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# Ninety-Ninth Annual Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary - Department of Pennsylvania

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## Auxiliary Program Agenda

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023

8:00AM - 4:00PM	Registration.....	Pennsylvania Ballroom
12:00PM - 2:00PM	Floor Practice..... (Joyce Reece & Sandy Brenner w/line officers, floor appointments and musician only)	
12:00PM	Past Commanders/Presidents Luncheon	
3:00PM	Council of Administration Meeting.....	Salon A
5:00PM	Memorial Service Practice..... (President, Line Officers & all District Presidents)	Salon BCDE
6:15PM	Army Celebration.....	Hotel Lobby
7:00PM	Memorial Service - VFW/Auxiliary joint service.....	Salon BCDE

NOTE: This is a tentative schedule and subject to change. Speakers and Award Presentations may not be in the order they will appear at the session. Announcement will be made of any change in the schedule as soon as it is brought to the attention of the Convention Committee.

# THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023

8:00AM - 4:00PM	Registration.....	Pennsylvania Ballroom
8:00AM - 12:00PM	Joint Opening with VFW and VFW Auxiliary..... All VFW & Auxiliary Membership Awards, Outstanding District Presidents, Youth National Anthem & Pledge of Allegiance Awards, and Hospital Awards	Salon BCDE
12:30PM	Past District Presidents & 25yr Club Luncheon.....	
2:15PM	Convention Committee Presentation..... Marsha Fuhrman & Sandy Brenner	Salon A
2:30PM	Seating of the Officers.....	Salon A
	Official Opening of the 2023 Department Convention.....	Marsha Fuhrman 2023 Convention Chairman
	Call to Order by Department President.....	Valerie DeCorte
	Roll Call of Officers & Chairmen.....	Jodie Hollinger
	Ritualistic Opening	
	Escort of National Representative	
	Escort of National Council Member	
	Action taken of Minutes of Previous Convention	
	Report of Convention Rules Committee.....	Mary Hetrick (Printed in Officer's & Chairmen's Book)
	Treasurer's Report.....	Jodie Hollinger (Printed in Officer's & Chairmen's Book)
	Official Communications.....	Jodie Hollinger
	Bylaws & Resolutions Committee.....	Becky Fox
	Presentation of Pages.....	Dale Lepore
	Recognition of Gold Star Families.....	Joey Diehl
	Draping of the Charter	
	Presentation of Past Department Presidents.....	Laura McLane
	Presentation of 40 year & over Members.....	Jeanne Hoffman
	Presentation of Hospital Reps/Depts.....	Bonnie Drake
	Report from Credentials Committee.....	Lynn Musselman
	Announcements.....	Jodie Hollinger
	2023-2024 Department Leadership photos	Pennsylvania Ballroom
	Photo session will start 15 minutes after the VFW session ends & last for one hour	

# FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023

7:00AM Practice for Presentation of District Presidents

Joyce Reece & Sandy Brenner

8:00AM - 12:00PM Registration.....Pennsylvania Ballroom

PLEASE NOTE: NO FURTHER REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES

AFTER 12:00 NOON

8:30AM Call to Order..... Sandy Brenner

Presentation of District Presidents with Colors

Escort of Commander-in-Chief, State Commander Mannella, National Council Member, and Guest

Presentation of Special Project..... Elaine Matt

Presentation of Department Chairmen..... Veronica Grant

Program Coordinator

Presentation of Outstanding Department Chairman..... Depart. President  
& Program Coordinator

## PROGRAM AWARDS:

Veterans & Family Support..... Paula Havasi

Americanism/Patriotic Instructor..... Amy Peterson

Auxiliary Outreach..... Kimberly Grundon

"Buddy" Poppy/National Home..... Carolyn Paccio

Extension & Revitalization..... Bobbie Lawrence

Historian..... Kristin DiGiacomo

Legislative..... Dale Lepore

Mentoring for Leadership..... Bobbie Lawrence

Scholarships..... Joan Faddis

Youth Activities..... Nancy Kreiner

Presentation of Gift Fund.....Mary Jean Mastridge

Nominations of Officers

Guest Speakers:

Kathy Jo Reinsmith, National Council Member Area A

Sandi Onstwedder, VFW Auxiliary Past National President, National Representative

Report from Credentials Committee..... Lynn Musselman

Announcements..... Jodie Hollinger

2023-2024 Department Leadership photos Pennsylvania Ballroom

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6:30PM VFW & VFW Auxiliary Line Officers & District Presidents Line up for Patriotic Rally

DRESS: Patriotic

6:45PM Welcome by State Commander Henry Mannella & Department President Valerie DeCorte

7:00PM Entertainment by Jessica Bella Band

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023

8:00AM Welcome Home  
 Presentation by Department Line Officers  
 Escort of Department President.....  
 Call to Order.....Theresa Chambers Groce  
 Final Report of Credential Committee..... Lynn Musselman  
 Appointment of Judge & Tellers:  
     Judge..... Sandy Brenner  
     Teller..... Bobbie Lawrence  
     Teller..... Marsha Fuhrman  
 New Business, Election of Officers  
 Roll Call..... Lynn Musselman  
 Announcement of Dept. Appointed Officers (2023-2024)..... Jodie Hollinger  
 15 Minute Break  
 Installation of the 2023-2024 VFW Auxiliary Officers  
 Closing Ceremonies

**2023-2024 COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY  
 FOLLOWING THE INSTALLATION. THIS WILL BE TO APPROVE THE  
 2023-2024 BUDGET ONLY.**

6:00PM Reception for State Commander David Gyger & President Mary Jean Mastridge  
 Casual Dress..... Commonwealth Ballroom

### **Credentials Committee**

Lynn Musselman	Chairman	11322
Jeanne Ludwig	Co-Chairman	1586
Peg Rogal	Member	1586
Robin Hawthorne	Member	1338
Janet Hauth	Member	5020
Dorothy Hafer	Member	6150

### **Department Officers' Pages**

Dale Lepore	Chairman	6704
Nancy Kreiner	Co-Chairman	6704
Barbara Lawrence	President	2145
Gail Newtzie	Sr. Vice President	315
Carol Schrum	Jr. Vice President	8951
Debbie Smith	Secretary-Treasurer	7293
Karen Hoover	Chaplain	5507
Bette Jean Biedrzycki	Conductress	2754
Jody Mallory	Guard	5958
Kathe DeCarlo	Musician	8896
Wendi Hennemann	National Officers	8488
Laura McLane	Convention Page	7069
Tracy Tunstall	Convention Page	5956

## Joint Opening Session

### Agenda

8:00AM

VFW/Auxiliary Joint Opening of the Convention

Prayer

Pledge

National Anthem

Welcome Commander/President

Welcome District 29 Commander/President

Introduce Guests (National Reps)

All State Commanders (Post)

All State Auxiliaries

All State District Commanders

Outstanding Auxiliary District Presidents

All other VFW Membership Awards

All other Auxiliary Membership Awards

Eagle Scout Award

Safety Awards

VFW Community Service Awards

VFW "Buddy" Poppy Awards

Videos of the 3 American Flag Presentations

Auxiliary- Youth National Anthem Singing Winners

Auxiliary- Youth Pledge of Allegiance Winners

VFW Hospital Awards - Ruthie

Auxiliary Hospital Awards

National Home