



AUXILIARY NEWS ~ June 2025

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Dear Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers,

Since the last newsletter, we have reached many milestones! As we wind down the year, it has been an honor to represent the Department of New York VFW Auxiliary and all of YOU. Thank you for all that has been accomplished and what you continue to do on behalf of the veterans, currently serving military and their families and all of the communities across New York State!

It was my determination to make my mentors Florence Banks (In Memoriam) and Jackie Herbert both of District 5, as well as Karen Dotson proud of what the Department of New York accomplished through our new "outside the box" Zoom sessions and Conferences; and I hope that all expectations were met!

CONGRATULATIONS to all the award recipients! You all did an amazing job!

Best wishes for a successful year to incoming Department President Justine Robles, Line Officers and Chairmen!

To my Line Officers, District Presidents, and PDP's, thank you for your support this past year. To the Department Chairmen, I am very proud of all that you were able to accomplish with your programs and I wish you good luck at the National Convention in Columbus, OH.

To the VAVS Reps and Deputies, thank you for all the work you do on a continuous basis in support of our veterans at the VA hospitals and nursing homes. To Linda, Sharon, and Sandra, congratulations on your retirement and I thank you for your years of service to our hospitalized veterans at Syracuse VA and St. Albans VA – you each have made an impact on the lives of our veterans at the VA facilities which they will be forever grateful.

To my family, thank you for your love and support during my year as Department President

I encourage all members to "report" all of your work from April 1, 2025 through July 1 to the incoming Department Chairmen. 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 membership applications and dues on a timely basis.

As President Jimmy Carter stated "Remember we become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams." Lastly, as John F. Kennedy said "Liberty without learning is always in peril; liberty without learning is always in vain."

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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PDP/OFFICER

BIRTHDATES

JUNE

- 3 – Sharon Connolly, PDP
- 21 – Charlene Carnright, Chaplain
- 22 – DeeDee Guyette, Conductor
- 27 – Barbara Hodges, PDP

JULY

- 4 – Lisa Raplee, PDP
- 4 – Kim White, Treasurer

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jun 11... VFW and Auxiliary Dept Convention
-14... ~ Marriott Hotel, Albany, NY

Jun 14... Flag Day

Jun 15... Happy Father's Day!



Jul 1... DEADLINE for OTI Registration

Jul 4... Independence Day

Jul 25... OTI (Officer Training Institute)
-26... ~ Doubletree by Hilton, Binghamton, NY

Aug 9-13... VFW and Auxiliary National Convention
 ~ Columbus, OH

NATIONAL SPECIAL ORDER # 210 ~ APRIL 28, 2025

Reactivation of VFW Auxiliary 4927

(Summarized)

Upon recommendation of the Dept President and by order of the Natl President, the Charter of Tordik-Diederich-Duffield Auxiliary to VFW Post 4927, Port Jefferson Station, NY, was cancelled on June 21, 2024, and the Aux was declared defunct in accordance with the following:

1. Failure to elect officers.
2. Auxiliary voted to disband.

Upon recommendation of the Department President and the documentation provided and with the approval of the National President, **the Charter of Tordik-Diederich-Duffield Auxiliary to VFW Post 4927, Port Jefferson Station, New York**, has been approved for reactivation.

By Order Of: Brenda Bryant, National President

Attest: Ann Panteleakos, National Secretary-Treasurer

DEPARTMENT SPECIAL ORDER #2 ~ MAY 13, 2025

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

With deep sadness, I must report to you the passing of Past Natl Pres, Mary Sears, who went to her Heavenly Home on May 12, 2025. Donna served as National President from 1991-1992. Arrangements are currently incomplete. Her family has indicated that a celebration of life might be scheduled for Sept. When arrangements have been completed they will share them. No address was provided in the memo for cards. In the meantime, please keep Mary and her family in your prayers.

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 SPECIAL ORDER # 214 ~ MAY 2, 2025

Suspension VFW Auxiliary No. 5796 ~ New York

(Summarized)

Upon recommendation of the Department President and by order of the National President and in accordance with the VFW Auxiliary National Bylaws, Article II, Section 209, the Charter of VFW Auxiliary to Nissequogue VFW Post 5796, Kings Park, New York, is hereby suspended for the period not to exceed three (3) meetings due to:

1. Failure to fill the Auxiliary Treasurer position.
2. Failure to submit Audits.
3. Failure to have an Official Visit by the District.

