



**VFW AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON
ANNUAL CONVENTION
RED LION CONVENTION CENTER – WENATCHEE, WA
JUNE 17-21, 2026**

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17, 2026

- 12:00 AM – 1:30 PM** Department Audit – Robyn Sterrett’s Suite
- 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM** Floor Team Practice – VFW Auxiliary Meeting Room **(Orchard North)**
ALL Department Line Officers & District Presidents – Emily Arnold - Department Conductor
- 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM** Council of Administration Meeting **(Orchard North)**
- 5:15 PM – 6:45 PM** Line Officers Dinner Meeting – The Rail Station & Ale House (by invitation only)

THURSDAY JUNE 18, 2026

NOTE: WEAR “ORANGE” DAY

- 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM** Registration – Hotel Lobby
- 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM** Hospital Program Raffle Baskets/Promotion – **Convention Ctr. Lobby** (all weekend)
Buddy Poppy Displays – **(Gala 1)**
Patriotic Art – **(Gala 2)**
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM** **Joint Opening (Orchard South)**

30 minutes after close of Joint Opening – Opening Session of the Auxiliary (Orchard North)

- Introduction – Convention Chairman – Shirley Lance
- Greeting – District 7 President – Paulette Rivera
- Response – Past Department President – Karen Flynn
- Roll Call of Officers & Chairmen – Department Secretary – Cindy Burkey
- Ritualistic Opening
- Escort of National Representative / National Conductor – Janey Feher
- 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 – Annie Sullivan

Registration – Patsy Moon

Credentials – Ruth Lamoureux

Pages – Margie Lindberg

- 12:00 Noon** Recess for lunch - lunch on your own
- 1:15PM** **Auxiliary Reconvenes** - Call to order by Past National/Dept. President – Virginia Carman
- 1:35 PM** **PRESENTATION OF PROGRAM AWARDS**
- Veterans & Family Support – Rose Green
Americanism – Doreen Dale
Hospital – Lori Nettles
Legislative – Liz Herrera
Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home – Christine Dougherty
Membership – Adrienne Halvorsen
- 2:45 PM** Recognition of 45-Year Plus Members
Bylaws and Resolutions – Tami Wagoner
Credentials Report – Ruth Lamoureux
Announcements – Cindy Burkey
- 3:00 PM** Practice for Joint Memorial Service – District Commanders, District Presidents, Line Officers and Floor Team – **Orchard North**
- 4:00 PM** VFW Joint Memorial Service - VFW Department Chaplain Dale Ienello & VFW Auxiliary Chaplain Rebecca Pellechi
- 5:00 PM** Dinner on your own
- 7:30 PM** Reception for National Representatives (Post & Auxiliary) – **Hospitality Room**

FRIDAY JUNE 19, 2026

NOTE: WEAR "RED" DAY

- 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM** Registration – Hotel Lobby
- 8:00 AM (Sharp!)** Practice for Presentation of Flags & Banners for District Presidents
- 8:30 – 9:15 AM** Presentation of Flags & Banners under the direction of Department Conductor Emily Arnold and Patriotic Instructor Doreen Dale
- 9:15 AM** Call to Order by Dept. Sec./Treas. & PDP – Cindy Burkey

9:20 AM – 9:45 AM Standing Rules – Laurie Lukas

9:30 – 9:40 AM Department President Robyn & Auxiliary National Rep. Janey visit VFW

PRESENTATION OF PROGRAM AWARDS

9:45 AM Extension & Revitalization – Karen Flynn
Youth Activities – Debbie Bowling
Scholarship – Tami Wagoner
Auxiliary Outreach – Tom Huffman
Historian/Media Relations – Robbin Seeberger

10:00 AM Visitation of Department Commander and VFW National Representative

11:30 – 11:50 AM Nominations - 2025-2026 Department Officers

11:50 – 12:10 AM Draping of the Charter by Department Chaplain Rebecca Pellechi

12:10 – 12:15 Noon Announcements – Department Secretary – Cindy Burkey

12:15 – 12:45 PM Caucus if required (for any office with more than one candidate)

12:45 PM Lunch on your own

Past Department President's Lunch – meet in the hotel lobby – lunch at Tastebuds,
212 Fifth Street

Adjourned until Banquet

5:00 – 5:45 PM No Host Cocktails/Social Hour (**Orchard**)

6:00 PM Banquet (**Orchard**) – Business Attire

SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2026

7:30 – 9:00 AM Registration – Hotel Lobby

7:00 – 8:15 AM Past Auxiliary President's Breakfast – Zebra Brasserie (directly across from the
Convention Center (they are working on breakfast buffet menu and, when
received, I will forward to all

8:15 – 8:45 AM Opening Session Begins – Skits to honor Department President Robyn Sterrett

8:55 AM Call to Order by National Council Member #20/PDP – Erin Mezek

9:00 – 9:20 AM Presentation of Outstanding District Presidents of the Year and Outstanding
Auxiliary Presidents of the Year – Convention Awards Chairman – Elaine Taylor

9:20 – 9:35 AM Presentation of Remaining Program Awards & Raffles

9:45 – 10:10 AM Membership Kick-off for 2026-2027 (call on Tracie Tomsen to introduce the Chair)
Robyn Sterrett invites Tracie to introduce her Chairmen for the 26-27 year

10:10 – 10:20 AM Final Credentials Report – Ruth Lamoureux

10:20 – 10:45 AM Election of 2026-2027 Department Officers

10:45 – 11:10 AM Remarks by National Representative & National Conductor – Janey Feher
11:10 – 11:45 AM Closing Ceremony
11:45 AM Lunch on your own
1:00 – 1:45 PM Joint Practice for Installation of Officers – **Orchard South**
2:00 PM Joint Installation of Officers 2026-2027 – **Orchard South**
5:00 PM Approx. Reception to honor new Department Commander and new Department Auxiliary President to be held at **American Legion, 208 N. Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801 (directly across the street from the hotel)**

SUNDAY JUNE 21, 2026

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

