



**103RD DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
99<sup>TH</sup> DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK AUXILIARY  
STATE CONVENTION  
ALBANY, NEW YORK JUNE 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9, 2024**



Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members:

The 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Department of New York Convention, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW charter date is 11/27/1920) and 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Auxiliary Convention (4/30/1925) will be held in Albany, New York on June 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9, 2024. The Headquarters Hotel for both the VFW and Auxiliary will be at the Albany Marriott Hotel, located at 189 Wolf Rd., Albany, NY 12205. *All VFW and Auxiliary activities will be held at this Headquarters Hotel.* Convention information and forms may also be found on the VFW Department website ([www.vfwny.com](http://www.vfwny.com)).

**Joint Opening & Memorial Service:** Presentation of VFW and Auxiliary Colors and Memorial Service is scheduled for 1:00 PM on Thursday, June 6, 2024, in the Main Ballroom of the Albany Marriott. (Units presenting colors will assemble at 12:00 noon outside of the Ballroom for line up).

**Arrivals and Registration:** Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 10:00 am.

**Auxiliary Opening Meeting:** Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 8:00 am.

**VFW Committee Meetings:** Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 10:00 am.

**VFW and Aux. Memorial Service:** Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

**VFW Opening Meeting:** Friday, June 7, 2024 at 8:00 am.

**VIP Housing:** Chairman Robert Barnhart: VFW and Auxiliary State Officers, VIPs, Special Guests, and Vendors. Hotel Room rate is \$129.00 per night.

**VIP room reservations will open on April 1, 2024. VIP housing deadline is April 7, 2024.** All VIP reservations received after that date will be processed as a General Housing Reservation (see below). VIPs must make their reservations by phone directly with the Albany Marriott at (518) 458-8444 (ask for VFW rate).

**General Housing:** Adjutant Bob Mitchell: VFW and Auxiliary: Hotel Room daily rate is \$129.00 per night.

**General Housing reservations will open on April 8, 2024 and remain open until Friday, May 10, 2024.** Reservations must be made by phone directly with the Albany Marriott at (518) 458-8444 (ask for VFW rate).

**\*\*Housing Deadline:** Due to other major events scheduled in the Albany area during the same time as the Department Convention, the Albany Marriott expects the hotel will sell out quickly following the housing deadline of May 10, 2024. **Make your reservations promptly!**

**Hospitality Rooms:** Chairman Robert Barnhart: Hospitality rooms are \$150.00 per night plus the cost of a sleeping room. Please contact Chairman Barnhart directly if you require a hospitality room. Please note: The number of Hospitality Rooms is limited. **The Hotel will not accept direct reservations for Hospitality Rooms.**

**VFW Convention and Post Delegate Registration:**

Department of New York By-Laws, Article VIII, Composition of Department Convention, Sec. 3 requires each Post will pay, in advance to the Department of New York, a Department Delegate registration fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) which shall entitle the Post to one identified registered delegate for the Department Convention. Each additional



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delegate attending the Department Convention will pay an additional five dollars (\$5.00) delegate fee. You may register at the Convention Site until the registration desk closes at 9:00 am on Saturday in preparation for elections.

**VFW Convention Advance Delegate Registration:** Must be received at Department Headquarters by COB May 31, 2024. Delegate registration fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) which shall entitle the Post to one identified registered delegate for the Department Convention. Each additional delegate attending the Department Convention will pay an additional five dollars (\$5.00) delegate fee (form is enclosed).

**Delegates registering in advance will not have to register at the Convention and will only need to pick up their delegate cards and lanyards which will be printed and ready for pick up at the registration table. Pre-registration will save you time and not require you to stand in line to complete the registration process.**

**Auxiliary Convention Registration: Jane Reape**

The Auxiliary Pre-Registration fee is ten dollars (\$10.00) and twelve dollars (\$12.00) for on-site registration at the Convention. The fee includes Convention Badge and Program Book. (Auxiliary Registration form is enclosed). Make checks payable to VFW Aux Dept. of NY earmarked "Convention Registration." **Mail check and form to: Registration Chairman Jane Reape, 108 Bridge Street, Carthage, NY 13619. Pre-registration deadline is May 22, 2024.**

