

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY TO DISTRICT 6 DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
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Dear District 6 VFW Auxiliary Members,
Happy November to All!

This is a month of special days – Election Day on November 5, Veterans Day on November 11 and Thanksgiving on November 28th. Each day, our auxiliaries and posts are busy serving our veterans and their families.

November 5 – Vote and influence how our country will be serving our veterans and families in the future.

November 11 – We will honor all of our veterans who so willingly served overseas and in the United States to keep us free. It is with great pride that I see all of the auxiliaries and posts holding special ceremonies and celebrations for our veterans. Continue to honor our veterans and let the community-at-large know what you are doing by posting on your Auxiliary FaceBook page, the District 6 FaceBook page and the Dept website. Include pictures whenever possible.

November 28 – Thanksgiving – We will be giving thanks for all of our freedoms, for all who have served and are serving and for all who continue to carry on the great traditions of our forefathers for us.

Personally, my thanks to all of my family for all your support, to all who have donated to my presidency and for making this year another successful one for District 6, to all of our auxiliary members who serve so tirelessly every day and to all who serve for us. THANK YOU!

Happy Veterans Day and Happy Thanksgiving!

Loyally,
Dee Ippolito, President,
VFW Auxiliary to District 6 Dept of NY

P.S. ... and make sure you send your activities to Deb Cenni to be included on the District calendar and District newsletter. Thanks! Dee



Thank you to the Auxiliaries that sent their events to District 6 Secretary Debbie Cenni. The District 6 calendar is emailed and also available on the Department website: vfwauxny.org. Continue to post your events and activities on your Auxiliary Facebook page! There are many activities in November!

• **Important change!** The VFW Auxiliary Department of NY Spring Conference will be March 21 and 22, 2025 at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Binghamton. This will be for VFW Auxiliary only! Packets will be emailed by Department Secretary Chris Leavor in the near future.

• **District 6 Convention** will be held April 25 and 26, 2025 at the Lake Chautauqua Memorial VFW Post 8647 in Mayville. Packets will be emailed by District Secretary Debbie Cenni in the near future (a printed copy will be distributed at the March 8 meeting in Salamanca).



- There will be a Zoom Training on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:30 PM. Topics covered include “Buddy”[®] Poppy/National Home, Youth Activities and Hospital Programs.

- The Zoom Training on Thursday, November 21st will cover the Importance and Duties of the Investigating Committee and Legislative Program.

Zoom invitations will be emailed several days in advance by the District Secretary.

Remember! You don't need a computer to Zoom – you can dial in with a cell or landline phone!



Meeting Minutes

The first paragraph of meeting minutes should contain the following information:

1. Name and number of the Auxiliary.
2. Date and place of meeting.
3. Time called to order.
4. Name of Presiding Officer.
5. Whether regular or special meeting. (If a special meeting, the purpose for which it was called.)
6. Number of members present.
7. Names of visitors, if there are any present.

Membership Dues

- Auxiliaries are reminded to process annual member dues in a timely manner. **PLEASE DO NOT hold dues!**

Auxiliary Treasurer's may process annual dues and convert to life in Malta (the easiest way) or USPS mail fees to Department Treasurer Kim White (address on page 1).

The annual member fee is \$20.00. New member applications and must be processed by Kim White. The fee for convert to life is based on a member's age as of December 31st of the current year. Contact District 6 Treasurer Chris Leavor if you have any questions.

- **Only 7 District 6 Auxiliaries have not made their annual VFW National Home Health and Happiness donation. Please be generous!** Requested donation is \$.25 **or more** per member based on your June 30th Auxiliary membership. The VFW National Home depends solely on your generosity as it receives **NO** government assistance. The Department of NY supports two homes.

- There are no Cancer Fund tickets this year! However, donations are greatly appreciated. **Auxiliaries may donate through Malta to the National Auxiliary Cancer Fund.** Be sure to report those donations to Department Cancer Fund Chairman Phyllis Roseboom.



- **District 6 Spring Meeting** will be held March 8 in Salamanca at 11 AM. Auxiliary will meet at the American Legion. Reminder! According to Bylaws Sec. 810A.J Auxiliaries are to **“Assure that the President or their representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings.”** Program Chairmen should email a copy of their report to District Secretary Debbie Cenni prior to the meeting.

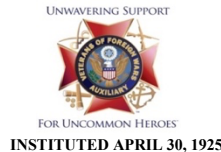
- **THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE** to the District 6 Holiday Toy Drive. Thank you to the Posts, Auxiliaries and members who have already donated. This project is in conjunction with the Buffalo Chapter of Gold Star Mothers. We will be assisting Ann Davis in providing a **magical** Christmas for local Veterans and their Families.

All donations will stay local. If you would like to make a monetary donation, make checks payable to “VFW Aux D6” and USPS mail to:

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK



To: All District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Past Department Presidents
From: Darlene Baker, Department President
Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024
Subject: Department & National Programs

M E M O R A N D U M

It has been brought to my attention that there is some misunderstanding on the part of the National and Department Programs for 2024-2025 which I would like to clarify.

The Department Program Guidebook provides you a complete book of all the National and Department Programs that provides Auxiliaries and Districts information on each of the programs. Additionally, each Department Chairman communicates through the bi-monthly Auxiliary News articles on information for the program along with suggestions/ideas for the programs. Also, the Auxiliary News is posted to the Department website www.vfwauxny.org -> Auxiliary Newsletters.

At the District level, the District is a “School of Instruction” whereby the District Chairman helps to communicate their specific program with the members in attendance of the meeting. There may be times when a District may request the Auxiliaries to participate in a specific program to benefit our veterans, youth, or President’s Special Project and this would be reportable.

For example, the Department Youth Activities Chairman requested Districts to have a toy drive and to bring the unwrapped toys to a District meeting; the District Chairman or designee should have a Sign-In Sheet available at the meeting to input the information (Auxiliary No., Total Cost of Donation). This information will then be communicated via email or USPS to the Department Chairman for the participating auxiliaries to receive program credit.

This year as Department President I am only asking each Auxiliary to do three things: Promote the Membership Program, Plan an *event/activity*/or make a *donation* which *benefits veterans*, help support the Department Ways and Means Program and the President’s Special Project – Women’s Healthcare.

Auxiliaries are welcome to participate in all or only a few National and Department Programs this year. My team does not want to cause any extra stress on an Auxiliary or Auxiliary President to do every program. Auxiliaries are welcome to participate in what programs they have interest and feel they can accomplish.

In summary, our mission is here to serve our veterans and their families. I encourage you to do what your Auxiliary is capable of doing and report your Auxiliary results to the Department Chairman.

Thank you for your continued support to our Department and making “Every day, Veteran’s Day”.