

OFFICERS' REPORT BOOK

June 9-10, 2023



Department of Illinois
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

Instituted May 26, 1925

***"BOOTS ON THE GROUND
FOR OUR VETERANS"***



Welcome to the 2022-2023 Department Convention! Thank you to everyone who is in attendance. This year has been focused on you, the member, and our Auxiliaries. It is my hope this convention continues with you, the member, in the forefront. We are here to celebrate everything we have done for our Veteran's and their families. I know that most of us volunteer our time out of the love for our Veterans and are not looking for awards, but we are here to thank you for everything you have done this year. Receiving an award for your accomplishments is our way as a Department to thank you for all the work you have done

This year didn't start as I had anticipated, but because of all of YOU, it has been filled with memories that will last a lifetime. The love and compassion from all of you has filled my heart. I will be forever grateful. As this journey comes to an end, the memories will last forever. I want to congratulate Lynn Smith, our incoming Department President. My wish for Lynn is that her year is even better than this past year. I'm looking forward to her year and wishing Lynn and her team a successful year.

I hope you take the time to attend the training and meet your VAVS representatives while you are here. Meet up with old friends and make some new ones, too. I am looking forward to hearing loud cheers for all the award winners and celebrating with everyone.

With Love and Appreciation,

Marvie



Tentative Schedule 99th Annual Department Convention Department of Illinois VFW Auxiliary

Department President Marvie Wisniewski

All VFW Auxiliary meetings at
President Abraham Lincoln /Double Tree Hilton, Springfield, IL

Thursday, June 8, 2023

8:30 am	Council of Administration Meeting
12:30 pm	Training Session
12:00 / 3:00 pm	Registration of Delegates
3:30 pm	Council Cocktail Party for Wisniewski / Parrish
6:00 pm	Joint Memorial Service

Friday, June 9, 2023

8:00 / 3:00 pm	Registration of Delegates
8:00 am	VFW & VFW Auxiliary Joint Opening
12:00 pm	Practice for Flag & Banner Presentation
12:30 pm	Presentation of Flags and Banners
1:00 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary Opening Session
	Escort of National VFW Auxiliary Representative
	Recognition of National Officers and Chairman
	Report of Convention Rules Committee
	Report of the Resolutions Committee
	Presentation of Past Department Presidents
	Presentation of 45 Year + Members
	Presentation of District Presidents, Chief of Staff and Deputy Chiefs of Staff
	Awarding of District President of the Year
	Presentation of Circle of Excellence
	Graves Registration Report
	Presentation of Gold Star Families
	Memorial Service
	Registration & Credential Reports
6:00 pm	Patriotic Rally

Saturday, June 10, 2023

7:00 am / noon	Registration of Delegates
8:00 am	Re-open Meeting
	Report of the Officers & Chairmen Reports
	Presentation of Department Hospital Chairman, VAVS Representatives/Deputies
	Hospital Awards
	Presentation of Department Chairmen
	Program Awards
	Veterans & Family Support
	Americanism
	Auxiliary Outreach
	Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home
	Extension & Revitalization
	Historian
	Legislative
	Mentoring for Leadership
	Scholarship
	Youth Activities
	2023 Membership
	Fundraising Chairman Report
11:00 am	Welcome Illinois VFW Commander
11:30 am	Presentation to Road Home
12:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK
12:30 pm	Presentation of 2024 Membership Skit and Program
1:00 p.m.	Department President visit to IL VFW
	Presentation of 2023-2024 Presidents
	Presentation of Department Floor Officers, Pages, and Aide to the National Representative
	Final Registration & Credential Reports
	Nomination and Election of Officers
2:30 pm	Installation of 2023-2024 Officers
3:30 pm	2023-2024 Council of Administration
6:00 pm	Commander's and President's Reception Location TBD

Reminders

- Members should stand when flags are in motion.
- Whenever the Chaplain is opening and closing Bible, everyone should stop all movement and talking.



