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**APRIL 2022 ~ ESOPHAGEAL ~  
TESTICULAR ~ HEAD AND NECK  
CANCER AWARENESS**

- 1 CHAIRMEN MUST RECEIVE YEAR-END PROGRAM REPORTS
- 1 APRIL FOOLS' DAY
- 9 FIRST POW/MIA DAY – 1979
- 10 PRESIDENT'S YEAR-END REPORTS MUST BE POSTMARKED 15 TO 23 ~ PASSOVER
- ~ SUNDOWN TO NIGHTFALL ~
- 15 YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART ENTRIES ARE DUE
- 17 HAPPY EASTER!
- 19 OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING 9:02 AM (LOCAL TIME) – 1995
- 22 EARTH DAY – SINCE 1970
- 29 ARBOR DAY – SINCE 1872
- MAY ~ BRAIN TUMOR ~ SKIN ~  
BLADDER ~ URINARY TRACT  
CANCER AWARENESS**
- 1 LOYALTY DAY ~ SINCE 1955
- 8 MOTHER'S DAY ~ SINCE 1914
- 15 ARMED FORCES DAY  
ARMY, MARINE CORPS, NAVY  
AIR FORCE, SPACE FORCE  
AND COAST GUARD ~ SINCE 1950
- 17 NYS PUBLIC SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE ~ YOUR VOTE COUNTS!
- 30 MEMORIAL DAY –  
~ OBSERVED AND TRADITIONAL ~
- JUNE ~ CANCER SURVIVORS**
- 8 – 12 DEPT CONVENTION
- 14 FLAG DAY
- 19 FATHER'S DAY ~ SINCE 1908
- 21 SUMMER ARRIVES ~ 5:14 AM

**AUXILIARY NEWS ~ April 2022**  
*Visit the Department of New York Website: [www.vfwauxny.org](http://www.vfwauxny.org)*



Dear Auxiliary Members,

As we edge closer to the end of our year, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the wonderful work you are doing for all our Veterans.

For some of our Auxiliaries, it has been a slow process getting back into the swing of things. All Auxiliaries should now be holding in-person monthly meetings. Refer to Bylaws Sec. 210–Meetings, Regular and Special. • **Monthly business meetings are encouraged, however every Auxiliary shall hold at least ten (10) business meetings per year.** There is additional information in this Bylaws section that covers special meetings, video and/or teleconferencing to form a quorum or for extenuating circumstances to meet the required minimal ten meeting dates.

Along with the showers that arrive in April, our Auxiliaries will elect officers and delegates/ alternates for the ensuing year. Prior to elections, Presidents [on all levels] should prepare for this meeting. You are encouraged to review the following: Bylaws Sec. 801, 802, 803, 804; the Ritual section that covers Election of Officers in the current Podium Edition; and Chapter XIV, Nomination and Elections, or Robert's Rules of Order. **PLEASE NOTE!** If, during the election process, a situation or question arises that you are not absolutely sure how to handle or answer, you should take a break immediately! Call your District President or a Department Officer and then proceed.

Auxiliary Secretaries should follow directions found on each of election and delegate form. Forms should be **LEGIBLE** and **ACCURATE!** **Please** return forms **immediately** to the secretary as indicated on each form. National delegates/alternates may be entered in Malta or sent to the Department Secretary who will enter the information for you.

County Councils and Districts will elect officers at their Convention. Your Auxiliary audits must be up to date! Remember ... **members may NOT vote in County Council, District, or Department elections if their Auxiliary is not current with audits, until audits have been completed. Ensure your audits are current!**

The next “Did You Know?” zoom training session, hosted by Chief of Staff PDP Karen Dotson, will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The topic, Election of Officers, will be presented by Department Secretary Debbie Cenni. All members are invited to attend. District Presidents were asked to forward zoom invitations to their District members. You do **NOT** need a computer! You **CAN** participate via telephone. If you do not receive an email with the zoom invitation by April 1<sup>st</sup>, contact the Department Secretary. “Did You Know?” training session information is available on the Department website: [www.vfwauxny.org](http://www.vfwauxny.org).

As a reminder! To be eligible for awards, Program Chairmen must receive Year-end reports by April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you were not able to hand deliver reports at Spring Conference, now is the time to USPS or email them. *Allow at least five days for postal delivery.*

Please take the time to complete Year-end reports accurately. If your Auxiliary completed projects and reported them all year long, do not sell your Auxiliary short by checking a “no” box. You/your Auxiliary members did the work ... they deserve to take credit for all that was accomplished to support Veterans, their families, and the community. President Year-end reports [on all levels] must be emailed or postmarked by April 10<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for the President of the Year award.

It is an honor for District 6 to host National President Jean Hamil's Official Visit to New York from April 20 to 22. She is scheduled to arrive at the Buffalo airport and we ask that members join us as she is escorted through an “Aisle of Honor.” Please bring a flag along if you are able to attend. We hope this visit will be a wonderful and lasting experience for our National President. For more information, contact Dee Ippolito (716-440-3411).

You can be the change you want to see. In closing, I share this Dennis Prager quote. **“Goodness is about character – integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, moral courage, and the like. More than anything else, it is how we treat other people.”**

Let us all continue to ... **“Soar Above and Beyond”** as we have committed ourselves to being ... **“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families.”**

Loyally, *Ruth*



**SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM**  
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Kirsten Gillibrand once said *“While we can’t begin to repay the debt we owe our Veterans for their brave service, we can certainly take steps to ease the physical, psychological and financial hardships they may be experiencing.”*

We have ONE MORE VFW Auxiliary Scholarship left in this program year. It is the **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest**. However, students must act soon! Contest entries must be submitted to their local Auxiliary by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest** is open to any student in grades 9-12 who is enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions, or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Student must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. Entries will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. One Department winner will be forwarded by the Department Chairman [Dolores] to Auxiliary National Headquarters. If more information is needed, please see the student brochure at [vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships).

**Deadlines:** Student entries must be received by:  
 Local VFW Auxiliary – March 31  
 Local Auxiliary and District judging complete – April 10  
 Local Auxiliary and District winners sent to Department Chairman [Dolores] – April 15  
 Department Program Chairman sends one winner sent to National Headquarters – May 5.

