

# Call to Fall Conference – REVISED 11/12/2025

The Annual Fall Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida, will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 21, 22, and 23, 2025 at the Caribe Royale Orlando, 8101 World Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32821.

**DRESS CODE:** Florida business casual including ALA branding, nice tops and bottoms.  
Please NO shorts, cut-offs, or flip-flops.

## **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

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

### **Thursday, November 20, 2025**

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Department Headquarters Store** Open – **Grand Sierra C**

### **Friday, November 21, 2025**

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

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. 2025-2026 Pre-Breakout Meeting - Department Officers, and Department Chairmen – Robin Burk - Passion for Veterans - **Grand Sierra D**

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Membership – Patsy Sewell and Dawn Davis – **Grand Sierra D**

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. Past Presidents Parley – Dee Bell – **Bonaire 1**

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. National Security – Julie Kay - *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**

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Leadership – Penny Kanbara – *ABC Instructor – Updates for Current Instructors* - **Bonaire 3**

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Education – Jenny Arguinzoni – *Reviewing scholarships and how to qualify; how to assist our children, support teachers and schools in community, Reporting* – **Bonaire 5**

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Community Service – Tammy Zell - *Volunteer opportunities and National Day of Service* - **Bonaire 6**

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Children & Youth- Dara Oliver - *Volunteer opportunities / Enlisting our Juniors* – **Bonaire 7**

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation – Lisa Hoyland – *For God and Country: Serving Our Veterans through VA&R* - **Bonaire 4**

## **Friday, November 21, 2025 - Continued**

10:45 – 12:00 p.m. Sergeant-At-Arms – Dawn Burgess – *What should I do as the Sergeant-At-Arms?* - **Bonaire 1**

10:45 – 12:00 p.m. Chaplain – Karen Marks – *Spiritual Leadership in your Unit*- **Bonaire 3**

10:45 – 12:00 p.m. Historian – Robin Waltrous – *Unit and 250th History* – **Bonaire 4**

10:45 – 12:00 p.m. Finance & Compliance – Brandi Seeber– *Compliance Matters* - **Curacao 1&2**

10:45– 12:00 p.m. Public Relations – Virna Luke – *Passion for Veterans – Storytelling in Action – From Interview to Delivery* – **Grand Sierra D**

1:15 – 2:15 p.m. Legislative – Linda Allen – *Your Voice Matters* – **Bonaire 1**

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. Computer Security and Cyber – Julie Kay – **BRING YOUR LAPTOP**  
*Communications / Group Emails / Format attachments / Cyber Security / Phishing* – **Grand Sierra D**

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. Leadership – Penny Kanbara – *ABC Instructor- So you wanna be an ABC Instructor* - **Bonaire 3**

1:15 – 2:15 p.m. Americanism - Joni Taylor– *Essay Contest Information and Ideas to promote Americanism* – **Bonaire 5**

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. Community Service – Tammy Zell – *Volunteer opportunities and National Day of Service* - **Bonaire 6**

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. Children & Youth- Dara Oliver – *Volunteer opportunities / Enlisting our Juniors* – **Bonaire 7**

1:15 – 2:15 p.m. Poppies – Kim Oaks – *How Funds are used and Fundraising ideas* – **Bonaire 2**

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation – Lisa Hoyland – *From Service to Success: The Role of the American Legion Auxiliary in VA&R* – **Bonaire 4**

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. District Presidents – Linda Knoblach-Harkness – *Round Table Discussions* - **Bonaire 8**

2:30- 4:30 p.m. National President Pam Ray Meet & Greet – **Grand Sierra D**

# **Saturday, November 22, 2025**

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

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

## **GENERAL SESSION**

9:30 a.m. **Opening – Grand Sierra D**

- American Legion Liaison – Kelli Coppla
- Girls State – Gail Dupuis
- ALCWF Awards Presentation
- National Awards (NEC – Charlotte Bass)
- AEF – Aurora Sanks

**Announcements** – Department Secretary

## **Lunch**

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

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

- Special Guest - National President Pam Ray
- Presentation of fundraising “Winners”

## **Break**

- Pat Devine – Resolutions and Amendments
- Special Guest – Ms. Veteran America – Cassandra Guzman
- Endorsements
- Announcements

Closing & Remarks

6:00 PM Reception (Cash Bar) **Palms 2**

7:00 PM President & Commander Banquet – **Palms 2**  
“Dirty Dancing”

**Sunday, November 23, 2025**

8:30 -9:15 am Religious Service - **Grand Sierra D**

*Robin Burk*

Department President

October 1, 2025

*Treva Kay Wildrick*

Department Secretary