

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

I hope everyone survived the mountains of snow and severe cold spells these past few months. Hopefully Spring and warmer weather will be here soon.

The 2026 Podium edition is available for purchase from the VFW store or for download to your computer through MALTA. Refer to page 2 of this newsletter for the President's and Chaplain's ritual wording for the opening.

Thank you to those who attended the Zoom meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the new membership application. A copy of the membership application is attached to this newsletter. **Effective January 1, 2026 use only the REVISED JANUARY 2026 form** (check the lower right hand corner of the application). Any other application form used will be returned which may delay processing new members.

Our District 6 Spring Meeting is March 7, 2026 hosted by Felton Burns VFW Post #5260 (Springville) at 11 AM. Trustees should arrive early to conduct an audit. Program Chairmen, please email your reports to Secretary Debbie Cenni by March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are unable to attend the Department Spring Conference in Corning on March 27 and 28, but would like to donate \$10 scratch off tickets (Ways & Means) and/or \$10 National gift cards (BP/NH), bring them to the District meeting and I will deliver donations for you to the Department Chairmen.

District 6 Convention is April 24 and 25 at the Lake Chautauqua Memorial Post #8647 in Mayville. The main meeting is on Saturday which starts with the Joint Memorial Service at 9 AM. Packets were emailed by the District Secretary and a printed copy will be provided for each Auxiliary at the March meeting. Save stamps! Bring forms and checks for registration, lunch and dinner to the Spring District meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Resignations were recently received from District Chaplain and District Guard. If you are interested to run for a District 6 Line Officer for 2026-2027, please email your Auxiliary's letter of endorsement to Secretary Debbie Cenni **preferably** before the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Nomination and Election of 2026-2027 Officers will be held during the Convention meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

There is still time to send your nomination for Member of the Year to Chris Leavor before the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Save a stamp and bring the completed form to the Spring District Meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>. If you need a copy of the form, contact Debbie Cenni and she will email it to you.

Thank you for entering deceased members in Malta. The District Convention Memorial Booklet will include names of deceased members entered in Malta from April 16, 2025 to April 15, 2026. Contact Debbie Cenni if you need assistance.

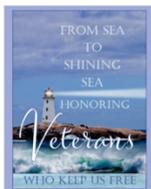
It is important to submit quarterly audits to Department Treasurer Kim White in a timely manner. Fourth quarter audits (Oct. 1 to Dec. 31) were due February 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact me if your Auxiliary needs assistance with audits. There are Deputy Chiefs of Staff ready, willing and able to assist you!

One last quick reminder! In order for your Auxiliary to qualify for Department Program awards, end of year Program Reports must be received by the Department Chairman prior to April 15. The best way to send them is by email.

See everyone soon! Stay safe and Always Stay True to Our Red, White, and Blue!

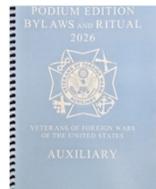
*Aurelia Taylor*, District 6 President

2025-2026 National  
Program Book



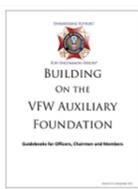
2025-2026 National Program  
Book

Podium Edition  
Bylaws & Ritual



Podium Edition Bylaws and  
Ritual

Building on the VFW  
Auxiliary Foundation



Building on the VFW Auxiliary  
Foundation

**MEMBER AND OFFICER RESOURCES ARE  
AVAILABLE IN MALTA!!!**

2026 Podium Edition is found under Member Resources in Malta and is also available for purchase from the VFW Store.

Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation contains valuable material for every member and officer.

Effective January 1, 2026, the Chaplain and President have new wording under **Opening Ceremonies as follows:**

OPENING PRAYER: Chaplain:

**Please join me in prayer to the extent that your religious and/or personal beliefs will allow.**

President: **Brothers and Sisters, we are assembled again to transact business. Do not let petty jealousies or trivial personalities influence our deliberations. Let us uphold always the obligations of unselfish fellowship and loyalty to our organization. I now declare this Auxiliary meeting open ... for**

Debbie Cenni has searched the District 6 membership roster for deceased members from age 106 years old to 78 years old. Thank you to District 6 Auxiliaries for reporting their deceased members in Malta.

The Convention Memorial Booklet includes names of deceased members entered from April 16, 2025 to April 15, 2026. If you need assistance with finding a deceased member, contact Debbie Cenni.