Last but not least our National President Jean Hamil’s Special Project, **Fund the Future**, will increase both the Continuing Education and Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest funds, allowing more students to fund their education. You can donate directly online in MALTA, mail a check, earmarked Patriotic Art or Continuing Education to National Headquarters or establish a named Patriotic Art Scholarship.

**Get EXCITED about Scholarships and help make students’ dreams come true!**

**Guess What? Sammy AND his cousin Randy have entered paintings in the Young American Patriotic Art Contest!!!** They finished on time and got them submitted to their local Auxiliary before the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. I can’t wait for you to see them at Convention!



**“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*

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**  
**CINDY WINZENRIED, CHAIRMAN**

**40 GROTON PKY ~ ROCHESTER, NY 14623**  
 Tel: (585) 230-9022 – Email: [cindy@wwtruckn.com](mailto:cindy@wwtruckn.com)



Dear Members, Thank you to the Auxiliaries that submitted entries to showcase the creative artistic talent of our youth in the “Illustrating America” contest. In addition, thank you to the Auxiliaries that submitted entries for the “Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue!” contest that encouraged youth to demonstrate their patriotism by singing **“The Star-Spangled Banner.”** The judges will certainly have a difficult time selecting winners for each of the contests.

With the warmer days ahead, encourage your Auxiliary to celebrate and honor our youth with a pizza/pop party, ice cream treat pick-up or cupcakes to-go event. Patriotic Youth Awards may be distributed at the time of the special treats pick-up. Certificates can be found on the National website [www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources). Scroll down to Youth Activities Program under Youth Recognition.



If you know of a youth group in your community that has helped our veterans or their families with simple acts of kindness, you can recognize that group with a **“Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans”** certificate which can be found on National’s website [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources) and scroll down to Youth Activities Program under **Youth Recognition**.

A few examples of youth groups and their activities might include: sports teams or scouts who shoveled snow or youth organizations that sent “Thank You for You Service” cards, collected non-perishable food items for local food pantries, or collected blankets and personal care items for the local rescue missions.



With spring and summer approaching, there will be many opportunities to continue engaging with our youth such as providing flower seeds to a youth group for them to plant for Mother’s Day, ask a Basketball/Lacrosse/Baseball

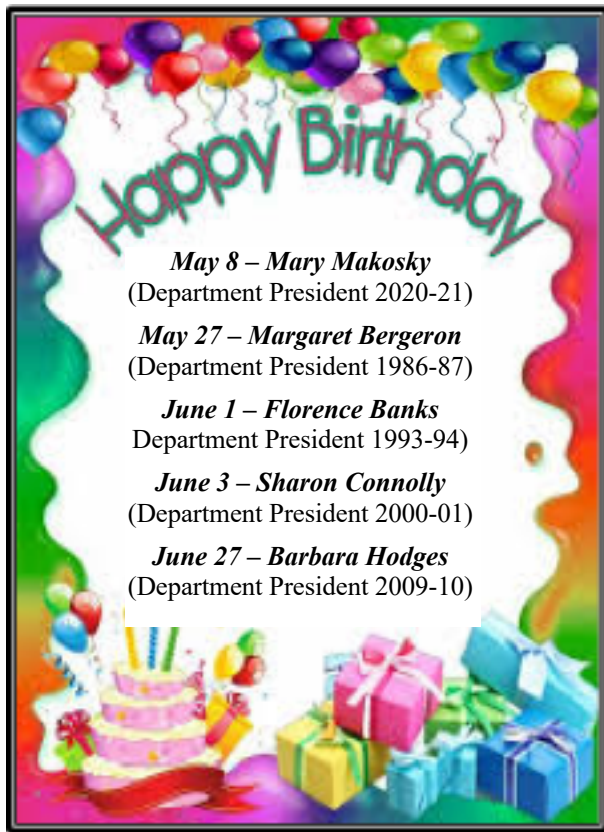
team to collect non-perishable food items or personal care items before their game, or create greeting cards for hospitalized veterans. Continue *engaging* with our youth in their efforts to *support* our veterans and their families.

Final reminder! Youth Activities Year-end Reports are due by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. You may USPS or email or bring reports to Spring Conference.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Youth Activities Program as we are ... **“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families”** while ... **“Soaring Above and Beyond.”**

Happy Easter and Passover to all members!

Loyally, *Cindy*



**REMINDER! 45 Plus Year Members**

The VFW Auxiliary recognizes 45+ members for their years of service to our great organization!

45 + members will receive a certificate from the Department. Auxiliaries should email or USPS the following no later than **May 1, 2022** – Member’s Name and Membership Number District, Auxiliary Number and Number of Years.

**There is NO report in MALTA to obtain this information. Auxiliaries must review copies of applications or refer to Minutes to find the date a member was accepted.**

If you have questions, feel free to contact the 45+ Chairman or Department Secretary Debbie Cenni.

**PDP Debbie Casella – 45+ Member Chairman**  
**Email: [djcasella54@gmail.com](mailto:djcasella54@gmail.com) – Telephone: (845) 343-3340**  
**31 Lorelei Drive – Middletown, NY 10940**



**INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE FROM**  
**2021-2022 DEPT CHAPLAIN DARLENE BAKER**

May you continue to stay safe and healthy! Loyally, *Darlene*

**HOSPITAL PROGRAM – PEGGY SCHWEITZER, CHAIRMAN**  
**NOTE MY NEW ADDRESS!!! 50 FRANKLIN AVENUE APT. 228 ~ CLINTON, NY 13323**  
**Telephone: (315) 853-2419 – Email: [snowy4931@yahoo.com](mailto:snowy4931@yahoo.com)**



**Please use my new address above!** Due to high Covid rates and post office staffing issues, I am having trouble receiving “forwarded” mail from my previous address in Pennsylvania to my new address in New York.

