## Department of New York District 2 Auxiliary c/o Linda LaRosa 24 Laura Jean Lane Maybrook, NY 12543

President Darlene and member of the Department of New York VFW Auxiliary

District 2 has the honor of endorsing District 2 President Craig Keitel for the position of Conductor for the Department of New York Auxiliary.

Craig joined the Auxiliary in 2016 under the eligibility of his father, Edward Keitel who served in the United States Marine Corps in Viet Nam.

While in the Auxiliary, Craig worked in the following positions:

Department Color Bearer #2 2023-2024 District 2 President 2024-2025 District 2 Senior Vice President 2024 District 2 Jr. Vice President 2023-2024 District 2 Conductor 2022-2023 District 2 Legislative Chairman 2023-2024 Putnam County Council President 2022-2023 Mahopac Auxiliary President 2021-2023 Mahopac Auxiliary Sr. Vice President 2023-2024, 2020-2021 Mahopac Auxiliary Jr. Vice President 2019-2020 Mahopac Auxiliary Secretary 2023-2024

Prior to joining the Auxiliary, he was a member of the Mahopac VFW Men's Auxiliary and served as the Men's Auxiliary Treasurer and Secretary.

Craig served in the United States Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserves from 1989 to 1997 serving as a Dragon Missile Gunner, Assistant to the Company First Sergeant and Company Career Planner. In 1991 his reserve unit was activated and deployed to Camp Pendelton, CA where he trained to be part of a combat replacement troop in support of Operation Desert Storm.

Craig was employed by the Village of Scarsdale Police Department from 1990 to 2011 where he retired as a Police Sergeant. While employed with the police department, in addition to performing patrol

duties, he performed the following assignments and details: Field Training Officer, General Topics Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Radar Instructor, Traffic Enforcement Squad, Department Reaccreditation Team, and Desk Sergeant.

Craig is also a member of the following professional organizations:

Mahopac American Legion, where I am currently the Judge Advocate
Putnam County Marine Corps League
DAV
AMVETS
Life Member of the VFW National Home for the Children
Fraternal Order of Police
Police Emerald Society of Westchester County
NY Shields
Orange County Shields
NY Police and Fire Retiree Association
NY Police Retiree Association
International Police Association

District 2 endorses Craig Keitel for the High Office of Department of New York VFW Conductor for the 2025-2026 year.

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Linda LaRosa

District 2 Secretary