



AUXILIARY NEWS ~ April/May 2023

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To the Amazing Members of the Department of New York,

It is so hard to believe that this year is going by so fast. I cannot thank you enough for all that you have done for our great Department and our Veterans this year.

As this year begins to come to a close, we also need to look forward to next year. April will soon be here, and with that election of officers. Please keep in mind that as you elect your new officers what responsibilities will come with that new office. It is important to be aware of what is required of your new position, by being familiar with your bylaws and ritual.

I have been busy continuing with my official visits. I have visited the following Districts:

1, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8. I have the remaining Districts scheduled, and look forward to visiting those Districts.

Department Guard Charlene Hooper traveled with me to the new District 11, that will be in place for the beginning of next year. I would like to wish the incoming officers the best of luck.

In March, I attended the Legislative Conference in Washington DC, and saw the presentation of the Voice of Democracy Department winners. What an exciting experience it was to escort our department winner with my Department Commander.

I would like to remind you all that to be eligible for awards at Department Convention, you must have sent a Year-End report to the Department Chairman by the April 1st deadline.

Year-End reports for Presidents on all levels, are due by April 10th. Please be sure they are post marked by this date to be eligible for President of The Year.

The information for 45 year plus members will be arriving to Auxiliary President's very soon. Please make sure that you take the time to fill this out for your members who have dedicated so much to our organization.

By the time you are reading this, you will be holding your elections on the Auxiliary level. PLEASE make sure your installation report is entered into MALTA and sent to Department secretary Chris Leavor.

I look forward to the next few months and all that it will bring, as together we will stand, *"United to Win the Race for Our Veterans and Their Families" with "Hands That Serve and Hearts That Care."*

I would like to leave you with this quote by Paul Coelho:

"The World is changed by your example, not by your opinion."

Loyally, *Lisa*

Lisa Raplee, President, VFW Auxiliary Department of New York

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PDP and OFFICER BIRTHDATES

APRIL



MAY

8 - Mary Makosky, PDP

27 - Margaret Bergeron, PDP



MARK YOUR CALENDERS

April is Auxiliary ELECTION Month!!

[Contact Department Secretary Chris Leavor for assistance with any election reporting requirements.]

Immediately following Auxiliary *election of officers and delegates*, reports of the same are due to their respective levels as instructed by Dept Secretary, but: **NLT May 1.**

Immediately following Auxiliary *installation of officers*, report of the same is due to the Department Secretary, but: **NLT Jun 1.**

Apr 8... HAPPY EASTER!



May 29... MEMORIAL DAY - Remember our Veterans!

Jun 6-10... VFW and VFW Auxiliary Dept Convention
~ Marriott Hotel, Albany, NY

NATIONAL SPECIAL ORDER # 177 ~ FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Cancellation Putnam County Council-68 ~ New York

The Charter of VFW Putnam County Council, Department of New York was cancelled and declared defunct by recommendation of the Department Commander and in accordance with the provisions of the National VFW Bylaws and VFW Special Order No. 176, dated January 11, 2023; therefore,

1. VFW Auxiliary to Putnam County Council-68, Department of New York is hereby cancelled and dropped from the rolls of the National Organization as of April 1, 2023, which is at least sixty (60) days from the date of this notification for the Putnam County Council Auxiliary to finalize its business.

The following procedures are to be followed:

1. The property of the County Council including books of record, papers, and all moneys belonging to it, shall be turned over within 30 days to the Department President or his/her Representative for disposition as directed by the Department Council of Administration.
2. The Department President shall forward the Charter to National Headquarters.

The Department President will see that this order is executed immediately.

By Order Of:
Jane Reape
National President

Attest:
Ann Panteleakos
National Secretary-Treasurer
AP:jc

DEPARTMENT SPECIAL ORDER # 5 ~ MARCH 2023

(Shall be read at the FIRST meeting following receipt before being filed.)

Dear Auxiliary Presidents and Members,

It is with deep sadness that I share with you the passing of Past National President Sandy Germany, who went to her Heavenly Home November 15, 2022.

Sandy Germany served as National President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary from 2005-2006.

Her arrangements were under the direction of Wolfe Bayview Funeral Home in Foley Alabama

Auxiliaries are ordered to drape their charters for a period of 30 days in her memory.

Cards and condolences may be sent to: The Family of Sandy Germany, 13230 Alabama Street, Elberta, AL 36530-2422.

Loyally,

Chris Leavor
Department Secretary

By Order of:

Lisa Raplee
Department President

Letter of Endorsement for Rose Cooper ~ 12 March 2023

VFW Auxiliary Department of NY District 6

Dear Members of the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York:

VFW Auxiliary to District Six Department of New York members unanimously voted at its regular meeting held on Sunday, March 12, 2023 to proudly endorse Sister Rose Cooper for the high office of President for the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York. Rose previously held elected Department offices of Conductress, Chaplain, Junior Vice President and Senior Vice President and appointed Department offices of Assistant Guard and Patriotic Instructor.

Rose joined the Auxiliary under the eligibility of her father, Glenn, a Korea War veteran. Rose, a Navy veteran, was active duty from 1981 to 1986 and in the reserves from 1987 to 1994. She has been an Auxiliary member for 40+ years and is currently a Life Member of VFW Auxiliary to Pvt. Leonard Jr. Post No. 6251.

In 2018-2019 Rose was District Six President and received Runner-up District President of the Year. She served as Erie County Council President in 2008-2009 and again in 2012-2013. Rose held Program Chairmanships on the Auxiliary, County Council, District, and Department levels. She coordinated and presented at OTI's on the County Council, District and Department levels.

Rose holds degrees in Electrical Engineering, Technology and Computer Science. She worked in Quality Assurance and taught Electronics and Computers at ITT Tech. While serving in the Navy, Rose was awarded Plane Captain of the Month for averting three (3) plane crashes.

Rose works actively with Veterans. She has volunteered at the Buffalo Veterans Administration Medical Center for more than 20 years and also currently serves on the Mental Health Council.