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

By Order Of: Brenda Bryant, National President

Attest: Ann Panteleakos, National Secretary-Treasurer

Inspirational Message

Charlene Carnright, Department Chaplain

I believe the most beautiful thing you can be is kind. Kind to those who enter our lives, kind to those who fight battles only smiles can hide, and kind to ourselves. Kindness is both a strength and a beauty. Never let anyone take that away from you.

A SPRINKLE OF FAIRY DUST



CANCER GRANT DONATION FUND ~ Phyllis Roseboom, Chairman

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I am so Proud of each of **You!**

It's really S P R I N G !

As Department of New York Auxiliary members participation in this program, you have continued to be active and supportive of our Cancer patients. **You** have been there for each of your family or friends, your Auxiliary Brothers & Sisters as they are in their treatment and recovery. **You** have been donors through this year's introduction of using our National MALTA access to post your Auxiliary's Cancer Donations. GOOD JOB all!

June is noted on the Cancer Awareness Calendar as National Cancer Survivor Month and we can applaud each other. The wearing of a Purple Ribbon shows us all how you fought and WON.

You may recall that at the **Spring Conference**, **You** were asked to contribute through your District President a "Hot Air Balloon" replica filled with items to celebrate our VFW Auxiliary 100th Birthday. Well, I am So Proud of **YOU** again. The Balloons were all 'Outstanding & Creative!' I was overwhelmed by your Raffle ticket purchases too. Congrats to those that took home their Prize. **You** earned our Thanx again.



President Darlene Baker and I stood at the long table filled with your amazing entries.

Can you find your entry?----->

But most of all, **You** continue our Mission to **Erase this Cancer Disease!** and support current research to find a cure for our cancer patients SOON.

I hope everyone is taking every chance to use Kindness, both to yourself and then to all others.



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Loyally, **Phyl**

Congratulations To All The Department Award Winners!!

PRESIDENTS AND RUNNER-UP PRESIDENTS OF THE YEAR

Auxiliary President of the Year

GROUP 1:	Julie Sherman, Aux 3529, D5
GROUP 2:	Gina Rabideau Norton, Aux 3357, D9
GROUP 3:	Karen Dotson, Aux 412, D8
GROUP 4:	Frances Inslee, Aux 9592, D10
GROUP 5:	Lori Juskiewicz, Aux 7765, D2
GROUP 6:	Raymond Sheldon, Sr., Aux 2522, D6

Auxiliary President Runner-Up

Steven Kemna, Aux 5861, D6
Mary Makosky, Aux 516, D10
Maryellen DesForge, Aux 8692, D3
Nancy Smith, Aux 358, D3
Lisa Duncan, Aux 3146, D5
Ruth Huber, Aux 8734, D6

District President of the Year: Doris "Dee" Ippolito, District 6

District President Runner-Up: Tina Roberts, District 8

MEMBERSHIP ~ PNP JANE REAPE, Chairman

* **Early Bird Special:** \$100 Drawing for Pres, Treas, Sec dues paid by **Sep 30, 2024:** Auxiliary 2475 (D3)

* **Soaring High Award:** Drawings for attaining 100% membership:

\$100 Drawing by **Sep 30, 2024:** Auxiliary 416 (D6) \$50 Drawing by **Nov 30, 2024:** Auxiliary 416 (D6)

\$75 Drawing by **Oct 30, 2024:** Auxiliary 416 (D6) \$50 Drawing by **Dec 31, 2024:** Auxiliary 5092 (D8)

* **Serving Our Veterans Award:** Drawing to reimburse Life Membership for any 2 members who join or convert to Life by **Fall Conference:** Brandy Corcoran, Aux 7127 (D5) and Cherri Maitland, Aux 7127 (D5)

* **March Madness Award:** Gift from Department Chairman to the Auxiliary with the highest % gained in **March 2025:** Auxiliary 551 (D1). *Gift will be presented at the June 2025 Convention.*

* **Lifetime Award:** Life Membership drawing for Auxiliaries over 100% by **Feb 28, 2025:** Auxiliary 7227 (D4)

* **Hot Air Award:** Auxiliary with the highest % by **Wednesday before Convention:** Auxiliary 551 (D1).

Auxiliary will receive a Timeshare donated by Debbie Casella.

The remaining awards will be announced at the June 2025 Convention.

WAYS AND MEANS ~ MARCIA WILLIAMS, Chairman

* **9-Month Calendar Raffle Winners:**

\$100 – Oct: Auxiliary 7127, District 2

\$100 – Feb: Auxiliary 2475, District 3

\$100 – Nov: Auxiliary 309, District 9

\$100 – Mar: Tina Roberts, Aux 8649, District 8

\$100 – Dec: Shirley Ledwowski, Aux 6811, D4

\$100 – Apr: Auxiliary 1975, District 5

\$100 – Jan: Jill Kennedy, Aux 2522, District 6

\$100 – May: Auxiliary 6196, District 3

* **Fire HD8 Tablets Raffle:**

Fall Conference – ??

