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**SEPTEMBER 2021  
IMPORTANT DATES!**

**6 LABOR DAY ~ SINCE 1882**

**6 TO 8 ROSH HASHANAH  
~ SUNDOWN TO SUNDOWN ~**

**11 PATRIOT DAY ~ THE 2001  
ATTACK ON AMERICA ~ FLAGS AT  
HALF-STAFF SUNRISE TO SUNSET ~  
MOMENT OF SILENCE AT 8:46 AM**

**12 GRANDPARENTS DAY**

**14 STAR SPANGLED BANNER  
~ WRITTEN IN 1814**

**17 CONSTITUTION DAY ~ 39 MEN  
SIGNED THIS DOCUMENT IN 1787**

**17 POW/MIA DAY**

**18 OTI ~ VIA ZOOM**

**22 AUTUMN - 3:21 PM EDT**

**26 GOLD STAR MOTHER'S AND  
FAMILIES DAY ~ SINCE 1936 ~**

**29 VFW DAY ~ 121 YEARS  
~ ESTABLISHED IN 1899 ~**

**30 ~ PLEASE SUBMIT DONATION  
REPORT FORM TO KIM WHITE**

**UPCOMING EVENT!**

**OCT 8 AND 9 - FALL CONFERENCE**

**AUXILIARY NEWS ~ September 2021**  
**The Official Communication of VFW Auxiliary Department of New York**



Dear Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers,

I would like to begin this article by saying thank you to the Auxiliaries who not only met the deadline for getting their election and installation reports in by the deadline set by National but

also to those that Auxiliaries that processed their bond by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Auxiliary bonds (on all levels) must be processed by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

A few important reminders! Annual dues for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers must be processed by December 31, 2021 and IRS Form 990 must be filed by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Department of New York is very blessed to have a team dedicated to provide you with whatever assistance you may need to meet National deadlines. Contact the Department Secretary, Treasurer and/or Chief of Staff. They are only a telephone call or email away.

I attended the National VFW Convention that was held in Kansas City. Our own Jane Reape was elected as National Sr. Vice President. Jane will be installed as National Auxiliary President in July 2022.

Congratulations to Jr. Past Department President Mary Makosky and her *Angels of Mercy!* Despite the challenges endured over the last year and a half, the members of this great Department continued to support our Veterans and Auxiliary programs. As a result, many of Mary's Program Chairmen received awards. Congratulations to all of the recipients. We are proud of you and thank you for your hard work and dedication to our Veterans, their families, and the community!

By now, I hope you have had an opportunity to read through the Program Guidebook and to make yourself familiar with the variety of ways you can participate in our programs. The Auxiliary Community Outreach Program, which is still in its infancy, can be difficult to understand. Judy Lefebvre, ACO Department Chairman, is making every effort to help our members understand the goals of the program and what can or cannot be reported. She will attempt to guide you in the right direction as to what program you can report your project if

it does not meet the requirements set forth by the National organization. A few ACO Program basics include the following: the project must be voted on at an Auxiliary meeting and recorded in the minutes, the project or activity must be in cooperation with another organization **NOT** affiliated with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary and Auxiliary attire should be worn. The ACO Program is about the time you spend working with others – **not financial support**. Refer to pages 14 and 15 of the Guidebook and *Auxiliary News* articles for more in-depth information.

We are currently preparing for our annual in-person Fall Conference October 8 and 9 in Albany (insert inside this *Auxiliary News*). Please keep in mind that Covid-19, and the Delta variant, remains a threat to all of us. The safety of our members is most important, especially for those not been fully vaccinated and/or with compromised immune systems. Should New York again be forced to follow restrictions/mandates issued by the Governor, the Auxiliary will host the Fall Conference via ZOOM. Be safe and watch for updates!

**A few friendly reminders!**

**New this year!** National now requires that every Auxiliary **MUST** complete at least one project, activity or donation that benefits Veterans and must be reported to the proper Program Chairman by April 30, 2022.

- The Donation Report Form (Program Guidebook pg. 6) should be submitted to Dept. Treasurer Kim White by September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Process Health and Happiness Donation in MALTA or mail a check to National Headquarters by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> and submitting
- Auxiliary District Dues should be a priority.
- Change of Officer Form (Guidebook pg. 53) should be submitted immediately to Department Secretary Debbie Cenni if there is a change in officers or contact information.
- **New** Treasurers should file IRS Form 8822-b within 60 days of election.

I look forward to seeing all of you at ZOOM OTI scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Let us all ... **"Soar Above and Beyond"** as we commit ourselves to being ...

**"United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families."**

Loyally, *Ruth*



**CONGRATULATIONS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK – NATIONAL CONVENTION AWARDS**

***Department of New York President Mary Makosky  
Circle of Excellence – Monetary Award – \$1,000 to the Department***

***Veterans & Family Support – Rosalie Cooper, Chairman*** – Award 1: Citation for participation in this Program.

***Americanism – Barbara Wasserman, Chairman*** – Award 1: Citation for participation in this Program.  
Award 3 for Department Chairman: Second-Place Outstanding Performance Award: \$100 goes to the Department.

***Auxiliary Community Outreach – Peggy Schweitzer, Chairman*** – Award 1: Citation for participation in this Program.  
Award 2: \$25 VFW Store Gift Certificate to Department Auxiliary Community Outreach Chairman for the best promotion of the Auxiliary Community Outreach Program.

Award 3: The Outstanding Performance Award: \$200 goes to the Department and a keepsake to the Department Chairman.  
***Award 1 for Auxiliaries: Most outstanding Auxiliary Community Outreach Program*** – Chili Memorial Auxiliary 412 (D8)  
Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary with the most outstanding Auxiliary Community Outreach Program.

***“Buddy”® Poppy & National Home – Doris Ippolito, Chairman*** – Award 1: Citation for participation in this Program.  
Award 3: \$25 VFW Store Gift Certificate for the best promotion encouraging the purchase of Life Memberships to the VFW National Home for Children.

Award 4: Second-Place Outstanding Performance Award: \$100 goes to the Department.

***For Auxiliaries*** – Award 1: Most outstanding community education of the “Buddy”® Poppy – Citation and \$25 for the most outstanding community education of the “Buddy”® Poppy – Glenn A. Warner Auxiliary No. 1371 (D5, Owego).

***Chief of Staff & Extension – PDP Karen Dotson, Chairman*** – Award 1: Citation for participation in this Program.

Award 3: Second-Place Outstanding Performance Award: \$100 goes to the Department.

***Award 1 for members: \$25 VFW Store Gift Certificate to one member who assisted in revitalizing/rejuvenating a struggling Auxiliary and utilized Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation in their efforts.***

Charlene Favata – Eastern Orleans Memorial Auxiliary 202 (D7, Holley).

