



General Orders No 12

June 2026

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It has been a true honor to serve as your Department President this year. I am deeply grateful for the support, dedication, and generosity shown by members across the State.

Thank you for your commitment to our Veterans, to our programs, and to each other. I am proud of all we have accomplished this year, and I'm confident in the continued success of this organization because of everything I've witnessed during my travels.

My theme, **Every Day is Veterans Day**, has been a shared call to action; one you have embraced in so many meaningful ways. It reminds us all to honor and support our Veterans every day, recognizing their service and sacrifice in protecting our freedoms.

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with our State Commander, Bill Roland throughout the year. His leadership, commitment, passion, and friendship have made this experience even more rewarding.

Your generosity in supporting my special project, **DogTAGS** has blown me away! Your contributions will make a lasting impact by helping to heal the invisible wounds of military conflict and expanding the reach of this vital mission.

Finally, I pledge my support to the incoming officers and wish them nothing but the greatest success as they carry on the important mission of this organization.

Thank you once again for your trust and faith in my service as your Department President. Because of each of you, my life has been enriched in countless ways.

Important Dates:

Sunday, June 14 – Flag Day

June 17 – 20 -Department Convention, DoubleTree by Hilton, Pittsburgh-Cranberry

Monday, June 22 – Headquarters closed to observe Juneteenth.

Loyally,

Robin

Robin Kohler
Department President

Jodie

Jodie Hollinger
Department Secretary/Treasurer

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA MEMBERSHIP 2025-2026 JUNE GENERAL ORDERS

CHAIRMAN - AMY PETERSON amyaux212@gmail.com
#EVERYDAYISVETERANS DAY #SERVINGTHOSEWHOSERVED JOIN OUR RANKS
#FROMSEATOSHININGSEAHONORINGVETERANSTHATKEEPUSFREE



KEEP THOSE BOOTS TO THE ROOTS!!!

Why are we members? Why did we JOIN?
 We wanted to *HONOR* our Veterans, give back to our Heroes!
 Veterans served us, WHY NOT give back??
 HOW do we do THAT? *RANK UP!*
SERVE THOSE WHO SERVED & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

STRONG membership is the core of our organization, *sharing* our passion with others will *attract* NEW members and *encourage* current members to stay involved.

Membership NEVERS stops, INVITE, INVEST and RETAIN.
 Pennsylvania, I am blown away by your battlefield strengths!
 I am so honored and proud of this organization,
 "Every Day is Veterans Day"!!

The list below contains ALL PA auxiliaries
 100% ++ PAID as of 05-17-2026
 Congratulations!!!! Keep marching on!
 Thank you for a FANTASTIC YEAR!!!

**THE BEASTS OF THE EAST
 ARE COMING FOR YA
 103 %!!!!!!**

Auxiliary	Auxiliary	Auxiliary	Auxiliary	Auxiliary	Auxiliary
2819	283	32	2540	4795	169
7650	821	1074	3448	7250	264
Total - DPA01	1425	9788	7215	7295	470
928	5010	Total - DPA16	8008	8861	740
3460	8161	34	Total - DPA20	Total - DPA23	2006
4845	8317	255	15	764	2341
Total - DPA07	8335	882	537	1409	3374
1597	Total - DPA11	1964	695	4793	4789
6493	298	6631	1446	Total - DPA24	5424
6495	1532	7011	1599	128	5958
7293	1665	7463	2493	249	6166
11322	8206	Total - DPA17	2506	499	6233
Total - DPA08	Total - DPA12	23	5265	1821	6345
106	216	477	6319	7376	6404
287	411	1620	6771	7505	7465
1463	6150	1718	7012	8106	7599
3376	6558	3502	7045	Total - DPA25	7842
5752	9045	5507	7046	155	Total - DPA28
5956	Total - DPA13	5750	8896	4843	214
6759	384	6076	8951	4963	6664
7294	714	6168	Total - DPA21	6555	7632
7418	804	6704	3	7377	8430
8757	1536	7343	1600	7605	9199
Total - DPA09	1568	7415	1785	Total - DPA26	Total - DPA29
25	5642	7530	3450	33	1754
531	6072	8851	4559	92	2088
3474	6824	9639	5020	734	4129
4712	8306	Total - DPA18	5644	781	4440
5207	8488	464	5825	3368	5754
6082	Total - DPA14	1132	6321	3414	7527
6520	1630	1835	7689	6743	8333
7069	4907	2497	8269	Total - DPA27	9219
7251	6611	6391	8685		Total - DPA30
7963	6755	7252	Total - DPA22		
Total - DPA10	6757	8755			
	7810	Total - DPA19		Total - PA	102.98%
	7863			Grand Total	102.98%
	8730				
	Total - DPA15				



