

Department of New York District 2 Auxiliary

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President Justine 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 Chaplain 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 Conductor 2025-2026

Department Guard 2024-2025

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 Pendleton, 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 the Department of New York VFW Chaplain for the 2026-2027 year.

Respectfully,

Linda LaRosa
VFWNY District 2 Secretary