



AUXILIARY NEWS ~ April/May 2025

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Dear Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers,

Since the last newsletter, we have reached many milestones! On March 2-6, 2025, I had the pleasure of participating in the Voice of Democracy in Washington, DC and going to Capitol Hill! It was an amazing experience. I also attended the March 8, 2025, event in District 3 for the Gold Chevron Ball and the District Meeting. Many thanks to the members of District 3 for their hospitality.

It was great seeing everyone at Spring Conference, March 21-22, 2025. Many thanks to our speakers, VFW Department Commander Dan Kell, along with Col. Joe Morris and Allen Lund from Arrow International to discuss the Modernization of Charitable Gaming. And a big 'Thank You' to all who supported the Maternity Care program by participating in the diapers and wipes collection!

On April 4-6, 2025, I attended the Grand Convention for the Military Order of the Cooties in Norwich, New York, as well as a visit to the NY State Veterans Home at Oxford. It was a wonderful experience to meet so many veterans and enjoy their company. On April 12, 2025, I was honored to attend, along with Scholarship Chairman, Joan Barnhart, the Spring Conference for the Department of New York VFW in Corning, New York. The recipients of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen scholarship programs were honored; and the Veterans Service Officers were recognized for their support to our veterans and their families. Thank you to all Auxiliaries and members who donated to the Veterans Service Officer Raffle and supported the Veterans Service Officer fund. In addition, at the end of April, I had the pleasure of attending the 50th Anniversary Dinner of Auxiliary 2064 in District 2. In May, I will be travelling to Districts 5, 10 and 11 to attend their District Conventions.

We hope that everyone who has participated in the Zoom Training Sessions has gained knowledge from these mentoring and training sessions and has found them valuable throughout the year! We thank you for your participation and hope that you have seen Auxiliary growth either in participation or membership!

In reviewing the Official Visit Forms, we found many simple items that we wanted to share:

- 1) Please confirm if you have a 990-N filing problem and report it to the Department Treasurer.
- 2) Treasurers should not be filling out the audit forms and submitting them to the Department Treasurer. This is the responsibility of the Auxiliary's Trustees. See Bylaw Sec. 814 – Trustees – Duties of (All Levels) page 87.

Remember, Membership is the key to the success of our organization. Let's all work together by both retaining the old and making new friends as one is Silver and the other is Gold!

Also, please remember to "report" every month. This is a vital piece that is missed which assists the VFW by maintaining its tax-exempt status. And, most of all, remember to submit your audits and memberships on a timely basis. We are doing great work and everyone should be very proud of their accomplishments.

LASTLY - Remember that as a TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More), we will continue
"Soaring into the Next Century of Service with Our Veterans and Their Families!" so that
"From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans" we continue to GROW!

Loyally, *Darlene*

Darlene Baker, President, VFW Auxiliary Department of New York

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MAY

8 – Mary Makosky, PDP

27 – Margaret Bergeron, PDP



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Apr 1... DEADLINE: Program Year-End Reports-
must be received by Apr 1 (USPS/Email).

Apr 10... DEADLINE: President's (on all levels)
 Year-End Reports *must be postmarked
 or received* by Apr 10. (USPS/Email).

Apr... VFW Spring Conference, DNY
10-13... ~ Radisson Hotel, Corning, NY

Apr 20... Happy Easter

May 11... Happy Mother's Day

May 26... Memorial Day
-Remember our Veterans

Jun... VFW and Auxiliary Dept NY Convention
10-14... ~ Marriott Hotel, Albany, NY



NATIONAL SPECIAL ORDER # 142 ~ JANUARY 30, 2025

Lifts the suspension of VFW Auxiliary 5933

Lifts the suspension of VFW Auxiliary 5933 by recommendation of the Department President and by order of the National President as the Auxiliary has elected a Treasurer and is in good working order. The Department President will see that this order is executed immediately.

By Order Of: Brenda Bryant, National President

Attest: Ann Panteleakos, National Secretary-Treasurer

NATIONAL SPECIAL ORDER # 153 ~ FEBRUARY 14, 2025

Suspension VFW Auxiliary No. 7223 ~ New York

Upon recommendation of the Department President and by order of the National President and in accordance with the National Bylaws, Article II, Section 209, the Charter of VFW Auxiliary to Malsan-Jones Post 7393, in Whitestown, New York, is hereby suspended for the period not to exceed three (3) meetings due to:

1. Failure to comply with the VFW Auxiliary National Bylaws.
2. Failure to submit Audits.
3. Lack of meeting attendance.

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

By Order Of: Brenda Bryant, National President

Attest: Ann Panteleakos, National Secretary-Treasurer

DEPARTMENT SPECIAL ORDER #1 ~ FEBRUARY 20, 2025

(To be read at all Auxiliary meetings before being filed.)

With deep sadness, I must report to you the passing of Past Dept Pres, Donna Emo, who went to her Heavenly Home on February 19, 2025. Donna served as Dept President from 1998-1999. Please keep her long-time Companion Jim, and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Cards may be sent to:

Jim LaCount, 3725 Perugia Ave, Sebring, FL 33872.

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

By Order of:

Darlene Baker

Department President

Attest:

Chris Leavor

Department Secretary

NATIONAL OFFICIAL RULING ~ JANUARY 14, 2025

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

At the 2024 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, the VFW Auxiliary National Bylaw, Article IX, Sec. 920 – Property Ownership was passed. To resolve any confusion, I have made this official ruling on the interpretation of this Bylaw.

