

VETERANS of FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
101st STATE CONVENTION- ALBANY, NEW YORK, JUNE 10-14, 2026
*"Always Stay True to Our **Red**, **White**, and **Blue**"*

National Representative: National Guard Cynthia Davis

OPENING SESSIONS

Thursday, June 11 Nina LeFrois, Convention Chairman
Friday June 12 - Morning Session- Chris Leavor
Friday June 12- Afternoon Session- Lisa Raplee, PDP
Saturday June 13 —Kim Cavallo

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

President	Justine Robles	Banner Bearer	Joan Russell
Senior Vice President	Belinda Cole	POW/MIA Bearer	Margaret Sheldon
Junior Vice President	Charlene Carnright	Color Bearer #1	Alexandra Valentino
Secretary	Chris Leavor	Color Bearer #2	Lisa Potter
Treasurer	Kim White	Color Bearer #3	Catherine Rodriguez
Chaplain	Deanna Guyette	Color Bearer #4	John Sanford
Conductor	Craig Keitel	Musician	Becky King
Guard	Chris Leavor	Soloist	Esther Reape
Chief of Staff	Jane Reape, PNP	Asst. Conductor	Alyssa Horsky
Patriotic Instructor	Ashleigh Horsky	Asst. Guard	TBD
Parliamentarian	Barbara Hodges PDP		
Historian	Lisa Raplee PDP	Official Visit Coordinator	Marianne McLane PDP
Flag Bearer	Carol Kraus	Program Coordinator	Jackie Herbert, PDP

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

District #1	John Horsky	District #7	Lorena Bennett
District #2	Craig Keitel	District #8	Lisa Raplee PDP
District #3	Patricia McSwain	District #9	Marie Aymee Fisk
District #4	Marcia Williams	District #10	Mary Makosky PDP
District #5	Darlene Baker PDP	District 11	Anne Anderson
District #6	Aurelia Taylor		

CONVENTION APPOINTMENTS

Advisor to Department President: Nina LeFrois PDP	Judge: Marianne McLane, PDP
Aide to National Representative: Patricia Gennarelli	Tellers: Deborah Cenni
Officers' March: Nina LeFrois PDP	Aurelia Taylor
Auxiliary Convention Chairman Nina LeFrois PDP	Memorial Address Mary Makosky PDP
Audit of VAVS Books Sandra Flynn, PDP	Officers' Reports Marianne McLane, PDP
Marie-Aymee Fisk, Marcia Williams	Lorena Bennett, Marcia Williams, Anne Anderson
Line Officer Rehearsal Belinda Cole and Deanna Guyette	Presentation of Colors Nina LeFrois, PDP
Bylaws Committee Bonnie Burgy PDP, Aurelia Taylor	Presentation of Pages: Lori Juskiewicz
Marie Aymee Fisk	Mary Makosky PDP
Convention Rules Cindy Campbell, PDP	Presentation of PDPs Karen Dotson PDP
John Horsky, Ruth Huber PDP	
Credentials Lynn Halstead, Phyllis Roseboom	Resolutions Committee Barbara Hodges PDP
Kathy Macris , Marge Sorrentino	Craig Keitel, Charlene Carnright

Presentation of 45 + Members Ruth Huber, PDP

Convention Recorder Chris Leavor

Historian Presentation: Lisa Raplee PDP

Audit Committee: Nina LeFrois PDP, Belinda Cole, Charlene Carnright

Standing Rules Committee: Sandra Flynn PDP, Belinda Cole, Deanna Guyette, Lisa Raplee
Chris Leavor

Convention Pages

President: Kim Cavallo, Sharon Combs, Jillian Pieprzak

Senior Vice President: Maryellen DesForge
Lynne Loga

Junior Vice President: Terri Shoots

Secretary: Ruth Huber, PDP

Treasurer: Denise White

Chaplain: Frances Inslee

Conductor: Jodee O'Dell

Guard: Marlene Webster

Chief-of-Staff: None Needed

Floor Officers: Tina Roberts

District Presidents: Jean Sabol

Past Department Presidents: Cathy Howard

Pro tem:

Guard: Jeff Platt

Patriotic Instructor: James Lisa

Parliamentarian: Sandra Flynn PDP

Color Bearer #1 Debra McCarthy

Color Bearer #3: Wanda Riethmiller

Assistant Guard: TBD