

Light the Flame of Hope

for



Our Veterans

VFW Auxiliary Department of New York

Rosalie Cooper

Department President

2023-2024

Program Guidebook

*“Lighting the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans” as we are
“Banding Together for Our Veterans.”*



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am beyond excited and honored to be serving as your Department President for the 2023 – 2024 year. It has been a lot of work preparing for this coming year already and I anticipate much more work throughout the year, but with your help and support I believe it will be a productive and exciting year. I am looking forward with great anticipation to meeting with each and everyone of you throughout the year, and look forward to my visits throughout the state.

I started out as a junior girl, under the eligibility of my father, a Korean war veteran, and never thought I would maintain my membership beyond that. But when I turned 16, I couldn't wait to become a member of this great organization. I jumped in feet first and took on a chairmanship for putting on a dinner for the World War I Veterans. What an honor it was to be able to recognize and honor those individuals who fought one of the deadliest wars in history. At the age of nineteen I followed in my brothers' footsteps and joined the United States Navy, a few months later my older sister did the same. I come from a long line of Veterans on my fathers side.

I chose a dove carrying a flame for my symbol and my theme is "Light the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans". The dove symbolizes hope, hope for the many Veterans who have come home disabled physically and emotionally and the flame is to help them see that there is light at the end of the tunnel they have found themselves in.

The Department Commander Dan Kell and I have been working closely together for the past couple years and will continue to do so. Making this organization stronger in unity and partnership. Our Joint Special Project is Higher Ground (an organization that assists Veterans with PTSD, TBI and/or a physical disability. And shows them they can lead a productive life despite their disabilities) and Homeless Veterans.

The National President, Carla Martinez chose her theme to be "Banding together for Our Veterans".

The Department Secretary and Department Chairmen have done a lot of work in preparing this guidebook and I hope it will "guide" you on your journey this year as we work together with Our Veterans For Our Veterans and their families. Remember to send reports to the respective chairman on a regular basis.

If we work together and remember why we belong to this organization we can **"Light the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans" while "Banding together for Our Veterans"**

Loyally,

Rose Cooper, President
Department of New York VFW Auxiliary
2023-2024

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Important Dates 2023-2023 Events/Dates Subject to Change

2023

June 7-11	VFW Auxiliary Convention and Council of Administration meeting
TBD	Commander & President's Joint Homecoming- Silver Creek NY
July 22-27	National Convention- Phoenix AZ
August 4-5	OTI Doubletree by Hilton- Binghamton NY
August 31	Last day for PRESIDENT and TREASURER to process BOND * Auxiliaries <i>may face suspension without current bond</i>
September 18	National CAFÉ Event-Promontory Utah <i>Golden Spike National Historic Park</i>
September 30	* Mail Donation Form to Dept Treasurer Kim White <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submit <i>Health & Happiness</i> Donation for National Home• Process in MALTA or mail Auxiliary Check to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarter in Kansas City MO.• Mail Cancer Grant Fund tickets to Chairman Phyllis Roseboom• Mail Ways & Means tickets to Chairman Gene Shaw
Oct 5-7	VFW & Auxiliary Fall Conference- Marriott Hotel, Albany NY
Oct 20-22	Eastern Conference- Atlantic City, NJ
December 31	All Auxiliary officers must have dues processed.

2024

February 12-17	Auxiliary Mid-Winter Conference- Cruise leaves from Port Canaveral
March 3-7	Spring Legislative Conference and VOD Awards- Washington, DC
TBD	VFW and Auxiliary Spring Conference – Location?
March 31	Deadline for Program Chairman Year-end Reports to BE RECEIVED
April 10	Deadline for President's year-end reports to be postmarked.
April 13-15	National President Carla Martinez's visit to NY Buffalo NY
TBD	VFW Auxiliary Department Convention- Marriott Hotel, Albany NY
July 27-Aug 1	National Convention- Louisville KY

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Department Awards 2023-2024

Department Awards for 2023-2024 will be presented to six Membership Groups

Auxiliary Membership Grouping is based on June 30, 2024, Membership

Awards will be presented by Department Program Chairmen at the June 2024 Convention

For the **BEST** overall Auxiliary participation in each respective program.

