

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

It's hard to believe that we're already into the Holiday Season. We've had a busy Fall so far. Many thanks to President Pam Snyder and Felton Burns Auxiliary #5260 in Springville for hosting the District 6 meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> as well as everyone who was able to attend. The Spring District meeting will again be in Springville on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 11 AM.

A special thanks to Commander Tom Rabb and the 22 Auxiliary members who attended the District and Member Officer Training on September 20<sup>th</sup> in Cherry Creek. The presentations were excellent and the food was outstanding. My thanks to Margaret Sheldon, Jill Kenney, Sr. Vice President Monica Heitzenrater, Kathy Tabak and Pine Valley Memorial #2522 for hosting this year's District 6 O&MTI.

It was an honor to attend the Moving Wall and Gold Star Tribute Wall with District 6 VFW Commander Tom Rabb at Mount Calvary Cemetery on October 4<sup>th</sup>. It is always a humbling experience to see the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their country. Commander Tom and I both had personal connections to several of those who were listed on the Wall and paid our respects.

A big thank you to Past District 6 President and current John T. Murray #1017 Auxiliary President, Pat Rabb, for battling NYS Thruway and Cheektowaga traffic.



It was great seeing so many from District 6 members at Fall Conference in Albany. The meetings brought forth inventive ideas for each program. We were informed of changes to the Bylaws and Ritual, especially the Opening Ceremonies wording for the Chaplain and President which is included on page 2 of this newsletter. The cheesecake at lunch was fabulous. There were a few luncheon guests at my table who followed the motto, "life is short, eat dessert first!"

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, Little Valley #8734 hosted their annual baby shower for female veterans. There was a stunning display of baby goods. Nice job everyone! Thanks, President Ruth Huber, for having a craft project for us to do. I had fun!

Congratulations District 6! Our last official visit (inspection) was completed on October 20<sup>th</sup>. A big round of applause to our inspectors and Auxiliaries who worked together to get all the inspections done. We have a great team here in the 6<sup>th</sup> District.

A reminder to make sure all Officers, who are annual members, pay their dues before December 31<sup>st</sup>. There are a few Officers in District 6 who have not yet paid their dues. National sends reminders around December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**IMPORTANT! New membership applications coming soon! As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, National will ONLY ACCEPT new applications.** Be sure to dispose of any old applications before the new year. District Secretary Debbie Cenni will email the new application as soon as it is made available through the National website.

I want to wish everyone a most joyous Holiday Season. May the months of November and December be filled with fun and happy family experiences. Stay safe and ... Always Stay True to Our Red, White, and Blue.

*Aurelia Taylor*, District 6 President

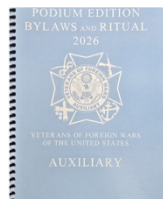
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2025-2026 National  
Program Book



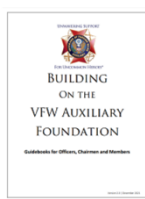
2025-2026 National Program  
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Podium Edition  
Bylaws & Ritual



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**2026 PODIUM EDITION IS IN MALTA (Under Member Resources) AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE VFW STORE!**

Effective January 1, 2026, the Chaplain and President have new wording under Opening Ceremonies.

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 the transaction of such business as may properly come before it. Mister/Madam Guard, admit any member who may be in waiting.*



To schedule an activity at the Buffalo VA, please contact Recreation Therapist Mary Frey. Telephone: (716) 862-7259; email: Mary.Frey3@va.gov.

**Health and Happiness donation for VFW National Home** may be made through Malta or USPS mailed to National Aux Headquarters.



VFW  
NATIONAL HOME  
FOR CHILDREN

Requested is \$.25 ... or more ... per member based on June 30, 2025 membership. New York supports two homes and depends on your generosity! District 6 and 15 of its Auxiliaries have donated \$579.75 so far this year.

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

President Aurelia will collect your \$5 registration fee and dog at the Spring meeting to be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> in Springville. Dogs will then be donated locally.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **District 6 Spring Meeting** – March 7, 2026 – Felton Burns VFW #5260 (Springville) at 11 AM.
- **2026 District 6 Convention** – April 24 and 25, 2026 at the VFW Post 8647 in Mayville. Packets will be emailed in January and a printed packet provided at the Spring meeting. Be sure to adhere to deadlines.
- **Dept of NY Spring Conference** – March 27 and 28, 2026 at the Radisson Hotel in Corning. Packets will be emailed to Auxiliaries by Dept Sec'y Chris Leavor.

**THANK YOU**



... D 6 Auxiliaries  
for filing their 990n  
e-postcard!



**These are just a few of the items donated at the baby shower sponsored by Little Valley #8734!**

**VOD and PATRIOT'S PEN DISTRICT JUDGING**

Student essays are due to local Posts by midnight October 31<sup>st</sup>. Local Post judging is to be completed by November 15<sup>th</sup>. USPS mail winning essays to D6 Aux. Chairman Debbie Cenni – 36 Parkside St – Mayville, NY 14757 when judging is complete. Advance one essay for every 15 (or part thereof) essays submitted.

**AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS** ... should be reviewed on a regular basis. A printed copy was distributed to each Auxiliary at the re-organizational meeting in June. Enter changes in Malta or send to Dept Sec'y Chris Leavor. Please update member contact information, **remove deceased members**, etc.

## **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.**

