

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, and District 8 President
Date: November 25, 2025
Subject: December / January District 8 Newsletter

District President's Message.....

It is hard to believe that this Auxiliary year is half over. I would like to thank all auxiliaries for getting your donation report completed by the deadline of September 30, 2025. The official visits will be completed in the first week of December. Thank you to those that assisted with getting them completed on time. The next important deadline is December 31, 2025. All District and Auxiliary Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers who are annual members must have their dues paid or face being removed from office. If you have any questions please contact me,

With the holidays upon us, please report on all the activities and donations for your Auxiliaries. These reports go to our department chairman, let's fill their mailboxes. If you need any help with writing any reports, please reach out to me, and I will see you get help.

I would like to thank all auxiliaries for making sure that your auxiliary was represented at our September meeting. It was a great turnout.

Please be sure to read all that my chairman has written in this letter so that you are aware of all items being collected at our December meeting.

I still have not received a date for an official visit from Department President Justine Robles. As soon as the information is received it will be sent to you.

I would like to wish you and your families a very safe and Happy Holiday Season from my family.

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.

Winter District Meeting - The District 8 Winter meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, December 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 at least one representative to attend the District meeting.

A reminder from the Department:

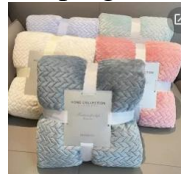
1. **4th Quarter Audit** – The October, November, December Quarterly Audit is due to the Department Treasurer by February 28, **2026** or sooner. Audits may be sent through the USPS mail, scanned via email or faxed to the Dept. Treasurer. Please do not **TEXT** the Audit.

District Programs

Veterans and Family Support – Chairman Phyllis Walker would like to remind all members December offers an abundance of things that you can do to continue to support our veterans, troops and families. Donate toys to those in need, hold a cookie baking party, help decorate a veteran's home for the holidays.

*Veterans Crisis Line serves veterans, families and friends and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. **Call 988 and press 1.***

- **December Winter Meeting Request** - Chairman Phyllis is requesting **warm hats for adults and children as well as warm blankets** which will be donated to the Rochester Veterans Outreach Center for their homeless program. Thank you for your support.



Americanism - Chairman Ardell Garland reminds everyone to fly your flag on the following patriotic holidays:

1. Pearl Harbor Day – December 7th
2. U.S. National Guard Birthday - December 13th
3. Space Force Birthday - December 20th
4. Christmas – December 25th
5. New Year's Day – January 1st
6. Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 19th



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NATIONAL HOME

Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home – Chairman Flora Becker has 7 more open slots on her raffle board for a Centennial VFW National Home Life Membership. The drawing will be at the December Winter District Meeting. Cost is \$2.00. All are welcome to participate.

Cancer Program – Cancer Chairman Sara Raplee extends her appreciation to all the auxiliaries who donated a Patriotic item for the District Cancer Fund Basket at Fall Conference.

Hospital Program - Hospital Chairman, Helen Weeks appreciated all the personal care items that were brought to the September District meeting benefiting the veterans at Canandaigua VA:

- **Christmas Hospital Request** – Hospital Chairman Helen is requesting **\$20.00 Wal-Mart Gift Cards** for the veterans at Canandaigua VA for the upcoming Christmas holiday season. All Wal-Mart gift cards are to be brought to the **District meeting on December 14th**.



Your support to this request will truly make the holiday season “*Merry and Bright*” for our veterans. Thank you for your support to this request.



- **December Winter Meeting Request** – Hospital Chairman Helen is requesting Men’s Waterproof Winter Gloves in size Large and Larger for the veterans at Canandaigua VA.



Legislation – Department Chairman, Tina Roberts is reminding all members to sign up for the **Action Corps Weekly**. You may use the QR code business cards that were handed out and emailed to each Auxiliary President. In addition, please take action when there is an Action Alert sent (via email) plus send gratitude cards to our Veterans (thinking of you/thank you for your service) during the holiday season.

Membership Program – Chairman Cindy Campbell is encouraging all 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 held at the December District meeting.



