Following is March 12, 2024 Auxiliary 5491 letter endorsing Craig Keitel for NY Department Guard:

Dear Auxiliary Members,

The members of Greater Mahopac Auxiliary 5491 proudly announce our endorsed candidate, Craig Keitel, for the office of Department Guard at the June 2024 Department Convention.

Craig Keitel is a life member of Greater Mahopac Auxiliary 5491 in Mahopac, NY. He joined the Auxiliary in 2016 under the eligibility of his father, Edward R Keitel, a Vietnam veteran. Craig honorably served in the US Marine Corps and Reserves from 1989-1997, eventually training as combat replacement of Operation Desert Storm troops.

Craig has held various Auxiliary offices including Jr Vice President (2019-2020), Sr Vice President (2020-2021; 2023-2024), President 2021-2023), Secretary (2023-present). He has served as the Putnam County Council President (2022-2023), as well as District 2 Conductor (2022-2023) and Jr Vice President (2023-2024). Craig is honored to be the Department Color Bearer during this year.

On the Auxiliary and District levels, he has held the following chairmanships: Membership, Buddy Poppy, Youth Activities, and Legislative Affairs. He has instructed/mentored through all Department Programs.

We believe in Craig and acknowledge he has the ability, dedication and commitment to serve as New York's next Department Guard. Therefore we respectfully ask your support and vote for our endorsed candidate/brother Craig Keitel for the office of Department Guard at the June 2024 Department Convention in Albany, NY.

Sincerely, *Rachel DelDuco* Auxiliary 5491 President