**Program Ad Book & Booster Sheets:** The Advertising Contract and Layout Sheet are enclosed. Please mail ads flat and do not fold. A check must accompany your copy-ready Ad and contract. Please make your check payable to the Department of New York VFW. Ad deadline is **May 24, 2024.**

**State Commander and State President Dinner:** The State Commander and State President's dinner is scheduled for Thursday June 6, 2024, at 6:00 pm. There will be a cash bar cocktail hour from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Dinner tickets are \$55.00 per person. A dinner reservation form is enclosed. Tickets must be prepaid by check or credit card. **Dinner Tickets will not be available for purchase at the Convention.** Dinner reservation deadline is **May 24, 2024.** The dinner dress code is business attire.

Please complete the enclosed dinner form and make your check payable to the Department of New York VFW. Mail completed forms to VFW Headquarters, 69 Sand Creek Road, Albany, NY 12205.

**Auxiliary President's Luncheon:** The State President's Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, June 7, 2024, at 12:00 pm. Cost is \$45.00 per person – information and reservation form is enclosed. Deadline is **May 22, 2024.** Make checks payable to the **VFW Auxiliary Department of NY earmarked luncheon** and mail to: **Auxiliary Luncheon Chairman Karen Dotson, 19 Calgary Lane, Binghamton, NY 13901.**

**2024-25 District Commander's Orientation Meeting:** The State Commander will be hosting a Breakfast Meeting on Sunday Morning, June 9, 2024, at 8:00 am for the 2024-25 District Commanders and selected Department Officers (By invitation only).

We are looking forward to providing you with an exciting and enjoyable State Convention.

Sincerely,

*Robert Barnhart*

Robert Barnhart, Chairman Convention Committee  
Department of New York, Veterans of Foreign Wars



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

Department of New York Headquarters | 69 Sand Creek Road | Albany, New York 12205  
 518-463-7427 | 518-426-8904 FAX | [www.vfwny.com](http://www.vfwny.com)

**2024 CONVENTION POST ADVANCE  
 REGISTRATION INVOICE**  
***DUE UPON RECEIPT***

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, VFW

Department By-Laws ARTICLE VIII – Composition of Department Convention

**Sec. 3.00 Each Post will pay a delegate registration fee** to the Department of NY. The delegate registration fee of ten dollars (\$10) shall entitle the Post to one identified registered delegate for the Department Convention. Each additional delegate attending the Department Convention will pay a five-dollar (\$5) delegate registration fee. The number of a Post's delegates are listed on the Department Web Site on the Memstats page.

Please type or print each member's information below and designate as delegate, alternate or attendee  
 (Any change to a delegate's status shall be reported to the State Quartermaster)

Delegate	Membership Number	Member Name	Member Phone Number	E-Mail	Amount
<input type="radio"/> Delegate					\$10.00
<input type="radio"/> Delegate <input type="radio"/> Alternate <input type="radio"/> Attendee	CHOOSE ONLY ONE REGISTRATION TYPE PER LINE				
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**Post Delegate Registration Fee \$10.00**

Add \$5.00 each additional Delegate/Alternate \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Print Post Quartermaster's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Post Quartermaster \_\_\_\_\_

**District No. \_\_\_\_\_ Post \_\_\_\_\_**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE DEPARTMENT OF  
 NEW YORK, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

**Mail Completed form check to:**

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of New York  
 ATTN: **2024 Convention Delegate Registration**  
 69 Sand Creek Road  
 Albany, New York 12205

**Advance Convention Delegate  
 Registrations Must Be Received at  
 Department Headquarters by COB May  
 31, 2024.**



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Post: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept our Ad inclusion in the 2024 State VFW Convention Book.

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Page Ad @ \$90.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Half Page Ad @ \$65.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Quarter Page Ad @ \$45.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Ad enclosed—Camera ready

\_\_\_\_\_ Ad will be emailed to JTreadway@vfwny.com

\_\_\_\_\_ Create our Ad for us

**Please Note:** Your Ad will be placed in the program book as close to the layout submitted for publication. If your Ad includes any clip art other than the VFW or Auxiliary logo, please e-mail your clip art in a jpeg picture format to [JTreadway@vfwny.com](mailto:JTreadway@vfwny.com) clearly stating which Ad the clip art is for, the Post number and your phone number and /or email address. ALL Ads should be camera ready.

