



## **Department of Washington**

**105<sup>th</sup> Convention June 25 – June 29, 2025**

**Yakima Convention Center**

**Yakima Ave, Yakima, Washington**

### **24-25 Convention Agenda**

**Wednesday, June 25, 2025**

<b>Noon – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Arrival of Department Line Officers and Staff Convention Set Up</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Department Line Officer Meeting (Cdr Room)</b>
	<b>Lunch &amp; Dinner (on your own)</b>



**Thursday, June 26, 2025**

<b>8:00 AM – 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Registration (Lobby Hallway)</b>
<b>8:00 AM – 4:00 PM</b>	<b>VFW Office Open (Tickets/paperwork) Jason Paxton</b>
<b>8:00 – All weekend</b>	<b>Buddy Poppy Displays – Lobby</b>
	<b>Patriotic Art – Lobby</b>
<b>9:00 AM – 9:45 AM</b>	<b>Opening of Joint Session (South Ballroom)</b>
	<b>Introduction of Past State Commanders and Presidents</b>
	<b>Opening Ceremonies</b>
	<b>Introduction of Guests and Speakers</b>
	<b>Yakima Mayor: _____</b>
	<b>Congressional Reps: _____</b>
	<b>_____</b>
	<b>WDVA Director: David Puente</b>
	<b>Presentation of Joint Awards</b>
	<b>(Newsletter, Buddy Poppy, Outstanding Community Service</b>
	<b>Post Award, Etc.)</b>
<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Post Service Officer Training –Gabriel/Todd ( H )</b>
<b>10:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Membership/Recruiting Workshop – C Bond ( J )</b>
<b>10:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Bylaws/Resolution Committee- Jerry Herker (Liberty Room)</b>
<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>New Quartermaster Brief – Manly/Green ( J )</b>
<b>11:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Community Service – Wischman / Arnold ( H )</b>
<b>11:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Dashboard Training – Paxton ( J )</b>
<b>11:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<b>New Post and District Commanders meeting w/ Sr. Vice</b>
	<b>Drew James and Line Officers (South Ballroom)</b>

<b>11:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Service Division Committee (TBD)</b>
<b>11:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Time and Place Committee (TBD)</b>
<b>12:00 PM – 1:30 PM</b>	<b>Lunch (On your own)</b>
<b>1:30 PM-2:00 PM</b>	<b>Bylaw Training (H ) Pierce</b>
<b>2:00 – 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Convention Convenes</b> <b>Opening of Business Session</b> <b>Roll Call of Council (Fred Green)</b> <b>Reading of Convention Rules and Credentials (ted Streete)</b> <b>Award Presentation (Commander / National Rep)</b> <b>Membership Awards:</b> <b>Quarterly Recruiting Awards</b> <b>Top 5 Recruiters</b> <b>Hotel Weekend Stay / Convention Room Drawing</b> <b>Districts w/ all 100% Posts</b> <b>Commanders' Cup Award Presentation</b> <b>Recruiter drawings</b>
<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Military Order of the Cooties (Haggerty)</b> <b>VFW Riders Group Chairman (Dean McKinney)</b> <b>Service Division (Gabe Leach)</b>
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Business Session Adjourns</b>
<b>3:15 PM</b>	<b>Memorial Service practice for Department/District Officers</b>
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Memorial Service (Chaplain)</b>
<b>4:00 PM – 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Dinner on your own</b>
<b>7:00 PM – 10:00 PM</b>	<b>National Representatives (Post and Auxiliary) meet and Greet (Hospitality Suite)</b>



**Friday, June 28, 2025**

<b>8:00 AM – 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Registration open</b>
<b>8:00 AM – 3:00 PM</b>	<b>VFW Business Office open</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Convention Reconvenes</b>
<b>9:05 AM</b>	<b>Credentials / Rules Update (Streete)</b>
<b>9:10 AM</b>	<b>Roll Call by Adjutant</b>
<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Trustee Report (Don Wischman)</b>
<b>9:25 AM</b>	<b>Veteran and Military Support (certificates by District) (Chad Hassebroek)</b>
<b>9:35 AM</b>	<b>Buddy Poppy/ National Home (Nettles)</b>
<b>9:55 AM</b>	<b>Time and Place Committee (Fred Green)</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>15 Minute Break</b>
<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>
	<b>Commander and National Representative visit Auxiliary</b>
<b>10:20 AM</b>	<b>POW/MIA (Rich Angeli)</b>
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Tahoma National Cemetery</b>
	<b>Washington State Cemetery (Wes Anderson)</b>
<b>10:40 AM</b>	<b>National Legislative (Tony Whetstine)</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>State Auxiliary President and National Representative visit</b>
<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>Homeless Veterans (Randy Hahn)</b>
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>State Legislative (Matt Schillingburg))</b>
<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>National Council (Herrera)</b>
<b>11:45 AM – 1:00 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>





**Saturday, June 17, 2023**

<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Past Department Commanders Breakfast</b>
<b>8:00 AM – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Registration Open</b>
<b>8:00 AM – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>VFW Business Office open</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Convention Reconvenes</b>
<b>9:05 AM</b>	<b>Final Credentials/Rules Report (Streete)</b>
<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Close Bible for 4 Corner Caucus</b>
<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>Reconvene from Caucus session.</b>
<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>Scouting Report (Mark B)</b>
<b>9:55 AM</b>	<b>New Business</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Bylaw / Resolution Report and Approval (Herker)</b>
<b>10:40 AM</b>	<b>Open Nominations and Election of Officers</b>
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>2024-2025 Final Officers Reports</b>
	<b>Inspector – Streete</b>
	<b>Chief of Staff – Herker</b>
	<b>Chaplain – Graeff</b>
	<b>Surgeon – Jason</b>
	<b>Judge Advocate – Holly</b>
	<b>Adjutant/Quartermaster – Fred Green</b>
	<b>Jr Vice Commander – Frank Persa</b>
	<b>Sr Vice Commander – Drew James</b>
	<b>Commander – Perry Taylor</b>
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Adjourn meeting until Installation.</b>
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Joint Practice for Installation</b>
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Joint Installation (Business Attire)</b>

**3:00 PM**

**New Council of Administration meeting immediately following  
Installation of Officers.**

**5:00 PM**

**2025-2026 Commander and President Reception at Yakima  
Post 379**