***Historian & Media Relations – Kellianne Kennedy, Chairman*** – Award 1: Citation for participation in this Program.

Award 2: \$25 VFW Store Gift Certificate for the best promotion of media relations training.

Award 4: The Outstanding Performance Award: \$200 to the Department and a keepsake to the Department Chairman.

***Hospital – Charlene Hooper, Chairman*** – Award 1: Citation for participation in this Program.

***Award 1 for Auxiliaries: Most outstanding participation in National Salute to Veteran Patients Week*** – Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary for the most outstanding “Valentines with Veterans” party or event on-site at a medical facility.

Lt. Thomas Boyd & Sgt. Michael Parker Auxiliary 547 (D7, Mount Morris).

***Legislative – Judy Lefebvre, Chairman*** – Award 1: Citation for participation in this Program.

Award 2: \$25.00 VFW Store Gift Certificate for best promotion of legislative education and member involvement.

***Membership – Karen Mack, Chairman*** – Award 1: Citation for participation in this Program.

Award 3: Second-Place Outstanding Performance Award: \$100 to the Department.

***Award 3 for members: National Membership Achievement Award to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits twenty (20) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021.***

**Monica Ordway** – Frank B. Church Auxiliary 2530 (D6, Wellsville); **James Turner** – Red Hook Auxiliary 7765 (D2).

***Mentoring for Leadership – Chris Leavor, Chairman*** – Award 1: Citation for participation in this Program.

Award 3: Outstanding Performance Award: \$200 to the Department and a keepsake to the Department Chairman.

***Award 1 for members: Citation to the Outstanding New Mentor*** – Deanna Guyette – Dionne Rumble Auxiliary 7227 (D4).

***Scholarships – Darlene Baker, Chairman*** – Award 1: Citation for participation in this Program.

Award 2: \$25 VFW Store Gift Certificate to Chairman for the best promotion of the Scholarships Program.

Award 3: Outstanding Performance Award: \$200 goes to the Department and a keepsake to the Department Chairman.

***Youth Activities – Cindy Winzenried, Chairman*** – Award 1: Citation for participation in this Program.

Award 3: Second-Place Outstanding Performance Award: \$100 to the Department.



**AUXILIARY COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM  
JUDY LEFEBVRE, CHAIRMAN**

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Every American who is old enough to remember knows where they were on September 11, 2001. The exact number of victims is not known but the official death toll at the World Trade Center is 2,977 Americans including 343 firefighters. The twentieth anniversary of 9/11 will not be a day of celebration but it will be a day to **“Reach Out to Help and Honor”** those who lost their lives and the First Responders who never hesitate to help those in their communities.

How can you thank firefighters who rush into burning buildings to save the lives and homes of their neighbors? Or the EMT’s and medical personnel who risk their health to treat others? Or law enforcement officers who step into harm’s way to protect their communities? You can coordinate expressions of appreciation and gratitude with your town or other organizations. They can be as simple as personal “thank you” notes, signs, banners, awards, or as large as “Volunteer of the Year Certificates” presented at dinners (not at the VFW) and parades. Report the number of members, hours donated and take pictures for your year-end collage. **Monetary expenses and similar donations are not reportable.**



Auxiliary Community Outreach National Ambassador Mary Ryser stated that this Program is **“going out into the community and volunteering service”** that benefits that community. The key words are: • **Going out** – leaving one’s house (leaving the VFW property); • **Community** – people living in the same area; • **Volunteering** – freely offering to do a task; • **Service** – the action of helping or doing work for someone. *Example:* If a motion is made at an Auxiliary meeting for a member to mow their own church cemetery – that is **not** reportable. However, if a motion is made to coordinate with the town to mow their community cemetery – that **is** reportable as Auxiliary Community Outreach event since it benefits the entire community and not only the members of one church. Remember to report the number of members involved and total number of hours.

Our members are ... **“Soaring Above and Beyond”** and continue to be ... **“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families.”** At the same time they ... **“Reach Out to Help”** their communities and enhance the Auxiliary image.

Loyally, *Judy*



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***Inspectors, Please be honest when completing the remarks section!***

**District Presidents, You will soon hold your first District meeting of the year. One of the items you must cover at this meeting is a school of instruction for inspectors. Please review the instruction sheets for the inspectors and explain the importance of official visits. Official visits are the only way the Department has to know if an Auxiliary is in need of assistance.**

Inspectors need to be familiar with the directions for their inspections and what items they are to examine and either sign or initial. Familiarize yourself with the questions on the report. When you have completed your visit, review the inspection sheet and be sure all questions are answered. Write your comments about your visit in the remarks section. The Department wants to know about all questions or problems and also know about all the good things an Auxiliary is doing. **Make sure that the CURRENT President and CURRENT Treasurer are the ONLY TWO who are signing the checks!** Send all three copies of the Inspection Report to the District President within 5 to 7 days of the completion of your visit.

District Presidents, you are to appoint inspectors. When the inspection sheets are returned to you, review them and make sure they are complete. If they are not then I will be returning to you for completion. Date the upper right-hand corner and return all copies to me within 5 to 7 days after you receive them. **PLEASE DO NOT HOLD INSPECTIONS UNTIL YOU HAVE SEVERAL TO SEND AT ONCE.**

**The District President is the only one who can appoint an inspector. If a member you appointed cannot complete an inspection, they are to return all materials to the District President who will then appoint a new inspector.**

We are ... **“Soaring Above and Beyond”** ... **“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families.”**

Loyally, *Bonnie, PDP*



**PROGRAM COORDINATOR – PDP IRENE ROHDE, CHAIRMAN**  
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Well another year of program reporting has started. I know most of you know the drill but I will repeat the due dates so the reports that your Auxiliary sends in to the Department Chairmen receive credit on time for the previous month.

- 1<sup>st</sup> of the month – Auxiliary Program Chairman submits reports to the Department Chairman
- 7<sup>th</sup> of the month – Department Chairman submit their report to me
- 10<sup>th</sup> of the month – Program report posted to the Department Website.

Something new this year, if you donate or participate in a program you will get credit for both activities right away. Most programs will have one column D/P.

Please report all that you do. We want to have our Department of New York at 100% reported in all programs. It is not hard to report and this is how we are able to keep our tax-exempt status. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Loyally, *Irene, PDP*

**SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM**

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*“An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.” – Benjamin Franklin*

**Due date reminders:**

Both of the VFW contests that we help to promote:

**Patriot’s Pen** – a 300 to 400-word essay about the theme  
**“How Can I Be A Good American?”**

and the **Voice of Democracy** – a 3 to 5-minute audio-essay about the theme

**“America: Where Do We Go From Here?”**

to be submitted along with a typed version are due at your post by **October 31, 2021**.