Payment may be made by check, money order or credit card

Make all checks or money orders payable to:

**DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK VFW**

Mail your ad and payment to:  
Department of New York VFW  
ATTN: Convention Book Ads  
69 Sand Creek Road  
Albany, NY 12205

For additional information contact Jody Treadway at 518-463-7427 or at [JTreadway@vfwny.com](mailto:JTreadway@vfwny.com).

*Please mail all ads flat—do not fold or fax*

**All Ads Must Be Received By: May 24, 2024**

\$90.00  
Full Page Ad

Size of ad  
**4.5" X 7"**

\$65.00  
Half Page Ad

Size of ad  
**4.5" X 3.5"**

\$45.00 Quarter Page Ad

Size of ad **4.5" X 1.75"**

To Pay By Credit Card

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ CRV Code: \_\_\_\_\_





**YOU ARE INVITED TO  
ATTEND  
STATE COMMANDER'S  
AND  
STATE PRESIDENT'S  
TESTIMONIAL DINNER**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024**

**Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205**

**Cocktails (Cash Bar): 5:00-6:00 PM**

**Dinner: 6:00 PM**

**Roast turkey dinner served with Cranberry Sauce, Mashed Potatoes,  
Stuffing, Mixed Vegetables, Gravy, Salad and Rolls**

**Dessert and Coffee/Tea**

**\$55.00 per person**



**DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
FRIDAY MAY 24, 2024**

**(Order form on other side)**



Please print clearly

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Post/Aux #	District	Name	Title

Number of Dinner Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

**PAYMENT IS EITHER BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD**

If paying by credit card please fill out all fields:

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Expiration Date: \_\_ / \_\_

CRV Code on Back \_ \_ \_ Last 3 Numbers on back of card ,for AMEX, 4 numbers on the front

**If paying by credit card you may email completed form to: [JTreadway@vfwny.com](mailto:JTreadway@vfwny.com)**

If paying by check please make checks payable to Department of New York VFW and mail with completed form to: Department of New York VFW, ATTN: Dinner Reservations,

69 Sand Creek Road, Albany, NY 12205



VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
99<sup>th</sup> DEPARTMENT CONVENTION-JUNE 5-9, 2024



To be read at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference.

March 2024

Dear VFW Auxiliary Members,

The 99<sup>th</sup> VFW Auxiliary Department of New York Convention will be held June 5-9, 2024, at the **Marriott Hotel, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205**. On behalf of President Rose Cooper, her officers, and chairmen, all members are encouraged to attend! ***Please follow instructions and adhere to all deadlines!***

Be sure to read the cover letter included in this 2024 Convention packet. Follow the directions as indicated on all forms. All deadlines **must** be strictly adhered to!

Make room reservations directly with the hotel. Reservation code is **2024 VFW State Convention**. To avoid paying sales tax, members must present their Auxiliary tax-exempt forms (ST-119.5 and ST-119.1) upon checking in. The room rate is \$129/night. Refer to the VFW Cover letter for housing deadlines.

Convention registration for Auxiliary members will be open on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, from 2:00PM-5:00PM, continuing Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00AM to Noon, and again on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00AM-11:00AM. Elected delegates **must** register at the Credentials table in order to vote! Advance Registration, paid by May 22, 2024, is \$10.00 per person (form is enclosed in this packet). Jane Reape PNP is the Registration Chairman. The cost to register on-site is \$12.00 per person.

There will be a Council of Administration meeting on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. All Auxiliary members in good standing are welcome and *encouraged* to attend. Prior to the C of A meeting, there will be a dinner for C of A members and PDPs. This invitation only dinner will be held at the Olive Garden Restaurant across the street from the hotel at 5:30PM.

There will be floor work at the Convention as the Department will proudly host our National Representative, our own Past National President Jane Reape. Line officers and floor officers should be prepared for floor work rehearsal on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM. All those involved will receive specific details prior to the Convention from Department Conductor Charlene Carnright.

The Auxiliary opening session will be Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 8AM.AM. The opening session will include Convention Rules and Appointments, 45+ year Member Recognition, Presentation to PDPs and Program Awards- as time allows. Please refer to the VFW Convention packet cover



letter for time and details concerning the joint VFW and Auxiliary Opening and Memorial Service to be held Thursday afternoon.

