

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY DISTRICT 8



To: District 8 Line Officers, VFW Auxiliary Presidents, Program Chairmen,  
District 8 Past Department Presidents  
From: Tina Roberts, District 8 President  
Date: March 28, 2025  
Subject: April District 8 Newsletter



Spring has finally arrived! I can only hope that warmer days are ahead of us. I would like to extend to each of you warm Passover and Easter Blessings as well as hoping the Easter Bunny will be good to everyone. Please check out all the District 8 Events/Happenings during the upcoming month.

### **Key Dates for your Calendar**

District Convention Meeting - The District 8 Convention meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, May 4, 2025 at Waterloo Memorial Post 6433**, 29 West Elisha Street, Waterloo. The Audit will be held at 1 PM; and the meeting will begin at **2:00 PM**. Past Department President, Debbie Casella, will be our Department Representative at our District Convention. Each Auxiliary is encouraged to have a least one representative to attend the District meeting.

Immediately following the District Convention Meeting, there will be a light dinner at the Waterloo Post. The District 8 VFW will provide meat and cheese trays, rolls and condiments. The Waterloo Memorial Auxiliary will provide drinks and desserts. There will be no cost for the light dinner.

**All Auxiliaries** are asked to bring a dish to pass. Suggestions would be Potato salad, Mac salad, Baked Macaroni and Cheese, Toss Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, 3 Bean Salad, Fruit Salad/Fruit Bowl, Veggie/Dip tray, Jello Salad, and Chips/Dip. Each Auxiliary is asked to please contact District President Tina by **April 25<sup>th</sup>** via telephone or email with your dish to pass selection. Thank you for your attention to this request.

### A reminder to share with all Auxiliaries from the Department:

1. **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Audit** – The January, February, March Quarterly Audit is due to the Department Treasurer by May 30, 2025 or sooner. Audits may be sent through the USPS mail, scanned via email or faxed to the Dept. Treasurer. Please do not **TEXT** the Audit.
2. **Save the Dates -- Department Convention is scheduled for Wednesday, 6/11 – 6/14/2025** at the Albany, Marriott Hotel. More information to follow.
3. **OTI** – July 25-26, 2025, Doubletree by Hilton, Binghamton NY. Flier attached.

## *District Corner*

1. April is the month of Auxiliary Elections. All Auxiliaries were provided hard copies of the Election and Installation Reports, as well as National, Department, and District Delegate forms. Please adhere to the due dates highlighted on the forms. If you have questions, please contact District President Tina. Forms can also be found on the Department Website under Resources → Secretary Notes.
2. District Delegate forms are to be mailed to District 8 Secretary, Karen Dotson, 19 Calgary Ln., Binghamton, NY 13901. Forms need to be received by May 1<sup>st</sup> in order for the new Delegates to vote at the District Convention.

## *District Programs*

### Veterans and Family Support – Chairman Brittany Tierson

Chairman Brittany Tierson is requesting all Auxiliaries and/or members to bring non-perishable food and personal care items to the May 4<sup>th</sup> District meeting in support of the Rochester Veterans Outreach Center.



**Did You Know....April is designated as the Month of the Military Child**, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community.

Sponsored by the Department of Defense Military Community and Family Policy, the Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices and the challenges they overcome.

April 9<sup>th</sup> is Purple Up Day – everyone is asked to wear purple to show support and thank military youth for their strength and sacrifices.



### Americanism Program – April Holidays – Reminders from District Chairman, Ardell Garland

- April 1 - April Fool's Day
- April 5 – Gold Star Spouses Day
- April 6 - Army Day – This day is when we entered into WWI
- April 12 – April 20 - Passover
- April 20 - Happy Easter
- April 22 - Earth Day 2025 – Theme for 2025 - Our Power Our Planet
- April 25 – National Arbor Day – All are encouraged to plant trees

## **Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home**

Congratulations to Pennington-Moye Aux. 9251 for winning the Cash Bash first place prize of \$600 at the Department Spring Conference.

Congratulations to Hamlin Aux. 6703 as their Buddy Poppy Display took first place in the Inspirational category. Their Buddy Poppy Display will be on display at the National Convention in August.

## **Hospital Program**

Hospital Chairman, Helen Weeks requested for the **May 4<sup>th</sup>** District meeting that Auxiliaries/members bring the following items in support of our female veterans at Canandaigua VA:

- Baby Diapers, Diaper Bags, Gender neutral clothing



## **Membership – Glimpse of Membership History** - Membership Chairman, Phyllis Walker

The VFW Auxiliary started with a small group of women who wanted to serve veterans. Today, we have nearly 470,000 male and female members and more than 3,500 Auxiliaries representing all 50 states, the Philippines, Panama and Guam.

Membership in the VFW Auxiliary is an excellent way to show your support of America's veterans. If you are a member, we encourage you to participate and to ask someone else to join. If you are not a member, we invite you to join us as we work to improve the lives of America's veterans, service members and their families and communities across this great nation.

