

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, District 8 President
Date: October 1, 2025
Subject: October / November District 8 Newsletter

District President's Message.....

I would like to thank every auxiliary in District 8 for having a representative at our September meeting! The donations that you all brought were amazing and very much appreciated. I would like to remind you all about some things as far as your official visit/inspection. Please make sure that all required items are at the meeting for the person making the official visit. These visits must be completed by a deadline, and if they need to make a return visit because of missing documents it jeopardizes meeting the deadline. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me.

Please ensure the following were completed by September 30, 2025:

- a. Submit your donation report form.
- b. Complete your donation to Health & Happiness (in Malta)
- c. Mail your Ways and Means 9-month tickets and payment (check) to the Dept. Chairman.

If you have not done so, please complete these items as soon as possible.

Please follow our District Facebook page for ideas on programs, updates and to share all the great things being done in our district. As of today, I have not received a date for the Department Presidents visit. I will notify you as soon as I am given the date. I look forward to seeing you all at our December meeting!

Congratulations to Pennington-Moye Auxiliary 9251 for winning the \$25.00 Attendance Award for their Relief Fund and to Missy Levy, District Conductor for winning the 50/50 drawing.

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 reminders from the Department:

1. **3rd Quarter Audit** – The July, August, September Quarterly Audit is due to the Department Treasurer by **November 30, 2025** 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.

2. **Department Donation Report** – Due by September 30, 2025. An Auxiliary check and completed Donation form is to be sent to Dept. Treasurer, Kim White, 1799 Fred Rd. Schenectady, NY 12303. Form can be found on page 5 in the Dept. Guidebook.
3. **Fall Conference** – Scheduled for October 10 – 11, 2025 at the Albany Marriott. Registration at the door is \$10.00. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you plan to attend Fall Conference, please remember the following items for the Department Programs:
 - **Americanism** – Wreaths Across America Donation – due by October 31, 2025
 - **Buddy Poppy/National Home** – 1 dozen homemade cookies (bagged with 6 cookies ea.) and a requested \$10 gift card to National Store (Wal-Mart, Target, Barnes & Noble, etc.)
 - **Cancer Fund Program** – Bring Cancer Raffle Tickets if not already mailed to Chairman
 - **Cancer Fund Program** – Red, White, and Blue themed Raffle Basket
 - **Veterans and Family Support** – Stop 22 donation, In Lieu of Christmas Card donation, Holiday Cheer (aka Trees for Troops) donation, if not already mailed to Chairman
 - **Ways & Means** – 9 month Raffle Tickets and \$10 worth of Lottery Scratch Off Tickets
 - **President's Special Project** – All monetary donations are welcome for the three programs: Headstrong Project, 2 NY Houses at National Home and Homeless Veterans

District Corner

1. **District Dues** – Each Auxiliary is responsible for sending to the District Treasurer their District Dues which is **50 cents per member**. Please send your Auxiliary check payable to **VFW Aux., District 8** to Cindy Winzenried, District Treas. 40 Groton Parkway, Rochester, NY 14623.

District Programs

Veterans and Family Support – Chairman Phyllis Walker expressed her appreciation for the **non-perishable food items** brought to the Fall District Meeting to benefit the Harmony Food Pantry. In addition, she appreciates your support of the “Stop-22” program at the Fall District 8 meeting which raised \$68.00. Thank you, thank you!

- **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.



- **Holiday Cheer / “Trees for Troops”** - We will be working again this year with the Department's VFW to send trees, decorations and menorahs to our troops overseas. Trees are \$25 each. Please complete the form included in the President's Packet. Return the form to Kim Cavallo, Chairman by **November 8, 2025**. Kim's address is 6158 71st Street, Middle Village, NY 11379.