As stated in Sec. 920, B., *For the purposes of these Bylaws, personal property is defined as tangible and intangible property that is moveable, even if a small amount of disassembly is required to move. C., For the purposes of these Bylaws, real property is defined as land and permanent structures on the land.* Therefore, be it known that:

- Auxiliaries may own personal property, per Sec. 920, A.
- When personal property is placed in a VFW Post building, there shall be a clear understanding of who owns the property, how it will be used and disposed of if the VFW Post and/or VFW Auxiliary goes defunct.
- This understanding shall be in writing and signed by both the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary.
- Any items without a clear, signed statement of ownership and usage, will be the property of the VFW Post.
- Items donated to the VFW Post prior to the Bylaw change, are the property of the VFW Post, unless there is a previously signed document stating otherwise.
- Additionally, the Auxiliary may not charge the VFW Post rent to use items purchased by the Auxiliary that are kept at the VFW Post building (e.g., tables, chairs, etc.), unless a written agreement exists between the VFW Auxiliary and the VFW Post for the rental of these items.
- Any shed or building purchased by the Auxiliary and placed on the VFW Post property shall belong to the VFW Post and not the Auxiliary. The VFW Post as owner pays the taxes and insurance on such property. Any ad valorem tax or any other taxes are the responsibility of the owner of the property.
- The exception to this is that Auxiliary specific and/or Auxiliary branded items (e.g., Auxiliary Charter, Auxiliary Flags, Color Bearer Flags, Auxiliary Banners, Auxiliary Plaques, Auxiliary Awards, etc.) remain the property of the Auxiliary.

The goal is teamwork. We encourage all VFW Auxiliaries and VFW Posts to work together. Clear communication is the key.

By Order Of: Brenda Bryant, National President

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I hope you were able to attend the Spring Conference in Binghamton when the winners of the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen were announced. In April, they will be attending the VFW Spring Conference in Corning.

The winners are as follows:

Voice of Democracy:

- 1st Place: Joseph Burke, Post 2064 (D2), Maybrook
2nd Place: Campbell Jones, Post 7967 (D6), Alden
3rd Place: Leia Wall, Post 8534 (D5), Lacona

Patriot Pen:

- Alex Zywochenko, Post 5491 (D2), Mahopac
Valadyslaw Luchka, Post 7279 (D11), Lindenhurst
Margaret McCann, Post 6251 (D6), Lancaster

Remember that your art entries are due to me for Department judging by April 10, 2025, at the above address. I would like to congratulate Districts 4, 6, 8, and 10 for being 100 % in reporting. The others only need 1-3 more. Don't forget to send your year-end reports so you can qualify for the awards your Auxiliary has worked hard for.

"Soaring Into the Next Century of Service with Our Veterans and Their Families" as we go
"From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans"

Loyally, ***Joan***

Letter of Endorsement for Justine Robles ~ February 2025

VFW Auxiliary Department of NY District 1

Good afternoon, Madame President Darlene, Department Line Officers, Past Department Presidents, Sisters and Brothers. We the members of District One and the PFC. John P Czachor VFW Auxiliary 5806 proudly endorse sister Justine Robles for the high office of Department President.

Sister Robles joined the VFW Jr. Girls Unit at the age of six under the eligibility of her grandfather, A WWII, US Army veteran, Pvt. Sigmund Bozymowski. She climbed the chairs from Guard to President of her unit. She also served as Head Advisor of our Jr. Girls until they were disbanded in 2015. She joined the VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Post 5806 in 1988. She became President for the first time in 1991. She became President again in 2009 and yet again in 2015. A position she held until 2024. Justine has held many titles through many levels of the Auxiliary. Working the chairs, she was Brooklyn County Council President 2017 through 2019. Again, working the chairs in District One, she was President 2019-2020 and is currently the sitting District One President. One of her proudest moments was when she accepted the office of National Americanism / Patriotic Instructor in 2020-2021.

Sister Justine was presented her Life Membership by the comrades of Post 5806 in 2014 for her dedication to her Post and veterans. She is also a Life Member of the VFW National Home for Children. She became a member of St. Stanislaus Memorial Post 1771 Auxiliary, American Legion in 2015. Justine has proved to be there to help any veteran, whether in the neighborhood or sending letters or care packages overseas.

Justine is also very dedicated to her family. Her husband, a Desert Storm, US Marine, is District One Commander, John Pieprzak. She has 5 biological children, 2 stepchildren, 1 foster child, 3 grandsons, 1 grand-daughter and another granddaughter due in February.

Justine believes in God and Country. Her long-time motto is "Always stay true to your red, white and blue".

In conclusion, we ask you to please accept our endorsement of sister Justine Robles for the high office of President, Department of New York.

Loyally Submitted,

Melinda Ingoglio

Asst Secretary to the VFW Auxiliary 5806

Letter of Endorsement for Belinda Cole ~ January 2025

VFW Auxiliary Department of NY District 3

Dear Madam President and Members,

At the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York District 3 meeting on January 5, 2025, the members proudly voted to endorse Belinda Cole for the office of Senior Vice President in the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York for 2025-2026.

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

Belinda has held many elected and appointed positions and chairmanships on Auxiliary, County Council, District and Department levels. She is currently the Department of New York Junior Vice President.

Some of Belinda's achievements include County Council President of the Year for her outstanding leadership in 2015-2016; Runner-Up District President of the Year in 2019-2020 and again in 2021-2022. At the 123rd VFW National Convention in Kansas City, MO, she won the National Legislative Program Award #2 for best promotion of legislative education and member involvement and Program Award #3 for outstanding performance.

Belinda is a life member of the VFW National Home and a member of the Military Order of the Cootie, Wild Bunch #2.

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. The park beautification committee presented her a proclamation for her dedication.

Belinda has been employed at the Stewart's Distribution Center in Saratoga Springs as a Staff Accountant since 2006. She also sat on the Board of Directors for the Stewart's Federal Credit Union for 14 years before stepping down in October 2024. Belinda married her husband Dan (whom she recruited as a VFW Auxiliary life member) in September 2019.

We, the members of District 3, feel Belinda will fulfill the duties of the office of Senior Vice President with honor and integrity.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen DesForge, Secretary

By Order of: Kathleen Hayward, President

Letter of Endorsement for Charlene Carnright ~ December 2024

VFW Auxiliary Department of NY District 8

Dear Madam Department President Darlene Baker and Members of the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York:

On Sunday, December 8, 2024, the members of District 8 endorsed Charlene Carnright as our candidate for the High Office of Jr. Vice President for the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York.

