

**Eighty Fifth Annual Convention
Department of Pennsylvania Ladies Auxiliary to the
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**

Auxiliary Program

WEDNESDAY JUNE 24, 2009

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Registration,.....Duquesne Room

9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

**Floor Practice.....Junior Ballroom
(Bea Laughman, Bonnie Eichelberger with line officers, floor officers and musician only)**

11:30 A.M.

Past Department President Luncheon.....Rivers Restaurant

2:00 P.M.

Council of Administration Meeting..... South Ballroom

5:30 P.M.

**Memorial Service Practice.....Grand Ballroom
(President, Chaplain, Secretary and all District Presidents - in uniform)**

7:00 P.M.

Annual Joint Memorial Service.....Grand Ballroom

NOTE: This is a tentative schedule and subject to change. Speakers and Award Presentations may not be in the order they will appear at the session. Announcement will be made of any change in the schedule as soon as it is brought to the attention of the Convention Committee. All sessions for the Department of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary will be held in the Junior Ballroom of the Radisson Pittsburgh Hotel, Greentree, PA unless otherwise specifically noted.

THURSDAY JUNE 25, 2009

8:00 A.M.

Registration.....Duquesne Room
Registration will be closed during business sessions-Credential Chairman will be at
Guard's Station if needed.

8:30 A.M.

Joint Meeting with VFW and Auxiliary.....Grand Ballroom
Presentation of all Joint Programs (Presentation of American Flags by Ladies Aux.)
(All Line Officers, Patriotic Instructor and 4 Color Bearers)

11:30 A.M.

Joint Luncheon, 25 Year Club/Past District President's Club.....Courtyard

1:30 P.M.

Western Area Convention Committee Presentation.....Junior Ballroom

2:00 P.M.

Seating of the Officers.....Junior Ballroom
(Bea Laughman, Bonnie Eichelberger)

Official Opening of the 2009 Department Convention.....Jean Gasior, Chairman

Call to Order by Department President.....Ann Ray M. Begis

Roll Call of Officers and Chairmen.....Department Secretary

Ritualistic Opening

Escort of National Representative

Escort of National Council Member, Past National President, Eastern States Vice

President & Eastern States Membership Chairman

Approval of Minutes of Previous Convention

Announcement of Convention Committee Appointments

(PRINTED IN OFFICERS' & CHAIRMENS' BOOK)

Report of Convention Rules Committee,.....Joyce Reece, Chairman

(PRINTED IN OFFICERS' & CHAIRMENS' BOOK)

Report of Department Officers,.....Theresa Chambers Groce, Chairman

(PRINTED IN OFFICERS' & CHAIRMENS' BOOK)

Treasurer's Report,.....Sharon McCullough

(PRINTED IN OFFICERS' & CHAIRMENS' BOOK)

Official Communications,.....Department Secretary

District President's Reports,.....Margaret Rogal, Chairman

Presentation of Outstanding District Presidents,.....Ann Ray M. Begis, Dept. President

Presentation of Pages,.....Nancy Pysker, Chairman

Presentation-Freedom Alliance.....Ann Ray M. Begis, Department President
Department Chairmen Reports,.....Kathy Jo Reinsmith, Chairman
Presentation of Department Officers Visiting from Other States
Presentation of Past Department Presidents,.....Jean Green, Chairman
Presentation of Dept. Chairmen and Area Chairmen,
Kathy Jo Reinsmith, Program Coordinator
Presentation of Gold Star Mothers/Wives,.....Margaret Hunter, Chairman

3:00 P.M.

Annual Auxiliary Memorial Service
Report of Credentials Committee,.....Lynn Musselman, Chairman
Announcements,.....Department Secretary

6:30 P.M. Cash Bar, 7:00 P.M. Dinner and Entertainment.....Grand Ballroom

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2009

7:30 A.M.

Practice for Presentation of District Presidents,.....Hallway of Junior Ballroom

7:30 A.M.

Registration.....Duquesne Room
At beginning of Business Session, Registration will be done on an On Call Basis with
Credential Chairman being located at the Guard's Station.
PLEASE NOTE: NO FURTHER REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES AFTER 12:00
NOON

Escort of State Commander Larry M. Wade, Sr. and VFW National Representative

8:30 A.M.