Refer to Membership program pages for Membership Awards

Awards in the following programs will be based on the **QUALITY** of material reported- **NOT** necessarily the **QUANTITY** of reports sent by Auxiliaries.

Americanism

Auxiliary Outreach

Buddy@Poppy/National Home

Hospital

Legislative

Mentoring for Leadership

Scholarships

Veterans & Family Support

Youth Activities

To be eligible for an award, the Auxiliary Chairman must submit at least one report during the Program year AND also submit a year-end report to be RECEIVED by respective Chairmen no later than March 31, 2024.

Reports may be emailed, or USPS mailed. If using USPS mail, be sure to allow enough time!

First Place: \$20 and a Presidential Citation to the Auxiliary

Second Place: \$15 and a Presidential Citation to the Auxiliary

Third Place: \$10 and a Presidential Citation to the Auxiliary

Presidential Citation to ONE District President who BEST promotes ALL the Programs to its component Auxiliaries.

Thank you for supporting the VFW Auxiliary Programs!



VFW Auxiliary Department of New York

Donation Report Form 2023-2024

Auxiliary Name _____ Auxiliary # _____ District # _____

Hospital Fund: (SUGGESTED DONATION \$15.00 OR MORE) \$ _____
Allows the Dept President to present donations when visiting VA Hospitals to purchase special event supplies, gifts, etc.

Americanism Flag Fund: Allows for American and POW-MIA flags to be presented to Conference hotel representatives, VA hospitals, and other facilities at the discretion of the Department president \$ _____

Veterans & Family Support:

- *National Veterans Service Officers (NVS) Provides a nationwide network of VFW Service Officers who help veterans, spouses, active duty, and dependents navigate the VA System \$ _____
- *National Veterans and Military Support program: Three programs fall under this main category to assist active-duty and recently discharged military service personnel and their families unable to meet monthly expenses (MAP), Unmet Needs, and "Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship." \$ _____
- *USO: Support America's service members and family keeping them connected to home. \$ _____
- *Department of NY Service Officers: Provides a network of VFW Service Officers within the Department of NY who help veterans, spouses, active duty, and dependents navigate the VA system. \$ _____

Department President & Commander's Special Project: Higher Ground \$ _____
Homeless Veterans \$ _____

National President's Special Project: Welcome Center Renovation project \$ _____
This is a project to renovate the Welcome Center at the National Home

Dept of NY Scholarships: VOD, Patriot's Pen, Patriotic Art \$ _____
Provides funds to present cash and prize awards to Department of NY Scholarship contest winners.

Department of New York VFW Auxiliary Relief Fund: \$ _____
Provides funds to VFW Auxiliary members and families who have suffered damage as the result of a disaster.

Auxiliary News and Department Directory: (SUGGESTED DONATION \$15.00) \$ _____
To offset the costs of printing and mailing the Department Newsletter and Department Directory to Aux Presidents on all levels

Department Postage for Mailing Dues Notices: (SUGGESTED DONATION \$15.00) NOTE: Dept. Headquarters sends dues renewal notices to annual members *only for Auxiliaries that contribute to the postage fund.* \$ _____
The Dues Notice Donation **MUST** be received by the Department Treasurer **No Later Than September 30, 2023.**

You must indicate if you want the Department to send Dues Notices to unpaid annual members. Y ___ N ___

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$ _____

Auxiliaries on ALL levels will receive participation credit for their donations!

PLEASE submit Donation Report Form by September 30, 2023.

