

Dear Department of New York VFW Auxiliary Members,

With sincere gratitude, I step into the role of Auxiliary News Editor for 2026–2027. It is a privilege to serve an organization whose commitment to patriotism, service, and community strengthens every corner of our state.

I follow in the footsteps of an exceptional leader, Dee Dee Guyette, whose dedication and passion have kept our members informed and united. Her work sets a high standard, and I am committed to carrying that momentum forward with purpose, clarity, and respect for the mission we share.

As we gather for training, I want to emphasize how essential each of you is — whether you are an officer, a chairperson, or a dedicated member. The stories you create through your service, your programs, and your community impact are what bring our organization to life. My goal this year is to highlight your work, celebrate your achievements, and ensure your efforts are seen across the Department.

Together, we honor veterans and active-duty military, support families, strengthen communities, and uphold the values that define the VFW Auxiliary. Your leadership and participation matter, and I look forward to working alongside you as we continue that mission.

The **Auxiliary News** is published six times per year: **August 2026, September/October 2026, November/December 2026, February/March 2027, April/May 2027, and June 2027.** There are no editions for July 2026 or January 2027. Subscription forms and a summary of the Auxiliary News Guidelines are included in your information packet.

Article deadline dates are: **07/01/26, 08/01/26, 10/01/26, 01/01/27, 03/01/27, and 05/01/27.** Please submit articles via email to **Debb Fucina – debbs95ss@verizon.net**. Articles should be typed in Word using **Century font, size 10**, if possible. The newsletter will use a single-column format for Program Chairman articles. Final article size limits will be determined once the layout is complete. The format will include text and borders only. Clipart will not be added unless absolutely necessary. If you would like clipart included, it must be submitted with your article.

Anticipated mailing dates are: **07/25/26, 08/25/26, 10/25/26, 01/25/27, 03/25/27, and 05/25/27.** Editions are mailed to Auxiliaries and Past Department Presidents, and emailed to the same, as well as to anyone who requests an electronic copy. If you would like to be added to the electronic mailing list, please complete a subscription form and send it to me at **debbs95ss@verizon.net** or to DNYA Secretary Amber Sullivan at **amber.vfwa@gmail.com**. Choosing electronic delivery helps reduce environmental impact and saves on rising postage costs.

Thank you for your trust and your service. I'm excited for all we will accomplish together.

Busy as a Bee working together for our Veterans!!

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