One of Rose's hobbies is writing poetry. Her poems have been published in the *Veterans Voices* magazine and in 2013, she won first place in the national VAMC Creative Arts Contest.

Rose has the full support of her family as she seeks to hold the high office of Department President. Her son Fred Beardsley, is currently serving active duty in the Army.

Please join the members of the VFW Auxiliary to District Six Department of New York as we support Rosalie Cooper for Department President.

By Order of:

Raymond Sheldon, Sr., President
District Six VFW Auxiliary

Attested by:

Deborah L. Cenni, Secretary
District Six VFW Auxiliary

Letter of Endorsement for Darlene Baker ~ 17 February 2023

VFW Auxiliary Department of NY District 5

To the Officers, Delegates and Members of the VFW Auxiliary, Department of New York:

District 5 members voted unanimously to endorse sister Darlene Baker for the high office of Department Sr. Vice President.

Sister Darlene is a life member of Auxiliary 7325, Constantia. She joined in 2000 under the eligibility of her father, Dominick Volpe.

She is currently District 5 Guard; and is Past President of her Auxiliary, Council and District. Positions she held for several years. She has also held, or is holding, the following positions: District 5 Deputy Chief of Staff, Dept. Youth Activities Chairman where she earned the 1st place award at the National Convention, Dept. Legislative Chairman; Dept. Scholarships Chairman where she earned 1st place at the National Convention; Dept. Veterans and Family Support Program Chairman. She also has been a Department Flag Bearer. Darlene is currently the Dept. Jr. Vice President.

Her daughter, Nicole, is a life member of Auxiliary 7325, and her husband, Ezra, served in the military. Darlene's son Dominick is deceased. Darlene has one grandchild with another one due in June 2023.

Sister Darlene's dedication and commitment to our Veterans and Active-Duty Military members is shown through her positions she has held as an Auxiliary Member.

We feel Darlene would be an asset to the Department and are asking for your support in electing our candidate, Sister Darlene Baker, to the high office of Department Sr. Vice President for the Department of New York VFW Auxiliary. We know she will represent our organization to the best of her ability with honor, grace, dedication, and the commitment she has always shown.

By Order of District 5 President Agnes Stampf

Loyally,

Jackie Herbert, PDP
Secretary, District 5 VFW Auxiliary

Letter of Endorsement for Justine Robles ~ March 2023

VFW Auxiliary Department of NY District 1

Greetings Madam President Lisa, National Conductress, Department Line Officers, Past Department Presidents, Sisters and Brothers. We the members of District #1 and the PFC John P Czachor VFW Auxiliary 5806 proudly endorse Sister Justine Robles for the high office of Department Junior Vice President.

Sister Robles joined the VFW Junior Girls Unit at the age of 6 under the eligibility of her grandfather US Army Pvt. Sigmund Bozymowski. Justine climbed the chairs from Guard to President in Jr Unit. Justine then joined the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in 1988. She became President for the first time in 1991 then again in 2009 and is once again our Auxiliary President. Justine has held many offices; she was the Brooklyn County Council President in 2017-2019, the District 1 President 2019-2020 and in 2020-2021 she was very excited to be our VFW Auxiliary National Americanism Ambassador/Patriotic Instructor.

Justine wears many hats. She is a life member of the PFC John P Czachor Auxiliary 5806 since 2014, a life member of the VFW National Home for Children and a member of the St. Stanislaus American Legion Auxiliary 1771 in Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

Justine is always there to help any Veteran local or afar in need whether it's in the neighborhood or sending care packages overseas. She is also very dedicated to her family, her USMC fiance and District #1 Senior Vice Commander John Pieprzak, her 5 biological children, 2 step children, 2 foster children, 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter.

Justine believes there is no "I" in teamwork and if we work together another successful year will be had. She believes in God and Country and always sticks to her motto...(STAY TRUE TO OUR RED, WHITE AND BLUE.)

In conclusion we the Members of District #1 and the PFC John P Czachor VFW Auxiliary 5806 proudly endorse Sister Justine Robles for the high office of Department Junior Vice President.

Loyally Submitted,
Melinda Ingoglio
Assistant Secretary to the VFW Auxiliary 5806
And
District #1 Members
along with
Members of the PFC John P Czachor Auxiliary 5806

Letter of Endorsement for Belinda Cole ~ February 2023
VFW Auxiliary Department of NY District 3

Dear Madam President and Members,

At the VFW Auxiliary to District 3 meeting on January 8, 2023, the members proudly voted to endorse Belinda Cole for the office of Chaplain in the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York for 2023-2024.

Belinda joined the VFW Auxiliary in September 2009 under the eligibility of her grandfather, Raymond Dube Sr, who served in World War II. Within her first year of membership, she knew this was her passion, so she became a Life Member.

Belinda has held many positions and chairmanships on auxiliary, County Council, District and Department levels. She is currently Department of New York Conductress and District 3 President.

Beginning In 2011, Belinda moved through the chairs of the Hudson Mohawk Counties Council before becoming President in 2015-2016 when she received County Council President of the Year for her outstanding leadership.

In 2014, Belinda entered her first District 3 office as Guard. With the confidence of the membership, she moved through all the chairs learning the responsibilities of each before assuming the role of District 3 President for 2019-2020, when she was awarded Runner-up District President of the Year.

In 2016-2017, Belinda was Color Bearer #4 for PDP Denise McHugh; in 2017-2018, Color Bearer #1 for PDP Karen Dotson; and in 2020-2021, Chairman of the Cancer Grant Program for PDP Mary Makosky.

In 2021-2022, Belinda held three positions: Dept Guard and Dept Legislative Chairman – at which she won National Legislative Program Award #2 (best promotion of legislative education and member involvement) and #3 (outstanding performance) - for Jr Past President Ruth Huber, and Dist 3 President, again winning Runner-up District President of the Year.

On a personal level, Belinda played a vital role in the creation of the Global War on Terrorism Monument Organization in 2012. GWOT is a 501c3 organization whose primary goal was to raise money to build a monument that would honor our heroes from the Iraq/Afghanistan Wars. With the love and passion Belinda showed for the cause, she was promoted to Co-Director in 2013. Under Belinda's leadership, the group raised over \$50,000 and the monument was built. Depicting all branches of service, it was unveiled in Crandall Park, Glens Falls, as part of the Veterans Day weekend ceremonies in 2018.

