

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

No mere words could possibly express how much you are appreciated for all that you do for our Veterans and their families! You each do amazing things every day! Thank you!

In the past two months, it has been my pleasure, along with District Historian Phyllis Stokke, to visit the following auxiliaries: Evans Township – 5798, Frontiersman – 7545, James J. Cruden – 5507, Lake Chautauqua – 8647, W. P. Jackway – 6764, John T. Murray – 1017, Samuel Cimino – 6472, Bemus Point – 557, Sheridan – 6390 and Pvt. Leonard Post, Jr. – 6251.

Thank you to all who attended the District 6 Fall Meeting. The meeting was a great success. Chairmen did a wonderful job to promote the Department Programs. VFW guests included: National Judge Advocate General Joshua Schreck, Past NY State Commander Tom Howard, District 6 Commander Marcello (JR) Rotunda and Felton Burns Post 5260 Quartermaster Larry Snyder. They thanked the Auxiliary for our support of veterans!

We all had the wonderful opportunity to meet and celebrate with the National President, Brenda Bryant, September 16 – 19, at the Naval Park, the Buffalo VA, dinner at VFW Post/Auxiliary #416 and Niagara Falls with Brenda lighting the falls in red/white and blue.

We held an amazing OMTI at Little Valley on September 21st organized by Ruth Huber and Debbie Cenni and terrific presenters of Debbie Cenni, Ruth Huber, Chris Leavor's Treasurer's and Secretary's presentation, sans Chris who was on vacation, Kathie Blake and Lisa and John Clicquenoii. 18 members representing 11 auxiliaries attended.

Now we are all getting prepared for the last five visits of our auxiliaries and the Department's Fall Conference in Albany, October 10-11. Hope to see you there!

Keep up your great work! Remember to "Report, Report, Report" by October 1st so District 6 will have 100% in reporting ASAP!

Loyally,
Dee Ippolito, President District 6

P.S. We are creating a history of District 6. Please send the names, years served and special projects of each of the presidents you know to Dee Ippolito by October 18th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Send your Auxiliary activities to Secretary Debbie Cenni to be included on the District 6 calendar. The calendar is emailed and is available on the Department website: vfwauxny.org. Please continue to post your events and

activities on your Auxiliary Facebook page!

• **Department of NY Fall Conference** is October 11 and 12 at the Albany Marriott. You may still register on-site. There will be a Stop 22 Walk on Saturday afternoon.

• There will be a **Stop 22 Walk** hosted by Samuel Cimino Auxiliary 6472 in Silver Creek on Saturday, October 12th. Registration is from 9 – 10 AM and the walk begins at 10 AM. Contact Aux President Deanna Borello if you need details or have questions.



• The next Department of NY **Zoom Training** is Tuesday, October 8th at 7:30 PM. The session topic will be "Program Reporting" hosted by PDP Karen Dotson. A Zoom invitation will be emailed several days in advance by the District Secretary. Remember! You do not need a computer to attend. You can dial in using a cell phone.

• The **2025 District 6 Convention** will be held **April 25 and 26** at VFW Post 8647 in Mayville. Convention packets will be emailed in the near future. Be sure to adhere to deadlines. Lake Chautauqua Memorial VFW and Auxiliary look forward to hosting this event. We hope you will attend. A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at Chautauqua Suites in Mayville.





The first paragraph of meeting minutes should contain the following:

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! Annual dues and convert to life may be processed in Malta (that is the easiest way) or USPS mailed to Department Treasurer Kim White. New member applications must be processed by Department Treasurer Kim White. Contact District 6 Treasurer Chris Leavor if you have any questions.

• **Department of New York Spring Conference is April 11 and 12** in Corning (Radisson Hotel). Packets will be emailed by Dept Secretary Chris Leavor. Make sure you adhere to the deadlines!

• There are a few Auxiliaries in District 6 that have not had their Official Visit (inspection). Please have the necessary materials available including a copy of the 990N (e-postcard) acceptance. Thank you!



• District President Doris Ippolito recently attended a meeting of the Leonard Post, Jr. Auxiliary No. 6251 in Cheektowaga. Shown in the photo are l to r: seated: Lucy Rydzynski and Alice Ciszkowski; standing: Eleanor Was, Linda Kapiocz, Mary Ellen Prell, Kathy Macris and District 6 President Dee Ippolito.

• Thank you to the Posts, Auxiliaries and members for donating toys and \$\$ for the District 6 Holiday Toy Drive. This project is in conjunction with the Buffalo Chapter of Gold Star Mothers. We will be assisting Ann Davis in providing a **magnal** Christmas for local Veterans and their Families.



THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! All donations will



stay local. Contact Debbie Cenni if you have **NEW TOYS** or would like to make a monetary donation. Make checks payable to "VFW Aux D6" and USPS mail to: Debbie Cenni, 36 Parkside Street,

Mayville, NY 14757. Phone: (716-753-3757); Email: bigbear2102@fairpoint.net. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

• Reminder! There are no Cancer Fund tickets this year! However, donations are greatly appreciated. **Auxiliaries may donate through Malta to the National Auxiliary Cancer Fund.** Report donations to Department Cancer Fund Chairman Phyllis Roseboom.



• **VFW National Home Health and Happiness donation** may be made in Malta. **Please be generous!** Requested donation is \$.25 **or more** per member based on membership as of June 30th. The VFW National Home receives **NO** government assistance and depends on your generosity! The Department of New York supports two homes.

• **District 6 Spring Meeting** is March 8 in Salamanca at 11 AM. The Auxiliary will meet at the American Legion. 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 send a copy of their report to District Secretary Debbie Cenni prior to the meeting. Email preferred: bigbear2102@fairpoint.net.

• Request for District 6 Officer Information!



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District 6 President Dee shown at the Town of Amherst "9/11 Ceremony of Remembrance"



National President Brenda Bryant's Official Visit to the Department of NY
September 16 to 19 ~ She visited WNY Freedom Lounge and Buffalo Naval Park

District 6 Commander JR Rotunda and President Dee attend Vehicles for Vets
September 20th at Buffalo Riverworks.



District 6 Aux. Conductor Beth Ecker, District 6 VFW Commander JR Rotunda,
Department Aux. President Darlene Baker and District 6 Aux. President Dee Ippolito
Shown with several Buffalo Naval Park docents.

SST Travis Mills, Afghanistan Veteran
Vehicles for Vets Motivational Speaker



Photo at right shows National President Brenda Bryant (left) as she is accompanied through the Aisle of Flags at the Buffalo Airport by Dept. President Darlene Baker. NP Bryant made her official visit to New York Sept. 16 to 19th. Members and Officers from District 6 and the Department of NY were on hand to greet her.





Insurance Questions
PACT ACT Help
Benefits Available to You

Time: 3:00 p.m. to
5:00 p.m.
VFW Post 1419
Hamburg



Vet Talk



10th & 24th October
14th November
6th December

