

# **Call to Fall Conference**

## **Revised 10/18/2023**

The Annual Fall Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida, will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 17, 18, and 19, 2023 at the Caribe Royale Orlando, 8101 World Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32821.

### **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

This is merely a tentative schedule with meeting locations. Locations are subject to change so please check for changes posted on site.

### **Friday, November 17, 2023**

8:00 am – 5:00 p.m. **Department Headquarters Store Open – Grand Sierra C**

9:15 - 9:30 a.m. –2023-2024 Pre Breakout Meeting- Department Officers, and Department Chairmen– Dee Bell #RingYourBell for Service - **Grand Sierra D**

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Reporting – Jan Farrington – How to write reports, “Deadlines are REAL!” – **Grand Sierra D**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Past Presidents Parley – Wanda Brandt – **Bonaire 1**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. – National Security – Dawn Davis - Discussion on outside organizations with an emphasis on Military Service Members, their families, first responders and our youth programs (ROTC/JROTC and Youth Cadet Law Enforcement programs – **Bonaire 2**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Leadership – Eileen Wilson – **Bonaire 3**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Americanism – Tammy Zell – Essay Contest Information and Ideas as to promote Americanism – **Bonaire 4**

10:00 – 11:00 am Education – Terry Gallagher – Reviewing scholarships and how to qualify; how to assist our children, support teachers and schools in community, Reporting – **Bonaire 5**

10:00-11:00 Legislative – Shirley Fashano – Why this program & reporting is important to the government and our organization - **Bonaire 6**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Auxiliary Emergency Fund – Tracy Wentz – Application process & eligibility, fundraising ideas - **Bonaire 7**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children & Youth- Linda Knoblach Harkness– **Bonaire 8**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Unit Presidents – Jane Hardacre and Michele DeGennaro – Helpful hints, Question and Answer Session – **Curacao 1**

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10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation – Robin Burk – **Curacao 2**

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. Girls State – Paula Fox – School contacts, registration, interviews – **Bonaire 1**

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. Juniors – Tara Harris – How to include, and **build** your Juniors – **Bonaire 2**

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11:15 – 12:15 p.m.– Poppies – Georgia MacKenzie – How are the funds used & fundraising ideas - **Bonaire 4**

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. Chaplain – Ruth Burgess – **Bonaire 5**

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. Historian – Dara Oliver – How to write a Narrative and what is expected of the Unit/District Chairmen – **Bonaire 6**

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. Sergeant-At-Arms – Sherry Shupp & Andrea Sherman – **Bonaire 7**

11:15 – 12:15 p.m.– Community Service – Bridgette Greene - **Bonaire 8**

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. Public Relations – Virna Luke – Why this program is important, easy, and everyone can participate – **Curacao 1**

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. Secretaries – Charlotte Bass, Mary Kelly Perkins – Helpful hints, Question and Answer Session – **Curacao 2**

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. Membership – Lisa Hoyland and Michele DeGennaro – Questions & Answers session regarding Membership processing and eligibility – **Grand Sierra D**

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. – All 2023-2024 District Presidents Class – Mary Kelly Perkins and Jane Hardacre - Roll call will be taken. District Presidents must attend to receive Fall Conference stipend. Review Activities/Reporting/Unit Visits etc. - **Bonaire 1**

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Treasurer – Brandi Seeber and Nana Lontakos – Helpful hints, Question and Answer Session – **Bonaire 2**

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2:45 – 3:45 p.m. Who you gonna call? – Jane Hardacre, Michele DeGennaro, and Mary Kelly Perkins Questions and Answers. **Grand Sierra D**

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. District Presidents #RingYourBell and #BeTheOne – **Grand Sierra D**

5:00- 6:00 p.m. National President Lisa Williamson Meet & Greet – **Grand Sierra D**

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8:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm Department Headquarters Store Open – **Grand Sierra C**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Juniors Meeting – Tara Harris – **Antigua 3-4**

9:00 a.m. Opening – **Grand Sierra D**  
Americanism Chairman – Tammy Zell


10:15 a.m. National Awards (NEC – Jane Hardacre)

10:45 a.m. Tracy Wentz AEF

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11:15 am. Special Guest Speakers

 **Announcements** – Department Secretary

### Lunch

**1:15 p.m. Line Up for Membership Parade**

1:30 p.m. General Session - **Grand Sierra D**  
Membership Parade

**3:00-3:15 Break**

**3:15 p.m.** National Security  
Girls State  
Presentation of Poppy Winners Announcements & Endorsements Closing &  
Remarks

6:00 PM Reception\* **Palms 2**  
*\*Cash Bar*

7:00 PM President & Commander Banquet – **Palms 2**  
Murder Mystery Dinner

## Sunday, November 19, 2023

8:30 pm Religious Service - **Grand Sierra D**

Dee Bell

Department President

September 1, 2023

Mary Kelly-Perkins

Department Secretary