Charlene is a life member of VFW Auxiliary to Waterloo Memorial Post #6433 located in Waterloo, NY. 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 Secretary to VFW Auxiliary 6433. Charlene held the offices of Auxiliary President and served as the Auxiliary Treasurer from July 2014 until June 2023 for Lt. Cyrus Garnsey to Post 1323. Charlene is 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. During 2023-2024, Charlene held the position of District 8 Guard. She currently is the District 8 Scholarship Chairman.

Charlene 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 Carnright, as she seeks the high office of Jr. Vice President for the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York.

Loyally,

Karen A. Dotson

Karen A. Dotson, PDP, District 8 Secretary

By Order of: Tina Roberts, District 8 President

Letter of Endorsement for Kimberly White ~ January 2025

VFW Auxiliary Department of NY District 3

Dear Madam President and Members,

At the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York District 3 meeting on January 5, 2025, the members proudly voted to endorse Kimberly White for the office of Treasurer in the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York for 2025-2026.

Kim was a life member of the Auxiliary to Louis W. Oppenheim VFW Post # 1019 before transferring to the Auxiliary to Schenectady VFW Post #357, and then to the Auxiliary to Hilderbrand Davis VFW Post #1895. 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, 30-year-old Jared and 28-year-old Lucas. She is also the sole proprietor of Accurate Bookkeeping Services. With forty 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 meetings, Department Conferences and Conventions, and the National Convention. Kim has twice been a National Aide-de-Camp.

We, the members of District 3, feel that Kim White has proven to be a wonderful asset to the VFW Auxiliary. 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

Maryellen DesForge, District Secretary

By Order of: Kathleen Hayward, President

Letter of Endorsement for Darlene Baker ~ February 2025

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 of New York VFW Auxiliary Treasurer.

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

Darlene is currently our Department President. She is a Past President of her Auxiliary, Council and District 5, positions she held for several years. She has also held several Department offices and Chairmanships (Youth Activities, Scholarship and Legislative). 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.

Darlene has a wealth of professional experience working with General Council at Barclay Daman, Client Relationship Management/Customer Service, and CEOs of large corporations. The members of District 5 believe that with her legal/business compliance, billing knowledge and her attention to detail, she would be an asset as Department Treasurer.

Sister Darlene has the support of her family and Auxiliary. Her daughter, Nicole, is a life member of Auxiliary 7325. Darlene's son Dominick is deceased. She has two grandchildren.

The members of District 5 feel Darlene would be a great asset to the Department and are asking for your support in electing our candidate, Sister Darlene Baker, to the high office of Department Treasurer 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.

Loyally,

Jackie Herbert

Jackie Herbert, PDP

Secretary, District 5 VFW Auxiliary

By order of: District 5 President David Bennett

Letter of Endorsement for Deanna Guyette ~ January 2025

VFW Auxiliary Department of NY District 4

Department of New York:

Veterans of Foreign Wars District 4 Auxiliaries proudly endorses Deanna Guyette for the high office of Department of New York Chaplain.

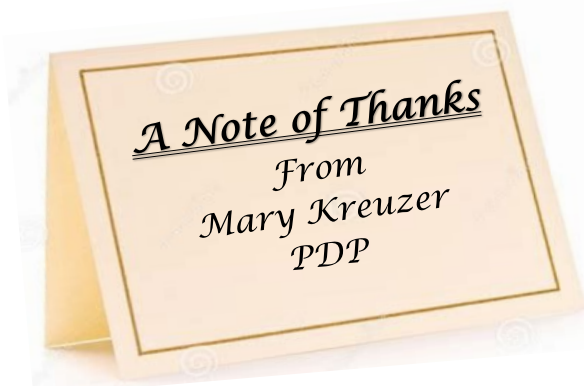
Deanna (Dee Dee) has served our organization in many capacities: Auxiliary President, District Treasurer, Department Webmaster and Department Newsletter Editor and she is currently serving as National Legislative Ambassador. In addition, she has spear headed the Post and Auxiliary 7227 Stop 22 Walk and Hospice Golf Tournament for 20 years.

Dee Dee is dedicated to serving our Veterans and their families. District 4 asks for your continued support of our candidate for the office of Department Chaplain.

Loyally,

Marcia Williams

District 4 President



Mary is having a bit of trouble getting her message out, but she wants her Auxiliary family to know how much all the cards and messages meant to her after the loss of her sister, Carole Frost. Mary sends her love and gratitude to all. ♥

Letter of Endorsement for Craig Keitel ~ January 2025
VFW Auxiliary Department of NY District 2

President Darlene and members of the Department of New York VFW Auxiliary:

District 2 has the honor of endorsing District 2 President Craig Keitel for the position of Conductor for the Department of New York Auxiliary.

Craig joined the Auxiliary in 2016 under the eligibility of his father, Edward Keitel who served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam.

While in the Auxiliary, Craig worked in the following positions: Department Color Bearer #2 2023-2024, District 2 President 2024-2025, District 2 Senior Vice President 2024, District 2 Jr. Vice President 2023-2024, District 2 Conductor 2022-2023, District 2 Legislative Chairman 2023-2024, Putnam County Council President 2022-2023, Mahopac Auxiliary President 2021-2023, Mahopac Auxiliary Sr. Vice President 2023-2024, 2020-2021, Mahopac Auxiliary Jr. Vice President 2019-2020. Mahopac Auxiliary Secretary 2023-2024.

Prior to joining the Auxiliary, he was a member of the Mahopac VFW Men's Auxiliary and served as the Men's Auxiliary Treasurer and Secretary.

Craig served in the United States Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserves from 1989 to 1997 serving as a Dragon Missile Gunner, Assistant to the Company First Sergeant and Company Career Planner. In 1991 his reserve unit was activated and deployed to Camp Pendleton, CA where he trained to be part of a combat replacement troop in support of Operation Desert Storm.