Women Veterans Health Care – “She Wears the Boots Podcast” – the VA is committed to meeting the health care needs of women veterans. Women are the fastest growing group of veterans. In fact, women make up 30% of all VHA patients. Women veterans need and want health care information they can trust. The “She Wears the Boots” podcast is meant to enhance the lives of service women and woman veterans by celebrating their service and sharing information on specific topics that can improve their well-being. To access the podcast and blogs, visit [She Wears the Boots](#) for more information and for links to many other subjects via the VA Podcast Network.

Have you ever heard of White Ribbon VA? It is a national call to action to eliminate sexual harassment, sexual assault and domestic violence across the Department of Veterans Affairs by promoting a positive change in culture so that the actions outlined in the pledge become the organizational norm. White Ribbon VA is an awareness movement where ALL – *regardless of their gender* – can participate. Visit their website at: <https://www.whiteribbonusa.org/whiteribbon-va-pledge>.

It is getting down to crunch time with reporting. **Year-end Reports are due to me by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Without a Year-end report, your Auxiliary is not eligible to receive a Department award.**

**NATIONAL AWARDS:** Now is the time to complete your award applications for National awards. Forms must be received no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>. (Allow five days for USPS delivery). Visit National’s website at: [www.vfwaux.org](http://www.vfwaux.org), the Department website [www.vfwauxny.org](http://www.vfwauxny.org) or contact me for the forms. I will also have these forms at Spring Conference.

- Hospital Awards for Members – Recruits the most Hospital volunteers.
- Hospital Awards for Auxiliaries – Honors Escort Program.

I hope to see everyone at the Spring Conference. I will have a table and will have the National Award forms and Department Year-end report forms available. The deadline to submit Year-end forms is just a few days after the Spring Conference!

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





**VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT – DARLENE BAKER, CHAIRMAN**  
**42 WILLARD DRIVE ~ BERNHARDS BAY, NY 13028**  
**Telephone: (315) 657-6909 – Email: dbaker1017@aol.com**



*We hope everyone continues to be safe and healthy!*

**Congratulations to those Districts that attained 100% and for all of the hard work by all of the Auxiliaries across the state during this up and down cycle that we live in!** The service and sacrifice of our veterans, active duty military and the family sacrifices are the freedoms we have today. As their Ambassadors, what we do in little ways, i.e., taking blankets and personal care items to homeless veteran shelters, sending cards and making telephone calls to veterans in communities that puts a smile on their face, taking them to a doctor appointment and/or providing assistance to cut lawns (or provide snow removal), are some of the little things we do that “make a difference in the every-day lives of someone in need.

While the Year-end reports were due April 1<sup>st</sup>, you should continue tracking your projects and report those to the incoming chairman as soon as the new year begins in June 2022 and once your President receives the new Department Guidebook.

Here are a few of the highlights of the Veterans & Family Support Program information available from the VFW website: **National Veterans Services:** helps to ensure that Veterans receive quality, timely and accessible VA health care including: hospital care; outpatient care; specialized health care for female veterans; alcohol and drug treatment; medical evaluation of disorders associated with military services; and other services. You can mail a check directly to VFW National Headquarters – Attn: NVS, 406 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street – 11<sup>th</sup> Floor – Kansas City, MO 64111.

**VFW Veterans and Military Support Program:** The three programs under this are Military Assistance Program (“MAP”); Unmet Needs and VFW Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship.

**Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness:** Make a difference in the life of a Veteran or a service member in crisis. You can educate yourself and others about the warning signs. The VFW and VFW Auxiliary are committed to addressing and changing the stigma that surrounds mental health in the United States.

**Veterans Crisis Line:** This is a confidential toll-free hotline that connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Veterans Affairs responders through the hotline, online chat or text. Support is available 24/7, 365 days a year, as well as for the deaf and hearing impaired.

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

Visit the VFW website at [vfw.org](http://vfw.org) to obtain information for additional resources to other organizations such as: Give an Hour; The Campaign to Change Direction; Patients Like Me; One Mind; The Elizabeth Dole Foundation; Help Heal Veterans; Veterans Voices Writing Project. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

*“United to Defend Veterans and Their Families” while ... “Soaring Above and Beyond.”* Loyally, *Darlene*

**HISTORIAN / MEDIA RELATIONS PROGRAM – KELLIANNE MARTINI, CHAIRMAN**  
**315 ANCHORS WAY ~ WINDER, GA 30680**

**Tel: (518) 744-8978 – Email: [kelliannekennedy@hotmail.com](mailto:kelliannekennedy@hotmail.com)**

***I’m Keeping an Eagle Eye on the Eagle’s Nest***



***Auxiliary Newsletters – A Great Way to Reach Out to All Your Members – Reaching Out to All Your Members...***

We must continue to reach out to members and non-members to tell the story of who we are, what we do, how we help veterans and educate others about our nation’s patriotic traditions. If we don’t, fewer people will know about our organization and how we raise money for our veterans and their families, how we fight for our veterans’ rights on Capitol Hill and how we support young people with scholarships and other opportunities.

Our National Ambassador states it well. “Media is a piece of the puzzle that creates a successful Auxiliary.” Not just our standard media, such as newspaper, TV and radio, but also, digital technology, like Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, YouTube, websites, and of course, email. And yes, we still need to reach out to our traditional community media contacts. We must use everything available to us to get the word out about what we do

in our community for our Veterans, Military and their families! We can use the fillable press/media release forms found at [vfwauxiliary.org/](http://vfwauxiliary.org/) under resources. You can also find the VFW Auxiliary Publicity Guide there, which will help you do an outstanding job!

Digital media may be new to most of you. However, I’m sure your grandchildren or the neighbor’s children would just love to show you what they can do! Who says you can’t learn from a child? Tell them I said “My grandchildren teach me something new all the time and I love it!

There is a National Award, and I’m sharing it as an incentive to challenge you to use digital media to tell your Auxiliaries Story. The form is due by March 31, 2022.

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

We are ... *“Soaring Above and Beyond”* that will provide us with wonderful memories while ...

***“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families.”*** Loyally, *Kellianne*



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**CANCER GRANT DONATION FUND**  
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Dear Members, Happy Spring to you all! April is the month when Auxiliaries nominate and elect officers and delegates for the new year. A member in good standing shall be eligible to any office in the Auxiliary, County Council, District, Department or the National Organization in which they are a member. To be *in good standing* a member must have his/her current dues paid.

