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Dear District 6 Presidents and Auxiliary Members,
Wow, what year! It went by so fast. Thank you to those who were able to attend the Spring Meeting at Post #5260 in Springville. It was good to see everyone in person after what felt like a long winter! A special thank you to Connie Holt who volunteered to run the 50/50 for Ways and Means in place of the Ways & Means Chairman who could not attend the meeting. Great job, Connie!

Congratulations to incoming President Monica Heitzenrater and her newly elected Officers for 2026-2027! I know you will keep District 6 strong. Monica's reorganizational meeting will be June 20th in Cherry Creek at 9 AM. Kudos to Becky King who was this year's Member of the Year. Your many years of service both in and outside of the Auxiliary are much appreciated.

Many thanks go out to all the volunteers who worked hard and attendees to our District 6 Convention on April 25th. Many things could have gone haywire, but as always, District 6 pulled together to make sure things ran smoothly. Thanks to Post 8647 for hosting the event and to the staff for ensuring everyone had a tasty lunch and dinner. I hope our Department guests, State Commander Jim MacArthur, Auxiliary President Justine Robles and John Pieprzak enjoyed their time spent in Mayville and at Post 8647.

Congratulations to our VoD and Patriot's Pen essay contest winners and Citizenship Teachers of the Year who were honored at the Convention Dinner.

All are invited to attend the annual Baby Shower hosted by Evans Township Auxiliary on Sunday, May 17 from 1 to 3 PM. Also, the Buffalo VA will host their baby shower later this month and are in need of large items: car seats, highchairs, pack 'n plays, larger size diapers (4, 5, 6, pull-ups) 18, 24, 2T and 4T clothing and books. Questions? Call Stephanie Davis (716-862-8891). Make checks payable to: VA WNY, memo: FCP 1931/Women Wellness and mail to: VA WNY - 3495 Bailey Ave., Buffalo, NY 14215 Attn: Women Wellness. Thank you!

Department Convention packets were recently USPS mailed to Presidents and are available on the Department website. Be sure to adhere to deadlines! The 2026 Proposed Resolutions and Proposed Bylaws Revisions that will be presented at the National Convention are available for viewing in Malta (under Member Resources then select National Convention).

Finally, all our best goes out to Chris Leavor as she moves up the Chairs at the Department Auxiliary level. I know you'll do us proud, Chris!

Stay safe and Always Stay True to Our Red, White, and Blue,

Aurelia Taylor, District 6 President

