

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY TO DISTRICT 6 DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
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Dear VFW Auxiliary District 6 Members,

Happy New Year! Sending best wishes to you all for a wonderful 2025!

You are all so amazing and your service to and with our veterans and their families is boundless! Your support of the Department of New York's Toy Campaign was above and beyond anything for which we could have hoped for or planned. Our donations stayed local and supported more than 25 families of the VA Hospital in Buffalo.

This project was in conjunction with the Buffalo Gold Star Mothers and spearheaded by our own Ann Davis. Because of you, those families had a holiday they would never have had without your support!

Wreaths across America on December 14th was another display of your support of our veterans at the Western New York National Cemetery and many other cemeteries across our District 6. It was a chilly day, but a tear-jerking one, as you and community volunteers laid a wreath at each of our dear veterans' graves in loving memory. Photo above and on page 2.

As we begin the new year, my wish is that we all will:

- ✓ Encourage local school students to enter the Patriotic Art (Scholarships Program) and Illustrating America (Youth Activities Program). Media release and application for Patriotic Art and Illustrating America are attached to this newsletter.
- ✓ Contact local schools and send the applications. Due date for art work to your auxiliary with completed application is March 31, 2025.
- ✓ Report your activity via email for Patriotic Art to Dept Scholarships Chairman Joan Barnhart at jbarn98674@aol.com and Illustrating America to Dept Youth Activities Chairman Phyllis Walker at phylliswalker3019@gmail.com.
- ✓ Start planning now for a Veterans for Valentines event at your post/auxiliary in February.
- ✓ Start working on your End-of-Year Reports. Department Chairmen must receive those reports by March 31, 2025. Remember to add up all of the hours, miles, number of veterans served and total of donations for Americanism, "Buddy"® Poppy/National Home, Legislative, Youth Activities, Membership Drives, Scholarships, Special Projects and Hospital to include on your End-of-Year Report for Veterans and Family Support. **WE NEED LARGE NUMBERS on your END-OF-YEAR REPORT FOR VETERANS and FAMILY SUPPORT!**

Look forward to seeing all of you at the Spring District 6 meeting to be held in Salamanca on March 8, 2025. Meeting begins promptly at 11 AM.

Loyally, *Dee Ippolito*

Dee Ippolito, District 6 President





• **District 6 Spring Meeting will be held** March 8 in Salamanca at 11 AM. The Auxiliary will be meeting at the American Legion.

The **District 6 Convention** will be held on April 25 and 26, 2025 at Post 8647 in Mayville. Packets were recently emailed.

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 December 31st, 21 Auxiliaries and District 6 donated \$891.00 to the VFW National Home Health and Happiness fund. Requested donation is \$.25, **or more**, per member based on your June 30th Auxiliary membership. 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! Donations are appreciated and may be made through Malta to the National Auxiliary Cancer Fund. Report Cancer Fund donations to Department Chairman Phyllis Roseboom.



• Congratulations Essay and Teacher Winners!

Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest:

1st – Campbell R. Jones (7967)

2nd – Jackson R. Hatch (9487)

3rd – Fatima Faridi (53)

Patriot’s Pen Written Essay Contest:

1st – Margaret McCann (6251)

2nd – Mackenna Hardenburg (8647)

3rd – Andrew Bolles (7967)

Teachers:

High School: Mark Blecha (Franklinville CSD)

Middle School: Peter Spear (Franklinville CSD)



Meeting Minutes

ATTENTION AUXILIARY SECRETARIES!!!
Refer to Podium Edition Booklet of Instructions pages 11 to 15.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of the United States to [Lake Chautauqua Memorial] Post [8647], [Mayville], New York held a [regular] meeting on [Monday, December 9, 2024] with [15] members and [no guests] present. President [Debbie Cenni] opened the [Contemporary] Business Meeting at [6 PM] according to the ritual.



• Zoom Training January 14 at 7:30 PM. Topic – TBA.

• Zoom Training January 28 at 7:30 PM. Topic – Auxiliary

Outreach Program. **You don’t need a computer to Zoom – you can dial in with a cell or landline phone!**

PLEASE DO NOT hold dues!

• A member must be current with their dues to attend meetings or participate in auxiliary functions. That includes Officers!

• Auxiliary Treasurer’s may process annual dues and convert to life directly in Malta (the 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.

Dec 14th – Western New York National Cemetery

