

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: July 1, 2024
Subject: July District 8 Newsletter

Welcome to the 2024 – 2025 VFW Auxiliary Program Year. I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. My name is Tina Roberts and I was elected as the District 8 President for 2024-2025. This is my third term as District President and I look forward to working with the all Auxiliaries as well as to continue to support our veterans and their families.

At the Department Convention on June 8, 2024, Darlene Baker, from Bernhards Bay, in District 5 was elected and installed as the VFW Auxiliary Department of NY President. President Darlene's theme is "*Soaring into the Next Century of Service with Our Veterans and Their Families*". Her special project this year is "Female Veterans Healthcare". Additionally, the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York and the VFW National Home both celebrate their 100th Anniversary in 2025 and there will be special events scheduled.

Auxiliaries who won Program Awards at the Department Convention, I would like to extend my congratulations for your support of the programs and for doing such a great job!

Update on Annual Dues – At the Department Convention on June 7, 2024, the recommendation was approved by the delegates in attendance to raise the Annual dues sent to the Department Treasurer from \$7.00 to **\$10.00** (a \$3.00 increase) effective **July 1, 2024**.

Auxiliary Treasurers, as of 7/01/24, the per capita amount for annual members' dues that need to be either mailed to the Department Treasurer or paid through MALTA is **\$20.00** per annual member. If a check is sent for the previous amount of \$12.00, the check will be returned for the correct amount.

By now, all Auxiliary Presidents should have received their 2024-2025 President's Package. If you have not received your President's Package, please contact Department Secretary, Christine Leavor at (716) 676-2400 or email CAL2027@hotmail.com.

A few reminders to share with all Auxiliaries from National:

1. National has posted a message on MALTA that MALTA will **not** be available from June 30th to July 3rd.
2. Auxiliary Bonds are due to be paid prior to **August 31, 2024**. The Auxiliary Bond may be paid through MALTA. Treasurers please make a copy of your Bond once it has been paid. Per the Bylaws, the Bond is to be held by the President and a copy in the Secretary's and Treasurer's books. If your Auxiliary needs assistance in processing the Bond through MALTA, please contact District President, Tina Roberts.

A few reminders to share with all Auxiliary from the Department:

1. **OTI – Officer and Member Training** is still Open for members who would like to attend. Deadline to reserve your hotel at the Holiday Inn Downtown Binghamton is July 10, 2024. OTI Registration and Meal Pkg. for the Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10 is \$93.00. OTI Registration and Meal for Saturday, August 10 only is \$37.00. Deadline for Registration and Meal Pkg. is Monday, July 15th. See flier for additional information.

2. **Auxiliary Presidents** – Reminder – Provide a copy of your Auxiliary’s last quarterly audit and membership status (as of June 30, 2024) needs to be given to the Post Commander within 30 days following assuming the position as President.
3. **Newly Elected Auxiliary Treasurers** – All newly elected Auxiliary Treasurers are required to complete IRS form 8822B Change of Address or Responsible Party – Business. If your Auxiliary Treasurer needs a copy of this form, please contact District Secretary Karen Dotson.
4. **990N Acceptance or Rejection file** – A request has been made for each Auxiliary provide a copy of their 990N Acceptance or Rejection once the 990N has been completed. The copy is to be attached to the Official Visit form at the time the District Representative completes the Official Visit. I highly encourage all auxiliaries to process their 990N IRS form prior to the Official Visit. You can start to process your 990N on July 15, 2024.
5. **2nd Quarter Audit** – The April, May, June Quarterly Audit is due to the Department Treasurer by **August 31, 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.
6. **Department Auxiliary News** – Auxiliary members who wish to order a subscription for the Department Auxiliary News will find an order form attached to share with your members. Details for ordering may be found on the order form.
7. **Department Program Guide Books** – Auxiliary members who wish to purchase a 2024-2025 Program Guide Book, please contact Department Secretary, Chris Leavor at (716) 676-2400 or email CAL2027@hotmail.com. The cost of the Program Guide Book is \$7.00. I encourage Auxiliaries to purchase several copies of the Program Guidebook to share with your active members to review the programs and assist in reporting your Auxiliary activities.
8. **Official Visit Form** – The form has been condensed to 1 page instead of 2 to remove the repetitive questions. Please note, the District Representative executing the Official Visit will be requesting to see the last 4 completed audits by the Auxiliary to be reported on the form.

District Corner

- District Dues are 50 cents per Auxiliary member. Checks should be made payable to **VFW Auxiliary to District 8** and mailed to the District Treasurer Cindy Winzenried at the following address: 40 Groton Parkway, Rochester, NY 14623.
- VA Hospital Recreation Fund – All Auxiliaries are asked to send their \$20.00 donation for the VA Hospital Recreation Fund. Checks are to be made payable to Canandaigua VA Medical Center, earmark Recreation Fund, and send through the USPS mail to Helen Weeks, PDP, Hospital Chairman, 1600 East Ave., Apt. 1116, Rochester, NY 14610.

Upcoming Events

Family Freedom Craft/Vendor Festival and Car Show – July 20th – Goodrich- Smith Post Home 8649, Dundee, NY – 9:00AM – 3:00 PM – All District 8 Auxiliaries welcome to participate at the Auxiliary Program booth. Everyone is welcome to attend for a fun time with friends and family.

Department President Darlene Baker’s Homecoming is scheduled for August 31st from 2-6 PM at TRACH-AURINGER POST 7325, STATE ROUTE 49, CONSTANTIA, NY. Please RSVP to President Darlene before August 17, 2024 at her email - dbaker1017@aol.com. Everyone is invited.

Fall District Meeting - The District 8 meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, September 8, 2024 – Location TBD**. 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. The District will continue to have the Auxiliary drawing at the end of the District meeting for the \$25.00 for their Auxiliary Relief Fund. Congratulations to Auxiliary 6703 – Hamlin who won the drawing at the District Convention.

Department Programs

Changes to Department Programs:

1. This year there is no Cancer Fund Ticket Raffle. Auxiliaries are encouraged to make their donation for Cancer on MALTA.
2. The Mentoring Program has been included with the Extension and Revitalization Program. See the attached Zoom Training Sessions schedule of dates/times and topics.
3. There will be NO Year End Reports required this year for the Membership Program as well as the Extension, Revitalization & Mentoring Program.

Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home – Health & Happiness

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 31st.

- 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. 34th Street, 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111, earmark Health & Happiness.

Department President's Special Project – I have attached the flier for Polo Shirts in support of the Department President's Special Project "Female Veteran's Healthcare".

Thank you for all your support this past year. I sincerely 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. I encourage you to share this information with your Auxiliary members. I am looking forward to our September meeting and working with each Auxiliary this year.

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Tina Roberts
Tina Roberts, District 8 President

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