Belinda has been employed at the Stewart's Distribution Center in Saratoga Springs as a Staff Accountant since 2006. She has also been involved with the Stewart's Federal Credit Union Board of Directors since 2009.

Belinda married her husband Dan (whom she recruited as a VFW Auxiliary member in 2018) in September 2019. They currently reside in Hudson Falls with their six fur babies.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen DesForge, Secretary
District 3 VFW Auxiliary

*** Belinda Cole is also endorsed by VFW Auxiliary 6196. ***

Letter of Endorsement for Charlene Hooper ~ 14 March 2023
VFW Auxiliary Department of NY District 8

Dear Madam Department President Lisa Raplee and Members of the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York:

On Sunday, March 12, 2023, the members of District 8 voted to endorse Charlene Hooper as our candidate for the High Office of Conductress for the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York.

Charlene is a life member of VFW Auxiliary to Lt. Cyrus Guernsey Post #1323 located in Seneca Falls. She joined the Auxiliary under the eligibility of her father, David Fournier, who served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam Conflict. She currently serves as Auxiliary Treasurer and is also a life member of the VFW National Home.

Charlene served two terms as District 8 President, 2021-2022 and 2017-2018. In June 2018 she was awarded District President of the Year at the Department Convention in Albany. She currently holds the position of District 8 Sr. Vice President.

Charlene was elected Department Guard in June 2022. She was appointed Department Hospital Chairman for 2020-2021 and Department President's Special Project Chairman for 2022-2023.

Charlene's sons, Joshua and Anthony and granddaughters, Ciera, Brooke, Jasmine, and Ivy are very proud of her and pledge their full support as Charlene goes through the Department Chairs.

The members of District 8 ask for your support of our candidate, Charlene Hooper, as she seeks the high office of Conductress for the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York.

Loyally,

Karen A. Dotson, PDP, District 8 Secretary
By Order of Tina Roberts, District 8 President

Letter of Endorsement for Kimberly White ~ February 2023
VFW Auxiliary Department of NY District 3

Dear Madam President and Members,

At the VFW Auxiliary to District 3 meeting on January 8, 2023, the members proudly voted to endorse Kimberly White for the high office of Treasurer in the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York for 2023-2024.

Sister Kim White was a life member of the Auxiliary to Louis W. Oppenheim VFW Post # 1019 before transferring to the Auxiliary to Schenectady VFW Post # 357. Kim joined the VFW Auxiliary under the eligibility of her grandfather, Clement W. McMahon. Mr. McMahon was a World War II veteran who was awarded the Purple Heart. Kim grew up at the Post, working bingo and dinner dances, and assisting with many Post functions with her grandparents, mother, sister and brothers.

Kim is the mother of two young men, 28-year-old Jared and 26-year-old Lucas. She is also the sole proprietor of Accurate Bookkeeping Services. With over 35 years' experience as a bookkeeper, Kim prides herself on providing big business quality to the small business. She uses the QuickBooks program for all her clients and is familiar with the budgeting process.

Kim has held many offices and chairmanships on all levels and has proven to be a dedicated, helpful and responsible sister. She attends all her Auxiliary and District meetings, Department Conferences and Conventions, and the National Convention. Kim has also been a National Aide-de-Camp twice.

We, the members of District 3, feel that Kim White has proven to be a wonderful asset to our organization. She has the dedication, background and experience and has proven herself to be an outstanding Department Treasurer. Kim has served our Department with honor, pride and honesty. We ask for your support of our candidate.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen DesForge, Secretary
District 3 VFW Auxiliary

By order of
Belinda Cole, President

Letter of Endorsement for Deanna Guyette ~ 5 March 2023
VFW Auxiliary Department of NY District 4

Dear Madam President and Members,

It is the pleasure of District 4 VFW Auxiliary to endorse our candidate, Deanna Guyette for the position of Department Guard. Deanna joined VFW Auxiliary 7227 in 2000 under the eligibility of her father, Lawrence W Biskey, a WWII Veteran.

As a member of VFW Auxiliary 7227 Deanna has held several offices including President for six years and is currently President. She has also held many chairmanships in her Auxiliary.

At this time she is currently serving District 4 as the Treasurer and has also held many chairmanships on this level. She is also involved with her community and has served her community in many ways. In 2020, Deanna and her husband were the recipient of the inaugural "Make Every Day Matter Award."

Deanna has also received many VFW Auxiliary awards. Deanna and her husband Randy have been married for 28 years and are the proud parents of 3 children, Christopher, Brandon and Christina. They have 7 grandchildren.

It with great pleasure the members of District 4 VFW Auxiliary present the name of Deanna Guyette for the office of Department Guard and we know she will fulfill her duties in an official manner.

Loyally,

Bonnie Burgy, Secretary
District 4 VFW Auxiliary

*** Deanna Guyette is also endorsed by VFW Auxiliary 7227. ***

**VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
2023 OTI REGISTRATION FORM**

Dear VFW Auxiliary Members:

The VFW Auxiliary Department of New York Officers Training School will take place on August 4th and 5th, 2023 and will be held at the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton in Binghamton, New York.

The cost of the weekend is as follows:

- 1 person in room for 1 (one) night \$215 per person
- 2 people in room for 1 (one) night \$150 per person
- 1 person in room for 2 (two) nights \$340 per person
- 2 people in room for 2 (two) nights \$215 per person

This includes dinner Friday night, breakfast, and lunch on Saturday, and all class materials.

For those coming for **SATURDAY ONLY** the price is \$75.00. This will include breakfast, lunch, and all class materials.

All reservations are to be sent to Dean Helen Weeks by June 28th, 2023. This gives us time to assign rooms and plan meals. There will be **NO** refunds returned after this date. **Make checks payable to DEPT. OF NY VFW AUXILIARY.**

We will be teaching Audits, Parliamentary Procedure, Treasurers, and Secretary's sessions, Identifying Unhealthy Auxiliaries, Auxiliary Community Outreach, and other interesting subjects.

