



**VFW AUXILIARY DEPT OF WISCONSIN**  
**100th Annual Convention**  
**June 11-14, 2025**  
Madison Marriott West  
1313 John Q. Hammons Drive, Middleton, WI 53562



**AGENDA**

*(Subject to change)*

**Vendor Tables: Noon – Wed, June 11 until Noon – Sat., June 14 (Halls outside meeting rooms)**

**“Buddy”® Poppy Displays: Noon–Wed., June 11 until Noon–Sat., June 14 (Hall)**

**National Scholarships Art Display: Thurs. June 12 until Noon–Sat., June 14**

**Ways & Means Raffle Tables: 1pm Wed. June 11 until 11:00 am Sat., June 14 (Hall)**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025**

<b>11:00 am to 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Credentials Open</b>	
10:00 to 11:30 am	<b>Cross of Malta/Floor Practice – (Mendota Room)</b>	By Invitation – Officers and Floor Team
11:45 am to 12:45 pm	<b>Lunch on your own</b>	
1:00 to 2:00 pm	<b>Council of Administration Meeting – (Mendota Room)</b> <i>Business Attire/Official Look - Officers</i>	Meeting open to all Members
2:15 pm	<b>Convention Opening – (Mendota Room)</b> <b>Opening Greetings</b> <b>Cross of Malta March</b> <b>Call to Order</b> <b>Roll Call</b>  <b>Auxiliary Ritualistic Opening</b>  <b>Escort of National Representative</b> National Chaplain Kim Harney <b>Escort of other Guests</b>  <b>Approval of 2024 Convention Minutes</b> <b>Official Communications</b> <b>Convention Appointments</b> <b>Convention Rules</b> <b>Announcements</b> <b>Recess until <del>8:30</del> 8:00 am Thursday</b>	Lenore Otto PDP Officers and Floor Team President Cheryl Woodards Secretary Faith Elford PDP Conductor Jennifer Mauritz President Cheryl Woodards, Officers and Floor Team Conductor Jennifer Mauritz and Floor Team Conductor Jennifer Mauritz and Floor Team President Cheryl Woodards Secretary Faith Elford PDP Printed in Convention Book Printed in Convention Book Secretary Faith Elford PDP President Cheryl Woodards
4:30 to 5:30 pm	<b>Joint Memorial Service – (Wisconsin Room)</b>	VFW Chaplain Eileen Taipe Aux. Chaplain Marge Southworth
6:00 pm	<b>VFW &amp; Auxiliary Night Out at VFW Post 8483</b> Food & Beverages Available for Purchase. Hawaiian Shirts encouraged.	

**THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025**

<b>7:30 to 11:30 am</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Credentials Open</b>	
8:00 to 11:30 am	<b>Convention Reconvenes – (Mendota Room)</b> <i>Business Attire/Official Look - Officers</i>  <b>Greetings</b> <b>Roll Call</b>	Linda Moran PDP Secretary Faith Elford PDP Conductor Jennifer Mauritz

**Thursday, June 12-continued**

**Program Awards Presentations – *Chairmen should be ready to report at any time.***

Veterans and Family Support

Chair – Kathie Lendosky

Awards (Jeannette Frank)

Chair – Helen Stearns, PDP

Auxiliary Achievement Awards

Chair – SVP Kim McWilliams

Extension/Chief of Staff

Chief-of-Staff Linda Moran, PDP

Youth Activities

Chair – Patty Jansky

National Scholarships (Art)

Chair – Deanna Carothers

Department Scholarships – (Lillian Campbell)

Chair – Jennifer Mauritz

11:45 am

**Auxiliary Plated Lunch - (*Green Bay/Milwaukee Rooms*)**

*Open to all Members OR Lunch on your own*

1:00 to 4:30 pm

**Convention Reconvenes – (Mendota Room)**

**Greetings**

Sally Lamers

**Greetings – Allied Organizations - tentatively**

**Program Awards Presentations continue:**

Historian/Media Relations

Chair - Historian Nicole David

Auxiliary Outreach

Chair – Alicia Weix

Legislative

Chair – Deborah Hackers

Membership

Chair - JVP Charlene Cobbs

Hospital

Chair – Karen Johnson

Presentation of Hospital Volunteers (tent.)