Congratulations to new officers, delegates and chairmen as they accept the responsibility of holding those positions. There are many helpful resources available to guide you. All members should have a current Podium Edition and Bylaws and Ritual. This may be purchased from the VFW Store ([vfwstore.org](http://vfwstore.org) or 1-833-839-8387). Barnes & Noble and Amazon sells an electronic version.

Familiarize yourself with **Bylaws Sec. 801**. This contains an overview of the duties and responsibilities for all elective and appointive officers. “The Booklet of Instructions,” also known as the “yellow pages,” contains much information. Prior to your April meeting, be sure to review “**Election of Officers, Election Procedure, Two (2) or More Candidates**” and “**Election by Acclamation, One (1) Candidate.**”

In the Ritual section of the Podium Book you will find step by step instructions of how to conduct a meeting. Use a highlighter!

*Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation* is a valuable resource found at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources). The document can be downloaded and/or printed. Be aware that there are many pages before printing! It provides guidelines for officers and chairmen and is broken down into five (5) easy to read Guidebooks:

**Guidebook 1 – Officers’ Duties** Information and help for each officer of each level of the organization, *except Treasurer.*

**Guidebook 2 – Programs & Reporting** Information and help on Chairmen duties, setting up a project and/or program and reporting on each level of the organization.

**Guidebook 3 – Extension, Membership & Recruiting** Information and help for forming new Auxiliaries, working membership and recruiting new members.

**Guidebook 4 – National District Council Members** Information on the role and responsibility of NDCM’s.

**Guidebook 5 – Financial Responsibilities** Information and help for Treasurers and Trustees on all levels of the organization.

It is imperative that quarterly audits are current. A blank audit form can be found on page 54 of the Program Guidebook. Once members vote to approve the audit, the report should be USPS mailed or scanned/mailed to Department Treasurer Kim White.

An Auxiliary NOT current with audits, **is not** eligible to vote at County Council, District or Dept. Convention. An Auxiliary behind **two or more quarterly audits** may be placed on Suspension until audits are completed. We are ALL here to help each other. If you have a question or are unsure about something, **PLEASE** contact me. If I do not have the answer, I will find someone who does!

Thank you for all that you have done for our veterans, our active-duty personnel, their families and our members while ... “**Soaring Above and Beyond**” as we are ... “**United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and their Families .**” My wish to each of you is a Happy Easter and Passover. Loyal, **Karen, PDP**



**CANCER AWARENESS**  
**APRIL** ~ Esophageal ~  
 Testicular ~ Head & Neck  
 ~ Cancer Control Month  
**MAY** ~ Brain Tumor ~ Bladder  
 ~ Urinary Tract ~ Skin  
**JUNE** ~ Cancer Survivors

Spring has arrived! It is not too late to send in your Cancer Fund Donation of \$2 per member (based on June 30, 2021 membership). Congratulations to Putnam and [the former] Orange County Council and District 6 for reaching 100% in Cancer donations.

The last drawing for this Program year was held at Spring Conference. The winners will be announced in the next newsletter edition.

You can send donations to support the 2021-2022 Cancer Grant Fund until June. Please do not enter your donation in Malta as it is difficult to track and your Auxiliary may not receive proper credit.

“In Honor of” and “In Memory of” luminaries will be available to be picked up at the June convention.

Every member in good standing who is diagnosed with cancer is eligible to apply for a \$550 Cancer Grant – two lifetime grants.

I would like to wish a happy Easter to all. Be sure to get your regular check-ups and stay healthy!

We are ... “**Soaring Above and Beyond**” while ... “**United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and their Families .**” Loyal, **Linda**

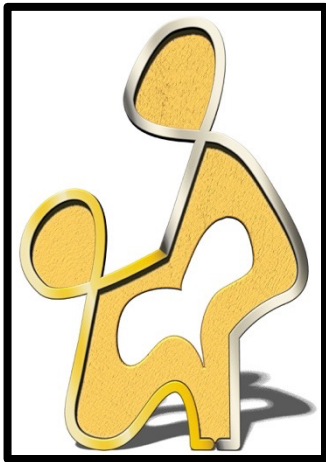


Louise Cole is a 60-year – active member – of VFW Aux. to Glenn A Warner Post No. 1371 in Owego (D 5). She is shown holding the 30<sup>th</sup> mat she made for homeless veterans. Mats are donated to the YMCA homeless vet program in Binghamton. Congratulations to Louise for her time and effort!

Dorolyn Perry recently delivered a mat to a homeless veteran who expressed his sincere appreciation for it.

# 2022-2023 NATIONAL PRESIDENT JANE REAPE

## *“HANDS THAT SERVE, HEARTS THAT CARE.”*



**VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT’S CELEBRATION COMMITTEE 2022  
INVITES YOU TO PURCHASE THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT’S  
PINS, JEWELRY, KEY CHAINS AND TIE TACKS.**

**PICTURED IS THE DESIGN ON ALL ITEMS.**

## **ORDER FORM** ***PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTMENT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE No. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PINS:** TOTAL PINS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$3.00 EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**EARRINGS & NECKLACES:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TIE TACKS:** TOTAL TIE TACKS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**KEY CHAINS:** TOTAL KEY CHAINS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ADD \$8.00 POSTAGE TO TOTAL ORDER IF ITEMS ARE TO BE MAILED!**

INDICATE WHERE PRE-ORDERED ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP:

\_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTMENT NY CONVENTION \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONAL CONVENTION

*DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK AUXILIARIES [ON ALL LEVELS] ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT OUR OWN NATIONAL PRESIDENT JANE REAPE BY PURCHASING PIN, JEWELRY, TIE TACKS AND/OR KEY CHAINS.*

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **VFW AUXILIARY DEPT. OF NEW YORK**  
USPS ORDER FORM AND CHECKS TO:

**MARIANNE MCLANE, CELEBRATION TREASURER – 3550 DEER RIVER RD – CARTHAGE, NY 13619**

TOTAL ORDER = \_\_\_\_\_ + \$8.00 POSTAGE (IF MAILED) = AMOUNT OF CHECK: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK No. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE DIRECTLY FROM THE VFW STORE. SHIRTS MAY BE WORN ANYTIME DURING OR AFTER THE INSTALLATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS IN KANSAS CITY, MO.