Presentation of District Presidents with Colors,.....Junior Ballroom
(Bea Laughman and Bonnie Eichelberger)
Call to Order,.....Nancy Middlesworth, Past Dist. 12 President
Bylaws and Resolutions,.....Margaret Rogal, Chairman
PROGRAM AWARDS:
Veterans & Family Support,.....Janet Hauth, Chairman
Americanism/Patriotic Instructor,.....Veronica Grant, Chairman
Cancer Aid & Research,.....Debra Colalella, Chairman

Community Services,.....Rebecca Heberlig, Chairman
Extension,.....Maryann Pauline, Chairman
Historian,.....Louise Gerhart, Chairman
Hospital,.....Eldora Crist, Chairman
Hospital Presentation,.....Department President and Eldora Crist, Chairman
Legislative/VFW Political Action,.....Teresa Bell, Chairman
Scotland School and Students.....Brenda Johnson, Chairman
Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen.....Marsha Fuhrman, Chairman
Youth Activities/Junior Girls/Patriotic Art.....Kathy Adams, Chairman
Presentation of 40 Year and Over Members,.....Sandy Wilder, Chairman
Presentation of Outstanding Department Chairman,.....Ann Ray M. Begis,
Department President and Kathy Jo Reinsmith, Program Coordinator
Presentation of Gift Fund,.....Mary M. Hetrick, Chairman
Membership,.....Deborah Mock, Chairman
Nomination of Officers

Guest Speakers:

Ladies Auxiliary National Representative
Margaret Rogal, National Council Member
Helen I Harsh, Past National President
Lucille Turner, Eastern States Conference Vice President
Bonnie Eichelberger, Eastern States Membership Chairman

Report of Credentials Committee,.....Lynn Musselman, Chairman
Announcements,.....Department Secretary

PLEDGES TAKEN FOR 2009-2010 CANCER PROGRAM.....Dept. Sr. Vice President,
Bette Jean Biedrzycki

7:00 P.M.

Patriotic Rally.....Grand Ballroom

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2009

8:00 A.M.

Welcome Home.....District 12
Escort of Department President,.....Junior Ballroom
Call To Order,.....Joan Wagner, Past District 12 President
Final Report of Credential Committee,.....Lynn Musselman, Chairman
Appointment of Judge and Tellers
New Business, Election of Officers
Roll Call,.....Lynn Musselman, Credentials Chairman

**Announcement of Department Appointed Officers (2009-2010),.....Department Secretary
(ONE HALF HOUR RECESS)**

**Installation of Officers,.....Jean Gasior, Past Department President
John Biedrzycki, Past State Commander**

Installing Conductress,.....Margaret Rogal, National Council Member

Assistant Installing Conductress,..Theresa Chambers Groce, Past Department President

Acceptance Speech,.....Bette Jean Biedrzycki, Department President

Presentation,.....District 29

Presentation of President's Jewel,.....Helen I. Harsh, Past National President

Closing Ceremonies

8:00 P.M.- Midnight

State Commander/Department President Reception,.....Grand Ballroom

WESTERN AREA CONVENTION COMMITTEE 2009

Executive Committee

	<u>District</u>		<u>Aux</u>
Jean Gasior	29	Chairman/PDP	2754
Margaret Rogal	26	Co-Chairman/PDP	1586
Nancy Carol Jones	23	Secretary/ Past Dept. President	21
Bette Jean Biedrzycki	29	Treasurer/Dept. Sr Vice President	418
Sherry Stinebiser	19	Department Chaplain	1424
Julia Dever	28	Department Guard	6404
Veronica Grant	25	Dept. Patriotic Instructor	128
Jeanne Reinard	19	Department Banner Bearer	314
Margaret Hunter	24	Dept. Assistant Conductress	567
Cynthia Grau	27	Department Color Bearer #3	92
Rita Graff	29	Past Department President	1810
Helen Harvey	26	Past Department President	4963
Helen Ragon	19	Past Department President	464
Anna J. Radmore	28	Past Department President	5958
Mary Lou Miller	26	Past Department President	343
Janice Holmes	28	Past Department President	4789
Stephanie Cavanaugh	27	Past Department President	33

