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## BULLETIN BOARD

**January 15, 2026**

### **REMINDERS:**

This edition includes a few reminders about upcoming Department/District events.

- ◆ A copy of the current district meeting schedule is attached. Please note that many of the meetings are this Saturday, so be sure to share the locations and times with your members. Auxiliary Presidents should plan to attend or send someone from the Auxiliary to represent you. One of your responsibilities as the Auxiliary President is to attend Department and District meetings.
- ◆ If you are planning to attend the Department Council of Administration meeting in Greensboro, be sure to reserve your room at Embassy Suites. Call **336-668-4535** to contact the hotel locally and mention VFW rates. Also, please plan to attend the banquet where we will be honoring the Department winners of the Voice of Democracy essay contest. Banquet tickets and hospitality room tickets are available by going to [ncvfw.org](http://ncvfw.org) **ONLY!** Tickets will NOT be available at the hotel.

### **ATTIRE:**

- ♥ Friday night Hospitality Room and Auxiliary Boot Scootin' Fundraising Social:  
***western wear*** - polish those boots and dust off your cowboy hat
- ♥ Banquet attire: ***formal/semi-formal*** this should be a dress to impress moment
- ◆ National President, Lois Callahan will make her official visit to our Department February 25-27 in the Raleigh/Cary area.

### **ATTACHED FLYER AND SAVE THE DATE page**

It is a good idea to go ahead and do more than save the date. Use the link on the SAVE THE DATE page to reserve your room. The committee has been working hard to plan an interesting and fun couple of days for us to show Lois how much we appreciate her leadership and friendship. Hope to see you there!



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## **SAVE THE DATE NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S VISIT**

♦ **SAVE THE DATE: February 25 – 27, 2026** National President, Lois Callahan will make her official visit to North Carolina during this time. Everyone is encouraged to make plans to welcome the National President to our Department. We'll be hosting her in the Raleigh/Cary area. The visit committee is busy making plans for an exciting time and they invite everyone to mark their calendars for this event. A block of rooms has been reserved at the ***Hampton Inn & Suites Raleigh Cary Lenovo Center*** at 111 Hampton Woods Lane, Raleigh, NC. The rate for a 2-Queen Bed Room or a 1-Bed King room is \$129.00 per night. This special rate is good through **January 26, 2026**. Call 1-919-233-1798 and ask for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary rate or click (maybe have to use *Ctrl+click*) on the link below.

### **Book Your Room**

**Event dates:** February 25, 2026 - February 26, 2026

**Book by:** January 26, 2026



**Hampton Inn & Suites Raleigh Cary Lenovo Center**  
address 111 Hampton Woods Lane, Raleigh, NC 27607 USA  
phone +1 919-233-1798

[Book a Room](#)This link opens in a new tab.

### **Rooms & Rates**

- 2 Queen Beds Nonsmoking - **\$129.00**
- 1 King Bed Study with Sofabed Nonsmoking - **\$129.00**



# National President's Visit

2025-26 National President Lois Callahan  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
will make her visit to  
North Carolina on February 25-27, 2026



## Where to Stay

Make your Hotel reservations at the Hampton Inn and Suites Raleigh, 111 Hampton Woods Ln. Raleigh, NC 27607, (919) 233-1798. Room rate is \$129/night with no parking fee.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/>

## Schedule of Events

### Wednesday, February 25, 2026

- President arrives at RDU Airport – 11:36am.
- Lunch
- Hotel - Isle of Honor and casual social until dinner **ATTIRE: Casual**  
**NOTE: Isle of Honor participants - White button-down blouse or shirt, patriotic scarf or tie, black slacks, black shoes. (AKA: the North Carolina Official look)**
- 6:00 PM Dutch treat Baked Potato Bar, Music Bingo, Casual Meet and Greet at Cary VFW Post 7383, 522 Reedy Creek Road, Cary, NC - \$12 per person **ATTIRE: CASUAL**

### Thursday, February 26, 2026

- Breakfast at hotel (included in room rate)
- Wreath at Garner Memorial Park - **ATTIRE: Official Auxiliary blue shirt (available from National)**
- Visit Garner VA Clinic
- Lunch at the Raleigh VFW Post 10999, 1120 Sawmill Road, Raleigh
- 6:00 PM Banquet at Cary VFW Post catered by Butchers Market, Backyard BBQ, \$30.00 per person  
**ATTIRE: CASUAL – WESTERN THEME**

**PRE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

<https://givebutter.com/7383AuxBanquet>

### Friday, February 27, 2026

- Breakfast at hotel (included in room rate)

National President departs North Carolina at 10:13 AM

The banquet dress is business casual/western. All other events are comfortable and casual.

In lieu of gifts donations can be made to her special project, or gift cards can be provided so that she can purchase incidentals during her travels.

Direct any inquiries to the Cary Auxiliary President Donna Wright, email: [donna1023m@aol.com](mailto:donna1023m@aol.com)



*Reservations for the banquet may be made by check using the form below or online*

*Must be received no later than February 18, 2026*

Mail to: Donna Wright, President Auxiliary 7383  
437 Center Pointe Dr., Cary, NC 27513

Make checks payable to VFW Auxiliary 7383

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Aux No. \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet: No. of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ at \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_