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT AND POST/AUXILIARY MEMBERS.  
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT MARIANNE MCLANE: (315) 286-2683

### ***THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!***



**AMERICANISM PROGRAM/ PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR**  
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To be eligible for Department Americanism Program Awards Auxiliaries **MUST** SUBMIT the following reports by March 31<sup>st</sup>  
 National Award for Auxiliaries No. 1 **AND**  
 Department of New York Americanism Program Year-End Report (Guidebook page 36).  
 Reports may be USPS or emailed. Allow five days for postal delivery.

**April 20-21 – National President Jean Hamil’s Official Visit to the Department of New York (Hosted by District Six)**

***Honor our Veterans, Families and Community especially on Patriotic Holidays April 1 – June 30, 2022***

**APRIL 9** – National Former Prisoner of War Day – Honors troops on the Bataan Death March – April 9, 1942  
**15 to 23** – **Passover** – Sundown to nightfall  
**17** – **Easter Sunday**

**MAY 1** – **Loyalty Day** – celebrated since 1955 to recognize American freedom, reaffirm **loyalty** to the United States and recognize the heritage of American freedom.

**7** – **Military Spouse Appreciation Day**  
**8** – **VE Day** – 1945 Victory in Europe – the Allies accepted Nazi Germany’s unconditional surrender.

**8** – **Mother’s Day** – A day to honor all mothers. Declared a holiday by President Woodrow Wilson in 1914. Mother’s Day is celebrated the second Sunday in May.

**15** – **Armed Forces Day** – celebrated the third Saturday in May as a single holiday to show support for the men and women currently serving, veterans and cadets. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard are the armed forces of the United States. The Army National Guard and the Air National Guard are uniformed reserve components of their services.

**MAY 30** – **Memorial Day** – Observed on the last Monday in May to honor and mourn the military personnel who have died in the performance of their duties.

*Flags are to be flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon – then raised to full-staff until sundown. This custom honors the war dead for the mourning and the veterans.*

**JUNE 6** – **D Day** – 1944 – Invasion of Normandy began the liberation of France during World War II. The largest seaborne invasion in history. German forces were surprised on the attack of Normandy beaches after allied forces carried out massive deceptive tactics by landing rubber tanks and boats and sending fraudulent radio transmissions.

**14** – **Flag Day** – commemorates the 1777 adoption of the United States flag by the Second Continental Congress.

**19** – **Father’s Day** – A day to honor all fathers. First celebrated on July 5, 1908. Congress declared this a national holiday in 1972. It is celebrated on the third Sunday in June.

April showers may bring May flowers as we are ... **“Soaring Above and Beyond”** and remain ... **“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families.”** Loyally, *Dee*



Shown in photo below are Brecken and Breyer Huber as they enjoy creating Valentine’s for Veterans!



**PRESIDENT’S SPECIAL PROJECT – LINDA LaROSA, CHAIRMAN**  
**NATIONAL VETERANS GOLDEN AGE GAMES**  
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 Telephone: (914) 805-2743 – Email: llarosa60@gmail.com



Happy Spring! April showers bring May flowers. I sure hope holds true this year!  
 The 34<sup>th</sup> National Veterans Golden Age Games will be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota from July 18 to 23, 2022. The NVGAG 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.

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.

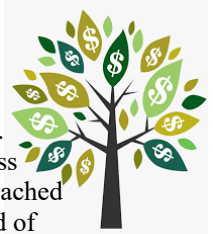
Sports and fitness are vital ingredients of VA’s National Rehabilitation Special Events. Physical activity and friendly competition engage the mind as well as the body, and recreation therapy fills a special need in the lives of older patients at VA health centers across the country. The NVGAG encourage VA patients over the age of 55 to make physical activity a central part of their lives.

Thank you to all those who purchased t-shirts and/or made a donation to support President Ruth’s Special Project. Because of your generosity, this year we are ... **“Soaring Above and Beyond.”** NVGAG teams will compete and stand ...

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



**WAYS AND MEANS PROGRAM – MARCIA MCKINNEY, CHAIRMAN**  
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**Cell Telephone: (315) 725-6582 – Email: mmmckinney24@aol.com**



Wow! It's hard to believe April is here already and we are down to the last three months of this program year. We are hopping down the Ways and Means trail with two months left to sell the remaining tickets. The success of this program relies on you! The program is very important for our Department. Thank you to those who reached out and asked for more tickets and to those who have already sent them in. We will soon be coming to the end of another program year and will sell tickets right up to the Department Convention in June.

The March 9-month calendar raffle winner (and seller) was VFW Auxiliary to John W. Tiffany Post No. 53 (Jamestown, D6). There are two more \$100 drawings (April and May) and the \$200 at the June Convention.

If you or your Auxiliary purchased tickets but you still have remaining tickets that are not going to be sold, please return the unsold tickets. Every sold ticket means more funds for the Ways and Means program. You have all supported this program in the past. Each year it gets more difficult to raise funds and is even more difficult to think of new fund raising ideas. We all joined this wonderful organization to support our Veterans. We do not want to disappoint them now by not being able to support the Department office.

“**\$\$Think Green\$\$**” tickets have been arriving nicely. As a reminder, there are 15 chances to win. The first place prize is \$1,500, second place prize is \$1,000, then three (3) prizes of \$500 each and finally ten (10) \$100 dollar prizes. There will be 15 Lucky winners drawn at Department Convention in June. The donation is \$20 a ticket. With Easter just around the corner, why not buy your BUNNY a ticket? I know we will have a successful program. Especially with all those bringing their ticket stubs to Spring Conference. Remember to return all ticket stubs and unsold tickets prior to our Department Convention in June so they are properly recorded before we start the drawing. Let me know if you are interested in selling tickets outside of your Auxiliary and I will send them to you. There are only 1,000 tickets to be sold. It would be wonderful to sell them all! This may seem like a steep goal but we can do it!

