

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: Lisa Raplee, PDP, District 8 President
Date: August 1, 2025
Subject: August District 8 Newsletter

District President's Message.....

Welcome to the year of “*Always Stay True to Our Red, White and Blue*”! For those who may not know me, I am Lisa Raplee your District 8 President for the 2025-2026 auxiliary year. I am looking forward to working with you all this year as we continue to make our District shine. This may be my fourth time as your District President, but things are always changing, and we are all always learning.

This year I have created a District Facebook page, and I encourage all that all are able to go like the page and share anything your auxiliary is doing, so that we can reach the most people and let them know all the great things our auxiliaries are doing.

A few reminders of when things are due have been listed in this newsletter; be sure to share this with your auxiliaries.

At the annual Officer/Member Training School it was mentioned that some auxiliaries are not reading National, Department and District Correspondence. It is in our bylaws that this is a requirement and not an option. Please make sure you let your members hear this correspondence. Official Visits have been assigned. Please be prepared when the member arrives to do your visit. Have all required material ready so the process can be a smooth one. It was suggested at Officer/Member Training that if your auxiliary is able that you give the member who makes the Official Visit a small token of appreciation. This could be anything from a small monetary gift, a gas card or anything your auxiliary prefers to present to the representative..

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me, my phone number has changed and is 607-368-1435, email lisavfwaux2425@outlook.com and my address is 4259 State Route 226, Dundee, NY 14837.

Fall District Meeting - The District 8 Fall meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, September 14, 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**. Each Auxiliary is encouraged to have a least one representative to attend the District meeting.

A reminders from the Department:

1. **Auxiliary Bond** – Auxiliary Bonds are due to be processed through MALTA prior to August 31, 2025.

2. **2nd Quarter Audit** – The April, May, and June Quarterly Audit is due to the Department Treasurer by **August 31, 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.
3. **Department Guidebooks** – Are available for purchase at a cost of \$7.00 from the Department Secretary, Chris Leavor. You may contact Chris either by telephone or email to request one or more guidebooks. Checks should be made payable to VFW Aux., Dept. of NY and mailed to Chris Leavor, Dept. Sec'y, 2027 Cemetery Hill Road, Franklinville, NY 14737.
4. **Department Auxiliary News Subscription** – All members are welcome to place an order for the Department Auxiliary News. A copy of the subscription form can be found on the second to last page of the newsletter.
5. **Department Donation Report** – Due by September 30, 2025. An Auxiliary check and completed Donation form is to be sent to Dept. Treasurer, Kim White, 1799 Fred Rd. Schenectady, NY 12303. Form can be found on page 5 in the Dept. Guidebook.

District Corner

1. **District Dues** – Each Auxiliary is responsible for sending to the District Treasurer their District Dues which is **50 cents per member**. Please send your Auxiliary check payable to **VFW Aux., District 8** to Cindy Winzenried, District Treas. 40 Groton Parkway, Rochester, NY 14623.
2. **Spaghetti Dinner** – Attached is a Spaghetti Dinner flier in support of Dept. Jr. Vice, Charlene Carnright's advancement. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

District Programs

Veterans ad Family Support – Chairman Phyllis Walker is requesting each Auxiliary to bring a **non-perishable food item** to the Fall District Meeting to benefit the Harmony Food Pantry. In addition, the District Chairman is asking auxiliaries to support the “Stop-22” program at the Fall District 8 meeting. A donation jar will be available for your auxiliary to participate in this worthy program. All proceeds will benefit the VA's Suicide prevention program. All auxiliaries are welcome to participate in the activity.

Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home – Chairman Flora Becker will be having a raffle for a Centennial VFW National Home Life Membership at the September Meeting. All are welcome to participate.

Cancer Program – Cancer Chairman Sara Raplee requests each Auxiliary bring a **patriotic item** to the Fall District meeting. The items will be placed in a District Basket and will be brought to the Dept. Fall Conference in support of the Cancer Program.

