

## 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: October 28, 2024  
Subject: November District 8 Newsletter

It doesn't seem possible that November is upon us and the holidays will be here before we know it. I truly hope that you have a very Happy Thanksgiving with your families and friends. In this newsletter, I am including a new feature entitled: Questions and Answers. During my visits with Auxiliaries, I have uncovered similar questions are being asked; therefore, I thought let us share these similar questions with the correct answers for all members to know.

Fall Conference News: At the Department Fall Conference, District 8 was recognized for having all their Auxiliary Bonds paid by July 31, 2024 and we were the first District to achieve this milestone. Congratulations and thank you for your support. I will bring the certificate to our December meeting for everyone to see.

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

1. **990N Acceptance or Rejection Receipt – DUE DATE: November 15, 2024.** A request has been made for each Auxiliary to provide a copy of their 990N Acceptance or Rejection receipt 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 EZ IRS form prior to the date of their scheduled Official Visit.
2. **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.
3. **Donation Report** form which can be found on page 5 in the Department Program Guidebook may still be sent to the Department Treasurer with your donations to the programs. The Treasurer's address can be found at the bottom of the form. Auxiliary check should be made payable to **VFW Auxiliary, Department of New York.**

## *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 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. Thank you for your support.
- VA Hospital Recreation Fund – Reminder to Auxiliaries 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. Thank you for your support.

## *District Programs*

**Veterans and Family Support** - Veterans and Family Support Chairman, Brittany Tierson, is reminding the Auxiliaries of the following item:

1. Holiday Cheer – Donation for a Christmas Tree, decorations, Menorahs to be sent to our soldiers deployed for the upcoming holiday. Flier was in President's Packet – Due Date – **November 10, 2024** to Chairman Dee Ippolito, 24 Blue Jay Circle, Lancaster, NY 14086. Check payable to the VFW Auxiliary, Department of New York earmark Trees.

Your support to help bring some holiday cheer to our deployed soldiers would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

### **Americanism Program – November Patriotic Holidays**

- November 11– Veteran's Day
- November 28 – Thanksgiving

Remember to fly your flags proudly especially on these two days.

Auxiliaries were sent a link for those members who were interested in participating in the laying of the wreaths for Wreaths across America. If you or your Auxiliary members participate in this activity, you should report the number of members and hours spent on this activity under the Americanism Program.

**Honor Flight Update**– Auxiliaries were provided a copy of the Honor Flight form to donate \$5.00 to a local Honor Flight location. Department Chairman, Rose Cooper, JPDP will be moving to Wyoming in December. If you haven't already done so, you are encouraged to send your Honor Flight donation, check payable to VFW Auxiliary, Department of New York to Rose Cooper, Chairman (address on form) before the end of November. If you require a Honor Flight form, please contact Karen Dotson, District 8 Secretary at [kdvfwaux@aol.com](mailto:kdvfwaux@aol.com).

### **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 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** – Gift Cards for November Request Canandaigua VA Request for Christmas – **Due date: 11/29/24**

Hospital Chairman, Helen Weeks reported for the District Christmas Project to benefit the out-patient veterans at Canandaigua VA, the hospital is requesting **\$20.00 Wal-Mart gift cards**. All gift cards are to be mailed directly to Canandaigua VA Hospital and **Specify – Holiday Gift Cards for Veterans**. **Due Date is November 29, 2024**. Mailing address is: Canandaigua VA Medical Center, Attn: Regina Deck, CDCE, 400 Fort Hill Ave., Canandaigua NY 14424

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**

Members of the VFW Auxiliary are the relatives of those who have served in overseas combat. For more than 100 years, we have been serving veterans, the military, their families and our communities in honor of the sacrifices and commitment of every man and woman who has served in uniform.