- **“In Lieu of Cards”** – A holiday card will accompany trees, menorahs and decorations to the troops overseas for the holiday season. This is a special card and we hope that you will all participate in signing this card to remind our active duty personnel that they are not forgotten during the holiday season. The card is available at Fall Conference for a donation of \$5 per signature. If you are unable to attend the conference, please complete the request form and mail your donation to the Department Chairman; she will add your name to the card. Return the form to Kim Cavallo, Chairman by **November 8, 2025**. Kim's address is 6158 71st Street, Middle Village, NY 11379.

Americanism - Chairman Ardell Garland reminds everyone to donate to the Wreaths Across America program.



- One wreath is \$17.00. Forms can be found in the Auxiliary President's package or contact District Secretary, Karen Dotson for a form. Mail the form and Auxiliary check to Ashleigh Horsky, Chairman by **October 31, 2025**. Ashleigh's address is 585 Park Ave., #3C, Brooklyn, NY 11206.



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 to be included in the District Cancer Fund Basket for 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 - With the upcoming Holidays, let's remember to give gratitude within our Holiday cards by sharing the Action Corps Weekly and the Priority Goals QR codes cards. Attached to this newsletter are documents with the specific QR codes from the Dept. Chairman to share.

SCAN TO VIEW VFW-SUPPORTED BILLS
INTRODUCED IN THE 119th CONGRESS



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



The Headstrong Project

<https://theheadstrongproject.org>

President's Special Project – Chairman Lisa Raplee distributed at the end of the September District meeting 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 deadline for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen completed applications with the essays are due to the Post by Friday, October 31st.



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.

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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, October 18th – Cash Bash Raffle from 1 – 3 PM. There are 100 tickets that are \$50 each. There are 26 prizes with \$1000 the top prize. Tickets are available for purchase. Everyone welcome to participate.
- Saturday, November 1st – Bake Sale starting at 11 AM
- Saturday, November 1st – Turkey Raffle starting at 1 PM
- Saturday, December 13th – Children's Christmas Party at 1 PM

Auxiliary 4658 – Francis Hibbard Post

Location: 344 Dorsey Road, Greece

- Friday, October 10th – Friday Happy Hour– Band: One and Done – 5 PM – 8 PM
- Friday, November 7th – Friday Happy Hour – Band: Paul Strowe – 4 PM – 7 PM
- Friday, December 5th – Friday, Happy Hour – Band: Amy's Wish – 5 PM – 8 PM

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
- Fall Cash Raffle – Drawing Sunday, November 9th – 4 PM during Turkey Raffle
Eight Drawings: \$600, \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$200, \$100, \$100
Proceeds benefit the Veterans & Community Activities – Need not be present to win - \$20 per ticket/only 200 tickets will be sold; Contact Bev Gister for tickets - (607) 869-5699

Auxiliary 6433 – Waterloo Memorial

Location: 29 West Elisha Street, Waterloo.

- Saturday, October 18th - Waterloo Memorial Auxiliary is having a breakfast serving 8 to noon. Cost is \$10.00.

Auxiliary 8649 – Goodrich-Smith Post

Location: 125 Seneca St Ext., Dundee

- Friday, October 3rd – 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, November 7th – 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, 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.

Auxiliary 8726 – James R. Moore Memorial Post

Location: 7811 Rt. 21, Naples

- Friday, October 3rd – Fish Fry – Doors Open at 5PM – Cost \$15.00 at the door
- Saturday, October 25th – Trunk or Treat from 12 noon to 3 PM (Free Event with Bounce House, Live Animals and more)
- Friday, November 7th – Fish Fry – Doors Open at 5PM – Cost \$15.00 at the door
- Sunday, November 9th – Free Veterans Day Dinner – Starts at 4 PM – Chicken Parmigiana Dinner and Door Prizes - Family Members \$5.00 each
- Friday, December 5th - Fish Fry – Doors Open at 5PM – Cost \$15.00 at the door
- Our VFW is doing a pig raffle, all proceeds to benefit our 7th Annual WWIA Hunt in December. Tickets are \$10 each. Stop by Post or contact VFW Member for tickets.