Make checks payable to: **VFW Auxiliary Department of NY** earmarked **"Donation Report Form"**

Mail completed form with check to:

Kimberly White, Department Treasurer-1799 Fred Rd., Schenectady NY 12303

Thank you for your support and helping

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Banding Together for Our Veterans

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Anyone can view the monthly Program Report
On the department Website the Report is
posted by the 10th of the month

Your Auxiliary MUST send at least one Program
Report form to in order to qualify for
Participation/Donation Credit and Awards

IMPORTANT DATES

1st DAY OF THE MONTH

Auxiliary Program Chairman Submit Their
Reports to The Department Chairman

7th DAY OF THE MONTH

Department Program Chairman Submit Their
Reports to The Department Program
Coordinator

10th DAY OF THE MONTH

Program Report Posted on the Department
Website

“HH” = Health & Happiness Donation made to:
VFW National Home for Children

Please ... minimum donation \$.10 per member
(based on June 30, 2023 membership)
Donations may be made directly to MALTA or
checks should be made payable to:

VFW AUX earmarked “Health & Happiness
and mailed to:
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111

Membership” = date noted when your
Auxiliary reaches 100%
“Membership 100% (+) = actual Auxiliary
percentage of 100%

DONATION OR PARTICIPATION WILL COUNT AS “D/P” AS A REPORT ON THE MONTHLY REPORT FORM

V&F=Veterans & Family Support W&M= Ways & Means Y= Youth Activities

BP/NH= Buddy Poppy/National Home

MENT= Mentoring for Leadership AO=Au

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CANCER GRANT DONATION FUND



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In the past few years, America has been encouraged. The Medical Community has revved up their research and made many strides in the fight against COVID 19. Now let's turn our energy and monetary support to find a Cancer Cure. Your donation supports our members in their fight.

A wonderful privilege of being a member of the VFW Auxiliary is the gift of a Cancer Grant. Two \$550 each Grants in your lifetime that never needs to be repaid. The Grant Application can be downloaded from the National Website; is located at the back of this Program Guidebook or you can contact the Department Chairman Phyllis Roseboom for help and answers to your questions.


To sustain the Cancer Grant Fund, Auxiliary members are asked to donate \$2 per member for the tickets that are included in the Auxiliary President's Packets. The number of tickets allotted are based on the Auxiliary membership as of June 30, 2023.

Please send the Cancer Grant Fund tickets and checks payable to the "VFW Auxiliary Dept. of New York" to me, Phyllis Roseboom, at the address above. Do not send the money to MALTA as I won't be able to give you credit for your participation.

FALL and SPRING CONFERENCES

Three Cancer Grant Fund tickets will be drawn for the following:

First place - \$75.00  *Second place - \$50.00*  *Third place - \$25.00*

 "In Memory of" and "In Honor of" Luminaries will be available for a donation, with their lighting and display at the June 2024 Convention.
Additionally, candy bars, flashlights, and Cancer Awareness Ribbons will be available for a donation.

FALL CONFERENCE - Each **AUXILIARY** is asked to bring a "Mystery Shoe Box" to be raffled. In keeping with our Dept. President Rose Cooper's slogan of "Light the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans" one Mystery item can be "LIGHT" related. Other items may be Cancer related or of your choice. Raffle sale of 1 ticket for \$1; 3 tickets for \$2; or ten tickets for \$5.

SPRING CONFERENCE – Each **DISTRICT** President is asked to bring a "Mystery Shoe Box" to be raffled. Each District will be assigned a Letter to their Shoe Box from the words **CANCER** and **LIGHT** [all Eleven letters] and that will be the designation of their Mystery Items. Ex.: The items in District 1's Shoe Box will begin or relate to C; so, on and on. Let's enjoy the **FIGHT** to Beat Cancer with some interesting items.

Please stay aware as the Research to cure Cancer evolves. Read my *Auxiliary News* articles, support my Conference table raffles, and Thank You to each Auxiliary Member for your continued support and generosity this year.

Please be **KIND** to each other while we are . . .