The Headstrong Project

<https://theheadstrongproject.org>

President’s Special Project – Chairman Lisa Raplee distributed to all auxiliaries an envelope of (20) 50/50 Raffle Tickets at a cost of \$5.00 each. The monies will benefit the Department President and Commander’s Special Projects: Headstrong, 2 NY National Home Cottages, and Homeless Veterans. Deadline for tickets is **February 28th** – all monies (checks payable to District 8 VFW Auxiliary) and ticket stubs need to be turned in at that time. If you would like more tickets, please contact Lisa Raplee. Drawing at the March Spring District Meeting.

Scholarship Program – Chairman Beverly Gister reminds all auxiliaries that the District judging for the Voice of Democracy/Patriot’s Pen essays is December 15th. She is also encouraging Auxiliaries to contact your local school regarding the *YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST AND 3-DIMENTIONAL CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST* which have deadlines of March 31, 2026. Contest applications can be found on MALTA under the Scholarship Program. Post VOD and Patriot’s Pen winning entries are to be sent to the District 8 VFW Jr. Vice Craig Tower. He can be contacted at email craigltower61@aol.com. Or contact Post 412 Commander, Kathy Quinones, 66 Staglen Drive, Henrietta, NY 14467 or email katherine.quinones@yahoo.com.



Ways and Means – Chairman Marita Fredette is asking each Auxiliary to bring a **Christmas/Holiday themed basket** as part of the Ways and Means Raffle to the December District meeting



Youth Activities – Chairman Brittany Tierson appreciates all the school supplies that were donated at the September District meeting. Thank you on behalf of the Director of Finger Lakes Area Counseling and Recovery Agency:

- **December Winter Meeting Request** – The Youth Activities Chairman is requesting unwrapped **Toys and/or books** to be brought to the December District meeting in support of **Toys for Tots**. Toys are needed for all ages (birth to 17). Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you for your support to our veterans, their families, and your community. 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. My family to yours we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2026!

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Lisa Raplee

Lisa Raplee, PDP, District 8 President

Auxiliary Events Happening in District 8

Auxiliary 2883 – Arcadia Memorial Post

Location: 225 E. Union Street, Newark

- Saturday, December 13th – Children’s Christmas Party at 1 PM

Auxiliary 4658 – Francis Hibbard Post

Location: 344 Dorsey Road, Greece

- Friday, December 5th – Happy Hour – Band: Amy’s Wish – 5 PM – 8 PM
- Friday – January 2nd – Happy Hour– Band: Joey Allen – Southbound – 4 PM - 7PM

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

Location: 29 West Elisha Street, Waterloo.

- Friday, December 5th – Fish Fry – 5 PM – 7 PM
- Friday, December 12
- Friday, December 19
- Friday, December 26
- Friday, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- 40” TV Raffle and Scratch Off Basket Tickets – Tickets are 1 for \$1.00, 3 for \$2.00 or 10 for \$5.00
- Post is Open Friday through Sunday 3 PM to 5 PM.

Auxiliary 8649 – Goodrich-Smith Post

Location: 125 Seneca St Ext., Dundee

- Friday, December 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
- Wagon/Toy Raffle - It’s a foldup wagon full of toys, winner takes all. Tickets are \$2.00 a chance; only 250 tickets to be sold and the drawing will be 12/8 at our meeting. Contact Tina Roberts for tickets.
- Friday – January 2nd - Fish Fry – 4 PM – 8 PM (eat in or take out service available)
- Post Hunters Banquet Tickets Available - \$20.00 donation. Scheduled for May 16, 2026: Ticket includes 20 chances to win a prize, meal and drinks. For more information, please contact Tina Roberts, Aux. President.

Auxiliary 8726 – James R. Moore Memorial Post

Location: 7811 Rt. 21, Naples

- Saturday, December 13th – Breakfast Buffet with Grinch and Friends – 9 AM – 11 AM – Cost \$10.00 for Adults, 10 and under \$5.00; 2 and under Free – Special appearance of Live Reindeer – Buffet consists of pancakes, eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, juice, coffee and tea. Bring camera for photos.