**99th Annual Department Convention
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of Illinois
Marvie Wisniewski, President
2023 Convention Appointments**



**Events/Convention Chairman
Convention Co-Chairman**

Cheryl Michel
Diane Pencak

Recorder of Minutes

Susan Rolando

Credentials & Registration

Chairman
Committee

Diana Rader
Bessie Bruce
Kathy Cumbee
Sharon Ishmael

First Aid Technician

Pam Wolf

Presentation of Flag and Banner

Chairman
Committee

Danielle Krull
Nancy Rieke
Jennifer Piehl

Convention Rules

Chairman
Committee

Colette Bishop
Rhonda Borkgren
John Watters

Resolutions

Chairman
Committee

Janet Long
Linda Armstrong
Donna Walker

Presentation of Past Department Presidents

Chairman
Committee

Lynn Smith
Cindy Watters
Norma Janney

Presentation of 45+ Year Members

Chairman
Committee

Mercy Woolfolk
Samantha Schmidgall
Patricia Caraker

**Presentation of Chief of Staff, District
Presidents & Deputy Chiefs of Staff**

Chairman
Committee

Barb Howard
Maureen Hayden
Terry Adams



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District President of the Year
Chairman
Committee

Billie Guthals
Jo Lynn Altvatter
Patricia Martyn

**Presentation of Hospital Chairman,
VAVS Representatives and Deputies**
Chairman
Committee

Susan Parrish
Diane Hawk
Sarah Pfeifer

Presentation of Gold Star Families
Chairman
Committee

Diana Rudeen
Ima Davis
Doris Zobrist

Memorial Address

Paula DeDoncker

Officer and Chairmen's Reports
Chairman
Committee

Ruth Smit-Bigos
Katie Makey

Presentation of Department Chairmen
Chairman
Committee

Diane Pencak
Rosemary McMurchie
Jennifer Hunter

**Presentation of Department Floor Officers,
Pages, and Aide to the National Representative**
Chairman
Committee

Jo Lynn Altvatter
Lillian Mayer
Jan Bakes

Presentation of 2023-24 Auxiliary Presidents
Chairman
Committee

Mary Spindler
Kathryn Rowold
Carol Shutts

Greetings to the VFW
Department President
National Representative
Past National President
Department Chief of Staff