Spring Conference – *No Winner; new drawing at Convention.*

* **Think BIG 55" Flatscreen TV with Surround Sound:** *Drawing at the June 2025 Convention.*

EXTENSION AND REVITALIZATION ~ PDP KAREN DOTSON, Chairman

* **\$25 Organizer Award:** *None Qualified*

* **\$25 Member Award:** *None Qualified*

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT ~ DORIS 'DEE' IPPOLITO, Chairman

	<u>GROUP 1</u>	<u>GROUP 2</u>	<u>GROUP 3</u>	<u>GROUP 4</u>	<u>GROUP 5</u>	<u>GROUP 6</u>
First Place:	5861 (D6)	416 (D6)	1017 (D6)	7127 (D5)	309 (D9)	1400 (D4)
Second Place:	8139 (D5)	3357 (D9)	6703 (D8)	6196 (D3)	3146 (D5)	9249 (D6)
Third Place:	973 (D2)	2913 (D11)	412 (D8)	1938 (D3)	5260 (D6)	8647 (D6)
Honorable Mention:						2522 (D6)

* **District Presidential Citation:** Doris "Dee" Ippolito, President District 6

AMERICANISM ~ PDP ROSE COOPER, Chairman

	<u>GROUP 1</u>	<u>GROUP 2</u>	<u>GROUP 3</u>	<u>GROUP 4</u>	<u>GROUP 5</u>	<u>GROUP 6</u>
First Place:	6776 (D3)	2913 (D11)	8444 (D3)	9592 (D10)	309 (D9)	8734 (D6)
Second Place:	4658 (D8)	416 (D6)	8649 (D8)	358 (D3)	7765 (D2)	7227 (D4)
Third Place:	3529 (D5)	7276 (D2)	1374 (D2)	2064 (D2)	7545 (D6)	6433 (D8)

* **District Presidential Citation:** Doris "Dee" Ippolito, President District 6

AUXILIARY OUTREACH ~ JUDY LEFEBVRE, Chairman

	<u>GROUP 1</u>	<u>GROUP 2</u>	<u>GROUP 3</u>	<u>GROUP 4</u>	<u>GROUP 5</u>	<u>GROUP 6</u>
First Place:	4658 (D8)	3357 (D9)	260 (D1)	358 (D3)	7545 (D6)	1975 (D5)
Second Place:	9251 (D8)	416 (D6)	8649 (D8)	2064 (D2)	3185 (D3)	7227 (D4)
Third Place:	9593 (D3)	6390 (D6)	1017 (D6)	8259 (D4)	2883 (D8)	8734 (D6)

* **District Presidential Citation:** Doris "Dee" Ippolito, President District 6

* **Fall Conference:** \$25 Drawing for Auxiliaries reporting by **Sep 30, 2024:** Auxiliary 2064 (D2)

* **Spring Conference:** \$25 Drawing for Auxiliaries reporting by **Dec 31, 2024:** Auxiliary 5861 (D6)

"BUDDY" @ POPPY / VFW NATIONAL HOME ~ FLORA BECKER, Chairman

	<u>GROUP 1</u>	<u>GROUP 2</u>	<u>GROUP 3</u>	<u>GROUP 4</u>	<u>GROUP 5</u>	<u>GROUP 6</u>
First Place:	9251 (D8)	416 (D6)	412 (D8)	7290 (D5)	1483 (D7)	2522 (D6)
Second Place:	551 (D1)	516 (D10)	1323 (D8)	1938 (D3)	5491 (D2)	9249 (D6)
Third Place:	2718 (D10)	7276 (D2)	8649 (D8)	9592 (D10)	7545 (D6)	7227 (D4)

* **District Presidential Citation:** Doris "Dee" Ippolito, President District 6

* **\$25 Drawing:** District with all Auxiliaries contributing to Health & Happiness by **Dec 31, 2024:** District 6

* **\$50 Drawing:** Anyone purchasing a Life Membership to the VFW National Home: Auxiliary 8649 (D8)