On Thursday evening the Department VFW will host a dinner honoring Commander Dan Kell and President Rose Cooper at 6PM. Refer to the VFW dinner reservation form included in this packet. The cost is \$55.00 per person. Dinner reservation deadline is May 24, 2024. The requested dress code is Business Attire.

The Friday Auxiliary session will commence at 8:00AM. The Department Auxiliary Memorial Service will be held during this session. The names of deceased members published in the bulletin are those entered in MALTA from May 1, 2023- April 30, 2024. Contact Department Secretary Chris Leavor if you need assistance recording names. Karen Dotson PDP is Chairman for President Rose's Awards Luncheon (sit down) that will begin at noon (reservation form enclosed). The cost is **\$45.00** per person. VFW members, Auxiliary members, and guests are invited to attend. Luncheon tickets may be picked up at the Registration table. The Friday afternoon Auxiliary session will commence following lunch and includes election of 2024-2025 officers.

Saturday's Convention session commences at 8AM. Installation of 2024-2025 Officers is scheduled to begin at approximately 10:30AM. We look forward to welcoming our Past National President Jane Reape, State Commander Dan Kell, Department President Rose Cooper, and ALL our Members and Comrades to Albany for a great Convention! Hope to see you in Albany in June!

Loyally,

Nina LeFrois PDP, Auxiliary Convention Chairman

VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK 99<sup>TH</sup> DEPARTMENT

CONVENTION – JUNE 5-9, 2024

ADVANCE REGISTRATION: \$10.00 PER PERSON ~ \$12.00 ON SITE

ADVANCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 22, 2024- FIRM!



<u>Aux</u>	<u>District#</u>	<u>Name (Print)</u>	<u>Title</u>	Please indicate If a first-time attendee <u>    </u>
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9. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

No. of Advance Registrations: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 per person = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to VFW Aux Dept. of NY earmarked “Convention Registration.”

Mail check and form to:

Registration Chairman Jane Reape – 108 Bridge St., Carthage NY 13619

VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK – 99<sup>TH</sup> DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

PRESIDENT ROSE’S (SIT-DOWN) AWARDS LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024~ 12 NOON

MARRIOTT HOTEL, 189 WOLF ROAD, ALBANY, NY 12205

COST: \$45.00 PER PERSON ~ LUNCHEON RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MAY 22, 2024 FIRM!



**Luncheon Menu**

Salad – *Caesar Salad*

Entrée – *Chicken Parmesan-Boneless breast topped with mozzarella cheese & marina sauce*

Served with Chef’s selection of seasonal accompaniments– Dessert – *NY Style cheesecake*

Beverages – Freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea

Name: _____	Name: _____
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Total No. of Luncheons \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 per person = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Aux./Post # \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. # \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to VFW Aux Dept. of NY earmarked “Luncheon.”

Mail check and Luncheon Reservation Form to:

Luncheon Chairman Karen Dotson– 19 Calgary Lane, Binghamton NY 13901

**\*\*Please notify the Luncheon Chairman if you have any food allergies or special dietary needs.\*\***

**Light the Flame of Hope for Our Veteraans**



Dear C of A Members & Past Department Presidents,

The C of A Dinner will be held on June 5, 2024 at the Olive Garden on Wolf Road at 5:30pm. You will be able to order off the menu. To speed up the cash-out process the restaurant has asked if we would please pay in cash. Please plan accordingly.

I have given the restaurant a tentative number of 30. Please let me know if you plan on attending **no later than May 24<sup>th</sup>**. An email will be fine [nalefrois28@gmail.com](mailto:nalefrois28@gmail.com) or call 585 354-3315. Looking forward to seeing you.

Nina LeFrois

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the Belmont Race taking place at Saratoga Racetrack on June 8, 2024, hotel availability in the Albany area will be severely limited June 2-9, 2024.

If you are planning on attending the Department of New York VFW State Convention and staying at the Albany Marriott Hotel, your Hotel Reservations for the State Convention must be made by **Friday May 10, 2024** by calling the Albany Marriott at

518- 458-8444

Requests for Convention Rooms at the \$129.00 per night rate will not be available after May 10, 2024.