Please share this information with your members. Mention the “**\$\$Think Green\$\$**” raffle if you send a newsletter to members. There may be members unable to attend meetings who would be interested in purchasing a ticket. As a reminder, return stubs and checks payable to “VFW Aux. Dept of NY” before the June Convention. Loyally, *Marcia*

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



**AUXILIARY COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM – JUDY LEFEBVRE, CHAIRMAN**  
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The goal of the Auxiliary Community Outreach Program is for members to “reach out” and *coordinate to volunteer under the direction of another organization* to assist in activities that benefit the community, its residents, animals and/or environment. This year, twenty (20) years after 9/11, this program has encouraged events that paid special tribute and support of our First Responders. It is not too late to report activities that were approved and recorded in the minutes for members to volunteer their time at functions while wearing apparel or items that identified them as members of the VFW Auxiliary.

***Has your Auxiliary reported the hours when members have Volunteered ...***



1. ... With the local fire and/or police department and Auxiliary included child safety training?
2. ... At a local food pantry or homeless shelter?
3. ... To sort, pack, food, school supplies or toys?
4. ... At a youth center and/or senior center or Meals on Wheels?
5. ... To tutor or coach students or assisting with special needs children?
6. ... At the local animal shelter?
7. ... To clean or upgrade the park, highway or cemetery? (Not only veterans’ graves/memorials.)



Assisting 1<sup>st</sup> Responders

Serving Meals

Tutoring Students

Feeding Animals

Picking Up Trash

**Report and Photo Collage Deadline: March 31, 2022 — Program Year-end Report Deadline: April 1, 2022**  
 Thank you to every member for your dedication to their communities as we continue to be ... “United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families” while ... “Soaring Above and Beyond.” Loyally, *Judy*





**MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**  
**CHRIS LEAVOR, CHAIRMAN**  
 2027 CEMETERY HILL ROAD  
 FRANKLINVILLE, NY 14737



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Time is flying by and we still have some important goals to reach for Department President Ruth and National President Jean Hamil. We are currently at 86.01% in retention. That is great and I thank every one of you who has worked so hard. However, I am asking you to work just a little harder.

We need to be at 90% retention by the end of April. That means we need 266 more to make that goal. Please contact those who still have not paid – preferably by phone or face-to-face (they have already received a Department reminder plus any your Auxiliary may have sent). Ask if they plan to pay. You might find out some are experiencing health or financial hardships that you were not aware of. You could help them with funds from your Relief Fund. Remind them they are not in good standing and could totally lose their membership as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. They may tell you they do not plan to renew so we do not keep “bugging” them. That’s a great time to get some feedback to find out why they no longer wish to remain a member. There is a National award of \$50 to each Auxiliary that retains 90% of their members **AND** reaches 100% plus by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The winner of the “Shooting for the Bull’s Eye” award, drawn on March 1, is VFW Aux to Bethlehem Memorial Post No. 3185 (Delmar, D3). They get to choose who will receive the life membership and provide the information to Department Treasurer Kim White no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>.

I want to call your attention to two awards that will require a little “work” on the part of your Chairman. Refer to page 27 of the Guidebook. The Membership Pentathlon Award to one Auxiliary that describes the BEST program to REJOIN members will receive \$100.00. You must give DETAILS! There is also the Sixth Annual Traveling Award. You must explain how you promoted membership this year. Again, you will need to provide details regarding what you did. I look forward to seeing these and plan to “borrow” some of your successful promotions for my own Auxiliary next year.

Remember, we belong to THE Premier Veterans organization in the world. We are PROUD of what we are and do. Anyone would want to join if they knew even half of what we do for our veterans and their families. Retaining and recruiting should be easy. Dues letters, Facebook pages and emails are all great tools. However, when the members have already received those and set them aside to “do it later” they need that personal touch. You may have members who are shut-ins and would be willing to contact those members for us. Invite all the unpaid members to a tea or brunch and show them what we do. That might remind them about why they wanted to join in the first place! Create a fact sheet about your Auxiliary like the one National does.

I know you are doing what you can, but let us reach that April 30, 2022 goal together! **“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families”** as we go ... **“Soaring Above and Beyond.”** Loyally, *Chris*



**“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,

**See the Light at the End of the Tunnel**

**Then, just when I thought I could stand it no more,  
 By chance I discovered a tiny trap door!  
 I popped my head out. The Great Sky was skyblue  
 And I knew, from the flowers, I'd finally came through  
 To the banks of the beautiful River Wah-Hoo!  
 ~ I Had Trouble in Getting to Solla Sollow**



The “Buddy® Poppy” is the symbol to remember the fallen on Memorial Day. For many, Memorial Day means a three-day holiday weekend and the unofficial start of summer. But for Gold Star families, the immediate relatives of military members who died in battle or support of military activities, the holiday is a poignant reminder of sacrifice. Americans wear the symbolic red flower on Memorial Day—the last Monday in May—to commemorate the sacrifice of so many men and women who have given their lives fighting for their country.

The VFW and its Auxiliary strive to promote the recognition of the “Buddy”® Poppy Brand and to also show support to those still serving today. Proudly, the “Buddy”® Poppy is displayed in various programs, cross-over promotions, and distribution events.



Today, the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy Program provides compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs, and partially supports the VFW National Home for Children.

Show your support today by planning and hosting a “BUDDY”® POPPY DRIVE. It is a perfect opportunity to publicize, while educating our members and communities, the mission behind the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy’s motto:

**“To Honor the Dead by Helping the Living.”**

Hosting a “Buddy”® Poppy Drive in your community will provide the opportunity to receive monetary donations for your Auxiliary and/or Post Relief Fund to benefit our Veterans and their Families.

Take this opportunity to communicate with others about who we are and what we do by having your local government issue a special “Buddy”® Poppy proclamation at your next Memorial Day Ceremony or Service.



**“Friendly FYI”:** “Buddy”® Poppy distribution supplies and commemorative merchandise may be purchased through the VFW Store at [vfwstore.org](http://vfwstore.org).