* **Cash Bash Raffle:**

1st Place \$600 – Auxiliary 9251, D8

2nd Place \$300 – District 3

3rd Place \$200 – Niurka Costantini, Aux 1666, D2

4th Place \$100 – Wayne Cosh, Aux 8649, D8

5th Place \$100 – Gisela Tift, Aux 1323, D8

6th Place \$100 – Auxiliary 5009, D7

7th Place \$100 – Sandra Potter, Aux 1449, D5

8th Place \$50 – Auxiliary 7276, D2

9th Place \$50 – Marie Wasiczko

10th Place \$50 – Rosemary Wojick, Aux 9249, D6

11th Place \$50 – Auxiliary 6703, D8

12th Place \$50 – District 1

13th Place \$50 – Auxiliary 478, D5

14th Place \$50 – Auxiliary 5836, D3

15th Place \$50 – Auxiliary 1384, D10

16th Place \$50 – Auxiliary 170, D2

17th Place \$50 – Christine Hillaris, Aux 2718, D10

* **Buddy Poppy Display Contest:** 3 Categories:

1) Public Promotion

1st Place: Auxiliary 6433, D8

2nd Place: None

3rd Place: None

2) Memorial/Inspirational

Auxiliary 6703, D8

Auxiliary 125, D9

Auxiliary 2522, D6

3) Artistic/Decorative

Auxiliary 3146, D5

Auxiliary 7290, D5

Auxiliary 1323, D8

HOSPITAL ~ AGNES STAMPP, Chairman

	<u>GROUP 1</u>	<u>GROUP 2</u>	<u>GROUP 3</u>	<u>GROUP 4</u>	<u>GROUP 5</u>	<u>GROUP 6</u>
First Place:	9593 (D3)	6703 (D8)	206 (D1)	3146 (D5)	7325 (D5)	9249 (D6)
Second Place:	6776 (D3)	7279 (D11)	5199 (D10)	7127 (D5)	3185 (D3)	1400 (D4)
Third Place:	5861 (D6)	9251 (D11)	8692 (D3)	8645 (D2)	8495 (D8)	6433 (D8)
Honorable Mention:		3350 (D10)	8444 (D3)		1231 (D9)	2522 (D6)

* **District Presidential Citation:** Tina Roberts, President District 8

* **Hospital Volunteer of the Year:** *No Submissions*

SCHOLARSHIPS ~ JOAN BARNHART, Chairman

	<u>GROUP 1</u>	<u>GROUP 2</u>	<u>GROUP 3</u>	<u>GROUP 4</u>	<u>GROUP 5</u>	<u>GROUP 6</u>
First Place:	8139 (D5)	7172 (D2)	8649 (D8)	9592 (D10)	5491 (D2)	9249 (D6)
Second Place:	2718 (D10)	416 (D6)	412 (D8)	7127 (D5)	7545 (D6)	2522 (D6)
Third Place:	6776 (D3)	7276 (D2)	1374 (D2)	7290 (D5)	2535 (D7)	7227 (D4)

* **District Presidential Citation:** Doris "Dee" Ippolito, President District 6

* **Voice of Democracy:**

* 1st – Joseph Burke, Post 2064 (D2)

* 2nd – Campbell Jones, Post 7967 (D6)

* 3rd – Leia Wall, Post 8534 (D5)

* **Young American Creative Patriotic Art**

* 1st – Jolie Mondoux, Aux 9249 (D6)

* 2nd – Zoe Griffith, Aux 6338 (D9)

* 3rd – Brianna Tyurbeeva, Aux 7172 (D2)

* **Patriot's Pen:**

* 1st – Alex Zywochenko, Post 5491 (D2)

* 2nd – Vladyslaw Luchka, Post 7279 (D11)

* 3rd – Margaret McCann, Post 6251 (D6)

* **3-Dimensional Patriotic Art**

* 1st – Natalie Malush, Aux 9249 (D6)

* 2nd – Matalyn Tyler, Aux 7227 (D4)

* 3rd – Alex Miller, Aux 9487 (D6)

LEGISLATIVE ~ TINA ROBERTS, Chairman

	<u>GROUP 1</u>	<u>GROUP 2</u>	<u>GROUP 3</u>	<u>GROUP 4</u>	<u>GROUP 5</u>	<u>GROUP 6</u>
First Place:	3275 (D3)	416 (D6)	8649 (D8)	2064 (D2)	5491 (D2)	6433 (D8)
Second Place:	8139 (D5)	516 (D10)	412 (D8)	358 (D3)	309 (D9)	8734 (D6)
Third Place:	2718 (D10)	2913 (D11)	6778 (D8)	8259 (D4)	1384 (D10)	2522 (D6)

- * **District Presidential Citation:** Tina Roberts, President District 8
* **\$50 - Most Outstanding Aux Excelling in Legislative Education:** Auxiliary 8649 (D8)
* **\$50 - Most Outstanding Aux Excelling in Legislative Participation:** Auxiliary 8649 (D8)

