

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK AUXILIARY TO DISTRICT 6
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Dear District 6 Presidents and Auxiliary Members, It's hard to believe that we're already two months into the new auxiliary year. It was such an honor for me to have been installed at the first ever joint VFW and Auxiliary Installation in Albany. I'd like to thank those who signed and presented me with the beautiful card and love gift at Dept. Installation.

We held a very successful Organizational Meeting on June 28th. There were 29 members who represented 18 auxiliaries in attendance. Many great questions were asked and the chairmen made great presentations. Thanks to everyone. Thank you to the auxiliaries that paid their dues. Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to the Sheldon family as Raymond recovers.

Official Visits are underway. Remember that the purpose of an Official Visit (Inspection) is to recognize when an auxiliary is in need of assistance. We have experienced mentors who are ready and willing to help your auxiliary, if necessary, maintain "healthy" status.

Treasurers must process your auxiliary Bond for two times the amount in your treasury prior to your Official Visit but no later than August 31st. There are currently 15 auxiliaries that are bonded. If you need help with this, contact President Aurelia.

**FILE A
990N(E-POSTCARD)
FOR
YOUR NONPROFIT**

Be sure to file your 990-n before your Official Visit and print out a copy of the "Acceptance." Hats off to the auxiliaries that have already filed theirs for the 2025-2026 year!

A few important reminders. Auxiliary Presidents should always prepare an agenda prior to their meetings. Standing Rules should be reviewed at your first meeting – approve any changes and attach a copy in the minutes. Contact Sec'y Debbie Cenni if you need help.

**SAVE
THE DATE**

Our Fall District 6 meeting will be Saturday, September 13 at the VFW Post in Springville. The meeting begins at 11 AM. Program Chairmen should email a copy of their report to District Secretary by September 10 (or provide her with a printed copy at the meeting).

Auxiliaries that have not yet paid dues should bring them to this meeting. Contact Treasurer Chris Leavor with questions. Also, please bring Holiday Toy Drive donations, the District President's Special Project, to this meeting. Toys, gift cards, and/or cash donations stay local and will be distributed to Veterans and their families at the Buffalo VA.



District 6 Officer & Member Training Institute (O&MTI) is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, at Pine Valley Memorial VFW Post in Cherry Creek. The session will run from 9 AM to 3 PM (approx.). To ensure materials and food, you are asked to RSVP by September 13 (at the Fall meeting). There is no charge for this training session. You may also bring your donations for the Holiday Toy Drive to O&MTI.

Many thanks to Dean PDP Ruth Huber, Chris Leavor, Kathie Blake, Becky King, Debbie Cenni, Dotty Vinovski and Liz Conner who attended the Department OMTI in Binghamton. There was a lot of information and fun packed into two days. The presenters did an excellent job! Shown in the photo at the top of the page is President Aurelia with Mr. Trees for Troops Christmas Tree!



SCAM ALERT

WARNING! Don't be a victim to EMAIL SCAMS!!! If you receive an email from District 6 asking if you have time today or for money (Zelle, Venmo, credit card, etc.) – **DELETE IMMEDIATELY!!! Never click on a link that you are not sure of!** Scammers make their emails look legitimate. If you are unsure about an email message, contact Secretary Debbie Cenni.

Remember to Report ... Report ... Report by the first of each month!

Always Staying True to Our Red, White, and Blue ...

Aurelia Taylor, District 6 President



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SAVE THE DATE FOR DISTRICT 6 O&MTI

Saturday, September 20th at Pine Valley Memorial VFW in Cherry Creek from 9 AM – 3 PM. No cost! All classroom materials and a light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Debbie Cenni by September 13th.



HOLIDAY & CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE District 6

President Aurelia chose this as her Special Project. We will work closely with Ann Davis and her local chapter of Gold Star Mothers. *Let's deliver hope and joy to families who*

might otherwise go without.

Bring **UNWRAPPED NEW** toys, cash, check (payable to VFW Aux to District 6) and/or gift card donations to the Fall District meeting September 13th in Springville or to O&MTI in Cherry Creek on Sept 20th. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**



Cancer Grant Fund tickets are back this year! The donation is \$2 each. Your auxiliary quota is based on June 30th membership. USPS mail checks and completed tickets to Dept Chairman Amber Sullivan OR bring check and tickets to the District 6 Fall Meeting on

September 13 in Springville or O&MTI on Sept 20th and President Aurelia will deliver them to the Dept Chairman.

Health and Happiness donation for VFW National Home



may be made through Malta or USPS mailed to National Aux Headquarters. Requested donation is \$.25 ... *or more* ... per member based on June 30, 2025 membership. The Home receives

NO government assistance and depends on your generosity! The Dept of New York supports two homes.



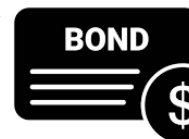
A printed copy of the membership was distributed to each Auxiliary. Please review this document and make changes to update member address/contact information, remove deceased members, etc. The Aux President, Secretary and Treasurer may enter changes directly in Malta. Changes may also be sent to Dept Secretary Chris Leavor (address above) who will enter changes in Malta for you.



State Commander James MacArthur has invited Auxiliaries to join the VFW at this year's booth at the NY State Fair from August 28-30. The booth opens at 9AM. Contact Dept Secretary Chris Leavor if interested. This is a great opportunity to tell what we do and recruit new members!

AUXILIARY BONDS must be processed by AUGUST 31!

Your Auxiliary must be bonded for two times the amount in their treasury. Bond may be processed in Malta (Save a Stamp and the easiest way) or USPS an auxiliary check to National Headquarters.



• **Bonds DO NOT cover gaming accounts (i.e. Bingo).** Refer to Bylaws Sec. 814 E.1 and E.4

Auxiliary News Presidents receive a complimentary copy to share with their auxiliary. You can receive your own copy ...



• **Emailed copy** – email your address to Dept Sec'y Chris Leavor @ CAL2027@hotmail.com

• **Electronic Copy** – Download newsletter at Dept of NY Auxiliary website: VFWAUXNY.ORG (Under NEWS. Then Auxiliary Newsletters).

• **Printed USPS mailed copy:** Cost is \$15 for six issues. Complete a subscription form found in the President's packet – Make check payable to VFW Aux. Dept of NY. USPS check and subscription form to:

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If your auxiliary wants to schedule an activity at the Buffalo VA Hospital, contact Recreation Therapist Mary Frey.

Telephone: (716) 862-7259 or email: Mary.Frey3@va.gov

K.I.A. MEMORIAL ROADMARCH

...YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO

WALK OR RUN

Donate your non-perishable goods at the start of the race and walk or run the route. Enjoy your surroundings and be a proud contributor to a great cause! (this is just shy of a 10K)



August 16th Chestnut Ridge Park
www.kiamemorialmarch.com - register today!!

Volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of ways for the K.I.A. Memorial Roadmarch: Friday Setup/Sat Takedown; Day-of Event Support: Monitor entrances; Assist vendors with setup; Staff the registration table; Manage booths (e.g., merchandise); Run the challenge stations.

If interested in volunteering please contact Dee Ippolito or Rose Rubini at: rosalindarubini@gmail.com