**WE'RE GOING TO THE DOGS!** See the attached flyer regarding "Spring Conference Dog Parade."

President Aurelia will collect your \$5 registration fee and dog at the Spring meeting in Springville. Dogs will then be brought back from Spring Conference in Corning and donated locally.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

• **District 6 Spring Meeting** – March 7, 2026 – Felton Burns VFW #5260 (Springville) at 11 AM. Trustees should arrive prior to the meeting to conduct an audit. Program Chairmen should email their report to District Secretary Debbie Cenni by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Reports will be distributed at the meeting. They will not be read! Ways & Means Chairman Patricia Measer will hold a 50/50 at this meeting.

• **2026 District 6 Convention** – April 24 and 25, 2026 at the VFW Post 8647 in Mayville. Packets were emailed in January and a printed packet will be distributed to each Auxiliary at the Spring meeting. Be sure to adhere to deadlines.

**Note!** Registration does NOT include lunch or dinner. Buffet style lunch will be available for \$10. Dinner tickets are \$30 each. Contact Beth Ecker or Debbie Cenni if you have any questions.

Each Auxiliary is asked to bring a basket or items for a Chinese auction to the Convention. See Patricia Measer if you have

• **Dept of NY Spring Conference** – March 27 and 28, 2026 at the Radisson Hotel in Corning. Packets were emailed to Auxiliaries by Dept Secretary Chris Leavor. Deadline is March 16<sup>th</sup> to pre-register and/or reserve a Garden Party Luncheon ticket for Saturday and/or purchase a Service Officer Dinner ticket.

**SCHOLARSHIPS!** Many local schools will be on spring break on March 31<sup>st</sup>. **It is up to the Local Auxiliary to send their winning entry(ies) to the Dept. Chairman before April 15th. District judging will be done via photograph. Email a picture of the winning entry(ies) to the District Chairman as soon as local judging is completed.**

March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to submit Young American Creative Patriotic Art and 3-D Creative Patriotic Art Contest entries to a local Auxiliary. Email a picture of the winning entry to District 6 Scholarships Chairman Debbie Cenni as soon as local judging is complete.

**Illustrating America** is a Youth Activities Program Contest and is broken down into three grade divisions: K-2; 3-5; and 6-8. March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for students to submit entries to a local Auxiliary. Email a picture of the winning entry, for each grade division, to D6 Youth Activities Chairman Ruth Huber as soon as local judging is complete.

# VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

Please print legibly. An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

**Applicant completes sections A, D or E and H,I. Auxiliaries/Departments complete sections B,F,G.**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name   Female  Male  
 Address  Date of Birth  /  /   
 City  State  ZIP  Phone (  ) -  Email

Auxiliary Post No.  City  State   
 New Member  Transferring Member  Rejoining Member (Prior Member ID Number)   
 Member at Large in Department of   Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

**(Transfer only information)**  ANNUAL TRANSFER  LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER  
 Member ID  Previous Auxiliary   Paying  Nonpaying

**POST-AFFILIATED** (\*Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)  
 I am the (Relationship)  to (Eligible Veteran\* Name)   
 VFW Membership ID  VFW Post (Must be same as B)

**NON-AFFILIATED** (\*Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)  
 I am the (Relationship)  to (Eligible Veteran\* Name)   
 Name of campaign ribbons or medals:   
 Dates of Service:  to  Foreign Location:

Recruited/Recommended by:  Recruiter Member ID   
 Check one: Aux  VFW

Investigating Committee Signatures  
 1   2   3    
 Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws.  Rejected  Accepted Meeting Date  Obligated Date

Annual Membership  Life Membership  Check here if this is a gift (Membership card will be sent to Treasurer and not member.)  
 Payment Method and Amount: Cash  Check  Credit Card  \*\*\*

\*\*\*If paying by credit card, after this application is processed, an email and/or text message will be sent to the contact information provided above for payment. Instructions in the communication for payment must be completed within 30 days; otherwise the application will be voided. If someone other than the applicant above is paying by credit card for the membership, please list your phone number and email address below to receive payment instructions once the membership application has been processed.

Phone  Email

**OBLIGATION** In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. I attest that I am at least 16 years of age. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Signature   Date

(Must be signed by all members.)