Helen E. Weeks, Dean

OTI SCHOOL

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Aux #: _____

Person Staying With: _____ Number of Nights: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Mail to: Helen Weeks (address can be found in the Department Directory).

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

The following are corrections/changes that were reported after the Directory was printed and distributed at Fall Conference:

- 📖 Aux 2718 Sec Michelle Coviello-*New E-Mail*: michelleecoviello@gmail.com
- 📖 Aux 4947-*New President*: Mary Leon Fowler, 194 Mountain Rd, Bloomingburg, NY 12721, 845-733-9331, maryleonfowler@gmail.com
- 📖 Aux 4947-*New Secretary*: Maria DeLourdes Dallin, 10 Blue Sky Blvd, Wurtsboro, NY 12790, 845-665-4487, mdallin77@icloud.com
- 📖 Aux 8691-*New President*: Denise Thomas, 4 Tower Hill Dr, Washingtonville, NY 10992, 845-664-1188, dmth0921@gmail.com
- 📖 Aux 9487-*New Temp Treasurer*: Barbara Wulff, 6379 Abbots Rd, Franklinville, NY 14737, 716-676-3127, barbwulff3127@gmail.com
- 📖 District 1-*New Treasurer*: Robert Prokopowicz, 805 Walton Rd, Broad Channel, NY 11693, 917-817-6396, fonemanrob@aol.com
- 📖 District 1-*New Secretary*: Mildred Jordan, 109-81 201st St, St Albans, NY 11412, 917-225-9242
- 📖 PDP Helen Weeks-*Correct Apartment Number on PDP List, Directory Page 8*: Apt 1116
- 📖 Department Mentoring Chairman Darlene Stanton, PDP-*New Address*: 424 Sand Creek Rd, Apt 105, Albany, NY 12205
- 📖 Department Buddy Poppy/National Home Chairman Flora Becker-*New E-Mail*: travisbecker8@gmail.com

MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP ~ PDP Darlene Stanton, Chairman
424 Sand Creek Road, Apt 105 ~ Albany, NY 12205 (NEW ADDRESS)
(518) 470-7310 ~ wwdeedeass@aol.com

First, I would like to apologize if there has been any confusion to any of the auxiliaries receiving credit for this program. I recently underwent back surgery and am doing my rehab at home now. Therefore, I was unable to attend Spring Conference, however, I am continuing to work on the correct updates for the program report.

As you are all aware, elections are right around the corner. This is a very important time of year for our members as there will be many new officers elected. This is a great time to mentor these newly elected officers, by helping them to understand all that is expected of them as an officer. It is important that as experienced members we give the newer members the same support we received when we were in the same spot as them.

As we prepare for the new year, some things that you could do to mentor your members at each meeting, are read a section of the bylaws, explain the importance of participating in each of the programs, let your new members know what each rap of the gavel means, or explain the traditions of our organization.

Thank you for all your hard work in mentoring our members so that we can continue to build up our great organization. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Department Convention!

Hugs, *Darlene*

***Inspirational Messages* from DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN Justine Robles**

Month of the Military Child: All of April 2023

Father, we ask you to place your hand of protection and peace on the families of those who have sent a loved one to serve in the Armed Forces. In their absence, give the families at home provision for their needs and strength to manage their homes alone. Help them to trust You when they're tempted to give in to fear, to take their thoughts captive to Your truth and to rest in Your sovereignty and goodness. Comfort them in loneliness and anchor them in Your unchanging love. We ask You to use the adversity of distance for Your good -- to strengthen their marriages and to deepen the bonds of family. Help the children of parents who've been deployed to feel Your strong love, to know Your comfort, to develop endurance and to learn to trust You. Amen.

Memorial Day: May 29, 2023

All Powerful God, today we honor those men and women, our sons and daughters, husbands and wives, fathers, brothers, sisters, mothers, who have laid down their life for country and freedom. All to protect us from danger and harm, by their ultimate sacrifice. Whether weary or emboldened, quiet, or defiant, vulnerable, or ready when You called them home, their sacrifice is too humbling for words except these uttered in prayer. Loving Lord, bless them forever in Your eternal peace, cherish their spirit, honor their commitment, send them our love, today as we visit these stones and memorials. and will never forget the service that they gave. Lord, also bless the families of our fallen heroes, let them be comforted, and fill their homes and lives with Your strength and peace forever. Amen.



"BUDDY"® POPPY/VFW NATIONAL HOME ~ Flora Becker, Chairman
86 Garden Street ~ Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(315) 521-2675 ~ travisbecker8@gmail.com (NEW E-MAIL)

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

As we are coming to the end of the race, let's not stop doing things to promote our "Buddy" Poppy and National Home. These programs never stop.

Buddy Poppy: Thank you to all Auxiliaries that brought in their Buddy Poppy Displays at the Spring Conference. They all looked fantastic! Here are some other "Buddy" Poppy things you can do: When doing an Easter Egg Hunt decorate with "Buddy" Poppies; Attach a poppy to an Easter or Mother's Day gift; Host a "Buddy" Poppy Drive - it is a perfect way to publicize while educating the Community; Ask your local government to issue a "Buddy" proclamation for your Memorial Day and Service.



National Home: Amazon Smile is now ended. It has given over hundreds of thousands to charities worldwide. As of the end of 2022, National home received a total of \$25,096.59 from Amazon Smile. Thank you to all that used Amazon smile. National Home is still in need of your help by donating monthly, buying a brick, or by helping contribute to the tribute park. See more info by going to the VFW National Home website.



"Poppy" Poem - "I am not a badge of honour, I am not a racist smear, I am not a fashion statement, To be worn but once a year, I am not glorification Of conflict of war. I am not a paper ornament A token, I am more. I am a loving memory, Of a father or a son, A permanent reminder of each and every one. I'm paper or enamel I'm old or shining new, I'm a way of saying thank you, To every one of you. I am a simple poppy A reminder to you all, That courage faith and honor, Will stand where heroes fall.