"Banding Together For Our Veteran" and we all **"Light the Flame of HOPE for Our Veterans"**

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OFFICIAL VISITS FOR INSPECTIONS
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The most important part of our official visits (inspections) is to learn if an Auxiliary is having any problems and allow us to get them assistance and mentoring. It is necessary to keep them active and do our jobs of **taking care of our veterans and their families and working with their communities.**

When the District President takes office, they are to appoint their inspectors. **DO NOT SEND THE SAME INSPECTOR TO AN AUXILIARY THAT THEY INSPECTED THE YEAR PRIOR.** Each District President is to hold a school of inspection either at their organizational meeting if they have one or at the first District meeting. **DISTRICT PRESIDENTS; DO NOT TRY TO DO ALL INSPECTIONS.**

When the inspection forms are received, **please take time to familiarize yourself with the questions.** Inspectors do not skip answering questions as I will be going over the forms and if answers are missing, I will return the forms to the District President for completion. District Presidents, when the forms are returned to you, **please carefully look them over** and if not complete contact the Inspector or the Auxiliary and get the answers. **BE SURE THAT THE EIN NUMBER IS LISTED AND THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF THE 990 N IS PUT IN.** If not completed yet, then put the last date it was completed.

All forms are to be sent to the District President by the Inspector **within 5 days of the official visit.** District Presidents are to send the forms on to me after they are checked **within 5 days of receiving them. DO NOT LEAVE ANY COPIES OF THE INSPECTION WITH THE AUXILIARY.** After I receive them and go over them, I will return the Auxiliary's copy to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary and the District's copy to the District President.

If for some reason an inspector is not able to do their visit, return all items to the District President and they will appoint another inspector. They are the only person who can appoint an inspector. Auxiliary Presidents, if you cannot have the inspector visit on the date given, please contact them immediately and set a new date.

INSPECTIONS ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 15TH.

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President's Special Project

Higher Ground

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Higher Ground is a 501(c) 3. Their tax ID number is 82-0512146. Their Mission is to enhance quality of life through therapeutic recreation and education. Higher Ground has a location in Buffalo NY.

They serve children and adults with Developmental, Cognitive, or Physical Disabilities.

For over 20 years they have been helping give people a better life with recreation therapy and continued support. They bridge the gap between disabilities and belongings with headquarters in Sun Valley ID. They help transform lives across the country with outdoor recreation activities with therapeutic processes to help all participants confront current struggles and develop skills to find success in daily life.

Higher Ground sponsors are those individuals or companies who donate good services or financial resources to support their programming and fundraising efforts. Each of these generous sponsors help ensure they continue making an impact on their participants lives. 26% of adults and 17% of children live with some type of disability. People with disabilities have less access to recreation opportunities and a harder time finding equipment that will work for them. Of the over 21 million veterans who live in the US -one in three suffer from depression, anxiety, PTSD, and other invisible injuries.

HG covers all program-related costs for the Veteran and their supporters, including reimbursement for travel costs. Services covered during the weeklong program are exercise and fitness, specialized therapy, recreation, support network and one on one support.

We will be selling T-shirts, Polo Shirts, Hoodies, and Ball Caps with pre-orders that can be picked up at the Fall Conference. We will also have them for sale at the conclusion of the Dept Convention in Albany in June.

FALL CONFERENCE AND SPRING CONFERENCE: We will be accepting donations to help assist the activities they provide for the Veterans. Some of the activities they offer to the Veterans -Hiking, Rock Climbing, Paddling, Golf, Bocce, Fitness, Dances, Cooking, Arts and Crafts, Archery, Snowboarding, Snowshoes, Yoga, Tennis, and Soccer to name a few.

For more information you can visit their website: highergroundusa.org/NY/

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Department President Special Project Shirt Order

The shirts will be available for purchase at the close of the Dept Convention in June.

They will also be available for sale at OTI and with a completed order form for pickup at Fall Conference.



Hoodie \$30 for Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____

Hoodies \$35 for XLarge _____ 2xl _____ 3xl _____

Polo Shirt \$20 for Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____

Polo Shirts \$25 for X large _____ 2Xl _____ 3LX _____

t-shirt (LS) \$20 for Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____

t-shirt (LS)\$25 for X large _____ 2xl _____ 3lx _____

Hats one size fits all \$25.

