



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**

**100<sup>TH</sup> DEPARTMENT  
CONVENTION**

**MARRIOTT HOTEL  
ALBANY, NEW YORK**

**JUNE 11 – 15, 2025**

**Soaring Into the Next Century of Service with  
Our Veterans and Their Families**



## VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

### 100<sup>th</sup> DEPARTMENT CONVENTION-JUNE 11-15, 2025



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

**March 2025**

Dear VFW Auxiliary Members,

The 100<sup>th</sup> VFW Auxiliary Department of New York Convention will be held June 11-14, 2025, at the **Marriott Hotel, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205**. On behalf of President Darlene Baker, 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 2025 Convention packet. Follow the directions as indicated on all forms. All deadlines **must** be strictly adhered to!

Make room reservations directly with the hotel. 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 \$134/night. VIP Housing Reservations will open April 1-7, 2025. General Housing opens April 8- May 16, 2025. There are other events scheduled in Albany that week, so make reservations as soon as possible after they open.

Convention registration for Auxiliary members will be open on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, from 2:00PM-5:00PM, continuing Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00AM to Noon, and again on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00AM-11:00AM. Elected delegates **must** register at the Credentials table in order to vote! Advance Registration, paid for by May 22, 2025, 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 11<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, Sandra Onstwedder Messenger. Line officers and floor officers should be prepared for floor work rehearsal on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM. All those involved will receive specific details prior to the Convention from Department Conductor Deanna Guyette.

The Auxiliary opening session will be Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 8AM. The opening session will include Convention Rules and Appointments, 45+ year Member Recognition, Presentation to

PDPs and Program Awards- as time allows. The Joint Opening and Memorial Service will be Thursday at 1:00PM.

On Thursday evening the Department VFW will host a dinner honoring Commander Dan Kell and President Darlene Baker at 6:00 PM, with a cash bar from 5PM-6PM. The cost of the dinner is \$55. The dinner reservation deadline is May 20, 2025. The requested dress code is Business Attire. Please note these reservations go to the VFW.

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, 2024- May 31, 2025. Contact Department Secretary Chris Leavor if you need assistance recording names. Marianne McLane PDP is Chairman for President Darlene's Awards Luncheon (sit down) that will begin at noon (reservation form enclosed). The cost is **\$48.50** 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 2025-2026 officers.

Saturday's Convention session commences at 8AM. Installation of 2025-2026 Officers is scheduled to begin at approximately 10:30AM. We look forward to welcoming Past National President Sandra Messenger, State Commander Dan Kell, Department President Darlene Baker, 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 100<sup>TH</sup> DEPARTMENT

CONVENTION – JUNE 11-15, 2025

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

ADVANCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 22, 2025- FIRM!



| <u>Aux</u> | <u>District#</u> | <u>Name (Print)</u> | <u>Title</u> | Please indicate<br>If a first-time attendee <u>    </u> |
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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 – 100<sup>TH</sup> DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

PRESIDENT DARLENE’S (SIT-DOWN) AWARDS LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025~ 12 NOON

MARRIOTT HOTEL, 189 WOLF ROAD, ALBANY, NY 12205

COST: \$48.50 PER PERSON ~ LUNCHEON RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MAY 22, 2025 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 – *Platter of cookies & Brownies*

Beverages – Freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea

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| Name: _____ | Name: _____ |

Total No. of Luncheons \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$48.50 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 Marianne McLane– 3550 Deer River Rd., Carthage, NY 13619

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

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Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members:

The 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of New York Convention, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW charter date is 11/27/1920) and 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Auxiliary Convention (4/30/1925) will be held in Albany, New York on June 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15, 2025. 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 12, 2025, 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 11, 2025 at 10:00 am.

**Auxiliary Opening Meeting:** Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 8:00 am.

**VFW Committee Meetings:** Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 10:00 am.

**VFW and Aux. Memorial Service:** Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

**VFW Opening Meeting:** Friday, June 13, 2025 at 8:00 am.

**VIP Housing:** Chairman Robert Barnhart: VFW and Auxiliary State Officers, VIPs, Special Guests, and Vendors. Hotel Room rate is \$134.00 per night.

**VIP room reservations will open on April 1, 2025. VIP housing deadline is April 9, 2025.** 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 \$134.00 per night.

**General Housing reservations will open on April 10, 2025 and remain open until Friday, May 16, 2025.** 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 16, 2025. **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 30, 2025. 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, 2025.**

**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 23, 2025.**

**State Commander and State President Dinner:** The State Commander and State President's dinner is scheduled for Thursday June 12, 2025, 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 30, 2025.** 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 13, 2025, at 12:00 pm. Cost is \$48.50 per person – information and reservation form is enclosed. Deadline is **May 22, 2025.** Make checks payable to the **VFW Auxiliary Department of NY earmarked luncheon** and mail to: **Auxiliary Luncheon Chairman Marianne McLane: 3550 Deer River Road, Carthage, NY 13619.**

**2025-26 District Commander's Orientation Meeting:** The State Commander will be hosting a Breakfast Meeting on Sunday Morning, June 15, 2025, at 8:00 am for the 2025-26 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



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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025**

**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 30, 2025**



(Order form on other side)

Please print clearly

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

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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