Your membership dues support the VFW Auxiliary's original objectives by supporting the Veterans of Foreign Wars, serving veterans, service members and their families, and spreading patriotism nationwide.

**Mentoring** – Zoom Training Sessions during the month of April. The zoom invitations will be emailed by the Dept. Secretary.

- Tuesday, April 8 – 7:30 PM – Zoom Training Session - Open Forum

### *A Mentoring Moment – **Deceased Members***

*At the Department Spring Conference, the Department President, Darlene Baker, asked that all Auxiliaries decessate their Auxiliary members who have gone to their heavenly home. Auxiliary Treasurers can process the decessate members on MALTA or the Auxiliary Secretary can complete the Auxiliary/Member Change Request form and indicate the member(s) name, membership number, and date of passing and send in an email or hardcopy to the Department Secretary, Chris Leavor.*

I appreciate all that each of you do for our veterans and their families. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 315-694-0326 or email [tinaroberts@frontiernet.net](mailto:tinaroberts@frontiernet.net). I encourage you to share this information with your Auxiliary members. Easter Blessings to All Members!

Loyally,

*Tina Roberts*

Tina Roberts, District 8 President

## Auxiliary Events Happening in District 8

Auxiliary 2883 – Arcadia Memorial

Location: 225 E. Union St. Newark

- **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Chicken BBQ with 4 sides, roll, butter, and dessert. Starts at 11:30 AM - Tickets are available after April 14<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$16

Auxiliary 4658 – Francis Hibbard Post

Location: 344 Dorsey Road, Rochester

- **Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** – Sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion, Happy Hours – 4 – 7 PM
- **Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** – 9 AM Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny after the Hunt – Breakfast Cost - \$6.00 a plate

Auxiliary 6200 – Arthur G. Depew Memorial

Location: 7068 State Route 96, Ovid

- **“Depew Chow Hall”** – Open Monday – Friday – 7 AM – 2 PM
- Breakfast Served from – 7 AM until 10:30 AM
- Lunch Served from – 10:30 AM – 2 PM

Auxiliary 6433 – Waterloo Memorial Post

Location: 29 West Elisha St., Waterloo

Waterloo VFW Fish Fry: Fish, Shrimp, or Clam Strips dinner with French Fries and Mac salad.

No Reservations required. For takeout/pick up orders please call 315-539-9771

- **Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** – Fish Fry – Serving from 5pm-7pm (or until sold out) Cost \$16.00
- **Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** – Fish Fry – Serving from 5pm-7pm, (or until sold out) Cost \$16.00
- **Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** – Fish Fry – Serving from 5pm-7pm, (or until sold out) Cost \$16.00
- **Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** - Fish Fry – Serving from 5pm-7pm, (or until sold out) Cost \$16.00

Auxiliary 6778 – Palmyra Memorial Post

Location: 4036 Rte. 31, Palmyra

- **Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** – VFW Spring Dinner – Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert 4 – 6 PM, Eat-in or Take Out – Cost \$10.00 per plate

Auxiliary 8649 – Goodrich-Smith Post

Location: 125 Seneca St Ext., Dundee

- **Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** – Fish Fry - 4 PM – 8 PM (eat in or take out service available)  
Serving fried or broiled Haddock or breaded Shrimp dinners – Cost \$15.00
- **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Fish Fry – 4 PM – 8 PM (eat in or take out service available)  
Serving fried or broiled Haddock or breaded Shrimp dinners – Cost \$15.00
- **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Hunters Banquet - \$20.00 donation. Ticket includes 20 items or cash value prizes on ticket to win, Chicken BBQ dinner and drinks. 50/50 raffles and additional raffles during the banquet.  
Contact person - President Tina Roberts for tickets.
- **Current Raffles:** Contact person – Tina Roberts for tickets
  - Meat Raffle - \$500.00 gift card for any kind of meat at Morgan's Grocery in Penn Yan NY \$2.00 a chance.
  - Raffle Gas Patio Heater, 60 qt cooler and items in the cooler. \$5.00 a chance.

Auxiliary 8726 – James R. Moore Memorial Post

Location: 7811 Rt. 21, Naples

- **Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** – Fish Fry – Doors Open 5PM - Cost \$15.00 at the door
- **Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** – VFW and American Legion Co-Hosting a Ham Raffle at VFW Post 8726 – Raffle starts at 4 PM

Auxiliary 9251 – Pennington-Moye- *All Aboard for a Casino Trip*

Auxiliary 9251 is sponsoring a bus trip to Seneca Niagara Casino on Saturday, **May 17, 2025**.

Deadline for payment and reservation is **April 15, 2025**.

The cost is \$40.00 per person. Non-refundable.

Bus leaving at 9:00 am from Walmart located at 2150 Chili Avenue.

Bus will be returning back to Walmart at 5:00 pm.

Check payable to: Pennington-Moye VFW Aux. 9251

Mail check to: Phyllis Walker, Aux Treasurer, 74 Mulcahy Blvd., Rochester, NY 14624

All passengers will receive \$25 in free play and \$5 in food vouchers.

For reservations please call Phyllis Walker @585-729-3801