Our **Continuing Education Scholarship** is due to National Headquarters by **February 15, 2022** and our **Young American Patriotic Art Contest** will be judged on Patriotic Theme and Technique.

More information about these programs and their applications can be found on the VFW and VFW Auxiliary websites: **www.vfw.org** or **www.vfwaux.org**.

Schools will soon be in session. If you haven’t already contacted them, now is the time to do so. Have you contacted any youth groups such as church groups, sports teams, PTA/PTO, scouts, support groups, grand openings, home schooled agencies, family and friends? Meet with them – explain the benefits – leave applications for them.

I have received several emails asking, How do I get the word out? How do I do it? Find out who is in charge. Call for an appointment – briefly explain your mission to the receptionist and ask who the best person would be to speak with. Meet with them. Briefly explain the benefits of scholarships, teacher awards, and the national recognition.

**“Soaring Above and Beyond”** together, we will accomplish great things along the way as we are ... **“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families.”**

Loyally, *Dolores*

**HOSPITAL PROGRAM**

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*Volunteering is the lifeline of the Hospital Program.*

Did you know that over the past four years the nation has seen a consistent drop in volunteerism at VA facilities, non-VA facilities, veterans homes and skilled nursing homes? Wouldn’t it be great to see our number of volunteers increase? It is important to stay in contact with your VAVS Representative to know what is needed and what changes have been made due to Covid-19.

Please remember that not all Veterans use VA facilities. They can be served at nursing homes, local hospitals in your community, vet centers and clinics. Please be sure to check with each facility regarding rules for visiting and volunteering and commit to becoming a regularly scheduled volunteer. Volunteers are needed every day within our state. Our volunteers create a friendly and caring environment for veterans and their families.

Listed here are a few tips for recruiting and maintaining volunteers:

- Contact volunteers by email or telephone for special events.
- Provide monthly sign-up sheet for regular events.
- Celebrate your volunteers with a thank you event.
- Recognize your hospital volunteers.
- Ask someone to volunteer – they may have never been asked before.

For more information on how to become a volunteer, download the Hospital Program Guide and VAVS Participation Guide at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources). You will find some great ideas!!

We will be ... **“Soaring Above and Beyond”** and ... **“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families.”**

Loyally, *Peggy*



**WAYS AND MEANS PROGRAM – MARCIA MCKINNEY, CHAIRMAN**  
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A big thank you to those who have already sent in their 9-month calendar program tickets.

Envelopes with checks and stubs have been arriving daily. For many years this project has been successful and continues to be successful because you all care for our Veterans. Two sheets (10) of tickets, along with a self-addressed return envelope, were mailed to Auxiliary Presidents in their packet. Anyone can purchase tickets. If you need more tickets, or are not able to attend an Auxiliary meeting and would like to purchase them for a chance to win, please contact me and I will make sure you get tickets!

A donation of \$5.00 per ticket gets you in the 9-month running of \$100.00 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month October to May and \$200.00 at the June Department Convention. The seller receives \$20.00 for each winning ticket. The first drawing will be held at the Fall Conference in Albany. Make checks payable to VFW Auxiliary Department of NY earmarked 9-month calendar raffle and mail the check and stubs back to me. At Fall Conference I will have a large container for all the ticket stubs sold so far. Wouldn't it be exciting if you won the first drawing? So be sure to get those tickets off to me as soon as you have your first meeting – and your Auxiliary will receive program participation credit.

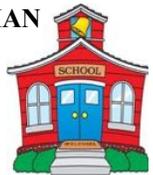
I have received inquiries about the “Think Green” raffle tickets which will be available at Fall Conference. Several people have already indicated they would like more tickets to sell. This tells me we should have a great raffle. If you would like tickets to sell, see me at conference to pick them up. Each Auxiliary will also have tickets to sell. I really appreciate the positive response to the raffles this year. Thinking outside the box with a new idea is sometimes difficult, but let's see where it goes. Wouldn't it be nice to hear your name called out as a winner?! Ticket sales begin at Fall Conference and continue right up until the Convention in June. Let's make it a sell-out money raffle. Think Green!!!

Those who have already sent in their checks will be receiving credit on the Program Report that comes out soon. Let's see how many x's we can get on the first report. Looking forward to receiving your stubs and checks in the mail. Let's all show our support to our Veterans. Loyalty, Marcia

“Soaring Above and Beyond” and ... “United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families.”



**AMERICANISM PROGRAM / PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR – DORIS “DEE” IPPOLITO, CHAIRMAN**  
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***Back to school means it's time to TEACH about September patriotic holidays!***

- Write your lesson plans now and **Teach** our Auxiliary members, our community and our students about:
- September 11<sup>th</sup> – Patriot Day – Remember those who gave all when America was attacked 20 years ago.
- September 17<sup>th</sup> – POW/MIA Recognition Day – the third Friday in September (September 17, 2021).
  - Honors the sacrifice and commitment made by our Country's prisoners of war and those missing in action.
  - One of six holidays specified by national law on which the black POW/MIA flag shall be flown over federal facilities and cemeteries, post offices and military installations.
- September 26<sup>th</sup> – Honoring Gold Star Mothers and Families – Fly the US flag and hold appropriate ceremonies to show our country's gratitude and respect for their losses.



- September is “Military Suicide Awareness” month. Wear a blue teardrop on your shirt/blouse to help all know that the pandemic has been especially hard on our Veterans. We still lose 20+ Veterans per day to suicide. Find the blue teardrop at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources) under the Hospital Program.

➤ **#AUXILIARYPATRIOTISM** – *Wreaths Across America*

- For the past few years, the Department of New York has assisted “Wreaths Across America” in placing wreaths on graves of Veterans in National Cemeteries on the third Saturday in December (December 18, 2021).
- For \$15.00 one wreath will be placed on a grave in a National Cemetery of your choice or 3 wreaths for \$30.00. Information and donation form were included in the President's Packets.

➤ **#AUXILIARYPATRIOTISM** – *“In Lieu of cards”*

- The Department will again have a holiday poster available for you to sign for \$5.00. The poster will be displayed at Fall Conference and sent to troops overseas. Information and donation form were mailed in the President's Packets.

➤ Report **Now** on social media and use **#AUXILIARYPATRIOTISM**.

- If you do not know how to use **#AUXILIARYPATRIOTISM** in reporting, call or email me.
- All questions respectfully answered!