Craig was employed by the Village of Scarsdale Police Department from 1990 to 2011 where he retired as a Police Sergeant. While employed with the police department, in addition to performing patrol duties, he performed the following assignments and details: Field Training Officer, General Topics Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Radar Instructor, Traffic Enforcement Squad, Department Reaccreditation Team, and Desk Sergeant.

Craig is also a member of the following professional organizations: Mahopac American Legion, where he is currently the Judge Advocate, Putnam County Marine Corps League, DAV, AMVETS, Life Member of the VFW National Home for the Children, Fraternal Order of Police, Police Emerald Society of Westchester County, NY Shields, Orange County Shields, NY Police and Fire Retiree Association, NY Police Retiree Association, International Police Association.

District 2 endorses Craig Keitel for the High Office of Department of New York VFW Conductor for the 2025-2026 year.

Loyally,

Linda LaRosa, District 2 Secretary



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Dear Brother & Sisters,

Thank you to the Auxiliaries that submitted entries to display the creative artistic talent of our youth in the "Illustrating America" contest.

The judges will certainly have a tough time selecting winners for each contest. With warmer days ahead, we encourage Auxiliaries to celebrate and honor our youth with a pizza party, ice cream treats, or cupcakes event.

Patriotic Youth Awards may be distributed at the time of the events. Certificates can be found on the National website: www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Scroll down to the 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 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, youth organizations that have sent "Thank You for Your Service" cards, collection of non-perishable food items for local food pantries, or blankets and personal care items collections for their local community agency.

With spring and summer approaching, there will be many opportunities to continue engaging with our youth; such as providing flower seeds to plant for Mother's Day, ask a Basketball, Lacrosse, or Baseball team to collect non-perishable food items or personal care items before their game, or creating 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 1st. You may use USPS or email.

Loyally, *Phyllis*



FROM the DESK of the DEPARTMENT SECRETARY ~ Christine Leavor



Welcome to Spring, my Auxiliary Family!

As I write this, I hope everyone enjoyed the Spring Conference as much as I did. I missed the VFW but thank the Committee who did a fantastic job on short notice.

I also hope all Auxiliaries attended at least one of the ZOOMs to complete the election and installation paperwork. I will be looking forward to receiving your election reports and Department (and National) delegates this month. Remember, if you are installing in May do NOT hold the election report until your installation is completed. Send those DISTRICT delegates to your District Secretary. It needs to be received before your District Convention to be able to vote. Also, all your **audits** need to be current, and all monetary obligations need to be met. I also want to remind you of the bylaws change for when officers assume their duties. All officers assume their duties upon the installation of the Department President in June, EXCEPT the Auxiliary Secretary and Auxiliary Treasurer, who do not assume their duties until the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1st, when their "Duties" tab will then be set in MALTA after the annual reset.

I mentioned in the last issue that the Memorial Book will be based on the information in MALTA from June 1, 2024-May 31, 2025. Your Auxiliary can enter these yourself and if you do, I don't need the Change form sent to me.

I recently entered six deceased life members and came to an unpleasant realization that I feel the need to share with you. Some of these had been deceased for as long as 7 years, others between 3-5. Since these were life members, the Auxiliary was still collecting the Life Member rebate from National all those years. At the current rate, that would have been over \$76.00 in total. This was just one Auxiliary, in one Department. Imagine how many there must be in the National organization! This is essentially theft, collecting money we are not entitled to. We lament the rising cost of membership yet collectively contribute to it. The amount of money National must be paying for members who are in their Heavenly Homes must be in the thousands of dollars. I began to wonder to myself if the time could come when National could ask Auxiliaries to pay back money received for members who have been deceased for years. I think it's something to think about and beseech all Auxiliaries to do the honorable thing and enter your deceased members in a timely manner.

In conclusion, I hope all your year-end reports have been submitted and I see you at the Department Convention receiving your rewards and recognition for all the work you do each and every year for our Veterans and this Organization. I know most of us do not like to "blow our own horn," but it's how others who could be eligible learn about us, about what we do, and want to become part of us. So, BLOW THAT HORN LOUDLY!

Respectfully, *Christine*

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April Showers Bring May Flowers, YAH!!

I hope everyone is getting ready to enjoy the warmer weather and longer days.

It was nice seeing everyone at the Spring Conference in Binghamton. I want to thank everyone for their reports and for their end of the year reports. I look forward to seeing everyone at the June Convention and handing out the Legislative awards.

The 2025 VFW Priority Goals are available online. You can print them and disburse them to your fellow Auxiliary and community members. Remember we need to **participate** in community activities. We need to **inform** and **educate** our communities and members on the Legislative issues we are helping our Veterans with.

Get **involved** by signing up for the VFW Action Corps Weekly newsletter. The Actions Alerts are sent to all VFW Action Corps weekly subscribers. There are over 350,000 people receiving the Action Corps weekly newsletter electronically. Note that signing up does not mean you are "taking action". Only 6,003 responded to the Call to Action to support the Major Richard Star Act - that is less than 2% of subscribers. Only 1,789 responded to the Call to Action to stop the "Claim Shark" exploitation - that is less than 1% of subscribers. New York we can do better than that. Let's make a difference.

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"Soaring Into the Next Century of Service with Our Veterans and their Families"*

Loyally, *Tina*

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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. Any member in good standing (*defined as one whose current dues are paid*) shall be eligible to hold any office in the Auxiliary, District, Department or the National Organization in which they are a member.

Congratulations to all newly elected officers, delegates, appointed officers and chairmen as they accept the responsibility of holding those positions. As you assume the role of an officer or chairman, please be aware there are many helpful resources available to guide you. All members, especially officers and chairmen, should have a current Podium Edition and Bylaws and Ritual. The Podium Edition may be purchased from the VFW Store (Online at vfwstore.org or telephone: 833-839-8387). The digital version of the 2025 Podium Edition can be found on MALTA → Member Resources, where it can also be downloaded.