"REMEMBRANCE" - Remember each letter by - **R**espect, **E**choes of the past, **M**oments of sadness, **E**ach soldier gave it all, **M**onumental glory, **B**ravery, **R**eflection, **A**ctions to protect, **N**ever forget them, **C**ourageous heart, **E**very remembered.

Thank you for sending in all your reports and end of year reports. I loved reading what all your Auxiliaries did for the "Buddy" Poppy and National Home. Whatever you do after April 1st will go to the new chairman. So keep a list of what you did so when the new year starts you can turn them in.

As we are **"United to Win the Race for Our Veterans and Their Families"** with **"Hands that serve, Hearts that care."**

Loyally, *Flora*



CANCER GRANT DONATION FUND ~ Lori Tunkel, Chairman
10 Michelle Drive ~ Gardiner, NY 12525
(845) 255-8983 ~ loritunkel24@gmail.com (NEW Email)



Cancer Awareness: **April** – Testicular and Head & Neck ~ **May** – Skin, Bladder, and Brain

If you have any members in your Auxiliary with cancer, don't forget to tell them about the Cancer Grant. I have given the grant form to two of my Auxiliary members this year. They were not aware of the grant and very much appreciated that I told them about it.

I would like to thank everyone who visited my Cancer Grant table at both the Fall and Spring Conferences. We had many baskets as requested at each conference. I also had some additional items at the tables.

Your support made fighting cancer a little easier for our Auxiliary patients this year. But, we can't stop now. Please continue the fight and support our Cancer Grant for as long as we can.

"United to Win the Race for Our Veterans and Their Families" with **"Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care."**

Loyally, *Lori*



Hello, again, my Auxiliary Family!

In the Feb/Mar edition of the Auxiliary News I shared from the bylaws Sec 812 some of the responsibilities of an Auxiliary Secretary. This month I continue to discuss the role of the Auxiliary Secretary.

* For example- you may still be writing the minutes in the black Secretary ledger book that can be ordered from the VFW Store. That's fine. Or, you might be typing the minutes and then fastening them in the previously mentioned black bound book. That's fine as well. However, be aware that if you are fastening the minutes in the book, or putting typed minutes in a three-ring notebook, these pages must each be numbered consecutively- and initialed by the Trustees at audit. (pg. 78 of the Podium Book.)

* All communications from National, or Department Officers are official and shall be read at a meeting before being filed for reference. (This includes the Auxiliary News. The President's letter is an official communication to be read every edition- as well as share with your chairmen the chairmen's articles. Emails are ALSO communications. They should be read as well.)

* The Secretary notifies orally or in writing all newly elected members.

With Auxiliary elections taking place in April, the following Secretary duties are worth noting:

* Enter the information required from the Installation Report in MALTA, or submit the installation report to the Department Secretary for entry into MALTA within seven (7) calendar days.

* Input or transmit the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the Secretaries required to receive them within thirty (30) days of election. This means District delegates/alternates to the District Secretary, Department delegates/ alternates to the Department Secretary, and National delegates/alternates to the National Secretary-Treasurer. The names/addresses are on the forms I mailed to each Auxiliary President. I remind you that the Election form must be returned to me-even if you, as the Secretary, have already entered the officers into MALTA. I use that information to compile the 2023-2024 Directory. I also remind you that the May Department ZOOM session will be about completing and returning these forms. I know most of you will have already sent them by that time, but I will be looking at them to address the most common mistakes we are making. I recommend the Secretary make copies of all election materials and keep them in the records.

I hope you were able to attend the Spring Conference and found it enjoyable as well as informative. See you in June at the Department Convention!

"United to Win the Race for Our Veterans and Their Families" with "Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care."

Loyally, *Christine*

**EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION ~ PDP Marianne McLane, Chairman
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With Spring Conference just over we are on the downhill side for this Auxiliary year. This doesn't mean we stop all programs and membership while we wait for the new auxiliary year to begin. Instead, we dig our heels in and work even harder to help Auxiliaries that need mentoring and especially work on 100% in Membership.

Please use Malta; it has the best knowledge we can ask for at our finger tips. Malta is not just for the President, Secretary and Treasurer. It is for any member of the Auxiliary.

It is so important to reach out to your Post to help them with their programs as well. Communication is the key to success for both our VFW and Auxiliary.

We must move forward with forming new Auxiliaries. We have some VFW's that want an Auxiliary but they don't understand that the 15 NEW members must be exactly that-NEW Members. Transfers cannot be a part of the 15 New Members. Once that New Auxiliary is instituted, they can transfer into the Auxiliary at that time.

Finish up this 2022-2023 Auxiliary year by crossing the winning line with 100% in Membership and all of our Auxiliary programs.

"United to Win the Race for Our Veterans and Their Families."

Loyally, *Marianne, PDP*



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Educate ~ Participate ~ Get Others Involved

“Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves - and the only way they could do this is by not voting.” ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Our 118th Congress is a house divided, with one party in control of the House of Representatives and the other party in control of the Senate. We need to remain focused. Our organization must continue to lobby and educate our elected representatives on the need to swiftly pass legislation intended to benefit Veterans, active-duty service members, and their families.

Pending legislation are Bills that have been brought to the floor and read into the minutes, then forwarded to the appropriate Committee for discussion and review before coming back to the floor for a vote. Examples of legislation languishing in committee may be found at the website for Veterans Affairs,

<https://www.veterans.senate.gov/legislation>.

- Bill number S. 622 -to improve services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to Veteran families.
- Bill number S. 449 -to improve the assignment of patient advocates at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Bill number S. 280 -to ensure that only licensed health care professionals furnish disability examinations under a certain Department of Veterans Affairs pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, and for other purposes.
- Bill number S. 141 -to improve certain programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for home and community-based services for veterans, and for other purposes.

Writing to, calling, and lobbying our elected representatives is the most effective way to ensure our voices are heard. Together, our combined voices can result in positive change. Keep sending your legislative reports. I look forward to reading your reports about the legislative activities our members have been involved with.