**Gold Star Parents and Families Recognition**

President Cheryl Woodards

**Draping of the Charter/Memorial Service**

Chaplain Marge Southworth

Cond. Jennifer Mauritz; Dist. Presidents;

COS Linda Moran; Musician Jean

Miller; Soloist Aimee Viljevac

Lenore Otto PDP

President Cheryl Woodards

**Memorial Address**

**Nominations of 2025-2026 Officers and**

**Big 10 Rep & Alternate**

**Credentials Report**

Chair – Karen Baumann

**Announcements**

Secretary Faith Elford PDP

**Recess until ~~8:30~~ 8:00 am Friday**

President Cheryl Woodards

5:00 pm

Dinner on your own

6:00 to 10:00 pm

**Joint Awards Celebration – (*Wisconsin Room*)**

6:00 to 7:00 pm

**Joint Awards Celebration Cash Bar**

7:00 to 8:30 pm

**Joint Awards Presentations:** First Responder Award; Scout of the Year; VFW Member of the Year

8:30 to 10:00 pm

**Cash Bar and Entertainment by DJ Jayson Boynton**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025**

**7:30 to 9:00 am ONLY**

**Registration & Credentials Open**

8:00 to 11:45 am

**Convention Reconvenes – (Mendota Room)**

*Business Attire/Official Look - Officers*

**Greetings**

Mary Brown PDP

**Roll Call**

Secretary Faith Elford PDP

Conductor Jennifer Mauritz

**Friday, June 13-continued**

**Program Awards Presentations continues:**

Americanism

“Buddy”® Poppy/National Home

WI Veterans Assistance

VFW News

Web Services

Resolutions

Chair-Sally Lamers, Patriotic Instructor

Chair – Sue Carlson

Chair – Mary Lou Duerr

Chair – Jody McKinney

Chair – Faith Elford, PDP

Chair – Lucetta Jasinski, PDP

12:00 to 1:15 pm

**Auxiliary Club Lunch – (*Green Bay/Milwaukee Rooms*)**

OR Lunch on your own

1:30 to 4:00 pm

**Convention Reconvenes - (Mendota Room)**

**Greetings**

**Presentation of Past Department Presidents**

**Final Credentials Report**

**Election of 2025–2026 Officers and**

**Big 10 Rep & Alternate**

**National Representative Remarks**

**Other Remarks**

**Announcements**

**Recess until 8:30 am Saturday**

Lucetta Jasinski PDP

President Cheryl Woodards

Chair – Karen Baumann

President Cheryl Woodards

National Chaplain Kim Harney

PDP Club – Inez Semingson, PDP

Secretary Faith Elford PDP

President Cheryl Woodards

6:00 to 7:00 pm

**Cash Bar Cocktails (*Ballroom*)**

7:00 pm

**All-State/Convention Banquet (*Ballroom*)**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025**

7:30 am

**Past Department President’s Breakfast**

8:30 to 10:45 am

**Convention Reconvenes – (Mendota Room)**

*Business Attire/Official Look - Officers*

**Greetings & Meeting Opening**

**Program Awards Presentations continue:**

Buddy Poppy Display Winners

Ways and Means

**PDP Club Presentation – Election of Cheryl Woodards to “The Club”**

**President’s Final Report**

SVP Kim McWilliams

Chair Sue Carlson

Co-Chairs–Kathy Kakuschke & Diana Thom

President Cheryl Woodards

11:00 am

**Presentation of Past Department President’s Pin**

**Announcements**

**Closing Ceremonies for 2025 Convention**

Dolly Jenkins

Secretary Faith Elford PDP

Officers and Floor Team

**Thank You for a Wonderful Year “Honoring Our Veterans Together”**

Safe Travels Home!

1:00 to 2:00 pm

**Joint Installation 2025–2026 VFW & Auxiliary Officers-(*Geneva Room*)**

2:00 to 3:30 pm

**2025 - 2026 Auxiliary Council of Administration (Mendota Room)**

~~5:00 to 7:00 pm~~

**2025 - 2026 Commander and President Reception**

**4:00-8:00 PM**

At the Lt. Marion C. Cranefield Auxiliary VFW Post 1318, 2740 Ski Lane, Madison, WI