

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY TO DISTRICT 6 DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
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Happy February 2025 to District 6 VFW Auxiliary members!

Thank you again and again for all of your hard work for our veterans, their families and our communities! YOU change lives!

For the past few weeks, while waiting the cold weather to pass and for the plows to come through, I've had the opportunity to review previous minutes from our District 6 VFW Auxiliary. Although we were chartered in 1949, the minutes history began in 1955 and include very familiar names of those who have served for so many years! Looking forward to sharing the information with you.

January was a slow one for me to visit auxiliaries. I was able to work with Sheridan 6390 and spoke with a number of presidents to fill in for reports that may not have been credited and sent out a special note to encourage membership drive reports and membership! As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, District 6 was at 92.05%. We only need 228 more dues to attain 100%. Let's get those annual dues paid ASAP!

February includes Valentine's Day and Presidents Day. We have the opportunity in the two months left in our reporting year (Feb and March) to create and deliver Valentines for Veterans by February 14<sup>th</sup>, have luncheons and host get-togethers for our Veterans. Presidents Day provides us the opportunity to again honor our veterans, families and community. And please report what you do to the respective Department Chairmen. Remember that our District 6 President's motto is: **"Report! Report! Report!"**

Encourage our schools to participate in Illustrating America and Young Americans Patriotic Art contests. These are VFW AUXILIARY scholarships. Deadline is March 31, 2025 to the local Auxiliary. Show everyone that District 6 is the best!

The deadline for National Auxiliary Headquarters to receive applications for the Continuing Education Scholarship is February 15<sup>th</sup>. If interested, contact District Chairman Beth Ecker or me for details.

Department Spring Conference packets will NOT be USPS mailed! Information is available for download on the Department website at: [vfwauxny.org](http://vfwauxny.org). Please be generous and support our dedicated VFW Service Officers. Monetary donations will be accepted at Spring Conference. Checks should be made payable to "VFW Aux DNY" earmarked – Service Officers Program.

Also promote the Veterans and Family Support Programs for Unmet Needs, Military Assistance Program (MAP) and Sport Clips Scholarships. Monetary donations will be accepted at Spring Conference. Checks should be made payable to: VFW Aux DNY earmarked for the program.

Report to Auxiliary Outreach Program Chairman Judy Lefebvre. To be eligible, Auxiliary members must partner with non-profit, civic and/or other organizations, wear auxiliary apparel at events and donate TIME with organizations. Event(s) must be approved by the auxiliary and recorded in the minutes prior to event(s).

And, finally, remember to start your End-of-Year Reports. District 6 does so much for our veterans. This year we are especially looking for LARGE numbers to be reported by our auxiliaries in all programs! Your End-of-Year Reports are needed to reflect that. Reports are due April 1<sup>st</sup> to Department Chairmen and may be delivered to Chairmen at Department Spring Conference.

Thank you again for all of your service to our veterans, families and communities! Keep up your great work! Loyally, *Dee Ippolito*



- **District 6 Spring Meeting** is March 8 in Salamanca at 11 AM. The Auxiliary will be meeting at the American Legion.
- **District 6 Convention** will be held on April 25 and 26, 2025 at Post 8647 in Mayville. Packets were emailed and a printed copy will be distributed at the March meeting. **Save a stamp! Bring your Auxiliary check(s), complete the forms at the March meeting and submit them to respective chairmen!**

**Please pay attention to the following deadlines!**

March 24, 2025: Hotel Group rate (\$79.99)

April 15, 2025: Advance Convention Registration

April 15, 2025: Lunch and/or Dinner Reservation

April 15, 2025: Booster / Ad Book

Reminder! According to Bylaws Sec. 810A.J Auxiliaries are to **“Assure that the President or their representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings.”** District Program Chairmen should email a copy of their report to Debbie Cenni prior to the meeting.

- Thank you! As of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 23 Auxiliaries and District 6 donated \$926.50 to the VFW National Home Health and Happiness fund. The VFW National Home depends solely on your generosity as it receives **NO** government funding. New York currently supports two homes.



- There are no Cancer tickets this year! Donations are appreciated and may be made through Malta to the National Auxiliary Cancer Fund.

Report Cancer Fund donations to Department Chairman Phyllis Roseboom.



## Meeting Minutes

**ATTENTION AUXILIARY SECRETARIES!!!**

**Refer to Podium Edition Booklet of Instructions pages 11 to 15 to obtain the official wording for the first paragraph of your meeting minutes.**



- Zoom Training February 11 at 7:30 PM. Topic – TBA.
- Zoom Training February 27 at 7:30 PM. Topic – TBA. You don't need a computer to Zoom – you can dial in with a cell or landline phone!

**As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, District 6 was at 92.05%. We need 228 more dues to attain 100%. DO NOT hold membership dues! We can do it!**

- Members must have current dues to attend meetings or participate in auxiliary functions.
- Auxiliary Treasurer's may process annual dues and convert to life directly in Malta (easiest way) or USPS mail fees to Dept Treasurer Kim White (address on page 1).

Annual member per capita fee is \$20.00. New member applications **must** be processed by Kim White. (Auxiliaries should keep a copy of the application.) Convert to life fee is based on a member's age **as of Dec. 31, 2025**. Contact District 6 Treasurer Chris Leavor with questions.

### **WARNING! PROTECT YOUR FINANCES AND STAY AHEAD OF SCAMMERS!**

★Never verify personal information (passwords, account or pin or social security numbers via text, direct message or email.

★Trust your gut! If something doesn't feel right, it is probably a scam.

★If you receive a request for money/gift cards, in a text or email, it is probably a scam.

★DO NOT reply to the phone number or email address provided in the text/email or provide any personal information. If you are not sure about a request from a District Officer, contact Secretary Debbie Cenni by telephone or email (contact info is found on page 1 of this newsletter).

★NEVER provide personal banking or credit card information or send gift cards or money via Zelle, PayPal, etc. unless you are certain that the request is legitimate.

★**SCAMMERS ... Claim there is a problem; ... Pretend to be from an organization you know; ... Pressure you to act immediately; ... Insist you pay them a specific way.**