Marvie Wisniewski
Dixie Hild
Colette Bishop
Paula DeDoncker

Officer Pages

President

Marvie Wisniewski

Melanie Ecker

Tina Krueger

Billie Thomas

Senior Vice President

Lynn Smith

Laura Knackstedt

Junior Vice President

Cindy Watters

Debra Dickey

Secretary

Tammy Napier

Janet Snyder

Treasurer

Linda Lorenz

Meggan Denny

Chaplain

Diane Ahrens

Becky Coulson

Conductress

Danielle Krull

Maggie Davis

Guard

Terry Adams

Shirley Vega

Floor Pages

Cheryl Miller

Lois Moore





2023 CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE



District	Auxiliary	President	Treasurer
3	2729	Rhine Auxiliary	Michael Maruszak
	5079	Chicago Bridgeport Auxiliary	Diane Pencak
	5220	Johnson-Phelps Auxiliary	Tina Krueger
	9773	Hometown Murray Auxiliary	Lenore Goodfriend
8	8078	Deborah Kirby Poczatko	Patricia Schoenbaum
	8890	Factory City Auxiliary	Linda Jacobs
9	8078	Ybarra-Gomez Auxiliary	Deborah Villarreal
	8890	La Salle Auxiliary	Lisa Manijak
10	4668	La Fore Lock Auxiliary	Karen Hirstein
	755	Guthrie-Pierce Auxiliary	Leslie Harris
12	1239	Bond County Memorial Auxiliary	Denise Jackson
	1377	Ambraw Auxiliary	Robin Ash
13	2244	Leslie Edgar Etchason Auxiliary	Debra Dickey
	3999	Olney Memorial Auxiliary	Tim Anderson
	4226	Wayne County Memorial Auxiliary	Linda Bopp
	4535	Sgt. Charles A. Fricke Auxiliary	Catherine Murphy
14	805	Caseyville Memorial Auxiliary	Janice Schmidt
	1117	Randolph County Auxiliary	Kristy Hall
	2698	Capt. Horace G. Burke Auxiliary	Vera Beckwith
	3480	Goldsmith-Terry Auxiliary	Brandon Lake
	3523	Kaskaskia Auxiliary	Mary Pierce
	3553	Metzger-Crook Auxiliary	Janeth Mogg
	6504	Red Bud Auxiliary	Kathryn Rowold
	6632	Coulterville Auxiliary	Phillip Behiter
	6865	Mascoutah Auxiliary	Mary Lee
	7682	New Athens Auxiliary	Jill Darin
	7710	Millstadt Auxiliary	Marcus Dunn, Sr.
	7980	Beggs-Gurley Auxiliary	Carrie Hood
15	5222	Jackson County Auxiliary	Tonya Knust
	7190	Walter Jones Auxiliary	Patricia Floyd
17	2876	Casey Auxiliary	Jenny Rodebaugh
	5762	Ghere-Pullen-Reinheimer Auxiliary	Danyll Cox
	7862	Villa Park Auxiliary	Ronald Bakes
19	2801	Judd Kendall Auxiliary	Bernadette Budny
	3873	Lilac Auxiliary	Christine Breyne
	5815		

CONGRATULATIONS!

100%+ Districts Membership

As of May 31, 2023

District

District 3
District 5
District 12
District 13
District 14
District 15
District 16
District 17
District 19

Current Percent

101.51%
100.29%
100.67%
101.07%
101.72%
100.23%
100.52%
100.00%
100.97%

District

District 6
District 8
District 9
District 10
District 18

Paid Percent

100.71%
101.16%
101.27%
100.88%
100.00%

THANK YOU!

100%+ MEMBERSHIP AUXILIARIES Current Percent

As of May 31, 2023

District	Auxiliary	Current Percent	District	Auxiliary	Current Percent
ILLINOIS -			12	2859	100.00%
NON DISTRICT	2868	104.62%		3912	103.33%
3	2729	100.74%		5691	108.77%
	5079	111.39%		7678	108.06%
	8821	100.00%	13	2244	110.26%
	9773	100.00%		3999	105.13%
5	1293	116.67%		4226	101.12%
	2298	105.26%		4535	102.65%
	4551	100.00%		8222	100.00%
	4600	106.62%		9153	100.00%
6	1461	102.43%	14	805	105.97%
7	630	102.82%		2698	100.00%
	2608	105.00%		3480	103.23%
	9789	100.00%		3523	106.60%
8	1422	105.00%		6504	105.26%
	1921	102.21%		6632	109.30%
	2257	109.84%		6865	105.75%
	5001	101.06%		7682	101.60%
	8078	101.59%		7980	100.66%
	8890	106.31%	15	1301	100.00%
9	3883	101.09%		1567	102.08%
	4079	102.44%		3479	105.41%
	4668	112.96%		4753	116.00%
	4835	100.00%		5222	113.16%
	4999	105.36%		7190	107.32%
10	755	102.94%		9763	104.08%
	4763	102.86%	16	311	104.26%
	6408	103.31%		450	101.10%
11	99	103.49%		2791	104.84%
12	1104	130.00%		8141	100.00%
	1377	106.67%		9801	101.54%
			17	1592	100.00%
				2876	103.23%

