# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK AUXILIARY TO DISTRICT 6 JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER ~ PAGE 1

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Dear District 6 Auxiliary Members,

I am honored to be your choice for District 6 President for the 2025–2026 year. Thank you to Jill Kenney for encouraging me to take this journey, to Deb Cenni for nominating me and agreeing to be my secretary, my home Post/Auxiliary #8647 and all of District 6 for your ongoing support.

Your Auxiliary may start reporting all of their activities since April 1st to the new Department Program Chairmen. A listing of their contact information was included in packets distributed at the Organizational meeting.



Department President's packets, District packets and Inspection Forms were distributed at the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Packets will be USPS mailed to the Auxiliary President if a representative was not able to attend that meeting.

Department Officers and Members Training Institute (OTI) is July 25 and 26 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Binghamton. Registration deadline is *July 1<sup>st</sup>*. Information is available on the Department website: VFWAUXNY.ORG. If you have questions, contact Dean Ruth Huber – 9511 Bucktooth Run Road – Little Valley, NY 14755.



District Dues amounts were recently emailed to each of the 24 Auxiliaries. If you did not pay at the Organizational meeting, save postage and bring a check with you to the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting in Springville. Dues are based on your membership as of June 25<sup>th</sup>!

Auxiliaries may file their 990-n after July 1st. Please print 3 copies of the acceptance – one for your Secretary, one for your Treasurer and one for the person who inspects you. Inspection forms were distributed at the Organizational meeting. We will start inspecting as soon as possible.

FILE A 990N(E-POSTCAR) YOUR NONPROFIT



As a reminder, our Spring meeting is March 14th in Salamanca and the District 6 Convention will be April 24 and 25 in Mayville.

WARNING! EMAIL SCAMS!!! If you receive an email from anyone in District 6 asking if you have time today or a request for money, Zelle, Venmo, credit card payment, etc. – DELETE IMMEDIATELY!!! Never click on a link!



Scammers make their emails look real. If you are unsure about an email message, contact Secretary Debbie Cenni. Don't be a victim to a scammer!

Please read the monthly District 6 newsletter and review the materials that were distributed at the Organizational meeting. Be reminded that emails sent from the Dept Secretary and District Secretary are Official Communications and should be read at the next meeting following receipt. There are many resources available for download at the National website (vfwauxiliary.org) including The Podium Edition and Bylaws. If you have a question or need assistance, we are all here to help you. Contact information is found right on this page.

I look forward to working with you and VFW District Commander Tom Rabb this year.

Always Staying True to Our Red, White, and Blue, Aurelia Taylor, District 6 President

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#### SAVE THE DATE FOR DISTRICT 6 OTI

Saturday, September 20, 2025 at Pine Valley Memorial VFW in Cherry Creek from 9 AM to 3 PM. No cost! All classroom materials will be provided. Contact Debbie Cenni if you have questions.



TOY DRIVE District 6 President Aurelia chose the Holiday & Christmas Toy Drive as her Special Project. District 6 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.

Last year your donations supported 26 veteran families and their 52 children. 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. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!** 



Cancer Grant Fund tickets are back this year! Cancer tickets are \$2 each. Your Auxiliary quota is based on June 30<sup>th</sup> membership. USPS mail checks and completed tickets to Dept Chairman Amber Sullivan -2 Donna Lane – Binghamton, NY 13903

**OR** bring check and tickets to the District 6 Fall Meeting on September 13 in Springville and Aurelia will deliver them to the Dept Chairman.



Health and Happiness donation for VFW National Home may be made through Malta after July 15th. Requested donation is \$.25 or more

per member based on June 30, 2025 membership. The VFW National

Home receives **NO** government assistance. The Home depends on generous people like you! The Department of New York supports two homes.

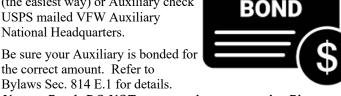


A copy of Auxiliary membership, as of July 1, 2025, will be emailed to each Auxiliary after July 3<sup>rd</sup> by the District Sec'y.

Auxiliaries are expected to review this document and make changes as necessary (i.e. update member address and/or contact information, remove members who have passed away, etc.). There are a few deceased members listed on the active roster. The Auxiliary Secretary and President may enter changes directly in Malta or changes can be sent to Department Secretary Chris Leavor (address above) who will enter them in Malta.

## PLEASE PROCESS AUXILIARY BOND BY JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>!

Bond may be submitted in Malta (the easiest way) or Auxiliary check USPS mailed VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.



Note: • Bonds DO NOT cover gaming accounts i.e. Bingo according to Bylaws Sec. 814 E.4

How to receive a copy of Auxiliary News

- Emailed copy members email their email contact information to Department Secretary Chris Leavor @ CAL2027@hotmail.com
- Electronic Copy Download available on the Dept of New York 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: Editor DeeDee Guyette – 43 High St – Carthage, NY 13619

**DEPT WAYS & MEANS** The Department of New York Ways & Means Program depends on your donations to cover its Administrative operating expenses.

2 sheets (10 tickets) of Ways & Means tickets @ \$5 each were included in President's packets. Make checks payable to "VFW Aux Dept of NY." Complete the ticket stubs then USPS stubs and check to: Department Ways & Means Chairman Charlene Carnright – 2 Fayette Street – Waterloo, NY 13165

**OR** bring check and tickets to the District 6 Fall Meeting on September 13 in Springville and Aurelia will deliver them to the Dept Chairman.



**DONATION REPORT FORM** is found on page 5 of the Program Guidebook. USPS your Auxiliary check (payable to VFW Aux. Dept of NY) and form to Department Treasurer Kim White no later than September *30<sup>th</sup>*. (Address on page 1 above.)

National President Lois Callahan's Special Project – Continuing Education Scholarships – is to raise funds that will be sustain this fund. Members and their immediate families are eligible to apply for these scholarships.

STATE COMMANDER JAMES MacARTHUR and DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JUSTINGE ROBLES **HOMECOMING - AUGUST 23, 2025 - 1 PM** 

VFW Post 9593 – 845 Co Rd 25 – Stuyvesant Falls – 12173 RSVP by August 8th.

Jim: (518) 755-8978; Justine: (347) 760-0879