YOUTH ~ PHYLLIS WALKER, Chairman

	<u>GROUP 1</u>	<u>GROUP 2</u>	<u>GROUP 3</u>	<u>GROUP 4</u>	<u>GROUP 5</u>	<u>GROUP 6</u>
First Place:	6776 (D3)	416 (D6)	412 (D8)	6196 (D3)	309 (D9)	2522 (D6)
Second Place:	9251 (D8)	3357 (D9)	8649 (D8)	1938 (D3)	7765 (D2)	8734 (D6)
Third Place:	5861 (D6)	6780 (D7)	1017 (D6)	7127 (D5)	2882 (D8)	1400 (D4)

- * **District Presidential Citation:** Tina Roberts, President District 8
* **Illustrating America Art Contest:**
- | | <u>1st Place</u> | <u>2nd Place</u> | <u>3rd Place</u> |
|---------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Gr K-2: | Daisy Westling, Aux 2522, D6 | None | None |
| Gr 3-5: | Wallis Enders, Aux 2721, D6 | Loki Vega, Aux 3357, D9 | Maggie Nichlos, Aux 2522, D6 |
| Gr 6-8: | Roan Kohler, Aux 2522, D6 | Tyke Crosby, Aux 1143, D9 | Mikaela Wawrzyniak, Aux 6703, D8 |

MEMBERSHIP ~ PNP Jane Reape, Chairman
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Congratulations, NEW YORK! We are well on our way to 100%.

The Membership year does not end until June 30th. ***"It's not over til it's over."*** We have roughly 56 days to reach 100%+ beginning May 1st. To reach 100%+ that is roughly 11 per day or **2 per** Auxiliary through June 30th. Easy peazy I know we can do that. Let's check on those unpaid members. They may have an illness, forgotten or facing a hardship. Reach out to them, let them know you are thinking of them and that you care.



Congratulations to all the Auxiliaries that won Membership Awards this year!
And also a big Congratulations to all the Auxiliaries that reached 100% or even more!
The complete list of winners can be found in the awards section of this newsletter.

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

Loyally, *Jane, PNP*

"BUDDY"® POPPY/VFW NATIONAL HOME ~ Flora Becker, Chairman
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This has been a busy year celebrating the 100th Birthdays for both the VFW National Home and Department of NY Auxiliary. Thank you to Department President Darlene for letting me be her chairman for this awesome program that I love. Also I want to thank everyone that has donated to the VFW National Home, from bringing in the lovely "Buddy" Poppy Displays, to sending me all those awesome reports and supporting the raffles.

Please continue to help the VFW National Home and look online for updates for the Centennial Birthday celebration. A reminder that Dec 31, 2025 is the deadline to purchase the \$100 Centennial Life membership for the National Home. Also continue to get out there to do "Buddy" Poppy Drives and have a great summer!

"Soaring Into the Next Century of Service With Our Veterans and Their Families "and go
"From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans."

Loyally, *Flora*

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

The following are corrections/changes that were reported after the Directory was printed and distributed at 2024 Fall Conference.

- 📖 Jr PDP Rose Cooper-New Phone Number: 307-998-3669
- 📖 Aux 1143-New Treasurer: Heather Cockayne, PO Box 197, Winthrop, NY 13697, 315-842-0103, hcockayne126@gmail.com
- 📖 Aux 2246-New Secretary: Patricia Carter, 7679 Kriswood Dr, Rome, NY 13440, 315-571-4543, trishphone@caarthlink.net
- 📖 Aux 3529-New Meeting Time: 2nd Monday, 5:30 pm
- 📖 Aux 4947 Treasurer-New Email Address: mmordas.geovation@gmail.com
- 📖 Aux 5808 President-New Address: 3 Corey St, Apt 208, Honesdale, PA 18431
- 📖 Aux 7325 Treasurer-Correct Email Address: cynmarr3@gmail.com
- 📖 Aux 7393-New Treasurer: Anita Nackley, 6 Crestway Dr, New York Mills, NY 13417, 315-269-8282, anita13417@yahoo.com
- 📖 Aux 7545-New Secretary: Amy Darling, 557 Broad St, Tonawanda, NY 14150, 716-743-1875, lovesbuttercup23@gmail.com
- 📖 Aux 8734-New Meeting Time: 1st Saturday, 10:00 am



YOUTH ACTIVITIES ~ Phyllis Walker, Chairman
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Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

Can you believe how fast this year has gone by! A huge THANK YOU to all the Auxiliaries that participated in the Youth Activities Program this year. You have all done and continue to do amazing work with our youth.