100%+ MEMBERSHIP AUXILIARIES Current Percent

As of May 31, 2023

District	Auxiliary	Current Percent	District	Auxiliary	Current Percent
17	3601	100.00%	19	503	100.00%
	4325	101.73%		2164	100.00%
	5762	106.56%		2801	105.02%
	5975	102.29%		3873	104.17%
	7862	100.00%		5768	103.95%
	10009	100.00%		5815	101.54%
18	725	103.85%		5819	107.32%
	5422	104.60%		6791	100.00%
	5788	100.92%		8081	100.98%
	9545	105.19%			

Paid Percent

District	Auxiliary	Paid Percent	District	Auxiliary	Paid Percent
ILLINOIS - NON DISTRICT	7186	100.00%	6	3878	102.47
	9284	100.00%		5149	100.00%
3	2729	101.85%	7	630	103.39%
	5079	111.39%		2608	107.50%
	5220	101.42%		4826	108.11%
	8821	100.00%		9789	100.00%
	9773	102.67%		9961	100.00%
5	1293	116.67%	8	1422	106.25%
	2298	105.26%		1571	101.71%
	4308	104.08%		1921	103.68%
	4551	101.64%		2257	109.84%
	4600	108.82%		5001	101.06%
	8741	100.00%		8078	104.76%
6	1461	103.65%	9	8890	106.31%
	2665	100.00%		3883	101.64%
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				4668	120.37%




100%+ MEMBERSHIP

AUXILIARIES

Paid Percent

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	6634	100.00%		3479	106.31%
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	4763	102.86%		5222	113.16%
	6408	104.13%		7190	110.98%
	10302	100.00%		9763	104.08%
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	4829	102.80%		450	101.10%
	6190	100.00%		2791	106.45%
12	1104	130.00%		8141	101.49%
	1377	106.67%	17	8283	100.00%
	2859	102.83%		9801	103.08%
	3912	106.67%		1592	104.05%
	5691	114.04%		1769	100.85%
	5694	100.00%		2876	103.23%
	7678	108.06%		3601	101.90%
13	2244	113.25%		4325	103.47%
	3999	106.41%		5762	109.02%
	4226	101.75%		5975	103.43%
	4276	102.16%		7862	104.88%
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CONVENTION RULES
Department of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of the United States
Springfield, Illinois
June 8 – 10, 2023

1. The agenda for this Convention shall be at the discretion of the Department President.
2. The National Bylaws of our organization shall govern this Convention. In cases not covered by the National Bylaws, Roberts Rules of Order shall be recognized as the parliamentary authority.
3. Delegates shall register promptly upon arrival and be seated according to Districts under their respective banners whenever space permits.
4. Auxiliary Presidents, Delegates and Alternates Credential Cards are not being sent out. Each President, Delegate and Alternate will register at the Registration Desk showing their current calendar dues card. The same applies to Department Officers, Department Appointed Officers, and Past Department Presidents; each Officer shall register her credentials under the title by which he/she shall cast their vote. The Registration/Credentials Desk shall verify with the Delegate/Alternate Form submitted with delegate fees. An Auxiliary President who is also an elected Delegate of her Auxiliary, and wishes to cast his/her vote in that capacity, shall register as a Delegate.
5. Only duly accredited Delegates or Alternates representing Delegates and/or other members of the Department Convention Composition are entitled to vote, present motions, and participate in discussion or in voice vote on any subject that may properly come before the Convention.
6. No Delegate or member of the Department Convention Composition shall be entitled to the floor unless he/she rises, addresses the Presiding Officer, states their name and Auxiliary number or title, and have been recognized by the chair before proceeding.
7. A delegate shall be permitted to speak twice on any one subject or pending resolution. The Chairmen of the Convention Committees may speak as frequently as necessary in connection with his/her report. In the event of a controversy, the Presiding Officer shall not entertain any motion which will curtail further debate without affording the maker of the motion or a member of the group who submitted the resolution an opportunity for final rebuttal.
8. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker.
9. All resolutions offered on the floor of the Convention shall be in writing and shall automatically be referred to the Resolution Committee without debate for their consideration and report.
10. Department Chairmen submitting supplemental reports shall provide copies of their reports for the Department Secretary or Assistant Secretary.
11. Nomination of Department Officers will be at the call of the Department President on Saturday, June 10, 2023. Nominating speeches shall be limited to three (3) minutes each.
12. **Registration will be open from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 10, 2023. DELEGATES WILL BE UNABLE TO REGISTER AFTER THE 10:00 A.M. CLOSING.** This is necessary to allow enough time to calculate the total voting strength of the delegates prior to the election.
13. It will be necessary for all members entering the Department Business Session on Saturday, June 10, 2023, to show their dues card for the current calendar year.
14. Election of Department Officers will be held on SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2023 and shall be conducted in accordance with the National Bylaws. In the event there is more than one candidate for an office, Roll Call Vote will be the method used to elect Department Officers. The Roll Call Vote shall commence with the District Presidents, who will announce the vote of the full Delegation strength of their District. The District President shall poll the Auxiliaries prior to the election for their vote to be cast. (In the event the District President is not in attendance, the Sr. Vice President will assume this duty. If the Sr. Vice President is absent, the Jr. Vice President will poll the delegation. Delegates need not be present in the Convention room during the election for their vote to be cast BUT MUST HAVE REGISTERED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE VOTE.