Begin your term by familiarizing yourself with **Bylaws Sec. 801**. This section contains an overview of the duties and responsibilities for all elective and appointive officers. "The Booklet of Instructions" is also known as the "yellow pages" because the pages are printed on yellow paper! There is much valuable information found on these pages. *You may wish to review "Election of Officers," Election Procedure, Two (2) or More Candidates" and "Election by Acclamation, One (1) Candidate" prior to your April Auxiliary meeting!*

An Auxiliary NOT current with audits, **is not** eligible to vote at District or Department Conventions. 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!

I remind all Auxiliary Presidents to complete the **R U Healthy? Auxiliary To-Dos and Deadlines** checklist and return to me no later than May 15, 2025. The checklist was in the President's packet from June, 2024. If you require a copy, you will find a copy of the form on the Department website under **Programs→Extension & Revitalization→R U Healthy Checklist form 2024-2025**. The completed form may be sent via email to kdvfwaux@aol.com or sent via USPS mail. Mailing address is on the checklist form.

Thank you to all the mentors who have practiced the "3 C's" as being a *Consultant, Counselor, and Cheerleader*. Our members appreciate you answering their questions, listening to suggestions/new ideas, while providing support and enthusiasm.











I would like to thank all the members and the presenters who have participated in the Zoom Training Sessions for January through March. For those who attended, I sincerely hope you found the information presented helpful to your Auxiliary.

Continue to learn, grow, and mentor those to be future leaders by
"Soaring into the Next Century of Service with our Veterans and their Families" because
"From our Roots to our Branches Extending Service to our Veterans."

Loyally, *Karen, PDP*

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

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

-  Department POW/MIA Flag Bearer Margaret Sheldon-*Temporary Contact Phone Number*: cell: 716-640-1716
-  PDP Mary Kreuzer-*New Address*: Greenfield Health and Rehabilitation Center, 5949 Broadway C113-1, Lancaster, NY 14086
-  Aux 260-*New Meeting Time*: Last Tuesday, 7:00 pm
-  Aux 569-*New Secretary*: Lisa Reed, 20 W 4th St S, Fulton, NY 13069, 315-278-6027, reedyx6@gmail.com
-  Aux 1143-*New President*: Sandra Cockayne, 30 Wells Rd, Potsdam, NY 13676, 315-265-2508, cockayne.sandifred@hotmail.com
-  Aux 1400-*New Meeting Time*: 2nd Tuesday, 6:00 pm
-  Aux 5933-*New Treasurer*: Joan Becker, 324 Poyneer Rd, Nassau, NY 12123, 518-479-3008, jbecker20@nycap.rr.com
-  Aux 7325-*New President*: Marian Mura, 44 Kellar Dr, Bernhards Bay, NY 13028, 626-848-6284, teammura2008@gmail.com
-  Aux 7336 President-*New E-Mail*: billdwyer418@outlook.com
-  Aux 9593-*New Treasurer*: Samantha Pratt (was already Secretary)

"BUDDY"® POPPY/VFW NATIONAL HOME ~ Flora Becker, Chairman
86 Garden Street ~ Seneca Falls, NY 13148
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we are gearing up for the end of the year, we should still continue to support the "Buddy" Poppy by holding Poppy Drives or handing Poppies out at upcoming parades and Memorial day celebrations.

The National Home has 42 houses that are sponsored by VFW Departments. They can always use our support. And this year they are celebrating their 100th Birthday throughout the year with special events. To see the upcoming events go to <https://vfwnationalhome.org/news/blog/> for more information. June 28 is the VFW National Community Celebration. Also, the 2025 Centennial Garden offers engraved bricks to honor a loved one, commemorate a special event, or to simply leave your mark on this historic occasion. The bricks cost \$500, and are 8x8 inches. Number of bricks are limited.

At the Jan. 7th Department Zoom with the National Home for their Birthday celebration, we held the Health and Happiness drawing. The winner of the \$20 goes to District 6. Thank you to all for supporting the Health and Happiness. Also, the \$100 Centennial Life membership special ends on December 31, 2025. Otherwise, regular life memberships are \$50.

Thank you to all who stopped at my table at the Spring Conference and for bringing in your 'Buddy' Poppy displays. The winners will be in the next newsletter for all the raffles and contests.

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"From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans."***

Loyally, *Flora*



MEMBERSHIP ~ PNP Jane Reape, Chairman
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New York we are getting down to the wire!

I realize the Auxiliaries who are not 100% have been contacted. I am confident you are all working very hard. I encourage you to keep working Membership. Don't get discouraged and don't give up! ***"Winners never quit & quitters never win."***

Recruiting is not as difficult as we make it. We are an elite and selective organization. Not everyone can qualify. We are the premier Veterans Auxiliary. Our mission to serve our veterans and their families sells itself. It is an honor and a privilege to belong to the VFW Auxiliary. The secret to recruiting is to just ***"make the ask."***

Both the National Organization and I have provided you with the tools to recruit. Use the fact sheet, the QR code key chain, laminated cards, business cards and phone pockets. I hope you picked up more laminated cards, business cards and phone pockets at the Spring Conference. These are not exclusive to this year.

The best recruiting tool is being active in your community and publicizing it. That will entice new members who want to be active in their communities. They will seek us out but we must also include them and make them feel welcome. Don't forget to use the QR code. There is something for everyone. They can be as involved as they choose. Our younger members are raising their families so may not have a lot of time to devote. Be patient with them. Invite them to bring their children. Make it a family organization.

While new members are necessary it is also important that we retain those we already have. Last year we lost 406 members who walked/ran out the back door. Perhaps if we had made personal contact and let them know how important they were we would have retained them.

We all need to work together. It is not solely the job of the Treasurer. We are all on the membership committee. Abby Wambach said it perfectly. ***"I've never scored a goal in my life without getting a pass from someone else."***

Let's hop aboard the Hot Air Balloon and "soar" our way into 100% plus. We have over 3 months left to get those members in. New York we can do this!!

