

**DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
PASCO, WASHINGTON
JANUARY 17-18, 2025**



AGENDA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

Buddy Poppy/Raffle - Oak/Pine Room

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| 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM | Auxiliary meeting room open (Silver/Bronze Room) |
| 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM | VFW Office (Spruce Room) open to pick up banquet tickets |
| 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM | Registration – Olympic Foyer |
| 11:00 PM –12:30 PM | Department Audit – Sue Gregg’s Room |
| 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Auxiliary Training – Silver/Bronze Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Robbin Seeberger – MALTA, social media, Website and Auxiliary Legacy Member Video<input type="checkbox"/> Cindy Burkey - Treasurer/Secretary/Trustee workshop. New items on MALTA |
| 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | Department Line Officers Meeting – Sue Gregg’s Room |
| 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Department Chairman Meeting – Sue Gregg’s Room |
| 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM | Floor Team Practice - Silver/Bronze Room |
| 3:30 PM – 4:45 PM | Council of Administration Meeting – Silver/Bronze Room |
| 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM | Dinner for National Representative (by invitation only!) – Grizzly Bar in the Red Lion Hotel |
| 7:00 PM | National Representatives meet and greet – State Commander’s Suite |

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

Buddy Poppy/Raffle - Oak/Pine Room

- 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM VFW Office Open - Spruce Room
- 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Registration – Olympic Foyer
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Joint Opening – Gold/Olympic Room
- Introduction of Past Department Commanders/Presidents
 - Department Commander introduction and remarks
 - Department President introduction and remarks
 - Introduce guest speaker Cindy Hoover – WA State Quilts of Valor
 - Awards – Youth Activities, Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy
- 10:00 AM – 10:10 AM Break and prepare for Auxiliary Business Session
- 10:10 AM VFW Aux. Business Session opens – Silver/Bronze Room
Call to Order by Department President – Sue Gregg
Welcome by District 17 President – Barbara McDonald
Opening Roll Call, Department Secretary – Cindy Burkey
Escort National Representative – Erin Mezek, National Council Member No. 20

Introductions – Sue Gregg
- Line Officers, Past Department Presidents
 - Cindy Hoover, WA State Quilts of Valor

NATIONAL PROGRAM REPORTS

Veterans and Family Support	Marjorie Stetson
Americanism & Patriotic Inst.	Doreen Dale
Auxiliary Outreach	Tom Huffman
Buddy Poppy/National Home	Cheryl Scheeler
Extension/Revitalization	Lori Nettles
Historian/Media Relations	Rose Green

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Lunch Break (on your own – buffet set up in hotel lobby)

NATIONAL PROGRAM REPORTS (continued after lunch)

Hospital

Margie Lindberg

Legislation

Elaine Taylor

Membership

Emily Arnold

Scholarships

Adrienne Halvorsen

Youth Activities

Joan Murphy-Nihart

1:15 PM – 1:30 PM

Department Commander Perry Taylor & VFW National Representative Paul Herrera, VFW COA Member, visit Auxiliary

1:45 PM – 2:15 PM

Department President Sue Gregg & National Representative Erin Mezek visit VFW

Remarks by National Representative – Erin Mezek

Announcements – Cindy Burkey

Closing Ceremonies

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM

Reception for Voice of Democracy Students and Teachers – Lobby of Convention Center

5:30 PM

Doors open to banquet room seating –

- Official entry – reception line

- Introduction of students

- Opening ceremony – Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem

6:00 PM

Voice of Democracy Banquet

Announce raffle winners – Margie Lindberg

Closing of banquet