auxiliary President's Breakfast – VFW Post #379, 118 S 5th Ave., Yakima
8:15 – 8:45 AM	Opening Session Begins – Skits to honor Department President Sue Gregg
8:55 AM	Call to Order by Past Department President Nikki Benjamin
9:00 – 9:20 AM	Presentation of Outstanding District Presidents of the Year and Outstanding Auxiliary Presidents of the Year – Convention Awards Chairman – Marjorie Stetson
9:20 – 9:35 AM	Presentation of Remaining Program Awards & Raffles
9:45 – 10:10 AM	Membership Kick-off for 2025-2026 (call on Robyn Sterrett to introduce Chair) Sue Gregg invites Robyn Sterrett to introduce her Chairmen for the 25-26 year
10:10 – 10:20 AM	Final Credentials Report – Ruth Lamoureux
10:20 – 10:45 AM	Election of 2025-2026 Department Officers
10:45 – 11:10 AM	Remarks by National Representative & National Chaplain – Kim Harney
11:10 AM	Closing Ceremony
1:00 – 1:45 PM	Practice for Installation of Officers – South Ballroom

2:00 PM

Joint Installation of Officers 2025-2026 – South Ballroom

5:00 PM Approx.

Reception to honor new Department Commander and new Department Auxiliary President to be held at VFW Post 379, 118 S. 5th Ave., Yakima, WA

SUNDAY JUNE 29, 2025

It has been a joy to share and celebrate together – wishing you a safe trip home!