Loyally, *Jane, PNP*

AMERICANISM ~ PDP Rose Cooper, Chairman
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**“Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihood –
the virtues that made America.” ~ Theodore Roosevelt**

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone enjoyed the spring conference. I am sorry I could not be there to receive your year-end reports, but I have received them from PDP Karen Dotson and will record them accordingly. Part of Americanism is to promote Patriotism. Patriotism is not only respecting the flag, reciting the pledge of Allegiance, or doing things for and with veterans. It is also supporting your national sports teams. Respecting All National Symbols not just the Flag, but things such as the Eagle, the Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore.

Have you ever looked at the Great Seal of the United States and wondered what the symbols stood for? The Bald Eagle sits in the center of the seal holding a scroll with “*E pluribus unum*” “out of many, one. This symbolizes how the 13 colonies formed our Great Nation. The right claw of the eagle clutches an olive branch and the left thirteen arrows signifying “the power of peace and war.” The red and white stripes on the eagle’s breast reminds Americans to rely on their own virtue. The blue field in the shield represents the president and congress being represented by the states, denoted by the red and white stripes. **Red** - hardiness and valor; **White** - purity and innocence; and **Blue** - vigilance, perseverance, and justice. Above the eagle’s head in a field of blue is a constellation formed of thirteen stars. America, a new state, was taking its place among other nations. You may not have noticed but thirteen is repeated many times in the Great Seals components. Even the motto *E pluribus unum* has thirteen letters.

April - This whole month is the month of the Military child.

5th – Gold Star Spouses Day

15th – **“Purple”** Up Day for the Military Child (**wear purple**)

9th – **Former** POW Recognition Day

May - This whole month is Military Caregiver month and Military Appreciation Month.

1st – Loyalty Day

12-17th – Armed Forces Week

8th – VE Day (79th Anniversary)

17th – Armed Forces Day

9th – Military Spouses Day

26th – Memorial Day (birthplace, Waterloo, NY)

LET US CONTINUE

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Loyally, *Rose, PDP*

***The Department of NY VFW Auxiliary
Wreaths Across America Sponsorship
Group is recognized for its efforts!***

Dear Group Leader,

2024 was an exceptional year for Wreaths Across America – and the reason it was so successful is because of the thousands of dedicated volunteers like you!

I am humbled by the incredible dedication and commitment of our volunteers and the continued growth of our year-round mission. The wreath sponsorships afford us the opportunity to provide so many wonderful programs for free.

As a volunteer-based organization, none of our success would be possible without your effort. Thank you for making a difference in your community and for championing this important mission!

With gratitude,

Karen Worcester

Executive Director, Volunteer



**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
2024**

Presented To:

Dept of New York VFW Auxiliary

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the
REMEMBER - HONOR - TEACH mission.
Your unwavering support is greatly appreciated!

Karen Worcester

KAREN WORCESTER
Executive Director

Julie Bright

JULIE BRIGHT
Director of Locations & Groups



VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT ~ Doris "Dee" Ippolito, Chairman
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OPERATION BOTTOM COVER: The needs of our veterans and active-duty military families go way beyond the battlefield! Operation Bottom Cover is important as it is a common misconception that military families are well-supported by existing programs. Many fall into service gaps or face unexpected hardships. With the belief that our support is about care beyond the battlefield, the Department of New York's VFW Auxiliary is proudly supporting Operation Bottom Cover, National President Brenda Bryant's special project. This project is not just about providing supplies of supplies; it's about creating a network of care. Here's how you can help:



- ✓ Gift money to Operation Bottom Cover **EASILY** through MALTA-Gifts- National President's Special Project or send a check to National Headquarters earmarked "Special Project."
- ✓ Coordinate and make a gift of diapers directly to a military base.
- ✓ Host a diaper giveaway for veteran or military families at your Post. Partner with businesses, schools, and civic groups whose mission is to provide diapers and wipes to families in need.

Donate to Operation Bottom Cover now! Thank you!

"Happy New Year-Reporting!" April brings the new reporting year! Start now to report your individual and group work for Veterans and Family Support. Each and all reports are welcome. The current chairman will forward each and all reports to the new Veterans and Family Support Chairman for 2025-2026! Now is the time to review your Standing Rules to make sure you include donations to Veterans and Military Support, Military Support Programs, and the Donation Report Form (in July).



May is National Military Recognition Month and Mental Health Month: May flowers remind us of our ever-growing love of our Veterans and their families. Recognize our military by sending care packages to our military. May is also Mental Health Month. Mental health issues affect all, either directly or indirectly. Help bring awareness to the forefront. Connect with your community's Suicide Prevention Coalition and help bring awareness to the terrible loss each day of our military and veterans by suicide. Coordinate a Stop 22 walk now.

Thank you and keep up your fantastic service to our veterans and their families as we are
"Soaring Into the Next Century of Service with Our Veterans and Their Families" and as we move
"From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans."

Loyally, *Dee*

PROGRAM COORDINATOR ~ PDP Jackie Herbert, Chairman
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Program Checklist Review

- ✓ Did your auxiliary send a program report but didn't receive credit? If you find this has happened to your auxiliary, please contact the specific program chairman, **not me**, to get things straightened out.
- ✓ Are you finding it hard to send program reports? If you don't know what you should report, please contact the program chairmen.
- ✓ I receive many calls regarding these and many other questions. I cannot give you a checkmark because we are friends. If that were the case, everyone would have 100% in reporting as all of you are my friends!
- ✓ There are only a few months left to report and send your year-end reports to the program chairmen. I know everyone wants to see their auxiliary line on the monthly program report filled in. If you check the Department website: <https://vfwauxny.org> you will be able to see what program needs to be reported.

On a personal note: Thank you all for the cards and prayers you sent my husband, your "Big Daddy", the many times he has been in the hospital. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. We love you all very much and miss everyone!!

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Loyally, *Jackie*

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"Be the ray of sunshine!"



Happy Spring! And Keep the Sun Shining!