Name _____

Auxiliary # _____ Dist. _____ telephone _____

Amount of Check _____ Check # _____

Total # of items Purchased _____

Who is signing for order pickup _____

Signature of person Picking up _____

Verified order complete _____

Mail to Marcia Williams Chairman PO Box 405 Remsen NY 13438-0405

With check made out to Dept of NY Auxiliary earmark special project.



AMERICANISM - PARTIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

JOHN HORSKY – CHAIRMAN

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“True Americanism is an ideology that is continually nurtured within one’s soul through individual daily actions, thoughts and beliefs in what their responsibilities are to be, blessed to live in one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all.” Jeff Stoffer

A very large part of showing your pride as an American and demonstrating your Patriotism is to teach others how to respect and care for the United States Flag. We as Auxiliary members should know and be prepared to teach others the **when** and **how** to properly care for and display our Flag.

Flag Education

We must not only limit ourselves to teaching the youth, but also look to our fellow Americans to properly fly and store our Flag. Flag etiquette, like saluting, saying the Pledge of Allegiance, and knowing the Flag should **never touch the ground** are things we learned as children but may have been forgotten through lack of use. It is OUR job to fix this. For more information on Flag etiquette, you can visit: vfw.org/community/flag-etiquette.

Recognizing an Outstanding Flag display in your communities. Many of us go out daily to walk around the neighborhood, go shopping or even to the doctors. While we are “out and about” we can often see members of our communities properly displaying the “Stars & Stripes”. They can be recognized by presenting them with a Certificate of Appreciation. Certificates can be found on vfwauxny.org or vfwauxiliary.org under the Americanism Program. **Snap’em for Bragging Rights. Please take and email me pictures of these displays. Whatever district sends me the most will win bragging rights at the 2024 Convention.**

Prisoner of War - Missing in Action

Imagine the numbers. Did you know that as of today there are still approximately 81,500 Americans still listed as missing from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, the Southwest Asia Wars. Over 41,000 are listed as Missing in Action-Body Not Recovered. Most are missing from ships and aircraft. Not everyone that sees that black and white flag, or that solemn table set for one, knows the true meaning or heartache associated with them. These missing should never be forgotten by us, their families never will. We need to acknowledge them daily, for just a few minutes a day imagine that your father, husband, wife, or sister was missing. If you find a family in your area, reach out to them, invite them to your Post to honor them and their missing loved one. Take a picture of a **Missing Man Table** add the **#morethanletters** hashtag and email it to me. Auxiliary with the most pictures will receive a portable Missing Man Table Kit at the 2024 Department convention. Each Auxiliary can request a Prisoner of War- Missing in Action flag for FREE from the Department of NY. Order forms will be included in the Presidents Package. They can be displayed at your Post or donated to someone in the community. **All orders must be in by Fall Conference/ picked up at Spring Conference.**

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It's All in the Stars... A star banner has a white field with a red border and contains one or more of these very important stars or stars. More than one star of each color can be on a single banner.

Gold Star- is a banner displayed when a family member has made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the armed forces during wartime.

Blue Star- is a banner displayed when a family member is actively serving in the armed forces.

Silver Star- is a banner displayed when a family member has been wounded, contracted a serious illness or injury in a war zone.

Every year on the last Sunday in September we recognize Gold Star Families. On this day we should have events at our Auxiliaries to educate our family and friends by inviting them to speak to us and share their stars' names and speak about the one they lost. We honor them through a Moment of Silence, you do not applaud for a Gold Star Family member at any time as a show of respect for them and their lost one.

Fall Conference- On December 16, 2023, **Wreaths Across America** will be entering their 18th year of delivering handmade balsam wreaths in tribute to our veterans that are laid to rest at the VA National and State Veteran Cemeteries. The price of wreaths is \$17.00 each or three for \$34.00. Order forms will be included in the Presidents package, or you can email me for one.