District Presidents Comprising the Western Area

Elizabeth Bauer	District 19
Linda Ferrell	District 23
Marian Soldano	District 23 Sr. Vice
Christine Lieberman	District 24
Nancy Mallinder	District 25
Debra Wade	District 26
Stephanie Cavanaugh	District 27
Paula Hampton	District 28
Kelley Sanelli	District 29

Banquet

Linda Quiter	Reservation Chairman	2754
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Cancer Table

Colleen Odenthal	Chairman	803
Patricia Ulakovich	Co-Chairman	803
Debra Colallela	Honorary Chairman	8805

Convention Committee Floor Pages

Elaine Hachman	7250
Arlene Milchak	1586
Charlotte Swogger	734

First Aid/Nurses

Eldora Crist	33
Patricia Fry	33

Flowers & Decorations

Gertrude Yanke	Chairman	418
Carol Horvath	Co-Chairman	418

Forty Years & Over Member Presentation

Sandy Wilder	Chairman	267
Sharon Runyon	Co-Chairman	267

Gold Star Mothers/Wives Presentation

Margaret Hunter	Chairman	567
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Hall & Service

Connie Tobias	Chairman	734
Lorraine Harper	Co- Chairman	8805
Mary Jane Kleinhemple		9199
Brenda Reno		7597

Money Tree

Fran Stoneberg	Chairman	8803
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VFW National Home for Children Table

Donna Harbison	Chairman	92
Alice Puhlman	Co-Chairman	92
Janet Hauth	Honorary Chairman	5020

Past Department Presidents Luncheon (Wednesday)

Stephanie Cavanaugh (West)	President	33
Theresa Chambers Groce (East)	Vice President	974
Ruth Haldeman (Central)	Chaplain	5859
Beatrice Laughman (Central)	Secretary/Treasurer	6070

Past Department President's Presentation

Jean Green	Chairman	2006
Elizabeth Novotny	Co-Chairman	169

Past District Presidents/25 Year Club Joint Luncheon (Thursday)

Leonie Graham (West)	President	249
Kathleen Ebling (East)	Vice President	1521
Nancy Middlesworth (Central)	Chaplain	1665
Beatrice Laughman (Central)	Secretary/Treasurer	6070

Patriotic Rally (Friday)

Cecelia Cook	Chairman	2754
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Ways & Means

Maryann Stowitzky	Chairman	2754
Mary Skalos		2754
Joan Banze		2754
Natalie Susany		2754
Mildred Barie		2754

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

AIDE TO NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Kelley Sanelli 2754

Bylaws & Resolutions

Margaret Rogal	NCM/PDP	Chairman	1586
Betty Musselman	PDP	Member	245
Ruth Haldeman	PDP	Member	5859

Credentials

Lynn Musselman	PDP	Chairman	245
Stella Mears		Co-Chairman	6168
Sara Albright		Member	7415
Nancy Hippensteel		Member	6168

Department Chairmen Reports

Kathy Jo Reinsmith	PDP	Chairman	6168
Nancy Carol Jones	PDP	Co-Chairman	21

Department Convention Rules

Joyce Reece		Chairman	5667
Beatrice Laughman	PDP	Co-Chairman	6070

Department Officers Reports

Theresa Chambers Groce	PDP	Chairman	974
Mary Lou Miller	PDP	Co-Chairman	343

Department Officers Floor Instructions/Flag Presentation

Beatrice Laughman	PDP	Chairman	6070
Bonnie Eichelberger	PDP	Co-Chairman	1754

District Presidents Reports

Margaret Rogal	NCM/PDP	Chairman	1586
Mary M. Hetrick	PDP	Co-Chairman	34

Judge & Tellers

Lucille Turner	PDP	Judge	3425
Joyce Patterson	PDP	Teller	7463
Patricia Peiper	Member	Teller	6168

Department Officers Pages

Nancy Pysher	Chairman	739
Lucille Turner	Co-Chairman	3425
Debbie Wojciechowicz	Department President	8317
Cecelia Cook	Department Sr Vice President	2754
Paula Thompson	Department Jr Vice President	7069
Bea Laughman	Department Secretary-Treasurer	6070
Margie Reeger	Department Chaplain	813
Delores Wintermyer	Department Conductress	2493
Anna Radmore	Department Guard	5958
Linda Miller	Department Musician	1754
Karen Hoover	Department Chief of Staff	5507
Deborah Rothermel	National Officers	5507
Denise Oshall	Extra Floor Page	7043