“Soaring Above and Beyond” and ... “United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families.” Loyalty, **Dee**



**MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM – CHRIS LEAVOR, CHAIRMAN**  
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The Olympic Games in Tokyo may have gotten off to a rocky start, but the New York Olympic Membership competition has gotten off to an OLYMPIAN start. Auxiliaries are already reporting their membership drives and there is still time to report a membership drive before October 1<sup>st</sup> to receive their Bronze Olympic Medal.

The qualifying event for the 50-yard dash award was completed September 1<sup>st</sup>. All Auxiliaries that retained and processed at least 30% of their annual members were entered into a drawing to receive a \$100.00 prize. To be sure you understand what your retention goal is, add your continuous annual, your new annual, and your rejoined annual members as of June 30, 2021. That is your total annual membership. You Do Not have to wait for Department to send dues notices ... INVEST some of your Auxiliary time by making contacts and save on postage for your members!

Qualifications for the next game have already begun. **Vaulting into the Membership Year Award** requires **85% in membership processed by October 15, 2021**. All Auxiliaries who meet this goal will be entered into the drawing to receive \$50.00. In addition, if the winning Auxiliary has at least **50% of its annual members** paid as well, that Auxiliary will receive an additional \$50.00, for \$100.00 total. Remember ... our goal is to **RETAIN** those annual members. New annual members do not count toward your retention goals.

National Membership Ambassador Debbie Tilley reminds us to **INCLUDE** and **INVEST** in our members. Make our members feel like they are part of the organization. Just because they do not attend meetings does not mean they do not want to help our veterans. Ask them to be part of a project you are planning. Call, text, email or send smoke signals! **INCLUDE** them and let them know you welcome their input in whatever capacity they feel able to participate. **INVEST** in your members. Maybe it's a tea for members who paid their dues this month or a small birthday cake and coffee celebration for those who had a birthday this month. Or perhaps it involves an incentive to encourage members to pay those dues early, such as a discount or reward.

Lastly, please take a look at the Year-end Membership Program Report in your Guidebook (page 43). As your Auxiliary membership committee is working to retain members, be sure to keep track of the number of phone calls, emails, letters/postcards, social media and face-to-face contacts made. I need those numbers to report to the National organization for Department President Ruth.

Loyally, *Chris*

**“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families” “Soaring Above and Beyond.”**



**MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**  
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Dear Members,

One way of encouraging our new members to participate in the VFW Auxiliary is by asking them to be a Program Chairman. Many times the President is the one doing all of the reporting. Presidents should make a point of asking different members if they would like to be a Program Chairman. Get to know your members' interests and try to pair them with a program that may suit their interests. Do you have a member that coaches youth soccer? They might be interested in being the Youth Activities Chairman. One of your members may be a nurse. They might enjoy chairing the Hospital Program.

Let your Program Chairman know that being a chairman does not mean having to do all the work themselves. Let your members' creative juices flow when coming up with an idea for a project. The chairman should then form a committee of those who want to help with the project. If money is needed to complete the project, it should be requested in the form of a motion and voted on at an Auxiliary meeting and recorded in the minutes.

Program Chairmen should keep track of the activity, number of members, monies spent, hours spent planning, decorating, cleaning up, etc. This will not only help the Auxiliary Chairman when they report to the Department Chairman, but can also serve as a record of how successful the project was. Make sure Auxiliary Program Chairmen have access to the Department and National Program Guidebooks so they are aware of deadlines, required Program Projects and available awards.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Loyally, *Tamara*

**“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families” as we are ... “Soaring Above and Beyond.”**

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*

August 15, 2021

Dear VFW Auxiliary Members:

On behalf of President Ruth Huber, the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York cordially invites you to attend the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York annual Fall Conference on Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the

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

**The VFW room rate is \$117.00 per night. For reservations call toll-free (888) 236-2427.**

**You must make room reservations by September 22, 2021 to receive the VFW group rate.**

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 Saturday, October 9 at 8:30 AM. The Fall Conference Business Session will begin immediately following the C of A meeting.

***All members in good standing are invited and encouraged to attend.***

Fall Conference registration will begin on Friday, October 8, 2021 from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM and on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM. Advance registration is \$8.00 and the cost of registration at the door is \$10.00. The deadline for advance registration is **September 30, 2021.**

***Note: Be sure to allow sufficient time for USPS delivery.***

A Testimonial Dinner, in honor of Past Commander-in-Chief William “Doc” Schmitz along with Past Department Commanders Thomas Todaro and Thomas Howard and Past Department Aux. Presidents Debbie Casella and Mary Makosky, is scheduled for Friday, October 8, 2021 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM with a cocktail hour commencing at 5:00 PM. The cost of the dinner is \$45.00 per person (dinner reservation form is enclosed). Business casual attire is requested – please no jeans! ***Reservations MUST be received at VFW Headquarters no later than September 30, 2021. Please be sure to allow sufficient time for USPS delivery. Dinner tickets will be available to be picked up at the VFW Registration table.***

Due to the increase in cost, the Auxiliary will **NOT** host a luncheon at the 2021 Fall Conference.

On Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM there will be a Reception in the Albany Marriott Grand Ballroom in honor of State Commander Michael Hoag and Department President Ruth Huber, in conjunction with Commander Hoag’s Homecoming. The event will include a cash bar with complimentary drink tokens and heavy hors d’oeuvres. Business casual attire is requested – please no jeans! **THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS RECEPTION. RSVP IS REQUIRED!**

***RSVP by September 30, 2021 to Jody Treadway at: [JTreadway@VFWNY.com](mailto:JTreadway@VFWNY.com).***

On Saturday, October 9, 2021, from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM, VFW and VFW Auxiliary members will take the opportunity for a 22-minute walk/run to increase public awareness on veteran suicide. HUMANA will donate \$1,500 as a sponsorship donation to the project. Information and donation form is included in this conference packet.

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

Together we will be ... ***“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families.”***

Loyally,

***Deborah L. Cenni***

Deborah L. Cenni, Secretary  
VFW Auxiliary Department of New York

**VFW DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**  
**COMMANDER and PRESIDENT**  
**2021-2022**



Reception Honoring

State Commander Michael Hoag

Department President Ruth Huber

at

Commander Hoag's Homecoming

6:00 PM Saturday October 9, 2021

Cash bar with complimentary drink tokens

Heavy hors d'oeuvres

Entertainment

Grand Ballroom Albany Marriott

RSVP by September 30, 2021 to  
Jody Treadway at [JTreadway@VFWNY.com](mailto:JTreadway@VFWNY.com)

**THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS RECEPTION – RSVP IS REQUIRED!  
BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE IS REQUESTED – PLEASE NO JEANS!**



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



**FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION ~ October 8 and 9, 2021 ~ Albany Marriott**

**Advance Registration: \$8.00 per person ~ \$10.00 on site ~ Advance Registration Deadline: September 30, 2021**

Please make checks payable to: VFW Auxiliary Dept. of NY earmarked: **“Registration”**

USPS mail your check with this completed form to:

**PDP Karen Dotson, Registration Chairman – 19 Calgary Lane – Binghamton, NY 13901**

<u>Aux</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>County Council</u>	<u>Name (Print)</u>	<u>Title</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Total No. of Advance Registrations:** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$8.00 per person = Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_

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



**PRESIDENT’S PURSE**

Dear Members,

Each year, a President’s Purse presentation is made to our National President and Department President.

