

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY TO DISTRICT 6 DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
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Happy May!

As this Auxiliary year will soon be closing,  
I would like to express a very special thanks ...

... to all of my District 6 2024 – 2025 Line Officers:

Senior Vice President – Aurelia Taylor

Junior Vice President – Monica Kenney

Secretary par excellence – Debbie Cenni

Inimitable Treasurer – Chris Leavor

Chaplain – Steve Kemna; Conductor – Beth Ecker

Guard – Pam Spink; Advisor – PDP Ruth Huber

... to all the appointed Officers and Program Chairmen of our GREAT Sixth District

... to all the component Auxiliary Officers and members of our GREAT Sixth District

... to all our District 6 VFW's

... and especially to our Commander Marcello Rotunda

... to the Convention Committee

... and to Department of New York Auxiliary Conductor and National Legislative Ambassador DeeDee Guyette.

You have all served our veterans, families and communities so successfully this year! Thank you!

Thank you to the 60 members, representing 22 Auxiliaries, who attended and participated in our final District 6 meeting of the 2024 – 2025 and the amazing convention lunch and dinner.

Thank you, John W. Tiffany VFW Post #53 for sponsoring the convention and to Lake Chautauqua Memorial Post #8647 for lending their Post to house the convention meetings, lunch and dinner!

You are all amazing and it has been my honor to serve with and for you this year!

Very best wishes and congratulations to our newly-elected president, Aurelia Taylor and her officers for a very successful 2025 – 2026 year!

God bless you all! God bless America!

Loyally,

Dee Ippolito, President



Department President Darlene Baker's motto: "Soaring Into the Next Century of Service With Our Veterans and Their Families"  
National President Brenda Bryant's motto: "From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans"

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- **District 6 Delegate Forms** There are a few Auxiliaries that have not submitted 2025 – 2026 District 6 Delegates to Secretary Debbie Cenni. Please USPS mail or email as soon as possible!



**District 6 Organizational Meeting for 2025-26** will be held at Post 8647 in Mayville on Saturday, June 28 from 9 AM to noon. Lunch will be provided.

- **Membership Rosters and Deceased Members**

Please update your membership roster on a regular basis and making contact changes as necessary.

Deceased members may be entered directly into Malta by the Auxiliary president, secretary or treasurer **or** submit the names, with date of death, to Dept Secretary Chris Leavor who will enter them in Malta for you.

**Important note! Entering a deceased member does NOT affect your auxiliary Paid member percentage.** Entering a deceased member in Malta is the right thing to do and updates the member-ship roster.

- **VFW National Convention** information is available at [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org). Hotel rooms fill up quickly. Anyone planning to attend should make hotel reservations ASAP. The deadline to enter National Delegates in Malta was May 1.

- **Membership News!** As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, District 6 was at 99.63% needing only 13 more to attain 100%. Please DO NOT hold membership dues! Contact District 6 Treasurer Chris Leavor if you have any questions.

- **Daemen Vets Expo** is Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM – 2 PM at the Yurtchuk Student Center, Daemen University, 4380 Main Street, Amherst, NY. All members are invited and encourage to attend.

- **State Commander's "Homeless Veterans and Suicide Prevention" Golf Tournament** played at Cardinal Hills Golf Course. Shotgun start at 10 AM. Chicken bbq and prizes at Randolph Memorial VFW Post #6533. Details and registration form found on VFW website ([vfwny.org](http://vfwny.org)). **Deadline is May 1.**

**R U Healthy? Auxiliary To-Dos and Deadlines**  
**Presidents** should return this form to Chief of Staff Karen Dotson by **May 15**. Contact Debbie Cenni if you need a copy of the form!

**Auxiliary Memorial Service and Celebration of life for PDP Donna Emo** will be Saturday, July 5 at Post 8647 in Mayville. Details will be announced when available. Contact Debbie Cenni (716) 753-3757.

- **45+ Year Member Recognition and Dept Standing Rules Update** 45+ names must be submitted to PDP Karen Dotson by May 1 in order to be included in the Department Convention folder.

Auxiliaries may print a 45+ certificate for members not attending Dept Convention. The template is found on the Department website ([vfwauxny.org](http://vfwauxny.org))

▣Resources ▣Secretary Notes ▣45+.

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Evans Aux. Baby Shower, May 18<sup>th</sup>** will be held at Post 5798, 8989 Erie Road, Angola, 14006 from 1 to 3 PM.

Contact Auxiliary President Connie Holt if you have any questions or wish to donate. All items to benefit the Womens' Health Unit at Buffalo VA Hospital.

**Department Officers and Members Training Institute (OTI) – July 26 – 26, Binghamton, NY**

The annual Department OTI will be hosted by PDP Ruth Huber. Details available on the Dept website ([vfwauxny.org](http://vfwauxny.org)). **Reservation deadline is July 1.**

**UPCOMING TRAINING SEMINARS:**

✓VFW RULES IN ACTION WORKSHOP

Saturday, **May 24, 2025** at Medina VFW Post #1483. Instructor is Comrade Joshua Schreck, Judge Advocate General and National Parliamentarian. Contact Debbie Cenni if you desire the QR code and/or more details.

✓FIREARM SAFETY FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

Wednesday, **May 21, 2025** – 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM  
Hennepin Community Center  
24 Ludington Street, Buffalo, NY 14206  
To register email: [Christopher.Ramnauth@va.gov](mailto:Christopher.Ramnauth@va.gov)  
Empowering family members and loved ones to talk about firearm safety for suicide prevention. Learn more about firearms, safe storage, and how to have the conversation.

✓PTSD AWARENESS & SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING – Thursday, **May 15, 2025** – 5PM to 6PM  
Join virtually (on-line) to learn about the basics of PTSD, information on the programs available within the VA Western New York Healthcare System and receive VA S.A.V.E., Suicide Prevention Training. Contact Debbie Cenni for QR code.

✓VA S.A.V.E. SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING  
**May 20, 2025** – 7 PM to 8 PM

Herman Kent Post 777 26 Jackson Ave, Jamestown  
This training will help you act with care and compassion if you encounter a Veteran who is in crisis or experiencing suicidal thoughts.