Congratulations to the winners of the Illustrating America art contest! Also, my heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to all the Department award winning Auxiliaries by membership groups. (All winners are listed in the Awards section of this newsletter.)

You volunteered countless hours coaching youth sports and working with youth; raised money to support youth programs and activities in your communities; made cards to send to our Veterans; decorated placemats for senior centers and nursing homes; participated in the department of New York toy drive for needy families; purchased school supplies; donated money for children in need; held parties for the holidays; presented awards; and so much more! I cannot thank you enough.

For those of you who have not yet done so, please remember to recognize youth for their efforts and service projects that honored our Veterans and assisted active-duty military personnel and their families. The Patriotic Youth Awards are available in MALTA and are free to download as are the various press releases for the winning entries in the contests. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Thank you, Madam Department President Darlene, for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Youth Activities Chairman this year.

Loyally, *Phyllis*

AMERICANISM ~ PDP Rose Cooper, Chairman
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“Americanism consists in utterly believing in the principles of America.” ~ Woodrow Wilson

Brothers and Sisters,

It was nice seeing everyone at the convention in Albany. Congratulations to the award winners. It was very difficult to choose who to give those awards to because everyone of the Auxiliaries was deserving. Everyone did a great job promoting the Americanism program. I hope you learned a lot more this year on what is reportable and perhaps you will report more to the new chairman. Thank you to everyone for supporting Wreaths Across America and the Honor Flight program. I think they were a great success. Great job everybody!

June Days:	6 th – D Day	12 th – Women Veterans Day
	8 th – National Flag Week	14 th – Flag Day/Army's Birthday

Let us continue...

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Loyally, *Rose, PDP*



Congratulations to all the Auxiliaries that received awards at the Department Convention!

I know! I know! None of us does what we do for an award or certificate, but one still cannot deny it does feel good to receive some recognition for a year's worth of work. The Department of NY ROCKS! I cannot wait to see what happens at National.

By now, I should have ALL Election and Installation reports.

- ◆ No EIN # was probably the most missing piece of information on the Election form.
- ◆ Deadlines, again, were an issue. Too often we wait until the last minute ("I work best under pressure") and then something happens, and we can't get it done. "Immediately, but no later than May 1" doesn't mean you have until May 1st. It means if your Auxiliary meets the 1st Monday of the month, I should have your election report and delegates by that Friday if sent by email, and definitely in the mail and on its way if using USPS. If your Auxiliary meets the last week of the month the pressure is on to get it to me by May 1st.
- ◆ Not submitting the election report "because I entered it in MALTA already." I very much appreciate when an Auxiliary does the MALTA entry, but I still need the report for my job.
- ◆ Not completing the contact information. I was looking up information and completing YOUR reports. Maybe ask the elected officers to fill in their own information on election night? They need to be present to be elected in most cases, so have them fill in their information on the election form before they leave the meeting room.

Now, as we move into the next Membership year, let's focus on meeting deadlines. For example, Auxiliaries need to bond the offices of President and Treasurer for double the amount of funds you have. Just because you won't be suspended until August 31st, doesn't mean you should wait until August 30th to get it done. Let's aim to meet the July 31st deadline to help the Department earn points for the Circle of Excellence and ensure that NY Auxiliaries are always in GOOD STANDING.

Or paying dues. June 30th is NOT the deadline. Members do NOT have until June to pay their dues. **An unpaid annual Member is not a member after December 31st.** They have no rights or benefits after that date- until they pay their dues. They have until June to regain their privileges of membership and be reinstated to "continuous" membership without having to reapply.

Let's aim to get business done before deadlines this new year. I'm making that my Resolution, how about you?

Loyally, *Christine*

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It was great seeing everyone at the June Convention and congratulations to all the Auxiliaries who received awards. I want to thank the 67 Auxiliaries that submitted end of the year reports. Only 2 Auxiliaries submitted the National Program Awards form.

In the National Promotion #4, National Ambassador Deanna Guyette suggested we do some spring cleaning:

- ◆ Toss out any old VFW Priority Goals and replace them with the new 2025 VFW Priority Goals.
- ◆ Update your contact list with any new officials from the recent elections.
- ◆ If you changed your email address or phone number, be sure to update your VFW Action Corps Weekly subscription.
- ◆ Draft new letters, communications and verbal scripts that reflect current legislation.

The VFW is working on the Modernization of the Charitable games in NY. The NY Electronic Bell Jar Ticket **Assembly Legislation number is A7475** and is now in the Committee Assembly. The **Senate Legislation number is S6351** and was introduced to the Senate on March 11 2025. You can Google these numbers to read the proposed bill. Please share this information with your Auxiliary and Post members. The VFW and Auxiliary will be working together on this Legislation. If any Post or Auxiliary member take actions please send in a report.