The Department of New York is again asking for your donation toward the 2021-2022 “Thank You” gift for President Ruth Huber’s **“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families”** and National President Jean Hamil’s **“Soaring Above and Beyond”** Auxiliary year.

Please make checks payable to: VFW Auxiliary Dept. of NY earmarked: **“President’s Purse”**

USPS mail your check with this completed form to:

**PDP Karen Dotson, President’s Purse Chairman – 19 Calgary Lane – Binghamton, NY 13901**

Aux. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. No. \_\_\_\_\_ County Council \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your generous donation!*



**FALL CONFERENCE  
ALBANY, NEW YORK  
OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>-9<sup>TH</sup> 2021**



**TESTIMONIAL DINNER  
Friday – October 8, 2021**

**HONORING**

**Past Commander-in-Chief William "Doc" Schmitz  
Past Department Commander Thomas Todaro  
Past Department Commander Thomas Howard  
Past Department President Debbie Casella  
Past Department President Mary Makosky**

Marriott Hotel – Ballroom, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, New York

**Cocktails (Cash Bar): 5:00 – 6:00 PM     Dinner: 6:00 PM**

\$ 45.00 per person

Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings – mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetable

The above selection served with Warm Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Tea  
Apple pie for dessert

RSVP Required

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 – NO EXCEPTIONS**

POST/AUX	County Council	District	Name	Address	Title

Number of Dinner Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 ea. \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:** Department of New York, Veterans of Foreign Wars  
**MAIL FORM & CHECK TO:** 69 Sand Creek Road, Albany, New York 12205



**Humana.**

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**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
*And its Auxiliaries***



***THEY MARCHED FOR US . . . WE  
WALK FOR THEM!***

In Support of Veteran Suicide Awareness

\$1.00 Registration going to Homeless Veterans Project to Assist  
in Suicide Prevention Awareness – Commander's Special  
Project & Post Awards

***STOP 22 WALK-A-THON***

***At the Department of NY Fall Conference  
Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Rd., Albany, NY  
Saturday, October 9, 2021 - 3:30 PM***

## ***Saturday, October 9, 2021***

*Stop 22 is a partnership initiative between the Department of NY Veterans of Foreign Wars and one of the nations leading health and well-being companies HUMANA to increase awareness of Veterans committing suicide – 22 each day.*

*On Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the Dept of NY Fall Conference and at every Post in the Department and throughout the month of October, VFW and Auxiliary members will take the opportunity for a 22 minute walk/run to increase public awareness on veteran suicide. HUMANA will donate \$1,500 as a sponsorship donation to the project.*

*Each Post which desires to participate will register participants on the attached sheet and collect \$1.00 per participant, a portion of which will go to the Commander's Homeless Veterans Special Project in support of Homeless Veterans to assist in PTSD/Suicide Prevention & Awareness and a monetary award to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place Post with the most participants who conduct a Stop 22 walk or run on the same day.*

*\$500.00 to First Place Post*

*\$250.00 to the Second Place Post*

*\$100.00 to the Third Place Post*

*Registration sheet and photographs must be submitted to Dept HQ by November 16, 2021 to be considered in the contest. Each post at the Fall Conference will be considered an individual entrant so bring as many members as you like to boost your Posts chances of winning and increasing the numbers in support of suicide awareness. Participants in the walk will need NOT be VFW or Auxillary members – the public is invited to participate!*





**“BUDDY”® POPPY**

**VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN  
KAREN SCHEUNEMAN, CHAIRMAN  
126 VISTA DRIVE – ARCADE, NY 14009**



**Telephone: (585) 492-1994 – Email: wdstock90@yahoo.com**

Members,

We are just beginning to realized and feel the impact of lost fundraising opportunities for our Auxiliaries, Posts and VFW National Home for Children. To conceive new ideas for our fundraising campaigns, one approach is to....



**Think Outside the Box**

**And ZATZ is the letter I use to spell Zatz-it  
Whose nose is so high that most nobody pats it...  
So, to get there and do it, I built an invention:  
The Three-Seater Zatz-it Nose-Patting Extension.  
~ On Beyond Zebra!**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home for Children provides children, youth and families of Veterans, Active-duty Military and members of the VFW and its Auxiliary opportunities for growth and development in a nurturing community. The VFW National Home for Children serves as a living memorial to all Veterans.

Become a patriotic supporter by helping struggling Military and Veteran Families overcome great challenges and recover from the wounds of war. Honor the memory of America’s war heroes and the values that they fought to uphold with your Auxiliary’s contribution.

The VFW National Home for Children receives no government funding, so it’s only with your Auxiliary’s generous donation that this organization is able to assist these families.

Please ensure your Auxiliary donates at least \$.10 per member based on June 30, 2021 membership quota to the Health & Happiness Fund. Increase your Auxiliary’s donation to \$.25 or more and receive a citation from National Headquarters.

Donations may be processed by Treasurers directly in MALTA at [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org) under Treasurer’s Duties. To donate by mail, send a check earmarked Health & Happiness Fund Donation to:

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters  
Attn: Health & Happiness Fund Donations  
406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Kansas City, MO 6411

Remember that your gift will have a tremendous impact in the lives of our Military and Veteran Families who are struggling to rebuild their lives at the VFW National Home for Children’s campus in Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

**Be Proactive**

**UMESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot,  
Nothing is go to get better.  
It’s not.**

~The Lorax



Loyally, *Karen*



**“Soaring Above and Beyond”  
“United to Defend the Freedoms  
of Veterans and Their Families”**



**YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM  
CINDY WINZENRIED, CHAIRMAN  
40 GROTON PKY ~ ROCHESTER, NY 14623  
Telephone: (585) 230-9022  
Email: [cindy@wwtruckn.com](mailto:cindy@wwtruckn.com)**

Dear Auxiliary Members, September brings many changes. Students return to the classroom, the weather gets cooler, leaves turn color. We recognize our patriot’s, Constitution Day, POW/MIA’s and our Gold Star Mother’s and Families. Students are renewed from summer, are looking forward to learning new concepts and stretching their imagination. The Patriotism through Literacy Program is a staple in promoting and supporting reading. What better way to start the new school year off right than to provide your local library with a gift card to enhance the education of our patriotic holidays!

