

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK



TO BE READ AT THE FIRST MEETING FOLLOWING RECEIPT BEFORE BEING FILED FOR REFERENCE

July 21, 2026

Dear VFW Auxiliary Members:

On behalf of Department President Belinda Cole, the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York cordially invites you to attend its annual Fall Conference on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19, 2026, at the

Albany Marriott ~ 189 Wolf Road ~ Albany, New York 12205.

The VFW room rate is \$137.00 per night. Call the Albany Marriott directly at (518) 458-8444 to make hotel reservations. The deadline to receive the VFW group rate for hotel rooms is August 28, 2026. Be sure to provide your Auxiliary tax-exempt forms (ST-119.5 and ST-119.1) when you check-in.

The Council of Administration Meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2026, at 7:00 PM. ***All members in good standing are invited and encouraged to attend.***

The Fall Conference Business Session will begin at 8:30 AM on Saturday, September 19, 2026.

Fall Conference Registration begins on Friday, September 18, 2026, from 2:00-6:00 PM and will be open again on Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 7:00 –9:00 AM. The cost for Advance Registration is \$8.00 per person and the cost of registration at the door is \$10.00 per person. The deadline for advance registration is **September 9, 2026**. Please note there will be **NO REFUNDS** after the deadline of **September 9, 2026**. ***Note: Be sure to allow sufficient time for USPS delivery.***

Program Chairmen will be able to set up their tables ***beginning*** at 3:00 PM on Friday September 18, 2026, and will have the tables open as soon as possible. Opening tables Friday afternoon will allow Friday arrivals to visit the tables and alleviate **some** of the congestion in the hallways on Saturday morning.

Department President Belinda will host a luncheon at the 2026 Fall Conference at 12 Noon on Saturday, September 19, 2026. The cost of the luncheon is **\$50.00** per person. VFW members, Auxiliary members and guests are invited to attend. Luncheon tickets may be picked up at the Registration table. Luncheon Reservation deadline is **September 9, 2026**. Luncheon reservation form is included in this conference packet. Please note there will be **NO REFUNDS** after the deadline of **September 9, 2026**.

On Saturday afternoon, September 19, 2026, VFW members and VFW Auxiliary members will have the opportunity to participate in a 22-minute walk/run to increase public awareness on Veteran suicide. Information and donation forms are included in this conference packet.

We hope that you will join us for the Fall Conference to gather important information from our Department Chairmen.

Note: There is no VFW or VFW Auxiliary Dinner scheduled for Saturday evening.

Together we continue “Serving America’s Heroes” while staying “Busy as a Bee, Working Together for our Veterans”

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Marianne McLane

Marianne McClane, PDP
Fall Conference Chairman