**“Friendly Suggestion”:** Visit the National VFW Auxiliary website at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources) for additional reference and promotional materials.

Loyally, *Karen*

**“Soaring Above and Beyond”**

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



**Happy Easter!**

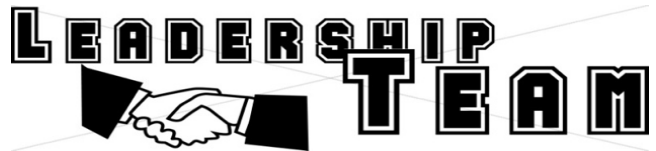




## MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM TAMARA CUMMINGS, Co-CHAIRMAN

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Dear Members, The Department of New York VFW Auxiliaries really do **C.A.R.E.** about promoting the Mentoring for Leadership Program with their members. From the reports received, you are **“Catching”** the member when they first join, **“Asking”** them to participate, **“Remembering”** what it was like to be new and **“Engaging”** them in a program that best fits them.” Your Mentors are practicing the **“3 C’s of Mentoring”** by being a **“Consultant, Counselor and Cheerleader.”**

Even seasoned members have questions and/or misconceptions. We’ve received positive feedback from the attendees at our **“Did You Know?”** Zoom training sessions. This proves that the sessions are a helpful tool for new and seasoned members.

Although Year-end reports have been sent (*I hope*) we need mentors more than ever. We have a busy month ahead. Election of Officers and Delegates for the coming year should be held at your April meeting. You may have recruited and mentored **“New”** members this year who want to run for an office. Be sure they review the Duties of the Office in the Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual and/or **“Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation.”** As you proceed through the election process be sure to answer and explain questions that may arise. **If you are not sure how to proceed — Stop!** Make a phone call to a District President or Department Officer. They should answer your question or direct you to someone who can.

Be sure to invite **“New”** Officers and members to attend our Department Convention. They will experience what this great organization does for our Veterans, service personnel, their families and our community.

It is never too late to recognize your members for their hard work and dedication with a **“Good Job”** Award. The template is found at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources). A smile and a thank-you are often enough to make our members feel appreciated. A **“Good Job”** Award is one more way to say thank you.

It is the **“We”** that makes this Organization great. Mentoring does not stop at the end of the Program Year. It must continue so that, as an organization, **“We”** can move forward and enable our future leaders to move forward with it.

I look forward to seeing you at Department Convention. Thank you all for the wonderful reports this year.

You have truly shown that we are ... **“Soaring Above and Beyond”** as we are ...

**“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families.”** Loyally, *Tamara*



## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM – BELINDA COLE, CHAIRMAN

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Hello Brothers and Sisters! Thank you, in advance, to all those who stopped by my table at Spring Conference to pick up information needed to support our Veterans issues. Don’t just take the information. Share it with your members and act on it!

An important issue for the VFW is getting the Division of Veterans Services to be its own Department is **Bill S7526A**. This will work in our Veterans’ favor by offering better services and resources to transition back to civilian life including expanding the Joseph P. Dwyer program to ALL 62 counties in New York. Continue involving your members so they are better educated to participate in advocating for our Veterans rights.



The most recent *Action Corps Weekly*, included a **“Take Action Now”** alert to Vote **YES** on Honoring Our PACT Act. The PACT Act provides access to health care and benefits to toxic exposed Veterans. **[Note: The House passed the PACT Act.]** Thank you to those who **“Took Action”**

and then sent me a report! The more we act, the closer we are to getting our Veterans the benefits they so rightly deserve. This is just one of the reasons why signing up for the *Action Corps Weekly* e-newsletter is so important. It is very simple and you will keep yourself up to date with legislation and POW/MIA updates.

Go to [www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts](http://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts) then click on Action Corps Button, enter your email and zip code. Please share this link with your members. You can print a copy of the e-newsletter to share at your next meeting.

As my year as Legislative Chairman is coming to an end, I remind you that our work is **NEVER** done. Continue contacting your government officials to back the legislation our Veterans need. Here are a few links if you do not know who to contact. To locate your assemblymember, go to: <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/search/> and type in your address. For your senator visit <https://www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator> and <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>.

We must **NEVER** STOP EDUCATING our members, PARTICIPATING with our government officials and GETTING OTHERS INVOLVED! The more voices we have for our Veterans the louder we will be heard!!

Please keep reporting! Thank you for all you do as we stand ... **“United to Defend the Freedoms of Veterans and Their Families”** while ... **“Soaring Above and Beyond.”** Loyally, *Belinda*



**Did You Know? Training Session – Rescheduled for February 7, 2022) – Topic: Standing Rules and Relief Fund**  
 Visit the Department website ([www.vfwauxny.org](http://www.vfwauxny.org)) to obtain the complete text of this *Did You Know Training Session*.

### STANDING RULES

**What is a Standing Rule? Bylaws Sec. 211**—Standing Rules (Auxiliaries, County Councils, Districts and Departments)

• Auxiliaries, County Councils, Districts and Departments may establish Standing Rules to provide for specified operations, activities, events, expenses and disbursements between meetings provided such rules do not conflict with the National and Department Bylaws.

• Custom has the status of a standing rule, and standing rules may be amended, modified, or rescinded at any meeting.

**What entities can have Standing Rules?** Auxiliaries, County Councils, Districts and Departments may establish Standing Rules.

**When do Standing Rules become effective?** Immediately upon being voted on and approved by the members. They remain in effect until they are amended, modified, or rescinded by members.

**Who should have a copy of the Standing Rules?** The President, Secretary, and Treasurer should keep a copy and have them easily accessible in case there is a question at any Auxiliary meeting.

**How often should Standing Rules be reviewed?** Annually to amend, modify, and/or rescind as necessary. They do not have to be voted on each year unless amended, modified, and/or rescinded.

**Can Auxiliary members vote to amend, modify, or rescind a Standing Rule?** Yes. Standing Rules should be clear, concise and answer all “what if” questions. They may be amended, modified, or rescinded at any meeting.