**Personal Benefits:**

- Veteran & Military Support – Anyone with a heart for veterans can count their membership as an important way to stand with veterans and the military community on Capitol Hill and in local legislative battles affecting them.
- Networking – Through local and national events, members have the chance to meet people from all walks of life and many career backgrounds, creating a vast network of people who are passionate about veterans, active-duty military and their families.
- Friendships – The camaraderie gained from serving together for a cause that is close to everyone's heart leads to lifelong friendships and a strong network of support.
- Personal Fulfillment – Longtime volunteers will be the first to tout the benefits of serving others and the sense of personal fulfillment it brings.
- The organization offers multiple avenues for service, such as hospital volunteering and the adoption of military units.
- Personal Growth & Development – We offer multiple ways for members to acquire skills, such as leadership, fundraising, event planning and community outreach.
- Cancer Grants – After one year of continuous membership, members who are battling cancer may be eligible for a grant to help cover expenses.
- VFW Auxiliary Digital Magazine – Published 6 times a year, this magazine will keep you informed about what members are doing nationwide, as well as exciting events and national programs.
- Discount Shopping – Get access to discounts on products and services that are important to you – including local offers!
- VFW Store – A wide variety of VFW Auxiliary and other patriotic products are available at [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org).

**Department Membership Awards Early Bird Special:**

1. Soaring High Award: Drawings for Auxiliaries 100% by:
  - a. 11/30/24 – Drawing for \$ 50
  - b. 12/31/24 – Drawing for \$ 50

**Mentoring** – Zoom Training Sessions for October

\* **Tuesday, November 12** at 7:30 PM – Topic: Programs: Auxiliary Outreach, Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home, Youth Activities, Hospital

\* **Thursday, November 21** at 7:30 PM - Topic: Importance and Duties of Investigating Committee – Presenter Karen Dotson

**A Mentoring Moment – When Chaplain is on the floor**

When the Chaplain is on the floor to open or close the Bible, all members remain STILL and all talking STOPS until the Chaplain has returned to his/her station. This is for Auxiliary, District, and Department meetings.

## **Scholarship Program**

As October has ended and Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy have been turned in, we should also be working on the VFW Auxiliary National Illustrating America Art Contest (Youth Activities Program) eligible for grades K-8 and 3-D Patriotic Art contest and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest open to grades 9-12. Applications can be printed from MALTA under Member Resources then scroll down to Scholarship.

## **Youth Activities** – December Meeting Request

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 an organization in need after the meeting. 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 Thanksgiving 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      Why do Trustees need to do the audit? Why can't the Treasurer do it?  
Answer 1      In accordance of Bylaw Sec. 814 – Trustees, Duties (All Levels)
1. All audits are to be completed by the Trustees.
  2. The President, Secretary and Treasurer should attend the audit. They are not allowed to perform the audit.
  3. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to properly audit the books and records of the Auxiliary Treasurer and Secretary no later than the end of the month following the expiration of each quarterly period.
  4. The Trustees shall verify all expenditures of the Auxiliary and certify by their signatures to the correctness of each bill before payment may be made of same by the Treasurer
- Question 2      Why can't someone join under an Aunt, Uncle, or Cousin?  
Answer 2      In accordance with Bylaw Sec. 101 – Eligibility - Membership in the VFW Auxiliary is limited to Husbands/Wives, Father/Mother, Grandfathers/Grandmothers, Sons/Daughters, Brothers/Sisters, Grandsons/Granddaughters, Widows/Widowers of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Additionally, a Resolution was placed on the floor at the National Convention 2024, Louisville, KY to expand eligibility and it was Not Adopted.
- Question 3      Why does the Treasurer need to read the whole Treasurers Report and just not the totals?  
Answer 3      In accordance with Bylaw Sec. 813A – Auxiliary Treasurer - Bullet #14 a,b and Bullet #15- The Treasurer's report shall be presented in any manner determined by vote of the Auxiliary.
- a. Shall include in detail, all receipts and disbursements of the last meeting.
  - b. And pre-approved customary expenses and all receipts since the last meeting.
15. No motion to accept this report is necessary.
- Question 4      What is the process for transferring membership from one Auxiliary to another? Is a DD-214 required? Does the member need to fill out an application? Is there a fee sent to the Department Treasurer.  
Answer 4      Review Bylaw Sec 106, 106A and 106B for complete details. (See pages 17 and 18)
- A DD-214 is not required as applicants who wish to transfer between Auxiliaries need not show proof of eligibility but must provide their current membership card as proof for eligibility has been established and approved with their current Auxiliary or as a Member At Large. (See Bylaw Sec. 106)
- Yes an application is required to be completed by the Annual Member or the Life Member to transfer to another Auxiliary. (See Sec. 106A sub-bullet #1 and Sec. 106B sub-bullet #1)
- There is no fee to be sent to the Department Treasurer if there is a Life Member Transfer. The Application must be sent to the Department Treasurer in order to process the Auxiliary transfer and request the new Life Membership card from National. (See Sec. 106B, sub-bullet B2)
- If the applicant is a Non-Paying Annual Transfer, the accepting Auxiliary will NOT be liable for any dues on the transferring member. (See Sec. 106A, sub-bullet #E 2)
- If the applicant is a Paying Annual Transfer, the accepting Auxiliary will be liable to pay the Department and National dues for the Auxiliary member. (See Sec. 106A, sub-bullet #F2)