“United to Win the Race for Our Veterans and Their Families.”

Patriotically ~ ***Ron***

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***** Ways and Means Program Fundraisers are Going Strong! *****

- The 9-month raffle tickets (\$5.00 per ticket) have been selling good – keep up the great work.
- The February 2023 winner for the 9-month raffle tickets is: **Auxiliary 516** in District 1. The March and April winners will be drawn at the Spring Conference.
- We will have the popular scratch off ticket raffles at the Spring conference. Please bring \$10.00 worth of tickets to support this raffle.
- Race for the Gold tickets are available for \$20.00 per ticket. Please stop by my table at the Spring Conference to purchase one. These would be a great gift for a loved one. If your auxiliary is not going to sell the tickets, please, send them back to me, or bring them to me at the Spring Conference. These tickets need to be accounted for. The drawings for these tickets will be at the June Convention.
- Don't forget, when you receive products in the mail from National, please respond with a donation. This is the Guarantee Program. The money you donate comes back to the department.
- If you need more tickets please contact me at the above address, phone number or email address.

“United to Win the Race for Our Veterans and Their Families.”

Loyally, ***Linda***



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Spring is here! What a wonderful time of year it is when we recognize all those who encouraged patriotism through the scholarships program. Your determination to ensure students attain an education and reach their full potential is to be commended. I truly appreciate the donations you have made to the scholarships program, the letters to the school administrators, in person visits to schools and other organizations, newspaper submissions, Facebook postings, emails, and the reports you have sent me.

The following are the 1st through 3rd place winners from the Department of New York Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Contests. Voice of Democracy-"Why is the Veteran Important": 1st Place-Olivia G. Wolber District 1, 2nd Place-Oliver Tupper District 6, and 3rd Place-Madison M. Anderson District 8. Patriot's Pen-"My Pledge to Our Veterans": 1st Place-Magnus H. Caselli District 6, 2nd Place-Armel Mahmutovic District 4, and 3rd Place-Aidan D. Moran District 1. The 4th Place winners in the VOD contest are: Adriana S. King District 2, Benjamin R. Jewell District 3, Izabella J. Vredenburg District 4, Abigail M. Goncalves District 5, and Wynter Jarvis District 9. The 4th Place Patriot's Pen winners are: Maya Caroline Konczynski District 2, Daniel McAlonie District 3, Abir Basar District 5, Sadie E. Ayotte District 9, and Brooke L. Jennings District 8. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Congratulations to all of the winners in the Young American Creative Patriotic Art and 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art contests. As of this writing the entries have not been judged. It will be exciting to see who the winners are! If you would still like to support Jane's Special Project log in to MALTA. Click on "Make a Gift." Select National President's Special Project. Mail checks earmarked 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art to: VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters Attn: Scholarship Fund, 406 W. 34th St., 10th Floor Kansas City, MO 64111. To date we have donated \$73,115.00 of the total \$112,610.22 raised to this fund. Way to go New York!

I hope we have had award recipients in the Continuing Education Scholarship program as well. We need to make our members aware of this scholarship. VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters receives less than 100 applications per year. It is up to us, the members, to share information at our meetings, in our newsletters, e-newsletters, on social media and in our Post Homes. Today's workforce has changed due to the pandemic and this scholarship is meant to aid members and their families as they continue or return to college or vocational/technical/trade schools to learn new skills allowing them to stay relevant in the workforce. You have donated \$140 to this fund.

Please remember to recognize all of our local participants. From the students to the teachers, parents, members, judges, chairmen, mentors, and local media everyone likes to be acknowledged for their efforts. Invite all who helped to promote the contests to an event at your Post. Host a family friendly event such as an ice cream social, a luncheon, or awards night and be sure to invite your local media! Even if it just recognizing them with a certificate or a simple thank you card. Everyone loves to feel appreciated. Thank the media if they attend events and present them with the Communications Award. What better way is there to encourage continued participation in the program? You will find everything you need to make your event a huge success at vfwauxiliary.org/resources.

Awards for Auxiliaries: Your entry forms have been forwarded to National. The winners will be announced and awards will be presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

Thank you, Madam President Lisa, for entrusting me with the Scholarships Program. The Department of New York has attained 100% in reporting and/or participation in the program. I would be remiss if I didn't shout out a great big THANK YOU to Colleen McDaniels who unfortunately was not able to continue as the chairman for this program but remained dedicated to its mission to further the education of our nation's youth, our members, and immediate family members.

We will forever be *"United to Win the Race for Our Veterans and Their Families"* with *"Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care."*

Loyally, *Ruth*

Words of Thanks

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers....On behalf of the Dotson Family, we extend a sincere "thank you" to the Auxiliaries and members for their cards, texts, and telephone calls due to the passing of Billy Ray Dotson. Your thoughtfulness was a comfort during our time of loss.

~ Loyally....Michael and Karen Dotson, PDP

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Hello! I am so sorry I missed everyone at the Spring Conference. Can you believe how fast this year has gone by? We are already in April. Spring is here and it's time to celebrate Easter. There is so much we can do with our youth. Some ideas are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt where they could meet the Easter bunny. There are also many spring themed crafts the youth can do and bring them to local Veterans or Veterans in hospitals.

In May we celebrate Mother's Day on the 8th. Auxiliaries can host a Mother's Day brunch. On May 21st we celebrate Armed Forces Day. On this day we honor all the military branches. We could have a breakfast, lunch, or dinner and or even a card decorating event to distribute. May 29th is Memorial Day. On this day we honor all the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Some of us will be marching in parades, hosting events at our VFW Auxiliary homes or visiting our loved ones at their final resting place. Even though this is a day we honor their sacrifice we can always have our youth involved. Let's not forget they are our future members.

Please continue to keep up all the hard work and keep the reports coming in. Until we see each other again, remember... Together with our youth we can be....

"United to Win the Race for Our Veterans and Their Families" with our "Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care."