Spring Conference- Honor Flights are dedicated to transporting as many United States Military Veterans as possible to Washington DC to see the memorials of the respective war they fought in at no cost to them. You can purchase and sign a "Thank you for your service and sacrifices" card for \$5.00 each. All signed cards and money raised will be distributed to each of the NY Honor Flight Hubs. If you are unable to attend the conference, "Don't worry about it...I'll sign the card for you!" Forms will be included in the Presidents package, or you can email me for one.

Patriotic Days to Remember

July: 4th- Independence Day

27th- National Korean War Veteran Armistice Day

Dec: 7th – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

May- Military Appreciation Month

1st- Loyalty Day

12th- Military Spouse Appreciation Day

20th- Armed Forces Day

30th- Memorial Day

August: 7th-National Purple Heart Day

Sept: 11th- Patriot Day

15th- Prisoner of War-Missing in Action

Recognition Day

24th – Gold Star Mothers' & Families day

Mar. 29th- National Vietnam Veterans Day

June -14th Flag Day

Remember when promoting the Americanism Program within our communities' activities, events, recognition awards and even when honoring patriotic days, remember to LIGHT UP social media with the hashtag **#AUXILIARYPATRIOTISM**. Let the great state of NY VFW Auxiliary "Light the Flame of Hope For Our Veterans!!!"

REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!

Reports are due by the 1st of every month! I look forward to reading / seeing everyone's hard work.

Most outstanding activity and or event educating their community that our VFW Auxiliary are "more than letters."

- Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and or event that educates their community that our VFW Auxiliary acronyms are 'more than letters'. Entry form required and available in Malta Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to Department Chairman John Horsky by March 31, 2024, for judging.
- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each Conference that hosts the most outstanding activity and of event educating their community that our VFW Auxiliary acronyms are "more than letters". Auxiliaries must send entry form to Department Chairman John Horsky by March 31, 2024, for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after the National Convention.

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AUXILIARY OUTREACH PROGRAM

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Welcome to the 2023-2024 Auxiliary Outreach Program! I was chairman the first year that National introduced this program and I'm proud to be your chairman again for this year.

Most of us are still confused about this program but actually it is a very easy program. This program involves your Auxiliary volunteering to help nonprofit organizations, and local groups with needs in your community.

Ask what your Auxiliary can do to help the community, not what they can do to help us!! Get together to help other organizations by reaching out into your community and offer to volunteer.

WHERE DO YOU FIND THESE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?? Ask your Auxiliary members as most members belong to more than one organization; look in your local newspaper for upcoming events; check local community bulletin boards and check your local and surrounding town/city websites for their calendar of events.

SUGGESTIONS FOR VFW AUXILIARY OUTREACH – work with local police, fire and EMTs on their activities (child ID, fire safety, and fire prevention at local schools; volunteer with your park and recreation; serve food at soup kitchens or distribute food at food banks; drive for Meals on Wheels or help prepare food for delivery; assist with local fundraising walks as a volunteer; help your local library; assist local youth activities or at senior citizens centers. Volunteer with food banks or at an animal shelter. These partnerships can be a single day event or ongoing events throughout the year.

BENEFITS OF THE AUXILIARY OUTREACH PROGRAM – helping others; learning new skills; meeting new people; fighting stress and depression, developing a stronger sense of purpose and personal growth.

KEYS TO MAKING YOUR AUXILIARY OUTREACH PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL – find organizations that need volunteers; one or more Auxiliary member(s) must participate; wear your VFW Auxiliary attire (name badge, shirt, hat, jacket, etc.).

EVENTS THAT ARE HELD AT YOUR POST HOME ARE ALLOWED IF – the VFW or Auxiliary did not plan the activity, nor does it benefit the organization; the organization is only using the facility as a venue to held their event and they complete all of the preliminary planning on their own; **REMEMBER** we are only there as volunteers to help on the day of the event. You can find many resources that outline this program behind your MALTA login, Member Resources, Auxiliary Resources.

