

# **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

## **ELECTION OF DELEGATES FOR DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

- ❖ **Elect Delegates and Alternates using membership count as of the date of the election.**
- ❖ Elect delegates at a regular meeting held not less than 30 days before the beginning of the Department Convention. (April meeting) (Sec. 303 National Bylaws)
- ❖ Elect one delegate and one alternate for every 15 members or FRACTION thereof: (PER DEPARTMENT BY LAWS) (Sec 303 National Bylaws)
- ❖ (Example: Auxiliary has 100 members paid on the date of the election of delegates) 100 divided by 15 equals 6.67 - Auxiliary is entitled to 6 delegates plus 1 to represent the fraction thereof. Total delegates 7 plus President for a total of 8 Delegates.
- ❖ Auxiliary President is entitled to one vote. (In the absence of the Auxiliary President the Auxiliary Sr. Vice President or Auxiliary Jr. Vice President may cast the Auxiliary President's vote)
- ❖ Department Elected Officers, Past Department Presidents, and District Presidents that have their own vote are required to pay delegate fees. In the event that your Auxiliary is paying delegate fees for any of these officers, please list these names separately and include delegate fee in check.
- ❖ **Delegate fee: \$5.00 per delegate** (There is no fee for alternates)
- ❖ Delegate **LIST and CHECK must** be sent to the **Department Treasurer, CINDY ESTELL, P.O. Box 55850, St. Petersburg, FL. 33732**  
**Delegate list and checks must be in the hands of the Department Treasurer by May 31, 2026.**
- ❖ Late mailings may result in an Auxiliary being required to pay delegate fees at the convention, so that delegates can register and vote
- ❖ Auxiliary **must pay** delegate fees for **ALL delegates** the Auxiliary is entitled to, even if only one delegate (or no delegates) plan to attend the convention. (Per National Bylaws – Sec 303)
- ❖ Make all checks for Delegate fees payable to: VFWA or VFW Auxiliary.
- ❖ **AUDITS:** Must be in the hands of the Department Treasurer in order for Auxiliary delegates to vote at the Department Convention.
- ❖ The term of office for an elected delegate shall be for one year from the date of election, until the election of new delegates (Sec. 303) National Bylaws

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
 JUNE 9 – 14, 2026  
 DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

AUX: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT#: \_\_\_\_\_ # MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_ ON DATE OF ELECTION: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2026

Per Department of Florida Bylaws, each Auxiliary is entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for every fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof as of the date of election of delegates. Delegate fees are \$5.00 per Delegate plus \$5.00 for the Auxiliary President. Delegate fees must be paid prior to an Auxiliary being able to vote at the Department Convention June 9-14, 2026. Make your checks payable to **VFW Auxiliary** and mail with your Delegate List to the Department Treasurer no later than **May 31, 2026**.

DEPARTMENT TREASURE ADDRESS:  
 PO BOX 55850  
 ST PETERSBURG FL 33732-5850

\_\_\_\_\_ Current Auxiliary President (\$5.00 Delegate Fee)

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NOTE: If additional space is needed, print a copy of this form or add names on an additional sheet of paper

This will certify that the Delegates and Alternates listed below were duly elected to represent our Auxiliary at the Department Convention to be held June 9-14, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Auxiliary President Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Auxiliary Secretary Signature

## **Sec. 304—National Convention**

A. Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be elected at the last regular meeting in April;

1. One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each thirty-five (35) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary on March 31.

2. The term of office for which Delegates are elected shall be for one (1) year from date of the election, as described in this Section, until the election of the new Delegates.

3. The Auxiliary Secretary shall provide the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the National Secretary, along with their membership ID number, within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of election.

4. Auxiliaries instituted or reactivated between April 30 and the date of the National Convention shall elect one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each thirty-five (35) members or fraction thereof for the National Convention based on the number of dues received by the National Treasurer at the time of election.

Must be entered on MALTA

Deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>!!!



## **AISLE OF FLAGS**

**VETERANS VILLAGE  
MARCH 21, 2026**

# **National President Lois Callahan Visits Florida**

**On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, during the Veterans Village Picnic, we will have the honor of celebrating our National President Lois Callahan with a special “Aisle of Flags” ceremony.**

**This event is a wonderful occasion for the whole family to come together, and pay tribute to our Veterans and distinguished guests.**

**Take this opportunity to explore Veterans Village and visit with the residents!!**

**Enjoy a delicious lunch with friends, family and fellow members.**

**Please arrive at Veterans Village no later than 10:30 am to ensure everyone is in place on time.**

**We ask that all participants be lined up by 11:15 am.**

**If you have flags, please bring them.**

**The Department Conductor will be on hand to line everyone up.**

*Pauline Riddle  
Department Conductor*

# National Presidents Visit



## ITINERARY

**March 20<sup>th</sup> Arrives at Orlando International Airport 7 p.m.**

**March 21<sup>st</sup> Aisle of Flags – Veterans Village Line-up 11:15**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> Breakfast at Post 10139 9:00 AM**  
**300 Lake Mills Dr., Chuluota**

### Following Breakfast

**Visit Veterans Memorial Park Lake Baldwin**  
**2380 Lake Baldwin Lane, Orlando, FL 32814**

**Lunch at Post 4287 3500 Goldenrod Road, Orlando, FL. 32822 (Approx 11:30 am)**

**Visit Lake Nona Veterans Memorial Park and then tour the VA Facility**  
**13800 Veterans Way 32827**

**Back to hotel to rest and freshen up**

**Dinner at Post 2093, 4444 Edgewater Dr. 32804 6:00 PM**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> National President's flight leaves at 7 am**

**Hotel information: Hampton Inn – 3450 Quadrangle Blvd. 32817 [\(407\) 282-0029](tel:(407)282-0029)**



## Department of Florida VFW Auxiliary

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### Appreciation Gift for Department President Michael Yates

Dear Auxiliary Members,

To show our appreciation to Department President **Michael Yates** for his outstanding leadership and dedication during this “**Building Bridges for Our Veterans**” year of 2025–2026, the Department of Florida Auxiliaries will present him with a special **Appreciation Gift** at the upcoming **2026 Department Convention**.

This presentation will take place during the Auxiliary’s business session on **Saturday**, immediately following Department President Mike’s Report to the membership.

We invite your Auxiliary to join us in honoring his efforts by contributing to this gift. If your Auxiliary would like to participate, please:

- Make your check payable to **Leona McDermott**
- Mail your check along with the completed contribution form to the address listed below
- Ensure that your contribution is received **no later than April 30, 2026**

Your support will help us express our collective gratitude for President Yates’ commitment to our mission and his tireless work on behalf of our veterans.

With appreciation,

Leona McDermott, Chief of Staff  
Department of Florida VFW Auxiliary

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DEADLINE: April 30, 2026

DETACH AND RETURN THIS FORM TO: Leona McDermott  
4444 Royal Fern Way  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Enclosed is the appreciation gift from Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2025-2026 Department President Michael Yates.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

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