Hospital Program - Hospital Chairman, Helen Weeks requested for the September District meeting that Auxiliaries/members bring the following items in support of our veterans at Canandaigua VA:

- Shampoo, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, Denture Adhesive, Large Print Word Search books, adult Coloring Books and Color Pencils

Membership Program – Chairman Cindy Campbell is encouraging all District Auxiliaries to attain 100% in membership prior to **November 30th**. Auxiliaries who attain 100% by November 30th will be placed in a drawing for \$50.00. The drawing will be at the December District meeting.

Ways and Means – Chairman Marita Fredette is asking each Auxiliary to bring an Autumn themed basket as part of the Ways and Means Raffle to the September District meeting.

Youth Activities – Chairman Brittany Tierson is requesting school supplies/shelfable snacks for youth ages 11 – 17 to benefit the Finger Lakes Area Counselling and Recovery Agency to bring to the Fall District meeting. A list of items needed is on the last page of the newsletter. Thank you for your support.

Thank you for your support to our veterans, their families, and your community. I look forward to working with all members as your District President this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 607-368-1435 or email at lisavfw2425@outlook.com.

I encourage you to share the District 8 Newsletter with your auxiliary members.

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Lisa Raplee, PDP

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Auxiliary Events Happening in District 8

Auxiliary 2883 – Arcadia Memorial Post

Location: 225 E. Union Street, Newark

- **Saturday, October 18th** – Cash Raffle from 1 – 3 PM. There are 100 tickets that are \$50 each. There are 26 prizes with \$1000 the top prize. Tickets are available for purchase. Everyone welcome to participate.

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 8649 – Goodrich-Smith Post

Location: 125 Seneca St Ext., Dundee

- **Friday, September 5th** – 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, October 3rd** – 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

Auxiliary 8726 – James R. Moore Memorial Post

Location: 7811 Rt. 21, Naples

- **Friday, August 1st** – Fish Fry – Doors Open 5PM - Cost \$15.00 at the door
- **Friday, September 5th** – Fish Fry – Doors Open at 5PM – Cost \$15.00 at the door
- **Saturday, September 13th** - Our 4th Annual Fishing Tournament on Canandaigua Lake, from 7AM – 3 PM
payouts and prizes, follow our Facebook or stop to the VFW for more details! Entry Fee \$25.00
- **September 27th and 28th Weekend** - Naples Grape Festival, come say hi to our Post and Auxiliary Members who will have a booth on Main Street!
- Our VFW is doing a pig raffle, all proceeds to benefit our 7th Annual WWIA Hunt in December. Tickets are \$10 each. Stop by Post or contact VFW Member for tickets.



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District 8 Youth Program – Fall District Meeting Information

Items for the Finger Lakes Area Counseling and Recovery Agency – Youth 11 – 17 years old

SHELF STABLE SNACKS

- Granola bars (*chewy or crunchy*)
- Trail mix packs (*nut-free options preferred*)
- Fruit snacks (*made with real juice*)
- Goldfish crackers
- Animal crackers
- Graham crackers (*honey, cinnamon, chocolate*)
- Pretzel bags (*rods, twists, or sticks*)
- Popcorn bags (*butter, cheddar, kettle corn*)
- Rice Krispies Treats
- Baked chips (*Lay's, Doritos, SunChips*)
- Applesauce pouches (*shelf-stable*)
- Crackers with cheese or peanut butter
- Cereal bars (*Nutri-Grain, etc.*)
- Dried fruit (*raisins, banana chips, apple slices*)
- Fruit leather or strips
- Peanut butter or sunflower butter packets
- Juice boxes (*100% juice*)
- Mini water bottles
- Shelf-stable milk boxes (*white or chocolate*)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Backpacks (*durable, teen-sized*)
- Notebooks (*college-ruled*)
- Binders (*1" to 2"*)
- Folders with pockets and prongs
- Loose-leaf paper (*college-ruled*)
- Pens (*blue, black, red*)
- Mechanical pencils & lead refills
- Highlighters (*multi-color*)
- Erasers (*pink and cap style*)
- Pencil pouches or boxes
- Colored pencils and markers
- Dry erase markers
- Glue sticks
- Scissors (*youth-safe, good quality*)
- Index cards
- Sticky notes
- Rulers and protractors
- Hand sanitizer and tissues