

## 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: November 22, 2024  
Subject: December District 8 Newsletter

Holiday Greetings to all District 8 Members and I hope you have a joyous Holiday Season.

### President's Special Project – Special Feature

At the December 8<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, the District is planning a **Bake Sale** in support of our President's Special Project. All members are encouraged to bring their favorite baked good to the meeting. (A suggestion was offered: If you decide to make cookies, you may place them in plastic bags to sell.) All proceeds from the Bake Sale will be put towards the President's Special Project.

In addition, Lisa Raplee is taking **pre-orders** for the Glass or Coffee mug for the President's Special Project. Contact Lisa at 1-434-594-2539 or email [lisavfwaux2425@outlook.com](mailto:lisavfwaux2425@outlook.com) to request pre-orders which can be picked up at the December meeting. Cost for the coffee mug/glass is \$5.00 each. Ideas: Add coffee, tea bag, cocoa, small candy cane and mini marshmallows to the mug as a Christmas present for that person who likes coffee, tea, or hot cocoa. Fill the glass with Christmas ribbon candy, red and green peppermints, red and green M&M's and use as a Christmas present for your "sweetie".

There will not be a White Elephant table during the December meeting.

### Key Dates for your Calendar

Winter District Meeting - The Winter District 8 meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, December 8, 2024 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. There will be NO dinner provided after the District Meeting.

A reminder to share with all Auxiliaries from the Department:

1. **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Audit** – The July, August, September Quarterly Audit is due to the Department Treasurer by **November 30, 2024** 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.

### District Corner

- District Membership Drawing! One auxiliary in the district will win \$50 for attaining 100% by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Every auxiliary in the district who reaches 100% by December 31<sup>st</sup> will be placed in the drawing. One lucky winner will receive \$50 for their auxiliary. Please encourage your members to pay their annual dues by 12/31/24.

### District Programs

**Americanism Program – December Patriotic Holidays** – Reminders from District Chairman, Ardell Garland

- December 7– Pearl Harbor Day
- December 13 – National Guard Birthday
- December 25 – Christmas Day
- January 1 – New Year's Day

Remember to fly your flags proudly especially on these days.

## **Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home** – Health & Happiness – Department Chairman Flora Becker

The Health & Happiness Fund is a key fundraiser for the VFW National Home. The Department goal for 2024 is to have all Auxiliaries contribute to the Health & Happiness Fund by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Auxiliaries may donate 10 cents per member based on their June 30, 2024 membership statistics.
- If your Auxiliary wishes to donate 25 cents or more to the fund, the auxiliary will receive a certificate from National.
- Your donation may be made through MALTA or to send an Auxiliary check payable to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters, 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111, earmark Health & Happiness.
- Thank you in advance for your support of the VFW National Home.

## **Hospital Program**

Hospital Chairman, Helen Weeks reported for the **December 8 District meeting**. Auxiliaries are asked to bring the following items for our veterans at Canandaigua VA:

- Heavy/Insulated men's winter gloves, hats, neck warmers/gators, New winter coats, sweatpants and sweatshirts (sizes L – 4XL) t-shirts (L-4XL) , men's boxers (all sizes). Thank you for your support.

## **Membership – Be a Dues Angel**

Membership Chairman, Phyllis Walker reminds us that our organization cannot control those we lose to death, but we do have the ability to reduce the number we lose for non-payment of dues.

- Ensure all members feel welcome and valued.
- Present the “Good Job” award to members. (Found on Malta – Member Resources – Extension/Revitalization)
- Host a member appreciation luncheon, tea and/or dinner.
- Send articles to local papers of Auxiliary members in action.
- Create a Facebook page and post pictures of Auxiliary members serving our veterans and our communities.
- Communicate regularly with your members.
- Create an event card with upcoming events for the entire year.
- Treat each other how you would like to be treated - respectfully, considerately, and compassionately.
- Be a Dues Angel for an Auxiliary member during the month of December – share the joy of giving!

Contact your unpaid members. Consider paying the annual dues for members who need assistance. You can pay for members who need help from the Auxiliary Relief Fund. **Dues for all members must be paid by December 31, 2024,** to remain in good standing. Members must be in good standing to receive a cancer grant. Happy Holidays, Happy New Year!