## Auxiliary Events Happening in District 8

Auxiliary 2883 – Arcadia Memorial Post

Location: 225 East Union Street, Newark

- **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Turkey and Other Meat Raffle and Baker Sale – 11 AM – 4 PM - The tickets are 50 cents each. There is also a 50/50 raffle and second chance drawings for other prizes.
- **Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>** – Cash Raffle – 1 PM - 26 prizes, top prize is \$1000. The cost is \$50 per ticket and there are only 100 tickets. There will be a 50/50 drawing that day as well.
- **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, November 1<sup>st</sup>** – Sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion, Happy Hour – 4 – 7 PM
- **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** – Euchre Tournament – Location: My Apartment Bar, 2515 Mt. Read Blvd, Rochester – Sign-in at 12:30 PM; Card Playing at 1 PM - Cost \$10.00 – proceeds to support veterans

Auxiliary 6433 – Waterloo Memorial Post

Location: 29 West Elisha St., Waterloo

- **Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** – Fish Fry – Serving from 5pm-7pm, Cost \$14.00
- **Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** – Fish Fry – Serving from 5pm-7pm, Cost \$14.00
- **Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** – Fish Fry – Serving from 5pm-7pm, Cost \$14.00
- **Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Fish Fry – Serving from 5pm-7pm, Cost \$14.00
- **Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** – Fish Fry – Serving from 5 PM – 7PM, Cost \$14.00

Auxiliary 6703 – Hamlin Post

Location: 1739 Lake Road, Hamlin

- **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Comedy Show – Doors Open at 7 PM; Show starts at 8PM – \$15 per person. Presenting comedians are Danny Liberato, Dan Viola and Greg Owens. Pizza available to purchase. Open to those 18 yrs and over only. Contact Shirley Campbell at 585-797-9386, email [shirdog@aol.com](mailto:shirdog@aol.com), or Facebook to request tickets. Tickets will be held at the door.

Auxiliary 8649 – Goodrich-Smith Post

Location: 125 Seneca St Ext., Dundee

- **Friday, November 1<sup>st</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
- **Raffle** - Fold up wagon filled with toys - 2.00 a chance. Drawing in December. If interested contact Tina Roberts for tickets
- **Raffle** - \$100.00 worth of scratch off tickets and a \$100.00 bill raffle - \$2.00 a chance. If interested contact Tina Roberts for tickets
- **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

Auxiliary 8726 – James R. Moore – Scheduled Events

Location: 7811 NY-21, Naples

- **Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** - Fish Fry, Doors open at 5PM.
- **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** - Veterans Day Dinner, 3PM – 7 PM, Veterans Free, Family Members \$5, Chicken Parm and Spaghetti - RSVP to Matt Tierson: 315-521-3893 or Brittany Tierson: 585-313-2575; Door Prizes, Proper Military ID Required
- **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** - Fish Fry, Doors open at 5PM
- **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** – Breakfast with the Grinch – more details to follow