

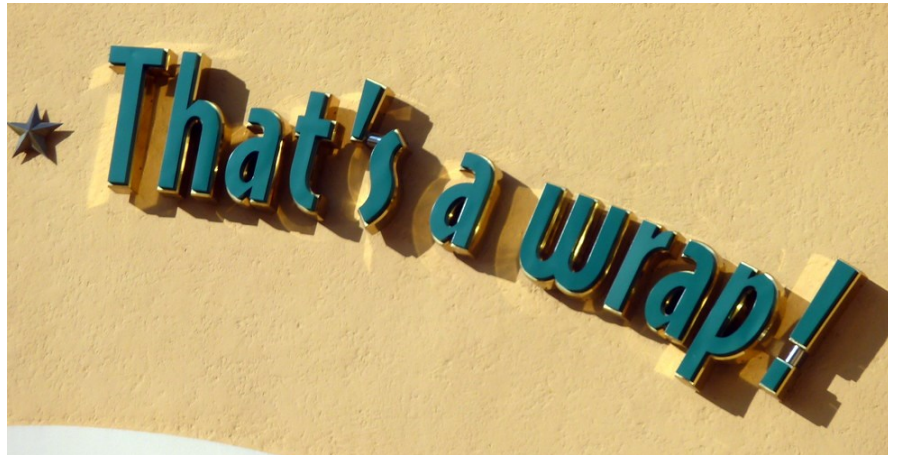


# SUNSHINE E-NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

## Reporting Website

Reporting has concluded for the 2022-2023 year. No more reports can be entered. You may look at the reports entered through the dashboard. Select Auxiliary (or District) then type the Auxiliary or District number and submit. To the right are the programs. If the box under the program is green with a number, that many reports have been submitted. If you want to look at them, click on the number and they will be displayed. Good luck to all Auxiliaries for the Department Convention awards.



## Department Delegates

If your Auxiliary has not elected delegates to Department Convention, now is the time to do it! Remember 1 delegate and 1 alternate for each 15 members or fraction thereof at the time of election. Every Auxiliary **MUST** pay the delegate fee of \$5 per delegate (not alternates) and \$5 for President whether the delegates or President attend. Send the delegate fee and the list of delegate names to Department Treasurer Linda Burnett, P.O. Box 7359, Hudson, FL 34674 **BY** May 31. Failure to send the required fees on time will result in paying delegate fee at convention or forfeiting delegate votes.

## National Delegates

Secretaries must enter delegates to National Convention in MALTA **BY** May 31, 2023. Failure to do this will result in loss of vote at the National Convention July 22-27 in Phoenix, AR. No fees are required to submit delegate names. Delegates must register at convention to be able to vote. A registration fee at the convention entitles delegate to a packet of information.

Department Convention

June 15 - 18

Renaissance Orlando at  
Sea World

## Department Elections

Candidates for Department Guard are:

Jason Estell  
Debra Gates  
Leilani Jones  
Pauline Riddle

Candidates for 3 year VFW Village Board

Lisa Batchelder  
Laura Love

(Read about the candidates on [vfwauxfl.org](http://vfwauxfl.org) candidates corner under news tab.)

Delegates present at the convention will get their pro-rata share of entire delegate strength. I.E. Auxiliary gets 10 votes and two delegates attend, they each get 5 votes. As voting will be by district, it is responsibility of delegates to let their District President know how they wish to vote. Delegates are not obligated to vote any specific way. If delegates do not let District President know their votes, they will be forfeited.

## Endorsements

According to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters Facebook Live episode 17, Auxiliaries or District may endorse a candidate. However this only obligates the President to vote for the endorsed candidate. All delegates are free to vote their own choice. If the District endorses, only the District President is obligated to vote for endorsed candidate, not the Auxiliary Presidents or Auxiliary delegates.

## Installations

President-elect chooses the Installing Officer who must be Past Auxiliary (District) President or held a higher elective office Past Post (District) Commander or held a higher elective office.

Installations shall be within 60 days of convening of Department Convention. Installations may be conducted publicly at an open meeting held for that purpose.

Immediately after installation, the Installing officer shall sign the Installation report. The **current secretary shall input the installation report** into MALTA. If she has trouble doing this, she can forward the installation report to Department Secretary Leona McDermott.

Officers will not assume their duties until after the Department President has been installed at the Department Convention.

## Department Convention

The Department Convention will be held at the Renaissance Orlando at Sea World. Rooms are filling up fast so get your reservation in now. The cutoff date is May 22 or when sold out. At this time there is no overflow.

The Saturday night End of Term Party tickets must be purchased through VFW Department Headquarters. Cost of ticket is \$50 for salad bar, chicken parmesan, pasta bar, blueberry cobbler, coffee or iced tea. Deadline for tickets is June 9.





*Department President Cindy Estell Homecoming*  
*Thank you for sharing this evening with me!*  
*April 1, 2023*