OUTREACH AND THE VFW AUXILIARY – while emphasis is placed on our core VFW and Auxiliary programs, we realize Auxiliaries also participate with other community organizations. Projects may be done by the Auxiliary alone or with the VFW Post.

WHAT CAN YOU NOT DO - donate blood to the Red Cross; walk in a Cancer Walk for Life; placing American flags or wreaths on Veteran’s graves; serving as ushers or helping to maintain the church property; mow lawns or shovel the driveways for Veterans or Senior Members or donate cash, canned goods, animal food, warm clothes, lap blankets or cleaning supplies to Shelters.

REMEMBER BEFORE YOU DO A PROJECT, PLEASE BRING IT UP AT YOUR AUXILIARY MEETING FOR APPROVAL AND IT MUST BE NOTED IN THE AUXILIARY MINUTES. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

1. Most outstanding community partnership with another organization.
Citation to every Auxiliary that partners with another organization within their community. An entry form is required and is available in MALTA Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman by **March 31, 2024**, for judging. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
2. Citation and \$25.00 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding community partnership. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention.

AWARDS FOR DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN

1. \$25.00 VFW Store Gift certificate to one Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman in each of the 10 programs divisions for the effective promotion of the Auxiliary Outreach Program. Winners will be announced, and awards presented at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.
2. Outstanding Performance Award in each of the 10 Program Divisions based on the criteria and promotion of the Program goals listed in the National President’s Guidebook. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention.

“BANDING TOGETHER FOR OUR VETERANS”

“LIGHT THE FLAME OF HOPE FOR OUR VETERANS”

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This year we are on a mission to light the torch and spread Hope to our Veterans and their families and everyone else as well. Just like lighting a torch to spread hope, a Buddy® Poppy is a reminder that we don't forget what our Service men and women and our Veterans have done for our country and those that died fighting the fight. There is a poem that can be sung as a little song is about the "Buddy" Poppy. The Author is unknown.

" I wear a little Poppy as red as red can be, to show that I remember the one who fought for me".

We will not forget! Remember and honor those who gave their all.

Important Info: Our National Ambassador for "Buddy" Poppy/National Home, Lisa Jackson, said when reporting the "Buddy" Poppy program, it is important to know that **we only count the money brought in from your drives**. We need to know how much your Auxiliary donates to Veterans and the number of Poppies purchased.

Members are encouraged to use **#poppiescount** when you are posting photos of your "Buddy" Poppy drives. Include details about your projects and how you use Poppies in another program. The money from "Buddy" Poppies goes into your Relief Fund. It is useful to assist Veteran's, service members, and their families in their time of need.

"Buddy" Poppy update: National increased the cost of Buddy Poppies in April 2023. The new prices increased to \$165 plus shipping for orders of 500 and \$330 plus shipping of orders of 1000. You can place your orders from the VFW store or by calling 1-833-VFW-VETS.

Use our "Buddy" Poppies to decorate for events. The more we use, the more we buy, the more Veteran's, service members and their families benefit.

" Buddy" Poppy Display contest.

Display classifications will be in the following 3 categories.

1. Public Promotion 2. Memorial or Inspirational 3. Artistic or Decorative

One "Buddy" Poppy in the display needs to be in the original form and color and label attached. Attach a 3x5 index card to the bottom of the display with the Category, Auxiliary and District number. Include a written report explaining the inspiration for your display. the Department will go to National for Judging. The 1st place winners of each category from

Each Auxiliary can bring a display to be judged at the Department Spring Conference.

Fall Conference: Each Auxiliary to is asked to bring a themed basket of your choice to be raffled off at the Conference.

Spring Conference: The "Buddy" Poppy Display contest test will be judged. A monetary award of 1st of \$30, 2nd place of \$20, and 3rd place of \$10 per category. 1st place winners will then go to National to be Judged.

National Awards

1. Most outstanding use of the "Buddy" Poppy in another VFW Auxiliary National Program. Citation to every Auxiliary that uses the "Buddy" Poppy in another VFW Auxiliary National Program. Auxiliaries must send the Entry form to the Department Chairman by March 31,2024 for Judging.
2. Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding Poppy in another VFW program.