**EVERY DAY IS
 VETERANS DAY**

VFVA Scholarships Programs, June 2026
Karen Mooney, Scholarships Program Chairman



I would like to introduce the winner for this year's Patriotic Creative Art Contest for 2025-2026 program year. And the winner is.....
Allijah Nichol Carmichael, sponsored by Auxiliary 15, District 21.

In a unique twist of faith, Allijah also is our 3-Dimensional Art Contest winner as well. Her talents are very much appreciated, and it must be said that she had some stiff competition this year to secure the State of PA first place status and moves onto the National level to represent for the Department of PA!!!
Allijah, thank you very much for sharing your talents and visions with the VFVA Auxiliary this year and we wish you all the best at the National Level!!!!

2nd place winner for the Patriotic Art Contest was awarded to Joshua Griffith, sponsored by Auxiliary 6759, District 9.

3rd place winner for the Patriotic Art Contest was awarded to Ellie Kessler, sponsored by Auxiliary 5265, District 21

2nd place winner for the 3-Dimensional Art Contest was awarded to Alexis Michaels, sponsored by Auxiliary 5425, District 28.

3rd place winner for the 3-Dimensional Art Contest was awarded to Thomas Sisca, sponsored by Auxiliary 7415, District 18

Also want to let everyone know, in case you have not already seen, the 2026-2027 VOD and PP themes have been published. The theme is the same for both programs again this coming year. With this year's theme, you may want to get these programs out to your contacts early to allow students time to prepare accordingly for the best submission possible. This year's theme is "What A Veteran Taught Me About America". It is never too early to start promoting these programs!!!!

Please remember that "**Every Day is Veterans Day**" and we should celebrate all that we do for our Veterans, our VFVA, and our communities. The VFVA Auxiliary MAKES a difference! Here's to the VFVA Auxiliary Scholarships Programs!! Congratulations on a fabulous year!!!



Loyally,
Karen Mooney, Scholarships Program Chairman
VFVA, Dept of PA

"From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free"

HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS

DEBRA ANTOSH

2025-2026

General Orders #12

Let's continue to make the upcoming year remarkable by serving with
integrity and inclusion,
because,

"EVERY DAY IS VETERANS DAY".

"As you go back to your local auxiliaries, remember that a camera is a

"SAVE BUTTON"

So let us **CAPTURE** every moment of our vital work to keep our history alive
and pass it on to others.

"Our strength lies in our unity. By documenting our journey, we ensure our
efforts for Veterans and their families are

NEVER EVER FORGOTTEN.

SO, Let's keep soaring above and beyond!!".

As the program year wraps up, thank you for capturing the love and
support shown to our veterans. Our duty does not have a deadline, so let's
continue to make

"HISTORY".

"TOGETHER", we are not just recording history; we are making it. Let's
continue

Together Helping Veterans

Across our great Commonwealth as well as abroad.

Have a productive summer, allowing the very best for our **VETERANS** and
their families!!! God bless all of you!!!

FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA



MEET THE 2026-2027 PROGRAM CHAIRMEN



Simply the Best FOR OUR VETERANS

Veterans & Family Support

Kristy Murphy

Buddy Poppy - Deanne Mannella

Historian - Michele Fallet

Legislative - Kathy Jo Reinsmith

Scholarships - Karen Mooney

VFW National Home - Jackie Edmiston

Americanism/Patriotic Instructor

Kathy Arnold

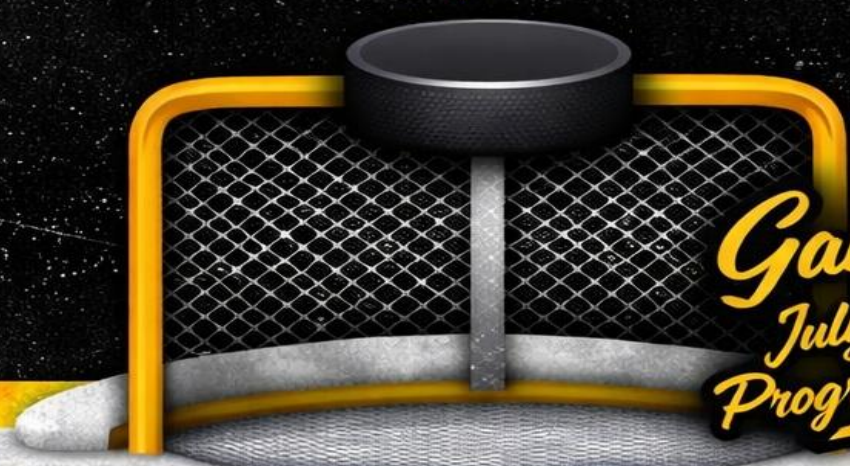
Extension & Revitalization

Linda Mankey

Hospital - Brenda Johnson

Membership - Tina Hinkle

Youth Activities - Amy Clark



*Game On!
July 10-11, 2026
Program Leadership!*

JULY 10-11, 2026

PROGRAM

CONFERENCE



Join the **VFW Auxiliary Department of PA** for a fun and informative weekend learning about our programs and so much more!

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Friday, July 10

- ✓ 7:00 pm Training-Secretary Minutes
- ✓ 8:00 pm Hospitality Room

Saturday, July 11

- ✓ 8:30 am Visit Program Tables
- ✓ 1:00 pm Conference Begins
- ✓ 1:30 pm Council of Administration
- ✓ 5:00 pm Dinner (with pre-registration)
- ✓ 6:45 pm Conference Continued
- ✓ 8:00 pm Hospitality Room

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Ramada by Wyndham
1450 South Atherton Street
State College, PA 16801

Reserve your room:

<https://bit.ly/ProgramTraining26>

or call (814) 238-3001 and reference the **AUX26** block code

\$99.00 (per night) plus applicable taxes base on double occupancy (includes full breakfast and free onsite parking)

DINNER (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED):

Buffet featuring:

- ✓ Chicken Cordon Bleu
- ✓ Sliced Roasted Beef Sirloin

\$35.00 PER PERSON

HOSPITALITY ROOM:

- ✓ Ways & Means Table
- ✓ National Home Table
- ✓ Beverages
- ✓ Snacks
- ✓ Fun
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Networking

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

ON THE ROAD TRAINING

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Simply the Best for our Veterans

TOPICS

- Officers' responsibilities
- Trustees' responsibilities
- Deadlines - audits, bonds, etc.
- Discipline - what is and what is not discipline
- Chain of command
- Achieving a balance between traditions and technology
- Program questions
- Importance of setting your Auxiliary up for the future
- And more...

DATES

AUGUST 15, 2026
 VFW 3448 Mt. Pocono, PA
RSVP by August 5

AUGUST 16, 2026
 VFW 6150 Sinking Springs, PA
RSVP by August 5

AUGUST 22, 2026
 VFW 7527 Bedford, PA
RSVP by August 12

AUGUST 23, 2026
 VFW 1630 Lockhaven, PA
RSVP by August 12

AUGUST 29, 2026
 VFW 92 Lower Burrell, PA
RSVP by August 19

AUGUST 30, 2026
 VFW 2006 Meadville, PA
RSVP by August 19

COST: \$15.00

(per person, includes lunch)

MAIL TO:

PA VFW Auxiliary Headquarters
4002 Fenton Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17109

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Auxiliary No.: _____

District: _____

No. of Members Attending: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Phone No.: _____

OTR Date: _____