You are all encouraged to continue promoting the following for the Youth Activities Program:

- **“Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!”** – An opportunity for youth in grades K-12 to showcase their vocal talent and demonstrate their patriotism and creativity by singing *“The Star-Spangled Banner.”*
- **Illustrating America** – Open to K – 8 students, including public, private, parochial and home-schooled students. Art entries will be judged on patriotic theme and technique.
- **Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans** – This gives Auxiliaries the opportunity to engage with a youth group in service projects to assist veterans, service members and their families. Youth groups are not limited to: school clubs, sports teams, JROTC, Girl/Boy Scout Troops, faith-based youth groups and homeschool association groups.
- **Patriotic Youth Award** – The Patriotic Youth Award allows an Auxiliary to **recognize** the youth in your local community.

*Quick Reminder ... Fall District Meeting* – Auxiliaries are requested to donate new hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves to youth in your community. Auxiliaries should bring those items to their Fall District Meeting. Donated items will benefit a local homeless shelter or elementary, middle, or high school. District Presidents should send me a report to indicate participating Auxiliaries in this project.

*Sharing SWAP Ideas ...* This is a perfect opportunity for our Auxiliaries to contact their local middle and high schools. Many of the students are required to volunteer service hours in their local community. Students can help with yard clean-up, set-up and clean-up of a special event at your post home, or create birthday cards for hospitalized/homebound veterans. Lastly, the donation of school supplies are always a welcome addition at your local food pantries.

Contact me if you have questions or need copies of the applications for the programs identified above.

I look forward to receiving your reports this year to learn the variety of ways your Auxiliary works with our youth. Thank you in advance for your support.

We are ... **“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families”** by ... **“Soaring Above and Beyond.”**  
Loyally, *Cindy*



# Eagles Nest

HISTORIAN / MEDIA RELATIONS PROGRAM

KELLIANNE KENNEDY, CHAIRMAN

315 ANCHORS WAY ~ WINDER, GA 30680

Telephone: (518) 744-8978

Email: [kelliannekennedy@hotmail.com](mailto:kelliannekennedy@hotmail.com)

## *I'm Keeping an Eagle Eye on the Eagle's Nest*

It's the beginning of a new Program Year and a time for us to think about why we joined and how we, as members and as an Auxiliary, make a difference. There is a popular saying, "In order to know where we're going, you need to know where we've been."

Things change all the time. I find it interesting to look at scrapbooks or pictures on the wall to see how things have changed through the years. If we don't have someone taking pictures or writing down what has taken place, how can we show our children how things use to be? Change could be how the VFW Auxiliary looked 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 or 75 years ago compared to how it currently looks. That is why it's so important to document the history of our Department through both written and photographic methods.

### **Tell your story through Traditional or Digital Media:**

**Traditional Memory Keeping** may consist of newspapers, scrapbooks, television, radio, magazines, door hangers and/or event flyers.

**Digital Media Record Keeping** consists of websites and social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Snap Chat and TikTok.

As you can see there are many different types of ways to communicate with people. These will help you keep track of events that are happening in your Auxiliary, County Council, District and Department. Even though you might not have heard of all these, they are still ways people might use to communicate with one another. I completely understand if you do not know how each one works. To be honest, I don't use several of these methods, but my nieces and nephews do!

I want to **Thank You** for all your support. This program won First Place in our division at National Convention and I am so proud of that. The membership of our great state is why this happened. Who knew that the Historian from New York, who hasn't even lived in the state for over a year and during a pandemic, would even place in the National awards? I live in Georgia and never took one single picture on my phone! The membership, Auxiliaries and Officers made me a successful chairman. ***If you believe in something you can achieve it!*** Jr. Past President Mary Makosky believed in me. Thank you.

It is an honor to serve as Department Historian / Media Relations Chairman this year and I will do so with much excitement!

**"United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families"** will provide us with wonderful memories while ... **"Soaring Above and Beyond."**

Loyally, *Kellianne*



CHIEF OF STAFF

PDP KAREN A. DOTSON, CHAIRMAN

19 CALGARY LANE ~ BINGHAMTON, NY 13901

Telephone: (607) 648-9271 – Email: [kdvfwaux@aol.com](mailto:kdvfwaux@aol.com)

Dear Auxiliary Members, Each Auxiliary year we have first time Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers. As members, we need to extend a welcoming hand to help these Officers as they learn the duties of the position to which they were elected. I ask that all members support their Officers during the year. I encourage that all members, especially Auxiliary Presidents, purchase and become familiar with the current Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual. This is available to purchase from the VFW Store at: [VFWStore.org](http://VFWStore.org).

HOT OFF THE PRESS – ***"Did You Know"*** training session scheduled for September has been postponed until October. OTI was rescheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2021.

Commonly Asked Questions on Roundtable, Contemporary Meetings and Auxiliary Minutes.

Q1. What is a Roundtable Meeting?

(Refer to the Podium Edition Ritual page 9.)

Ans. This meeting version includes no floor work or ritual, and is designed to use members' time as efficiently as possible.

Ans. B. The following items **MUST** be included:

Check Dues Cards; Roll Call of Officers; Opening Prayer; Pledge; Minutes and Communications; Treasurer's Report; Old Business; New Business; Closing Prayer.

Q2. What is a Contemporary Meeting?

(Refer to the Podium Edition Ritual page 10.)

Ans. **NO** floor work is done with this version.

Ans. B. Refer to the Podium Edition Ritual page 10 for the Auxiliary Order of Business.

Q3. Can an Auxiliary distribute its Official Minutes prior to an Auxiliary meeting?

Ans. **YES!** Auxiliary members may vote to distribute the meeting Minutes in advance. This reduces the amount of time necessary to read minutes during a meeting.

Ans. B. ***YES, Auxiliary meeting minutes may be emailed!***

Also, it is not necessary for the Auxiliary Secretary to read every word of communications that are received!

**Auxiliary Presidents** are encouraged to review and utilize the "R U Healthy Checklist" included in the President's packet that was USPS mailed in June. Promote the **"Good Job Award"** to your Auxiliary members and thank them for supporting VFW Auxiliary goals and programs which make a difference in the lives of our Veterans and their families.

Thank you to all members for supporting the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York team as we are ... **"Soaring Above and Beyond"** and are always ... **"United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and their Families."**

Loyally, *Karen, PDP*



**VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT – KAREN MACK, CHAIRMAN**

**PO BOX 71 ~ GERRY, NY 14740**

**Telephone: (716) 985-1000 – NEW Email: teddybears2016@outlook.com**



Dear Sisters and Brothers, It was a relief when New Yorker's could resume many of their normal activities. However, it appears the Covid Delta variant may affect our activities in the near future.