• If prior notice is given, the vote is by **MAJORITY vote** of those members present. • If previous notice is NOT given, the vote is by a **two-thirds (2/3) vote** of those members present.

#### **Examples of Clear and Concise Standing Rules**

Visit the Department website ([www.vfwauxny.org](http://www.vfwauxny.org)) for more!

**Good SR:** The Auxiliary Treasurer may purchase the **Auxiliary Bond** by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Refer to Bylaws Sec. 814—Trustees, Duties of (All Levels).

**Good SR:** Auxiliary will provide emergency financial assistance to an Auxiliary member in good standing upon approval of the Trustees. The amount shall not exceed \$100 during the Auxiliary year (July 1 – June 30).

**Good SR:** The Kitchen Chairman may spend up to \$100 per month to purchase food and/or supplies for the kitchen for Auxiliary events. Receipts are to be provided to the Trustee(s).

**Good SR:** The Auxiliary Treasurer may submit .25 cents per member to the **VFW National Home for Children Health & Happiness** fund. Total donation will be based on the Auxiliary’s membership as of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Good SR:** The Auxiliary Treasurer may pay **County Council Delegate dues** based on the Auxiliary Delegate strength at the election of Officers meeting in April. **Refer to Sec 302**—County Council Delegates; **Refer to Sec. 407**—County Council Dues.

**Good SR:** The Auxiliary Treasurer may pay **District dues** based on the Auxiliary Delegate strength at the election of Officers meeting in April. The amount of District per capita dues is established by each District. **Refer to Sec 506**—District Dues and **Bylaws Section 303**—Delegates and Alternates to Districts.

**Good SR:** The Auxiliary Treasurer may donate \$2.00 per member based on the June 30<sup>th</sup> membership for **Cancer Grant Fund**.

**Good SR:** The Auxiliary will pay the Registration fee for the President, Delegate(s), and/or member(s) planning to attend County Council, District and/or Dept Conferences and/or Convention.

**Good SR:** The Auxiliary will contribute \$100 (or amount to be decided on) to the President, Delegates, and/or members attending County Council, District and/or Dept Conferences/Convention. Receipts provided to the Treasurer at the next meeting.

**Good SR:** A memorial donation of \$25 (or amount decided upon) shall be sent to the VFW National Home for Children when a member passes away. If another specific charity has been requested by the family, the memorial donation will be sent to that charity.

**Other Suggestions for Standing Rules** might include:

- President’s purse. Exact amount should be specified.
- Monthly and/or annual donation to your local food pantry, school event (after prom, after graduation) or local charity. Exact amount should be specified.

#### Examples of Standing Rules that Lack Clarity

- Auxiliary will provide financial aid to a member as needed.
- Kitchen Chairman may spend \$100 for supplies.
- The Auxiliary President will be given \$200 to attend Fall and/or Spring Conference.
- The Auxiliary Treasurer will pay the District Dues.
- The Auxiliary Treasurer will send a check to the Dept. Chairman.

### RELIEF FUND

**Does every Auxiliary need to establish a Relief Fund?**

**Refer to Bylaws Sec. 904** Yes! Receipts and expenditures shall be in accordance with the Treasurer’s Guide.

**Is the Relief Fund a second checking account or savings account?** No. There should not be a second checking or savings account.

**What monies are placed in the Relief Fund?** Proceeds from a Buddy Poppy distribution or contributions and/or donations received.

**Is the Relief Fund a Restricted Fund?** Yes!

**What type of expenses may be used from the Relief Fund?**

*Refer to the Podium Edition Yellow Pages*

1. Aid to Auxiliary members needing financial assistance.
2. To meet all obligations or to send monetary gifts to the VFW National Home for Children.
  - a. VFW National Home for Children Health and Happiness (may be processed in Malta or a check mailed to Aux. National Headquarters. The following checks should be made payable to the VFW National Home for Children and mailed to: 3573 S. Waverly Road, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827. Earmark check for specific fund.
    - Seals; • Life Memberships; • Endowment Certificates; • House Funds; • Direct appeal from the Home.
    - Hospital work and • Veterans & Family Support work for veterans, members of the Armed Forces, Auxiliary Members and their family.
    - National Auxiliary Cancer Aid & Research Fund.
    - Special purposes authorized by National Headquarters.
    - To perpetuate the memory of deceased veterans and members of the Armed Forces and to comfort their survivors.
    - To foster true patriotism through historical and educational programs.

**Can an Auxiliary take money from the Relief Fund and transfer it in to the General Fund to pay an expense?** An Auxiliary can transfer money from the General Fund into the Relief Fund; but **cannot** transfer money from the Relief Fund into the General Fund.

**Examples of Donations that meet criteria to use Relief Fund**

Visit the Department website ([www.vfwauxny.org](http://www.vfwauxny.org)) for more!

*Note: All must be voted on and approved by members*

- \$100 towards a grocery store gift card for food for a Veteran’s family in need. • Pay the \$12.00 per capita for an annual member dues for those experiencing financial need or residing in nursing homes or over a certain age. • Donate \$50 towards the purchase of food baskets in support of homeless veterans. • Donate \$100 (or amount decided by the Auxiliary) toward gift cards for VA Hospital outpatients. • Spend \$200 on food for the annual VA inpatients picnic and/or annual Thanksgiving Dinner served at the VA Hospital.

**REFERENCE** *Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation at National’s website: [vfwauxiliary.org/resources/](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources/) Guidebook 5*

**VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**

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**YEAR-END PACKETS**

**Year-end packets, including Election of Officer, Delegate (all levels) and Installation Forms are included in this *Auxiliary News* edition.**

**Please adhere to deadlines!**

**Election AND Installation of Officers MAY be held at the same meeting!**

**Send Election of Officer and/or Department Delegate forms to the Department Secretary immediately after Election of Officers in April!**

***Please DO NOT hold those forms until Installation.***

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FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

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9<sup>th</sup> CAFÉ was held in January at Kennedy Space Center. Bottom left is VFW Auxiliary National President Jean Hamil with VFW Commander-in-Chief “Fritz” Mihelcic. At right is Dept. President Ruth Huber with Astronaut John-David Bartoe.

