

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: September 28, 2024
Subject: October District 8 Newsletter

Thank you to all the Auxiliaries who attended the September 8 District meeting and participating in the Baked Ziti Dinner to honor our Department President, Darlene Baker who was making her Official Visit to our District. At the meeting, the District made donations to: In Lieu of Christmas Card, Holiday Cheer (Trees for Troops), Honor Flight, Wreaths Across America, Guitars for Hero Raffle Gift Card, Cash Bash for VFW National Home, Ways and Means 9 month raffle and Scratch off lottery tickets. I would like to extend my appreciation for your generosity.

Prior to our District 8 meeting, all District 8 Auxiliary Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers dues had been paid. Another milestone by District 8 has been completed. Congratulations to Auxiliary 1323 for winning the \$25.00 Attendance Award at the September Meeting and to Flora Becker who won the 50/50 Raffle.

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.

Department Fall Conference – Fall Conference is scheduled for **October 11 – 12, 2024** at the Albany Marriott Hotel, Albany. The Fall Conference packet has been sent to all District 8 Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers to share with members and is posted to the Department website. On-site Registration is \$10.00. All members are welcome to attend.

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

1. **990N Acceptance or Rejection Receipt** – 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 IRS form prior to the date of their scheduled Official Visit. You can start to process your 990N on July 15, 2024.
2. **3rd 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 is due to the Department Treasurer by **September 30, 2024**.

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. The following Auxiliaries, as of the Sept. 8 District meeting, have not sent to Cindy their District Dues: 745, 6778, 8495.
- 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. The following Auxiliaries, as of the Sept. 8 District meeting, have not sent to Helen their Recreation Fund checks: 745, 1323, 2883, 5092, 6703, 6778, 8495, 8726, 9251. 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 two items:

1. In Lieu of Christmas Card – Donation \$5.00 – Flier was in President's Packet – Due date – **October 31, 2024** to Chairman Dee Ippolito, 24 Blue Jay Circle, Lancaster, NY 14086 Check payable to the VFW Auxiliary, Department of New York – earmark Card.
2. 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 – September Patriotic Holidays

- October 7 – US Navy's Birthday
- October 14 – Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples Day

Wreaths Across America – Due Date to Chairman Rose Cooper – **October 31, 2024** – Flier in President's Packet. One Wreath \$17; or 3 for \$34.00 – Check payable to VFW Auxiliary, Dept of NY – earmark Wreath – Auxiliary can only choose 1 cemetery for the wreaths. Send check and form to Rose Cooper, Chairman, 3 Elm Street, Cuba, NY 14727

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.
- Thank you in advance for your support of the VFW National Home.

Hospital Program – Gift Cards for November Request Canandaigua VA Request for Christmas

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**. 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

One of the most critical steps in considering a new member for the VFW Auxiliary is the careful review of the prospective member's application details by a three-Members investigating committee, appointed by the Auxiliary President. (Outlined in Section 102 of the VFW auxiliary Bylaws and Ritual) According to page 1 of the VFW Auxiliary Booklet of Instructions, "it is the duty of the investigating committee to see that the applications are completed before they are presented to the body of consideration."

Please take the time to review your application carefully, this will speed up the process and prevent delays.

The district is having a membership drawing. One auxiliary in the district will win \$50 for attaining 100% by December 31st. Every auxiliary in the district who reaches 100% by December 31st will be placed in the drawing. One lucky winner will get \$50 for their auxiliary.

Please encourage your members to pay their annual dues by December 31st

Department Membership Awards Early Bird Special:

1. Auxiliary who's President, Treasurer, and Secretary have dues paid by 9/30/24 – drawing for \$100.
2. Soaring High Award: Drawings for Auxiliaries 100% by:
 - a. 9/30/24 – Drawing for \$100
 - b. 10/30/24 – Drawing for \$ 75
 - c. 11/30/24 – Drawing for \$ 50
 - d. 12/31/24 – Drawing for \$ 50

Mentoring – Zoom Training Sessions for October

* **Tuesday, October 8** at 7:30 PM – Topic: How to Complete a Program Report – Presented by Karen Dotson

* **Thursday, October 24** at 7:30 PM - Topic: Programs: Veterans & Family Support – Dee Ippolitto, Scholarship – Joan Barnhart; Americanism – Rose Cooper, JPDP

A Mentoring Moment – Using Proper Channels

When an Auxiliary has a question or concern, Auxiliary Members should first reach out to their Auxiliary President. If the matter is not resolved, refer to **Matters of Concern** in the Booklet of Instructions (page 15 in yellow pages of the Podium Edition of the Bylaws and Ritual book).

Using Proper Channels

1. Those concerns, problems, etc. of an Auxiliary MAY be addressed to the District President who will take the concerns directly to the Department President for his/her consideration.
2. The Department President then decides who should be assigned to handle the concerns of that particular Auxiliary.
3. If the concern warrants it, the Department President may address it to the National President for his/her consideration.

Scholarship Program – October 31 2024 Due Date to VFW

- **Voice of Democracy – Audio Essay** - *"Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?"*
- **Patriot's Pen Essay** - *"My Voice in America's Democracy?"*

Youth Activities – December Meeting Request

Youth Activities Chairman, Brittany Tierson is requesting the District Auxiliaries to bring unwrapped toys to the December District meeting in support of the Department Youth Activities Chairman's program. The toys 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. I encourage you to share this information with your Auxiliary members. Happy Halloween to all members and their families!!

Loyally,

Tina Roberts

Tina Roberts, District 8 President

Auxiliary Events Happening in District 8

Auxiliary 2883 – Arcadia Memorial Post

Location: 225 East Union Street, Newark

- **Saturday, November 2nd** - 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 16th** – 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 8th** – Children’s Christmas Party – 1 – 3 PM – Children of Members only

Auxiliary 4658 – Francis E. Hibbard Post

Location: 344 Dorsey Road, Rochester

- **Friday, October 11th** – SAL Happy Hour (all are invited) – 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Food Special: Wingdings for purchase
- **Saturday, October 12th** – Euchre Tournament – My Apartment Bar, 2515 Mt. Read Blvd., Rochester
Sign in begin at 12:30 PM - Start playing cards at 1 PM – Cost \$10 per player – Proceeds benefit NY State Special Olympics Polar Plunge

Auxiliary 6433 – Waterloo Memorial Post

Location: 29 West Elisha St., Waterloo

- **Saturday, October 19th** - Yard Sale and Craft Event – 9 AM to 2 PM

Auxiliary 6703 – Hamlin Post

Location: 1739 Lake Road, Hamlin

- **Saturday, November 2nd** - Comedy Night – Doors Open at 7 PM; Show starts at 8PM – \$15 per person. Contact Shirley Campbell at 585-797-9386, email 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, October 4th** – 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, November 1st** – 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, October 4th** - Fish Fry Friday Fundraiser with live music from original artist Levi Gangi.
Doors open at 5 PM
- **Saturday, October 26th** - Save the Date for our Trunk or Treat event, Free Community Event!
Prizes! Games! Bounce House, Crafts and more!
- **Friday, November 1st** - Fish Fry, Doors open at 5PM.
- **Sunday, November 10th** - Veterans Day Dinner, Veterans Free, Family Members \$5, Chicken Parm and Spaghetti