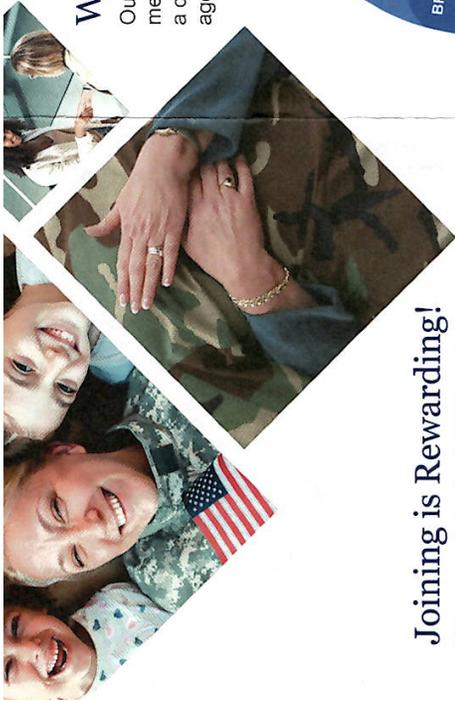
By filling out this application and providing your contact information, you agree to receive communications from the VFW Auxiliary. The communications may include updates, promotions, and other information related to our services. Communications may be in the form of emails, SMS text messages, and/or automated calls. You understand that these communications may be sent using an automated telephony dialer system. Standard message and data rates may apply. You can opt out at any time by following the instructions provided in the communications. No mobile information will be shared with third parties/affiliates for marketing/promotional purposes.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Life Membership fees are not refundable.

Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58



## Joining is Rewarding!

When you join the VFW Auxiliary, you have the opportunity to:

- **Support Veterans, Service Members and Their Families.**

The VFW Auxiliary offers numerous avenues for service, such as hospital volunteering, the adoption of military units and promoting patriotism. Anyone with a heart for veterans can count their membership as an important way to stand with veterans and the military community on Capitol Hill and on local legislative issues affecting them.

- **Develop New Skills.**

The VFW Auxiliary offers numerous ways for members to acquire and utilize skills such as leadership, public speaking, fundraising, event planning and community outreach.

- **Network and Develop Friendships.**

Through local and national events, members have the chance to meet people from all walks of life and many career backgrounds, creating a vast network of people who are passionate about veterans, service members and their families.

- **Receive Service Benefits.**

The VFW Auxiliary is pleased to offer members access to one of the nation's largest networks of money-saving products and services in the insurance and benefits industry.

- Discounted policies for life, health, accident, long-term care and dental insurance, along with many other benefit plans.
- Access to discounts on products and services that are important to you – including local offers!
- Credit cards and certain financial services are available through USAA.

## Who Can Join?

Our organization comprises nearly a half million members from diverse backgrounds who have a common connection: all are at least 16 years of age and are relatives of a VFW-eligible veteran.\*



Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.

\*Eligible veteran does not have to be a member of the VFW.



## Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

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Kansas City, MO 64111

[www.vfwauxiliary.org/join-us](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/join-us)

### Questions?

Contact National Headquarters at  
[info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org)  
or 816-561-8655

## Join Us!

Membership in the VFW Auxiliary is an excellent way to show your support of America's veterans.

### Our National Programs:

- Assist the VFW to pass or block legislation that impacts veterans and their families.
- Provide nearly a million volunteer hours in the VA medical system.
- Conduct patriotic programs with thousands of students.
- Offer hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for our nation's youth.

### What's expected of me?

As a VFW Auxiliary member, you will be asked to:

- Pay dues.
- Attend meetings and events.
- Use your skills and talents to make a difference.

*Volunteer with us and celebrate the freedoms we enjoy thanks to those who served.*

## **SPRING CONFERENCE DOG PARADE**

**Come One, Come All!!  
Bring Your Stuffed Dogs, Big or Small!!**

**A \$5 registration fee will be charged PER dog and PER category.**

**The 5 Categories will be:**

**Most Patriotic**

**Most Unique**

**Biggest**

**Smallest**

**Softest**

**Each registered dog will receive a one-of-a-kind Buddy Poppy Bandana,  
signed by "Honor", and a tin tab poppy.**

**Dogs may be registered in as many categories as the owner wishes.**

**Tickets will be sold to vote for the winner of each category.**

**Dogs may be kept or donated to a local fire department or  
police station after event.**

