

**VFW AUXILIARY TO DISTRICT 8 DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**



December 14, 2025

Dear Madam Department President Justine Robles and Members of the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York:

On Sunday, December 14, 2025, the members of District 8 endorsed Charlene Carnright as our candidate for the High Office of Sr. Vice President for the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York.

Charlene is a life member of VFW Auxiliary to Arthur G. Depew Memorial Post #6200 located in Ovid, NY. She joined the Auxiliary under the eligibility of her father, David Fournier, who served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam Conflict.

Charlene was appointed to the office of Auxiliary Secretary from October 2024 – October 2025 for Waterloo Memorial to Post 6433. She held the office of Auxiliary President from July 2023 to September 2024 and served as the Auxiliary Treasurer from July 2014 until June 2023 for Lt. Cyrus Garnsey to Post 1323. Charlene is a life member of the VFW National Home.

Charlene served two terms as District 8 President, 2021-2022 and 2017-2018. In June 2018 she was awarded District President of the Year at the Department Convention in Albany. During 2023-2024, Charlene held the position of District 8 Guard. For 2024-2025, she held the position of District 8 Scholarship Chairman.

Charlene has held several Department Chairmanships. Currently she is the Department Ways and Means Chairman for 2025-2026. During 2022-2023, she was the Department President's Special Project Chairman and was appointed as the Department Hospital Chairman for 2020-2021.

Charlene's sons, Joshua and Anthony and granddaughters, Ciera, Brooke, Jasmine, and Ivy are very proud of her and pledge their full support as Charlene goes through the Department Chairs.

The members of District 8 ask for your support of our candidate, Charlene Carnright, as she seeks the high office of Sr. Vice President for the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York.

Loyally,

*Karen A. Dotson*

Karen A. Dotson, PDP  
District 8 Secretary

By Order of Lisa Raplee, District 8 President