15. The District President, with at least one other District Line Officer, shall tally the votes submitted by their Auxiliaries and be ready to cast the vote on Saturday, June 10, 2023. IT IS THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S OBLIGATION TO CAST THE EXACT NUMBER OF VOTES AS GIVEN TO HER BY THE REGISTERED AUXILIARIES. SHE CANNOT CHANGE THEIR VOTES. AUXILIARIES SHOULD ALSO GIVE THEIR DISTRICT PRESIDENT A SECOND CHOICE IN THE EVENT THERE IS NO MAJORITY VOTE ON THE FIRST BALLOT.
16. All other members of the Convention Composition shall also vote by Roll Call.
17. Delegates may arrive at a vote in any manner acceptable to the membership, but the vote shall be given in whole numbers. Fractional votes will not be accepted.
18. When the report presented by the District President is not accepted by the Delegates of that District and a poll of the Delegates is demanded, the Department Credentials Chairman shall immediately poll the Auxiliaries in that District without discussion.
19. In balloting for Officers, a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for choice. If there is no election on the first ballot, the member receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and so on in successive ballots until an election is made. In the event of more than one candidate seeking one office, there will be no applause after the election.
20. No person shall leave or enter the Convention Room during an election for a particular office, except for a valid reason, in which event he/she may not re-enter until the election for that particular office is completed. After the vote is completed and ballots are closed, a member who has not voted is not permitted to do so.
21. All unnecessary walking around the Convention Floor shall be avoided. Pages have been assigned for this purpose.
22. All movement on the floor will come to a standstill when the Flags or the Chaplain are on the floor.
23. At the request of the Department President, all presentations will be made at the President's station.
24. Members taking pictures on the Convention Floor shall not pass between the Altar and the Presiding Officer's station and are requested not to obstruct the view of the delegates/members. Members are not permitted to move about the Convention Floor to take pictures during the Memorial Service.
25. The use of whistles or other noisemakers causing distress to those with hearing devices are not permitted on the Convention Floor.
26. Please limit Cell Phone usage to emergency situations. They are to be turned off or set on vibrate during all Business Sessions, especially during the Draping of the Charter and the Memorial Service.
27. The Chair shall have the authority to have escorted from the Convention Room any person or persons who may create any disturbance which interferes with the orderly procedure of the Convention.
28. Any complaints regarding the seating or temperature of the meeting room shall be made to the Convention Chairman.
29. Suspension of the Rules of the Convention shall require the consent of two thirds of the voting strength of the Convention delegates present.

Chairman: Colette Bishop

Committee: Rhonda Borkgren, John Watters