## **Department Membership Awards Early Bird Special:**

- a. Soaring High Award: Drawings for Auxiliaries 100% by 12/31/24 – Drawing for \$ 50

**Mentoring** – There will be no Zoom Training Sessions for December in observance of the upcoming holidays.

**A Mentoring Moment –Sec. 813 Treasurer, Duties (all Levels) – Update**

**This update should also be shared with your Auxiliary's Trustees for their awareness when doing the audit.**

- D. 2. All funds shall be accounted for by the Treasurer in the Auxiliary books.
  - a. Which shall consist of a ledger, cash book, or a computerized system.
  - b. And printed and secured in a permanent record book. It is permissible to secure typed or a computer-generated ledger in a permanent record book or inserted in a three-ring binder or clip folder.**Each ledger page is to be numbered consecutively and signed by the Trustees at each audit.**

Approved at the 2024 VFW Auxiliary National Convention, Louisville, KY, See 2025 Podium Bylaw & Ritual Edition (Malta)

### **Scholarship Program**

Scholarship Chairman, Charlene Carnright Owants to remind Auxiliaries they should be contacting Schools, Youth Groups, and connecting on Social Media communicating the VFW Auxiliary Art Contests. The Illustrating America Art Contest, which is part of the Youth Activities Program, is open for students in grades K-8. The 3-D Patriotic Art Contest and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest is open to students in grades 9-12. Applications can be printed from MALTA under Member Resources then scroll down to Scholarship.

The Continuing Education Application is available on Malta. This scholarship is open to all Auxiliary members, their spouses and children. The application must be received by National Headquarters by February 15, 2025.

### **Youth Activities**

Youth Activities Chairman, Brittany Tierson is requesting all Auxiliaries to bring unwrapped toys and books to the December District meeting in support of the Department Youth Activities Chairman's program. The toys/books will be distributed to the **Toys for Tots** organization. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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. Happy Holiday to all members and their families!!

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*Tina Roberts*

Tina Roberts, District 8 President

## District Q's and A's Section

Question 1: How does an Annual Member change their status to convert to Life Membership?

Answer 1: The Annual Member would need to complete the **VFW Auxiliary Member Change / Update Form**.

- a. Complete the REQUIRED FIELDS
- b. Select the 4<sup>th</sup> Box – CONVERT TO LIFE MEMBER
- c. Input the Life Membership Fee
- d. Select the Payment Method
- e. If paying by Credit Card, please complete the required fields.
- f. Ensure the Card Holder signs and dates the form
- g. Provide the completed form to your Auxiliary Treasurer to process.

A copy of the VFW Auxiliary Member Change/Update Form will be included in the Newsletter for the Auxiliary President to share with Auxiliary Members.

### VFW Auxiliary Member Change/ Update Form

Rev. 8-18

REQUIRED FIELDS:

Member's Current Name  Membership ID No.

Current Address

E-mail Address  Phone Number (  )

Current Auxiliary #  Department of  Date of Birth

**NAME CHANGE** Former Name: First  Last

**ADDRESS CHANGE**

**CONTINUOUS ANNUAL DUES (We recommend using the Membership Summary Form for multiple dues payments.)**

**CONVERT TO LIFE MEMBER**

Life Membership Fee \$

Check here if this is a gift. It will be mailed to the Auxiliary Treasurer.

**Payment Methods:**

**Check:** Make check payable to: **VFW Auxiliary**

**Credit Card**  VISA  MasterCard  Discover  AMEX

Name as it appears on the card:

Address associated with the card holder:

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES	
Effective 1/1/2017	
Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.	
Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

Credit Card Number

CVV Code  (3 digit code shown on back of credit card) Expiration  /

Month / Year

Card Holder's Signature

Date

## Auxiliary Events Happening in District 8

Auxiliary 2883 – Arcadia Memorial Post

Location: 225 East Union Street, Newark

- **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** – Children’s Christmas Party – 1 – 3 PM – Children of Members only

Auxiliary 4658 – Francis Hibbard Post

Location : 344 Dorsey Road, Rochester

- **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** – Sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion, Happy Hour – 4 – 7 PM
- **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** – Craft Show at Post Home – 10 AM – 3 PM – All are welcome to attend.

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, December 6<sup>th</sup>** – Fish Fry – Serving from 5pm-7pm (or until sold out) Cost \$16.00
- **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** – Fish Fry – Serving from 5pm-7pm, (or until sold out) Cost \$16.00
- **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** – Fish Fry – Serving from 5pm-7pm, (or until sold out) Cost \$16.00
- **Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>** - Fish Fry – Serving from 5pm-7pm, (or until sold out) Cost \$16.00

Auxiliary 8649 – Goodrich-Smith Post

Location: 125 Seneca St Ext., Dundee

- **Raffle** - Fold up wagon filled with toys - 2.00 a chance. Drawing December 9th. Checks made payable to Goodrich-Smith Aux 8649 and mail to Tina Roberts 1215 Crawford Rd Dundee NY 14837. Pictures are on Facebook
- **Friday, December 6<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, January 3<sup>rd</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

Auxiliary 8726 – James R. Moore

Location: 7811 NY-21, Naples

- **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** - Fish Fry, Doors open at 5PM
- **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** – Breakfast with the Grinch – 9 AM -11AM, Adults \$15, Children \$10, 2 and under free; We will have LIVE reindeer as well!