Call to Fall Conference

The Annual Fall Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida, will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 20, 21, and 22, 2026 at the Caribe Royale Orlando, 8101 World Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32821.

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

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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

Thursday, November 19, 2026

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

Friday, November 20, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Department Headquarters Store** Open – **Grand Sierra C**

8:45 – 9:00 a.m. **Pre-Breakout Meeting** - Department Officers, and Department Chairmen – **Grand Sierra D**

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Membership – Tammy Zell and Treva Kay Wildrick : Let's MOVE Membership. ALAMIS questions and share successful ideas on recruiting and retaining members. – **Grand Sierra D**

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. **-** Be The One Training Precursor – Michele DeGenarro – *Be the One Train the Trainer Information – You don't have to be an expert to make a difference – you just have to show up. Be the one to save one!* - **Bonaire 1**

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. National Security – Cheryl Adams – *Mission Partners: Joining Forces to Serve Our Heroes and Future Leaders* **– Bonaire 2**

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Leadership – Janet Woods - *ABC Instructor – You Don't Need a Title to Be a Leader* - **Bonaire 3**

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation – Dara Oliver, Brandi Seeber– *Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Representatives* ***FOR DEPARTMENT LEVEL ONLY***- **Bonaire 4**

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Education – Dawn Davis – *Operation: Learn the Mission. We will be focusing on scholarships and the five objectives of the Education Program* – **Bonaire 5**

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9:15 – 10:30 a.m. – Public Relations: Eileen Scates - *Storytelling in Action – From Interview to Delivery* –**Bonaire 6**

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Children & Youth - Penny Kanbara – *Making a Difference in Children's Lives* – **Bonaire 7**

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Reporting – Jan Farrington – **Bonaire 8**

10:45 – 12:00 p.m. Sergeant-At-Arms – Sam Touchton and Mea Kay – *What Should I do as the Sergeant-At-Arms?* - **Bonaire 1**

10:45 – 12:00 p.m. Auxiliary Emergency Fund – Joni Taylor – U*nderstanding AEF and Why it Matters. This session will cover the purpose and importance of the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF), how it works, the types of assistance available and the application process. Additionally, we will discuss ways to support the fund and clarify the differences between the department AEF and auxiliary unit emergency funds.* - **Bonaire 2**

10:45 – 12:00 p.m. Chaplain – Karen Marks –*What Makes a Good Spiritual Leader* - **Bonaire 3**

10:45 – 12:00 p.m. Historian – Julie Kay – *A Field Guide to ALA History* – **Bonaire 4**

10:45 – 12:00 p.m. Past Presidents Parlay – Dee Bell – *What it Means to Mentor* - **Bonaire 5**

10:45 – 12:00 p.m. Finance & Compliance, Constitution and ByLaws – Brandi Seeber, Kelly McCrimmon, Julie Bair, Cheryl Yoder – *Compliance Matters* – **Grand Sierra D**

12:00 pm to 1:15 pm - LUNCH

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. – Reporting – Jan Farrington – **Grand Sierra D**

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. – Legislative – Yvette Moore – **Bonaire 1**

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. Poppies – Virna Luke – *The Poppy Promise in Action: Engage. Partner. Document. Report. Little Miss Poppy is more than a contest. Discover how partnerships can expand participation and how documenting your activities through the year makes reporting easier and helps tell the story of your impact.* - **Bonaire 2**

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. – Girls State – Patty Halliday - **Bonaire 3**

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation – Dara Oliver – *What our Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program does and how you can help* – **Bonaire 4**

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1:15 – 2:30 p.m. Americanism – Mary Fish – *Bring Back Her Glory How to inspire greater participation and foster a renewed passion for all things American throughout the community* – **Bonaire 5**

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. – Parliamentary Procedure – Jane Hardacre – Parliamentary Basics - **Bonaire 6**

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. Juniors – Andrea O'Neal – Mission Accepted: Unlocking the Cadet Patch Program– **Bonaire 7**

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. District Presidents – Lisa Hoyland – *Mission in Motion: Leading Your District Forward. We will discuss where we are and where we are going in strengthening Leadership, Communication, Membership and Mission across our Districts. Together, we will identify successes, challenges, opportunities and the next steps to keep our districts moving forward.* - **Bonaire 8**

2:30- 3:45 p.m. Southern Division Vice President Meet and Greet – Open to Everyone - **Grand Sierra D**

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Department Executive Meeting – Grand Sierra D

Saturday, November 21, 2026

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

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Juniors Meeting – Andrea O'Neal – **Antigua 3-4**

GENERAL SESSION

9:00 a.m. **Opening** – **Grand Sierra D**

9:05 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. American Legion Liaison – Kelli Copla

9:20 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Girls State- Patty Halliday

9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. ALCWF Awards Presentation

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. National Awards and National Updates – NEC – Robin Burk

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Be The One – Wendy Lasko

Announcements – Department Secretary

LUNCH UNTIL 1:30

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

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Membership Parade** - Tammy Zell **Grand Sierra D**

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Special Guest – Southern Division Vice President

3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. – WellCare

3:20 – 3:30 p.m. Endorsements – Patsy Sewell

3:30 – 3:35 p.m. Girls State Raffle Winners – Patty Halliday

Announcements – Department Secretary Patsy Sewell

Closing & Remarks: Linda Knoblach-Harkness

6:00 PM Reception (Cash Bar) **Caribbean 3**

7:00 PM President & Commander Banquet – **Caribbean 3**
MASH Theme

Sunday, November 22, 2026

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

Linda Knoblach-Harkness
Department President

Patsy Sewell
Department Secretary