I encourage you to follow the safety guidelines. Remember! Our Veterans made many sacrifices to ensure our freedoms. Pandemic or no pandemic – their needs never stop or return to normal. Our Veterans and their families are depending on us! By thinking outside of the box I know the Department of New York will succeed!

***New this year from National!*** National now requires that every Auxiliary MUST complete at least one project, activity or donation that benefits Veterans by April 30, 2022. If your Auxiliary has sponsored an activity or made a donation to support Veterans ... ***PLEASE REPORT IT NOW!*** ***Please note my NEW EMAIL ADDRESS ABOVE!***

Refer to the Program Guidebook for more information and details concerning the following Veterans' issues:

**Veteran and Family Caregivers** The VA has many services to assist caregivers within the VA System. For information, visit [caregiver.va.gov](http://caregiver.va.gov). Spouses can now file to receive benefits for being a Veteran's caregiver.

**Women Veterans** need VA's able to care for them when they are transitioning back to civilian life.

**Homeless Veterans** Approximately 10% (67,000) of the homeless population are Veterans. Auxiliaries are asked to sponsor a project that will benefit homeless Veterans.

**National Veterans Service (NVS)** – provides a nationwide network of VFW Service Officers to help veterans and their family members navigate the Veterans Affairs system to obtain VA benefits.

You can donate on the Donation Report Form or mail a check payable to "VFW" earmarked "NVS" to:  
VFW National Headquarters – Attn: NVS  
406 West 34th St – 11th Floor – Kansas City, MO 64111

**VFW Veterans and Military Support Program** – Three separate programs fall under this one main category:

**Military Assistance Program (MAP)** – Offers ways for Posts, Districts and Departments to sponsor morale-boosting send-off's, homecomings and casual get-togethers.

**Unmet Needs** – provides up to \$1,500 to bridge the gap to cover unexpected bills. Funds are sent directly to creditors.

**"Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship"** Awards up to \$5,000 to qualifying veterans and service members to help them complete their educational goals.

**Veteran & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health**

**Awareness** – 20 Veterans commit suicide each day. Know the warning signs of suicide. Many resources are listed in the Program Guidebook.

**The Veterans Crisis Line** is a confidential toll-free hotline available 24/7/365 that connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified responders.

**Call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 – Chat online at [veteranscrisisline.net](http://veteranscrisisline.net) – Send a text message to 838255**

I hope to see you at Fall Conference as we are all ... **"United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families."**

With your continued support we will honor our Veterans while ... **"Soaring Above and Beyond."** Loyally, *Karen*



**CANCER GRANT DONATION FUND – LINDA FLANAGAN, CHAIRMAN**

**155 BRIGGS STREET ~ SYRACUSE, NY 13208**

**Telephone: (315) 475-7526 – Email: [lindaflanagan@hotmail.com](mailto:lindaflanagan@hotmail.com)**

***Early detection may save your life!***



***Awareness for September includes: Leukemia – Lymphoma – Childhood Cancer – Uterine Cancer***

Cancer is a never-ending battle. If something does not seem right, get it checked. Early detection saves lives!

One of the benefits of belonging to this great Organization is the availability for members to apply for a \$550.00 Cancer Grant. This is a gift from the Auxiliary and never has to be repaid. Be sure to use the current Cancer Grant Application which can be found on the National website, in the Program Guidebook on page 52 or by contacting me.

Cancer tickets are coming in slowly. The VFW Auxiliary depends on you and your Auxiliary to sustain funding for the Cancer Grant Fund. Tickets, along with a self-addressed envelope, were included in President's Packets. One ticket for each member – based on the June 30, 2021 quota. The

requested donation is \$2.00 per member. Contact me if you need more tickets. ***Please support this project.***

**Fall Conference** is scheduled for October 8 and 9 at the Marriott Hotel in Albany. Hope to see you there!

Three Cancer Grant Fund tickets will be drawn. Make sure you send your tickets to be entered! Use sufficient postage!

♥ **First – \$75.00** ♥ **Second – \$50.00** ♥ **Third – \$25.00**

**Each DISTRICT** is asked to bring an "eagle" item to be raffled. ***"In Memory of"*** and ***"In Honor of"*** Luminaries will be available for a donation of \$5.00 each. Candy bars and various Cancer awareness ribbons will also be available.

Thank you to all Auxiliaries that have returned Cancer Grant Fund tickets and donation and met their requested quota.

**"United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families" "Soaring Above and Beyond."** Loyally, *Linda*



**INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE CHOSEN BY  
2021-2022 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN  
DARLENE BAKER**

Dear Members,

Let us put trust in each of us as we move the mountains to grow our organization, bond with our community, family and friends and remind us to stand ...

**“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families”**  
and continue ... **“Soaring Above and Beyond.”**

Loyally, *Darlene*



**LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM – BELINDA COLE, CHAIRMAN**  
**6 BEECH STREET ~ HUDSON FALLS, NY 12839**

**Telephone: (518) 260-1694 – Email: belinkisses@gmail.com**

**EDUCATE! PARTICPATE! AND GET OTHERS INVOLVED!**



Hello Brothers and Sisters! We are well on our way! I have already received MANY reports. Keep them coming! Remember our focus is to **EDUCATE, PARTICIPATE and GET OTHERS INVOLVED.** One of the best ways to get *educated* is to make sure your members sign up for the



Action Corps Weekly Newsletter. Don't just sign up to receive it, but open and read it when it arrives! The information contained in the newsletter will keep you informed of all the legislation that is important to the VFW. Sign-up by visiting [vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts](http://vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts), click on Action Corps Button, then enter your email address and mailing zip code.

I have been working alongside the VFW Legislative Chairman for New York. At this time, and so long as COVID stays at bay, there is a plan to sponsor a “Go to the Hill” event in conjunction with our Fall Conference planned in October in Albany. More information and details about this event will be sent out as soon as it is available.

The VFW has requested that one Legislative Program Representative from each District Auxiliary attend the event. There will be a limited number of participants allowed due to the small size of the rooms. A much larger Legislative assembly is being planned for February 2022. I will send details as they are made available to me.

In the meantime, familiarize yourself with the legislation in the Action Corps Weekly newsletter pertaining to our Veterans. Start reaching out to your local senators and other government officials. If we all unite, we can make a big difference for our Veterans. Remember to report monthly about everything you do to promote legislation.

Let's be the voice that helps our 22 million Veterans as we are ... **“Soaring Above and Beyond”** as we stand ... **“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families.”** Loyally, *Belinda*



**Community Outreach Program**

Several members of VFW Auxiliary to Little Valley Post 8734 recently volunteered in conjunction with Little Valley Area Youth Committee by parking cars to raise monies for the local youth programs.

