

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
HOTEL MURANO
TACOMA, WASHINGTON
JANUARY 9-10, 2026



AGENDA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026

7:00 AM – 8:00 PM Auxiliary meeting room open (Pavilion D)

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Registration – Rotunda

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Department Audit – Department President's Suite
Department Line Officers Meeting – Department President's Suite
(Robyn will be serving light lunch for Audit Committee & Line Officers)
The Audit will take place first!

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM Auxiliary Training – 1/2 hour each (Room A)
 Robbin Seeberger –Reels Training
 Rose Green – Suicide Awareness Training
 Cindy Burkey – Treasurer/Trustee/Secretary Updates, New Membership App.

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM District President's Meeting – Dept. Pres. Suite

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM Department Chairman's Meeting – Dept. Pres. Suite

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Floor Team Practice (Pavilion D)

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM Council of Administration Meeting (Pavilion D)

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Dinner for National Representative (by invitation only!)

7:00 PM National Representatives meet & greet (Hospitality Room)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Registration – Rotunda

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM Joint Opening – Pavilion A
 Introduction of Past Department Commanders/Presidents

- Department Commander introductions and remarks
- Department President introductions and remarks
- Awards - Youth Essay / Patriots Pen (Holly Pierce/Carla Scott)

9:50 AM – 10:00 AM Break and prepare for Auxiliary Business Session

10:00 AM VFW Auxiliary Business Session opens – Pavilion D
Call to Order by Department President – Robyn Sterrett
Welcome by District 3 President – Tracie Tomsen
Opening Roll Call, Department Secretary – Cindy Burkey
Introduction of National Representative – Erin Mezek, National Council Member No. 20
Other Introductions – Dept. Pres. Robyn Sterrett

10:30 AM Department Commander & VFW National Representative visit Auxiliary

10:45 AM Department President & National Representative visit VFW

NATIONAL PROGRAM REPORTS (5-10 minutes max!)

Veterans and Family Support	Rose Green
Americanism & Patriotic Inst.	Doreen Dale
Auxiliary Outreach	Tom Huffman
Buddy Poppy/National Home Extension/Retention	Christine Dougherty Karen Flynn

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM Lunch Break

12:45 PM – NATIONAL PROGRAM REPORTS (continued after lunch)

Historian/Media Relations	Robbin Seeberger
Hospital	Lori Nettles
Legislation	Liz Herrera
Membership	Adrienne Halvorsen
Scholarships	Tami Wagoner
Youth Activities	Debbie Bowling

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM Remarks by National Representative – Erin Mezek

2:15 PM – 3:10 PM Breakout sessions around the camp fire – Dept. Pres. Robyn Sterrett – Objectives & Outcomes

3:10 PM – 3:15 PM Announcements – Cindy Burkey

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM Closing Ceremonies

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM Reception for Voice of Democracy Students and Parents – (in the Rotunda)

5:00 PM Official Party Line-up
5:15 PM Official Party Entrance
5:25 PM Youth & District Entrance
5:30 PM Banquet Hall Open for seating (ALL)
5:35 PM Banquet Begins
6:00 PM Serving of Meal

Thank you to District #3 for the wonderful time we've had in Tacoma! Your hard work and tireless effort to ensure our Mid-Winter Conference was a success is very much appreciated. Kudos to Tracie Tomsen and her team for a job well done!

SAFE TRAVELS HOME!