The new reporting year has started, your support of our Veterans never stops. Keep sending in those reports for the new reporting year.

Loyally, *Tina*

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"Be the ray of sunshine!"



Congratulations to all the winners of the Hospital Program Awards. You have all worked very hard throughout the year to make the lives of our Veterans and Military better and in my eyes, you are all winners. New York was almost at 100%, great job everyone! You truly are the "Ray of Sunshine"!

Speaking of a great job, here is just how wonderfully you all performed: Fantastic!

- ▶ 293 Auxiliary members volunteered 11,168 hours at a VA or Non-VA facility.
- ▶ 976 volunteered under VFW Auxiliary sponsorship.
- ▶ 41 Auxiliaries promoted, participated, hosted, or co-hosted an activity with or without their Post.
- ▶ The total amount spent on all Hospital Programs was \$64,329.03.

Please keep track of your volunteer hours and activities during April, May and June. When the guidebooks come out, you will know the name of the chairman to send the reports to.

Remember, by supporting the Hospital Program, 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*



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REACH OUT & PARTNER to VOLUNTEER TIME!

Congratulations to New York Auxiliary members for **"Soaring Into The Next Century of Service With Our Veterans and Their Families"** by answering the questions: *Who? What? When? Where? Why? & How?*

Seventy-eight (78) Auxiliaries met all the guidelines of the Auxiliary Outreach Program. One thousand four (1004) members partnered with two hundred sixty-nine (269) organizations and volunteered eighteen thousand four hundred fifty-eight (18,458) hours of their time. These numbers are incomplete. They do not include partnerships not approved and recorded in the minutes; members not identified as VFW Auxiliary; and reports received after the April 1st deadline. Despite receiving numerous news articles and pictures throughout the year, only three (3) Auxiliaries submitted collage entries.

Don't stop now!

March 31st ended the 2024-2025 reporting year BUT the Auxiliary Outreach Program did not end. Communities needing your help did not end. Homeless and animal shelters, food pantries, emergency organizations, environmental safety groups, local, county and state agencies as well as residents in need, did not end. Every hour members donate proves that Auxiliary members are not only **"From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans"** but willingly extend service to the residents, animals, and environment in their communities.

"Volunteers are Unpaid because They are Priceless!" Be proud of yourselves!

Remember to submit April, May and June Auxiliary Outreach reports to the 2025-2026 Auxiliary Outreach Chairman. Thank you for all you continue to do for our veterans, their families and your communities.

Loyally, *Judy*

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As we come to the close of the 2024-2025 year, I would just like to thank everyone for supporting the Ways and Means program! Your generosity and dedication helps to sustain our organization, so that we may better serve our Veterans and their Families! Please continue your support for the 2025-2026 year.

Loyally, *Marcia*

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To Our Dear Members:

WOW – it's hard to believe it's the end of the program year!

I would like to congratulate the Auxiliaries who are 100% and 100% + in reporting. Good luck to the Auxiliaries who are in the running for awards at the Department Convention in June. On that note, I am sending good luck to our Department Chairmen at the National Convention.

There were many calls this year – it was great talking with all of you! I know several of you were disappointed with me for not changing the monthly report when asked, but like I explained to you, I can only change the report when the Department Program Chairmen ask me to.

Now it's time to continue your work on the membership program! You have until June 30, 2025, to reach 100% or 100% +. I know you will work hard in the next few weeks to meet this membership deadline.

Thank you for all your hard work in reporting this year!!

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Loyally, *Jackie*

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Dear Members:

Thank you all for your support of the **Department President's Special Project** - Women Veterans Healthcare. Thanks to you, our members, for making this program a success.

Your donations will benefit the following:

- ☒ **VA Hospital Women's Wellness Clinics**
- ☒ **Maternity Care**
- ☒ **Homeless Veterans**

I look forward to announcing the total amount at the Department Convention.

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Loyally, *Linda*

SCHOLARSHIPS ~ Joan Barnhart, Chairman
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Where has the time gone? We are at the end of our program year with the Art contest done and our 1st place winners have been sent to National Headquarters. I hope you will get to meet them at our State Convention luncheon.

I have enjoyed reading all your reports that I received and talking to many of you this years I hope that your Auxiliary will be receiving the awards you so deserve.

Next year, the theme for both the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contests are the same. The theme will be: "How are you showing Patriotism and Support for Our County?" It will be interesting to see what the students in both contests have to say. So, you can tell the students now and they can get a head start on next year's program.