Shown in photo left to right are: Cash Campbell, Dept President Ruth Huber, Melinda Nichols and Kristin Stoll.

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> – Marianne McLane – Dept. President 1996-1997  
Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – Rose Cooper – Dept. Jr. Vice 2021-2022



**2021-2022**

**DEPARTMENT LINE OFFICERS**

President ~ Ruth Huber  
Sr. Vice President ~ Lisa Rapley  
Jr. Vice President ~ Rose Cooper  
Secretary ~ Deborah L. Cenni  
Treasurer ~ Kim White  
Chaplain ~ Darlene Baker  
Conductress ~ Justine Robles  
Guard ~ Belinda Cole

**2021-2022 DISTRICT PRESIDENTS**

District 1 ~ Margie Ginn  
District 2 ~ Donna Caudy  
District 3 ~ Belinda Cole  
District 4 ~ Karen Kravec  
District 5 ~ Agnes Stampf  
District 6 ~ Ann Ferguson  
District 7 ~ Ron Boyd  
District 8 ~ Charlene Hooper  
District 9 ~ Jeff Platt



**VFW AUXILIARY ~ DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
 PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT – LINDA LaROSA, CHAIRMAN  
 NATIONAL VETERANS GOLDEN AGE GAMES  
 501 BLUESTONE COURT – APT. 204 ~ MAYBROOK, NY 12543  
 Telephone: (914) 805-2743 – Email: llarosa60@gmail.com**



Ruth Huber's year as VFW Auxiliary Department of New York President for 2021–2022 has just begun. Ruth chose National Veterans Golden Age Games as her Special Project. To support this project, t-shirts and hoodie sweatshirts will be available for sale in a variety of sizes.

**T-shirts – \$12 each** for sizes Small, Medium, Large, X-Large – **\$16 each** for sizes 2X, 3X or 4X  
**Long-sleeved Hoodie Sweatshirts: \$28 each** for sizes Small, Medium, Large, X-Large  
**\$32 each** for 2X, 3X or 4X

Purchase a **SET and save \$5!** (*T-shirt and long-sleeved hoodie sweatshirt must be the same size.*)  
**\$35 Set** for size Small, Medium, Large, X-Large – **\$43 Set** for size 2X, 3X or 4X

**ORDERS WILL BE DELIVERED AT FALL CONFERENCE UNLESS OTHER  
 ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE, BY CONTACTING LINDA LaROSA IN ADVANCE!**



**COMPLETE THE ORDER FORM BELOW.**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: VFW AUX DEPT OF NY ~ EARMARKED SHIRTS**

**MAIL FORM AND CHECKS TO:**

**LINDA LaROSA ~ 501 BLUESTONE COURT – APT. 204 ~ MAYBROOK, NY 12543**

**ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
 OCTOBER 1, 2021 – ORDERS WILL BE DELIVERED AT FALL CONFERENCE**

**Indicate the number of t-shirts, hoodie sweatshirts or sets for each size:**

T-Shirts	Long-Sleeved Hoodie Sweatshirt	Set (T-shirt & Hoodie)
Small: _____ @ \$12 = _____	Small: _____ @ \$28 = _____	Small _____ @ \$35 = _____
Medium: _____ @ \$12 = _____	Medium: _____ @ \$28 = _____	Med _____ @ \$35 = _____
Large: _____ @ \$12 = _____	Large: _____ @ \$28 = _____	Large _____ @ \$35 = _____
X-Large: _____ @ \$12 = _____	X-Large: _____ @ \$28 = _____	X-Lg _____ @ \$35 = _____
2X-Large: _____ @ \$16 = _____	2X-Large: _____ @ \$32 = _____	2-XL _____ @ \$43 = _____
3X-Large: _____ @ \$16 = _____	3X-Large: _____ @ \$32 = _____	3-XL _____ @ \$43 = _____
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Auxiliary Number \_\_\_\_\_ CC \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

No. of T-shirts \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Sweatshirts \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Sets \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Dollar Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person who will pick up shirts \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

***Order by October 1, 2021. Shirts will be distributed at Fall Conference***

**“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families!”**

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**FALL CONFERENCE**

**OCTOBER 8 and 9, 2021**

**ALBANY MARRIOTT HOTEL**

**THIS *AUXILIARY NEWS* INCLUDES  
FALL CONFERENCE INFORMATION.**

**THERE WILL NOT BE A SEPARATE FALL  
CONFERENCE PACKET USPS MAILED!**

**BE SURE TO PAY ATTENTION  
TO DEADLINES ... *AND* ...  
ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR USPS  
DELIVERY (Suggested 5 Days Minimum)**

***SEPTEMBER 22 DEADLINE ...***

- *Room reservation to receive group rate*

***SEPTEMBER 30 DEADLINE ...***

- *Conference Advance Registration Form*
- *VFW Testimonial Dinner Reservation*

- *RSVP for Reception Honoring  
VFW State Commander Hoag and  
VFW Auxiliary Department President Huber*

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**PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT – LINDA LaROSA, CHAIRMAN  
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President Ruth's Special Project is something very special –  
**National Veterans Golden Age Games.**

***All fundraising proceeds for Ruth's Special Project will benefit Veterans from every VA hospital in New York.***

The National Veterans Golden Age Games is the premier senior adaptive rehabilitation program in the United States, and the only national multi-event sports and recreational seniors' competition program designed to improve the quality of life for all older Veterans, including those with a wide range of abilities and disabilities. The National Veterans Golden Age Games (NVGAG) is one of the most progressive and adaptive rehabilitative senior sports programs in the world. The Games serve as a qualifying event for competition in the National Senior Games in a number of competitive events.

As a result of COVID and the pandemic, the 2021 Games were held virtually via webinars and live online. Technology can be very frustrating at times, but this time technology nailed it! Nearly 700 Veterans participated nationwide. There were sessions for sports competitions, as well as health and wellness and artistic performances.

You can Google "National Veterans Golden Age Games" to find websites and blog posts and access more information about this program. Hopefully, the Games scheduled for July 2022 Games will be held in-person in Sioux Falls, South Dakota!!!

Our first fundraising project for this year will be the sale of t-shirts and hoodie sweatshirts. An order form can be found on page 11 of this *Auxiliary News* (the reverse page of this article). I am planning to attend the Fall Conference in Albany and will be delivering all pre-ordered shirts. If you need other arrangements for delivery, please email me. Loyally, *Linda*

By supporting the **National Veterans Golden Age Games** we are ... **"Soaring Above and Beyond"**  
and always remaining ... **"United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families!"**