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# Hundred and Second 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 17, 2026

8:00AM - 4:00PM	Registration.....	Lobby
8:00AM	Floor Practice..... (Joyce Reece & Sandy Brenner w/line officers, floor appointments and musician only)	Aux Ballroom
12:00PM	Past Commanders/Presidents Luncheon.....	TBA
2:00PM	Pre-meeting with District Presidents.....	Aux Ballroom
3:00PM	Council of Administration Meeting.....	Aux Ballroom
5:00PM	Memorial Service Rehearsal.....	VFW Ballroom
7:00PM	Memorial Service - VFW/Auxiliary Joint Service.....	VFW Ballroom

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 18, 2026

8:00AM - 4:00PM	Registration.....	Lobby
8:00AM - 11:00AM	Joint Opening with VFW and VFW Auxiliary..... Auxiliary All State & Outstanding District Presidents	VFW Ballroom
11:30AM	Past District Presidents & 25yr Club Luncheon.....	TBA
1:30PM	Seating of the Officers.....	Aux Ballroom
	Official Opening of the 2026 Department Convention.....	Pam Sopher 2026 Convention Chairman
	Call to Order by Department President.....	Robin Kohler
	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.....	Pam Sopher (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.....	Bonnie Drake
	Presentation of Pages.....	Terry Rohrer
	Recognition of Gold Star Families.....	TBA
	Draping of the Charter	
	Presentation of Past Department Presidents.....	TBA
	Presentation of 40 year & over Members.....	TBA
	Presentation of Hospital Reps/Dep's.....	Linda Dilling
	Report from Credentials Committee.....	Jeanne Ludwig
	Announcements.....	Jodie Hollinger
	2026-2027 Department Leadership photos	TBA
	Photo session will start 15 minutes after the VFW session ends & last for one hour	

# FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

7:00AM	Practice for Presentation of District Presidents	Joyce Reece & Sandy Brenner
8:00AM - 12:00PM	Registration.....	Lobby
	PLEASE NOTE: NO FURTHER REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES AFTER 12:00 NOON	
8:30AM	Presentation of District Presidents with Colors	Aux Ballroom
	Call to Order.....	Sandi Roberto
	Escort of VFW National Program Director Rolf and State Commander Roland	
	Presentation of Department Chairmen.....	Denise Oshall Program Coordinator
	Presentation of Outstanding Department Chairman.....	Dept. President & Program Coordinator
PROGRAM AWARDS:		
	Veterans & Family Support.....	Athena Gjerde
	Americanism.....	Cherie Dysard
	Auxiliary Outreach.....	Jency Mercado
	"Buddy" Poppy/National Home.....	Bev Kemmerer
	Extension, Revitalization & Mentoring.....	Karen Hoover
	Historian.....	Debra Antosh
	Hospital.....	Linda Dilling
	Legislative.....	Tim Altman
	Scholarships.....	Karen Mooney
	Youth Activities.....	Marsha Fuhrman
	Membership.....	Amy Peterson
	Presentation of 2026-2027 Membership.....	Tina Hinkle
	Presentation of Gift Fund.....	Ceil Cook
Nominations of Officers		
Guest Speakers:		
	Bonnie Drake, National Council Member Area A	
	Cortina Barnes, VFW Auxiliary Past National President, National Representative	
	Report from Credentials Committee.....	Jeanne Ludwig
	Announcements.....	Jodie Hollinger
	2026-2027 Department Leadership photos	TBA
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2:30PM	Past Department President's Meeting	TBA
6:15PM	Line Up - National Reps, Line Officers and District Commanders/Presidents	
7:00PM	Patriotic Rally - Entertainment by VFW Band	

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

8:00AM	Welcome Home	District 18
	Presentation by Department Line Officers	
	Escort of Department President.....	TBA
	Call to Order.....	Theresa Chambers-Goce
	Presentation of Special Project .....	Robin Kohler
	Final Report of Credential Committee.....	Jeanne Ludwig
	Appointment of Judge & Tellers:	
	Judge.....	TBA
	Teller.....	TBA
	Teller.....	TBA
	New Business, Election of Officers	
	Roll Call.....	Jeanne Ludwig
	Announcement of Dept. Appointed Officers (2025-2026).....	Jodie Hollinger
	Presentation of Past Department President's Pin.....	Karen Hoover
	Installation of the 2026-2027 VFW Auxiliary Officers	
	Closing Ceremonies	

**2026-2027 COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING THE INSTALLATION. THIS WILL BE TO APPROVE THE  
2026-2027 STANDING RULES AND PROPOSED BUDGET ONLY.**

6:00PM	Reception for State Commander Jim Brown & President Ceil Cook .....	Ballroom
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