Loyally, *Melinda*



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How Landlords Can Help End Veteran Homeless

No individual who served their country should be without a home. VA cannot address this alone and needs landlords who are interested in housing these Veterans. In this historic crisis, landlords have a unique opportunity to give back to those who have served. Veterans have selflessly defended our nation in times of need — and landlords can make a positive impact by protecting these individuals from the risk of homelessness. Housing Veterans doesn't just provide shelter, but can lead to life-changing health, social, and socioeconomic outcomes for them and their families. Furthermore, housing Veterans provides a mutually beneficial relationship; landlords will benefit from responsible, often long-term, renters, support from VA, and guaranteed payments that come through Housing Choice Vouchers or grantees offering short-term subsidies.

Benefits to Renting to a Veteran:

- **Reliable income** - With HUD-VASH vouchers and SSVF subsidies, a portion of the rent is automatically paid on time to landlords by a public housing authority or an SSVF provider. A team supports the Veteran to provide stability, educates the Veteran on his or her tenancy requirements, and helps the Veteran meet the requirements of the lease. In addition, the combination of these payments along with the Veteran's portion matches fair market rental prices, so landlords won't see less money coming in.
- **Support from VA** - Case management from VA support programs can connect landlords and Veterans with help they may need; thus, leading to more successful and stable tenancy.
- **Serve those who have served**- Landlords renting to Veterans can feel proud of their decision to house those who have answered our nation's call. Such a decision can be consequential in changing a Veteran's life.
- **Support community health outcomes**- The pandemic reminds us that nearly all health is public, and our wellbeing is highly influenced by the health of our community. Veterans experiencing homelessness are at higher risk of contracting COVID-19 as well as developing other health conditions. By providing safe housing to Veterans and their families, landlords can help mitigate these risks, improve community health, and help our nation make progress in recovering from this national tragedy.

Loyally, *Charlene*



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*** APRIL 2023 - *Easter, National Former POW Recognition Day***



April Showers bring the beginning of...Spring, New Ideas, and New Service To Our Veterans! Spring brings new growth, new ideas and new service to our Veterans and families. Time to be re-thinking how to provide service to our care-givers, support our homeless veterans and their families, our Service Officers, our Military Assistance Program, Unmet Needs, “Sports Clips Help a Hero” Scholarships, Veteran and Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness. What can you do that is new to serve our Veterans, families, and caregivers?

*** MAY 2023 - *Flowers, Loyalty Day, Mother’s Day, Memorial Day***

May flowers remind us of our ever-growing love of our Veterans and their families. So many of our veterans have become homeless or are at risk of homelessness. They are lost, their families have lost contact. May is our opportunity to find new ways to help our veterans to have a home. May is also your time to spread the word to make everyone in your community aware of the rise in military and veteran suicide. It’s walking weather. Sponsor a Stop 22 walk in your area. Continue to work with your local suicide prevention and mental health awareness coalition to increase your involvement in your area. Let all know the magnitude of the problem. Mental health issues affect all, either directly or indirectly. Help bring awareness to the forefront.



REMEMBER OUR FALLEN ON MEMORIAL DAY

As we “*Win the Race for Our Veterans and Their Families*” through our “*Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care,*” continue sharing your love for our Veterans, Military, and caregivers. Keep up your great work!

Loyally, *Dee*



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To the Department of New York VFW Auxiliary Americanism Pit Crew Members,

“President Lisa’s Americanism Race Car” is taking command of the track as we are reaching turn 4 of the last lap. I can’t wait for her Victory Lap and to see her burn rubber doing donuts on the track with her checkered flag at National Convention. It takes a team to “WIN” a race and the Auxiliary Pit Crews kept her car on the track this whole year. We avoided all wrecks, kept the tires changed and the gas tank full with all of your wonderful reports.

Although all reports and Year-End reports are to be received to me by April 1st 2023, please continue to do the “Great Job” that your Auxiliaries do! Memorial Day Services and events can be reported to next year’s Chairman. Take pictures and document the event so you don’t forget some of the details. Spring is in the air and with it people will need to replace their flags. Recognize a Business or Resident that faithfully displays the American and/or POW/MIA Flag. Use the Free American Flag you received (upon request) from the Department of New York this year. If you did not receive your Flag at Spring Conference, please check with your District President.

Don’t forget to stay updated at vfwauxiliary.org. Log into Malta and go to Member Resources/Americanism.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Americanism Chairman and Patriotic Instructor for President Lisa and the Department of New York. Keep up the good work!

With “*Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care*” while being
“*United to Win the Race for Our Veterans and Their Families.*”

Loyally, *Tamara*

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Hello Everyone – Wow, time does fly. Can't believe that we are getting to the end of the race. I hope everyone remembered to submit their Year End Reports by April 1st.

REMINDER – if you have sent me reports during this year and I **DO NOT** get a Year End Report, then your Auxiliary will not qualify of any awards at Convention. If you have any concerns about whether I received them on time, please contact me.

The Auxiliaries in New York have done a fantastic job this year and I'm so proud of all of you. As of this writing, the Hospital Program only needs 5 Auxiliaries to report in order to be 100%. The Auxiliaries are District 1 – Aux. 5796; District 2 – Auxiliary 6396; District 5 – Auxiliary 348; District 8 – Auxiliary 6105 and District 9 – Auxiliary 5802. I will be contacting the Auxiliary Presidents shortly to see what they have done.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DISTRICTS 4, 6, AND 7 FOR BEING 100%. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

REMINDER AGAIN -- CHANGE OF EMAIL – due to my severe hack back in December, I now have a new email – it is snowy4931@gmail.com Please change me in your address book. My yahoo account will remain open at least until the end of this Auxiliary year. I thank you and keep up the good work for our Veterans!

**WE WILL HAVE HANDS THAT SERVE, HEARTS THAT CARE AND WE WILL BE
UNITED TO WIN THE RACE FOR OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

Loyally, *Peggy*

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Mission Impossible!

We are so close to making the mission possible. Let's not give up what we set out to do. **What's that you ask?**...Make our department shine for our own National President Jane Reape and Department President Lisa Raplee to make the Circle of Excellence. Why is this so important?..Because we all joined in honor or memory of a Veteran. That Veteran made great sacrifices so we could have the freedom we have today. Every year we get down to the finish line and we still have some who haven't paid their dues. Have we tried calling them?