Morning dew and light

Dawn breaks slowly, earth awakening

Birds sing, squirrels play, joy

There may still be snow on the ground, however, sunny days will be here again, I just know it! You have continued to shine the sun on our veterans and your reports back this up. Many of you sent Valentines to our Veterans, or you held a party to make their day brighter. Thank you to all the auxiliaries that reported this activity. Easter is coming soon, and I am confident you have activities in the works. You can work with Youth groups on this as well, and don't forget to include the staff in your celebrations. If you don't have a VA near you, remember, you can visit any facility that has veterans.

Spring Conference has come and gone; it was wonderful seeing everyone again. Thank you for the reports and award forms (with pictures!). It has been a wonderful year, and I have enjoyed being your Hospital Chairman. You truly are the **"Ray of Sunshine"** our Veterans need and deserve.

And remember, we are,

**"Soaring into the Next Century of Service with our Veterans and Their Families" as we go
"From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans."**

Loyally, *Agnes*



AUXILIARY OUTREACH ~ Judy Lefebvre, Chairman
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The 2024-2025 reporting year ended on March 31, 2025.

Thank you to each of you for every hour you volunteered to improve your community, its residents, animals, surroundings, and environment by donating your time at:

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| ▶ Food Shelves/Pantries | ▶ Homeless Shelters |
| ▶ Animal Shelters | ▶ EMT/Fire/Police Stations |
| ▶ Community Gardens | ▶ Charity Fundraisers |
| ▶ Open Spaces | ▶ Cemeteries |
| ▶ Blood Banks | ▶ Senior Centers |

Thank you for upgrading the image of the VFW Auxiliary by donating your time to help other organizations. Your Auxiliary apparel and insignia opened the door to discuss VFW and Auxiliary programs and goals. Every hour you donated showed your community that the VFW and its Auxiliary support the community as well as veterans and their families. Auxiliary Outreach partnerships should never become membership drives but they are good opportunities to provide membership eligibility.

Continuing partnerships that were previously approved but were not recorded as Standing Motions need to be approved and recorded for the year 2025-2026. Effective April 1, 2025, partnerships, volunteers, and hours should be reported to the Auxiliary Outreach Chairman after July 1, 2025. Consult the 2025-2026 President's Guidebook for the Auxiliary Outreach Chairman's name, email, phone number and address.

The Auxiliary Outreach Program will remain the perfect format to educate "outsiders" about the VFW, and its Auxiliary. Projects, benefits, walks, and fund raisers are successful because Auxiliary volunteers bring so much talent and experience to every partnership. "Volunteers are Unpaid Because They are Priceless."

Auxiliary members are **"Soaring into the Next Century of Service with Our Veterans and Their Families,"**
because **"From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans."**

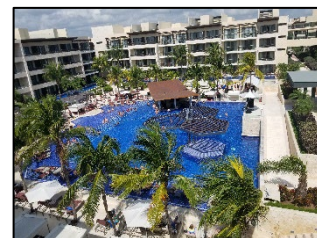
Thank you again, for all you continue to do for our veterans, their families and your communities.

Loyally, *Judy*

National Mid-Winter Conference ~ Cancun, Mexico



Members of the Dept of NY VFW Auxiliary attended the National Mid-Winter Conference in Cancun, Mexico, Feb 1-7; where there was plenty of sunny skies, warm temperatures, and clear blue ocean! The business session offered valuable information and a great time was had by all as they explored beaches, islands, shopping and more at the Hideaway Royalton Resort!



PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT ~ Linda Flanagan, Chairman
155 Briggs Street ~ Syracuse, NY 13208
(315) 475-7526 ~ auxd53146@hotmail.com

Dear Members:

The year will soon be over. There are 18 auxiliaries that didn't report. Please check the Program Coordinator's monthly report to see if your district or auxiliary reported. It's not too late!!

Hopefully, we can be 100% after the Spring Conference. I will have the remaining cups and travel mugs for sale; I hope we sell out! This is a great way to get credit.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this program so far. Let's make this a banner year for President Darlene by having 100% in reporting for this program. You can even call in a report to me, 305-475-7526.

If you just want to donate money, please send your check to me at the above address, made payable to: The Dept. of NY VFW Aux - earmarked Pres. Special Project.

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Loyally, *Linda*

WAYS & MEANS ~ Marcia Williams Chairman
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With Spring just around the corner, that means we are in the homestretch for this year's programs. Our February winner on the 9-month calendar was Aux 2475 (District 3). And the March winner was Tina Roberts, from Aux 8649 (District 8). It's not too late to mail your yellow 3-month calendar tickets to me.

The last BIG push will be the 55-inch flat screen TV with surround sound. There will have extra tickets at Spring Conference available, or, if you would like more to sell, come see me. Belinda Cole also has tickets. We are very close to having everyone participating in the program. We have 2nd and 3rd prizes too so don't forget to stop and get your tickets.

We can do this. If your auxiliary buys the ticket and wins, you can re-affle it off and make money for your Auxiliary. Let's make the last 3 months a success for this program!

"Soaring Into the Next Century of Service with Our Veterans and Their Families!"

Loyally, *Marcia*



VFW National Home Trustee Elections

- ☑ The VFW National Home will hold its Annual Life Member Meeting on October 25, 2025.
- ☑ The Department of New York belongs in the National Home District 2.
- ☑ Newly elected Trustee 2 will be installed at the Annual Meeting.
- ☑ Be prepared, informed, and ready to cast your vote as a National Home Life Member.

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION FOR VFW NATIONAL HOME LIFE MEMBERS:

The VFW National Home's Board of Trustees has approved the use of electronic voting beginning with the 2022 Trustee District election. If you are a Life Member of the VFW National Home and are not receiving email from them, you will need to update your email address. Please send an email to info@vfnationalhome.org with your updated contact information to receive electronic voting ballot.

This includes any Auxiliary that holds a Life Membership with the VFW National Home. Recommendation: Auxiliary designates either a President, Treasurer, or Secretary as representing the Auxiliary to receive the Auxiliary's electronic voting ballot. The Auxiliary's representative shall then reply to cast the Auxiliary's vote for its choice of candidate prior to deadline.