Thank you, Madam President Darleene for the opportunity to serve as your Scholarship Chairman this year.

"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*



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To Our Department of New York President Darlene, Line Officers, PDPs, and All of Our Fantastic Auxiliaries and Members of the Great Department of New York,

...Very special thanks for allowing me the honor to serve as your Veterans and Family Support Chairperson this year! You have inspired all:

- ✚ to serve our Veterans, their Families and all of our communities to care for our Veterans.
- ✚ to support the VFW in their programs that provide benefits to and for our Veterans and their dependents.
- ✚ to educate about Mental Health, to downplay the stigma of mental health support and to heighten awareness and prevention of the heart-rending 22/day rate of suicides among our veterans and military.
- ✚ to support homeless and at-risk for homelessness veterans.
- ✚ to care for our troops overseas through Adopt-a-Unit, In Lieu of Cards, and “Trees for Troops”/Holiday Cheer.
- ✚ To support our department and national presidents’ and commanders’ special projects.
- ✚ to provide those random acts of kindness that have meant so much to all!

This was a year to ***“Soaring Into the Next Century of Service With Our Veterans and Their Families”*** while we are ***“From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans”*** Very special congratulations to all the awardees and indeed to each of our auxiliaries in each membership group of our great Department of New York . Keep up your great work and keep on reporting your activities.

Report now for the period of April 1-June 30!

Publicize your activities on our Department’s Facebook page and website, vfwauxny.org to inspire and encourage others to join with you in your events.

All the best to you all as we look back on the successes of this year and look forward to a new year of service for our Veterans and their families!

God Bless our Veterans and God Bless America!



Loyally, *Dee*

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Dear Members,

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all the Auxiliary members who participated in the monthly “Zoom Training Sessions” this past year. It was the team’s hope that you would receive additional insight on the key areas of our organization and be able to utilize the training within your Auxiliary. It has been our pleasure to present these sessions to the Auxiliary members. Thank you to President Darlene, DeeDee Guyette and to all the presenters for your support in the training sessions.

A quick reminder to all newly installed Auxiliary and District Presidents, refer to Bylaws Sec. 810—President Duties of - The President, within 30 days after induction into office shall submit to the Commander the last quarterly audit and membership status report. (You may provide a copy of the most current Audit and notate the total number of Auxiliary members on the audit.)

It is with deep regret that the Department had to cancel the Charters for nine Auxiliaries this past year. However, the Department has three prospective new Auxiliaries that are currently working to recruit 15 new members and complete the associated paperwork.

I would like to thank all the Deputy Chiefs of Staff and the Mentors who provided support to Auxiliaries who needed extra assistance this past year. Your dedication did not go unnoticed and was extremely fruitful.

Lastly, first impressions for Auxiliary members are priceless so in the words of Dolly Parton “If you see someone without a smile, give them yours.” Just a reminder, there is no “I” in TEAM but you can be the “I” in KIND.

As this year has now come to an end, I wish the incoming President and Chief of Staff best wishes as they embark on their journey ***“Soaring into the Next Century of Service with our Veterans and their Families.”***

Loyally, *Karen, PDP*



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A note from Official Visit Coordinator ~ PDP Sandra Flynn ~

Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you to the District Presidents and other members who did inspections this year. Your timeliness in sending the completed forms and 990N's to me was greatly appreciated. Several auxiliaries are having problems with their 990N's and a note was forwarded to Kim White informing her of the problem.

Thank you to Karen Dotson, Chief of Staff, and President Darlene Barker for their assistance in following up with auxiliaries needing assistance.

It has been a true learning experience to read all the inspection reports and notes from the inspectors. I have enjoyed it very much. Best wishes to next year's Official Visit Coordinator. ~*Sandy*

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS HERE & THERE....

District 6 President Doris 'Dee' Ippolito visited and volunteered at the local Head Start in Buffalo for several of their events: Friendship Day in February and the Spring Family Event in May.



Saturday, May 17, 2025

Past District 2 Presidents gathered at their District meeting for a great group picture!.



L-R: Back Row: Debbie Casella (2014-15, Dept Pres 2019-20), Karen Barnhart (1999-2000), Sylvia Reed (2011-12), Sandra Flynn (1984-85, Dept Pres 1994-95), Barbara Hodges (1998-99, Dept Pres 2009-10), Linda LaRosa (2017-18).

Front Row: Joan Russell (2013-14), Carol Kraus (2007-08), Lori Tunkel (2010-11), Matilda Brooks (2005-06).