Sometimes just calling to say "hey we miss you, how are things going with you?" They may say "I've been sick, had a death in family and the extra money to pay my dues is tight right now." Well, you could say "I know the Auxiliary has a relief fund which we could help you with dues. Would that help you out with staying a continued member? Would hate to see you lose your continuous membership. Besides, if you had to rejoin you would need to be a member for 1 year to get a cancer grant." They then open up and say "Well, I have had cancer and I am going for my Chemo or Radiation now, but it was personal and hard to talk about." Well, your next words should be "Let us pay your dues this year and I will mail you out a cancer grant application. What's it entail?...Simple you take it to your Dr, he fills it out, you send it off to the address on the form, make a copy for your records, and you will receive a check from the Cancer fund. And I'm sure with all the expenses you have now, you could use a little bit of extra cash." She then says "Oh, you just made my day. How can I ever repay you and the auxiliary?" You reply "By staying active with your membership; we need each and every one of our sisters and brothers to maintain our voice on the hill for our Veterans." She says "Oh, I can't thank you enough, this is such good news for me to hear and cheer me up. Thank you again." You say "You're welcome. I will contact my treasurer and have them process your dues. Watch for your new card in the mail and they will also mail you the cancer grant application. Have a good day!"

So, with that message being said, let's make a phone call to those unpaid members so we can get President Lisa into the winner's circle!

Let's stay ***"United to Win the Race for Our Veterans and Their Families."***

Loyally, *Marcia*



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2022-2023 Reporting Year ended March 31, 2023

Multi-month or annual partnership approval motions recorded during the 2022-2023 reporting year expired March 31st, 2023. All partnership events for the 2023-2024 reporting year must have updated motions recorded.

SPRING IS COMING – *Hopefully soon!!*
Refer to the 2023-2024 Guidebook for Chairman’s Information!

1. Easter weekend of April 8th & 9th – Partner now with Youth and Community Assistance centers to volunteer hours to collect business donation, sort, fill and distribute baskets and meals to the homeless and needy families. Remember cost and hours purchasing eggs, candy, food, and supplies are not reportable.
2. Earth Day – April 22nd – Partner with Health & Environmental organizations by volunteering hours to their projects that will help protect and beautify the planet, such as: picking up trash along the roadways, sorting and recycling garbage, planting trees, or community vegetables gardens.
3. National Teacher Appreciation Week – 1st full week of May – Partner with the local PTA or Teachers Association to volunteer to assist in their honoring of dedicated teachers in your community.
4. Mother’s Day – May 14th – Partner with a Nursing Home to visit and celebrate “Mothers without Visitors.”
5. Spring Cleanup – Partner to volunteer hours to clean and paint kitchens and sleeping areas in Community Centers and Shelters; clean cages at Animals Shelters; repair fencing at public playgrounds and dog parks.

Thank you for the hours you have donated in your community. You enriched the lives of its residents, its animals, improved the environment and demonstrated that VFW Auxiliary members have “*Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care*” as you continue to be “*United to Win the Race for Our Veterans and Their Families.*”

Loyally, *Judy*

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Almost to the Finish Line!!

The year is coming to an end, but our work still must go on! Make sure that your Auxiliary is taking advantage of the VFW Auxiliary Publicity Guide: • Proven methods of generating publicity • What Auxiliary activities and events are newsworthy? • What is the format for a news/press/media release? • A template for creating your own local fact sheet • Sample News Release • TV & Radio Public Service Announcement samples • Sample media interview with questions and answers. Press/media releases are a great way to get the word out about Auxiliary functions and what we are all about. Less is more! A few helpful hints include: • Your release should not exceed one page; and never be more than one and half pages! The reason for this is reporters scan most press releases. • Make sure you include all the important who’s, what’s, where’s, when’s and why’s. Carefully proofread; use spell check; and then ask a friend to look!

• Always provide relevant links to your website or Facebook page, a copy of the National Fact Sheet and the National Elevator Speech where writers can learn more about your mission and what you’ve accomplished. • Is this a story and a photo opportunity? If so, include a line at the top: Photo opportunity: then explain it!

It was an honor to serve as Department Historian/Media Relations Chairman this year and I did so with much excitement! “*United to Win the Race for Our Veterans and Their Families*” will provide us with wonderful memories while “*Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care.*”

Loyally, *Kellianne*

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APRIL Showers bring MAY Flowers...

SPRING has arrived and it's time to

Renew, Refresh, Replant, and

R E M E M B E R

our Veterans!



OFFICERS TRAINING INSTITUTE (OTI) ~ August 4-5, 2023

The VFW Auxiliary Department of New York Officers Training Institute will take place on August 4-5, 2023 and will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton in Binghamton, New York.

The cost of the weekend is as follows:

- 1 person in room for 1 (one) night - \$215 per person.
- 2 people in room for 1 (one) night - \$150 per person
- 1 person in room for 2 (two) nights - \$340 per person
- 2 people in room for 2 (two) nights - \$215 per person

* **SATURDAY ONLY** cost is \$75/person and includes breakfast, lunch, and all class materials.

WEEKEND COSTS INCLUDE:

- ▶ Friday night Dinner
- ▶ Saturday breakfast
- ▶ Saturday lunch
- ▶ All Class materials

Instructional topics include: Audits, Parliamentary Procedure, Treasurers, and Secretary's Sessions, Identifying Unhealthy Auxiliaries, Auxiliary Community Outreach, and other interesting subjects.

The Registration Form can be found on Page 6 of this newsletter. It is also available on the Department website, www.vfwauxny.org, or by contacting Chris Leavor, Department Secretary.

The deadline for all reservations is June 28, 2023. This allows time to assign rooms and plan meals. There will be **NO** refunds returned after this date. **Make Checks payable to Department of NY VFW Auxiliary.** Mail checks, along with registration forms, to: **Helen Weeks, Dean, (address can be found in the Department Directory).**