Any questions regarding the election can be directed to info@vfnationalhome.org or call (517) 663-7023.



DISTRICT 8 SPOTLIGHT



▼ PICTURED BELOW ▼

District 8 members collected baby blankets for Strong Memorial Neonatal Unit. Pictured L-R: Phyllis Walker (Department Youth Activities Chairman) and Brittany Tierson (District 8 Youth Activities Chairman).

▲ PICTURED ABOVE ▲

District 8 members collected items for homeless veterans. Pictured L-R: PDP Cindy Campbell, PDP Lisa Raplee, Tina Roberts (District 8 President), and Phyllis Walker (Department Youth Activities Chairman).



Don't Miss the DEADLINE: 45+ Year Auxiliary Member Recognition Form

Due Date: May 1

Dear Auxiliary Presidents:

Just a quick reminder that the 45+ Year Auxiliary Member Recognition form is due to Chairman Karen Dotson by **May 1, 2025**. The Recognition form is available on the Department Website (www.vfwauxny.org) under Resources → Secretary Notes. The form is located under **End of Year Forms/Reports**.

The form is a "fillable" form and may be sent via email to the 45 Plus Chairman, Karen Dotson at kdvfwaux@aol.com. Hardcopy forms may be mailed to the following address: Karen Dotson, 19 Calgary Lane, Binghamton, NY 13901.

IMPORTANT NOTE: There is **NO** report in MALTA that indicates this information. Auxiliaries must review copies of Membership applications or Secretary's minutes to obtain the date a member is accepted.

Thank you for your support.

Karen Dotson, PDP
45 Plus Chairman

SPRING CONFERENCE REVIEW

- ★ Thank you to everyone who attended Spring Conference the weekend of March 21 – 23, 2025 at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Binghamton NY.
- ★ To the members who assisted with Registration and the Department Chairmen, thank you for your support.
- ★ Congratulations to the winners of the Buddy Poppy Displays, the Hot Air Balloon Baskets supporting the Cancer Fund program, the Fire HD8 Tablet Raffle, the Lottery Ticket Board and the Registration Gift Basket.
- ★ We celebrated our 100th Anniversary of the VFW Auxiliary, Department of New York; may the next 100 years be just as challenging and exciting.



Karen Dotson, PDP, Chief of Staff
Spring Conference Chairman

OFFICIAL VISITS ~ PDP Sandra Flynn, Coordinator
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Well, Brothers and Sisters,

We did not make our 100% even by March 1! I am still missing several inspections. District President's, Department President Darlene Baker and Chief of Staff Karen Dotson are all well aware of those not completed yet. Emails have gone out to the District President's on several occasions keeping them up to date on the inspections still missing.

Emails have also gone out to Auxiliary Treasurer's (where I have an email) and copied to the District President, Department President Darlene and Chief of Staff Karen, when an inspection has been received and the 990N is not attached. I have had good response from the treasurers, but still need a copy of the accepted 990N from about fifteen auxiliaries.

President Darlene had set a deadline for January 15, but as you can see, that has come and gone. I really would like to get all of them done soon, so any help from Past District President's sure would be appreciated. I feel like a broken record asking for the inspections to be completed.

Loyally, *Sandra, PDP*

VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

Deanna Guyette, Editor ~ *Auxiliary News*

43 High Street ~ Carthage, NY 13619

The *Auxiliary News* is published six times a year:
August, September/October, November/December,

February/March, April/May, June.

Deadline for submissions is the 1st of the previous month.

June articles are due May 1st

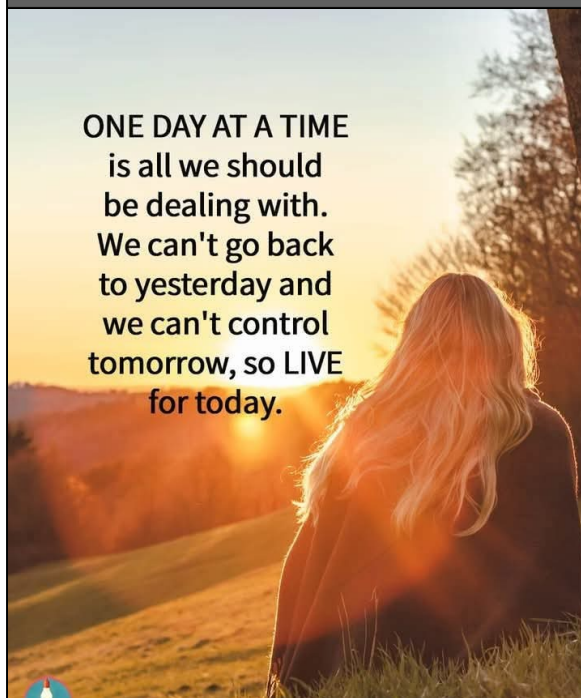
? MISSING ARTICLES ?

Cancer Grant Donation Fund, and Historian and Media Relations Program articles, are not included in this edition due to chairmen omissions. Look for their final articles in June, the last edition of the 2024-2025 year.



Inspirational Message
from DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN
Charlene Carnright

ONE DAY AT A TIME
is all we should
be dealing with.
We can't go back
to yesterday and
we can't control
tomorrow, so LIVE
for today.



While in Washington, D.C. for the VFW Legislative Conference, President Darlene and members from the Department of NY stopped in the office of Congresswoman Grace Meng.



Pictured Above (L-R):

Ryan Graham (DNY VFW Legislative Vice Chair), Max Harris (Veteran & Foreign Affairs Policy Asst), Barbara Bishop (DNY VFW Photographer), John Wenig (DNY VFW SVA Chair), Grace Meng (Congresswoman, CD-6), Ann Marie Hogancamp, (DNY VFW Legislative Chair), Madison Fletcher (DNY VFW Service Officer), Darlene Baker (DNY VFWA President).