

March 2, 2026, District 4 Meeting Newsletter

Good evening to my Brothers and Sisters in District 4. Well, I hope you have all survived the holidays and the groundhog seeing shadow, but things will be better soon. As you all know, our year is winding down, and I would like to touch on a few items.

I wanted to remind everyone that the next District meeting will be Sunday March 22, 2026, at Yorkville VFW on 45 Calder Ave Yorkville. The meeting will begin at 1 pm. The trustees need to be there a little after 12 noon as we open then to do the audit.

Our Department President Justine will be making her official visit that day. I am asking everyone to wear a VFW Aux shirt as we cannot do floor work as we are extremely limited in space in our back room. I have already spoken to Justine about the dress code, and our limited space but we will still be able to escort her to the head table. She was OK with just an Aux shirt. As I also have no floor team.

Membership We are currently in third place. We have a total of ninety-nine members to retain from last year! Last year we held first place the last 4 months we can do it again. Yes, I encouraged you all to continue getting those new members, however it is especially important that we keep those we have. I know a few months back after my surgery I was randomly calling members on the list of unpaid and I saw a lot of them paid. Some had been hospitalized and some had simply forgotten. A few were confused by saying they had paid but when they looked it wasn't the VFW Aux they had paid.

Donations: please be sure you have returned your Dist. 4 ways and means tickets. The ones you have sold, and your check has been included with stubs.

Also, has your auxiliary made the donation for my special project for our donation to Clear path for Veterans for their Wednesday free lunch

to the Veterans. You can bring those donations to the meeting that day.

Spring Conference will be the following weekend again as in the past look to see what the chairman are asking for as some are still seeking items to be brought. If your auxiliary is not attending, please bring them to the meeting and I will see that each chairman gets those. If you have your end-of-year reports ready and don't trust the snail mail, I will also drop those off at the chairman's tables for you.

Our last meeting will be May 2, 2026, in Lowville. With the joint Memorial Service with the VFW and any other Recognition of awards they may have. It is Election time also. Be sure you have held your elections in April and have your officers installed and the proper forms sent off. You will need to complete your list of new officers along with the Delegates and Alternates to the prospective secretary. It is especially important they are filled out legible and correct with date and time of your meetings. Do not leave out information as this is how the next President puts her directory together.

I am asking for all the previous Dist. 4 Presidents to meet at Denny's 180 N. Genessee St Utica at 10:00. WHY- because I am bringing back the Past Dist. 4 Presidents breakfast that we used to do. I have planned to have a section reserved but will need a head count by Wednesday the 25th I hope to see you all there those you don't attend the meeting will get a call from me to attend and then attend the Dist. meeting afterwards. Looking forward to seeing everyone their President Justine will also be attending breakfast as she estimates that is the time she would be coming off the thruway and will need a rest stop before the meeting.

Respectfully

Marcia M Williams

District 4 President