Department Awards: For Auxiliary and District awards see guidebook.

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National Home:

The VFW National Home was founded in 1925 and located in Easton Rapids Michigan. The National home helps meet needs of America's military and Veteran families. They have a new logo. They removed the blue screen from around the tree and the words "for Children". They kept the tree made of three hearts.

The VFW helps not just children but the family that is having difficult times.

Goals for the National Home: 1st -to be the 1st name that comes to mind for all Veterans service organizations. To be directed to the National Home. Share brochures with Clergy and Veterans Service Centers. The National Hotline is 1-800-313-4200. They are available Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm CST.

2nd They also want to upgrade their technology. They would like donations to update the internet in each of the host community buildings.

There are other ways to donate to the National Home: - * Purchase a brick from the tribute park - *Become a Life Member. One-time fee of \$50. *Become a Hometown Hero contributor * Shop the National Home Amazon wish list *Donate to Health and Happiness- 10 cents per member to the Health and Happiness Fund. Contributions are Critical since **the campus and its programs receive no government funding**. This supports Christmas gifts, graduation gifts, maintenance of Auxiliary sponsored buildings and Emergency repairs and renovations. You can donate by using **Malta or send check to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters** at 406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111. **Goal to have all Auxiliaries contribute by Sept 30th** . If you give 25 cents or more per member you will get a Citation from National.

Fall Conference: The District who gets all Auxiliaries to contribute to the Health and Happiness Fund in their District will be put in a drawing to receive a monetary award for their District of \$20.

Spring Conference: * Purchase a Life Membership to the National Home and be put in a drawing to win a monetary award of \$50. Drawing at Conference. * District Presidents will have "houses" to take to their visits to collect donations help the National Home update its technology. These will be returned to Chairman at the Spring Conference.

National Awards

1. Most outstanding activity and or event that educates their community and/or other Veteran Service Organizations about the VFW National Home. Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that educates their community or another's Veteran Service organization about the National Home. Entry requests are available on Malta. Auxiliaries must send the entry to the Department Chairman by **March 31, 2024**, for Judging.
2. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters. Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the 4 conferences with the most outstanding event that educates and/or their community and/or another Veterans service organization About the National Home.
3. Citation to each Auxiliary that contributes a gift of 25 cents per member to the Health and Happiness Fund based on June 30, 2023, membership statistics. Citation will be mailed out by the National Headquarters. Let's **"Light the Flame Of Hope for our Veterans "**

Department Awards: For Auxiliary and District awards see guidebook.

EXTENSION AND REVITALIZATION

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Year-End Report may be USPS or emailed. Deadline: Must be received by April 1, 2024

AUXILIARY NUMBER _____

DISTRICT NUMBER _____

By using our Department President's Rose's theme, we will "Light the Flame of Hope for our Veterans" as we begin another Auxiliary year in the Department of New York.

My duty as your Chief of Staff is to assist our District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, and Chairman to be sure we function in a Healthy Manner. We want to be sure we are assisting them in a Healthy Manner that works for them.

Remember, District President's, your Inspectors need to be honest in their comments on the Inspection Form. Our Department President and her Staff can't help if we don't know an Auxiliary needs assistance.

We need our members to be informed on all aspects of our organization. This enables them to be prepared to take on leadership roles within the Auxiliary. Malta and Building on the VFW Foundation along with the Online Academy has all the resources needed to educate all our members.

Extension and Revitalization go hand in hand. We want to grow new Auxiliaries; but even more important is to maintain our existing Auxiliaries.

Once again, I will reach out to our Bachelor Posts and with the help of our District Presidents and Deputy Chiefs of Staff we will assist them in forming their Auxiliary. Remember it takes a 2/3 vote by the VFW to begin this process.

Reviewing the Seven Items of the Healthy Tool Kit along with the Five Requirements National requires being an Auxiliary will guide you as we procedure though the 2023-24 Auxiliary Year.

Five Essentials of an Auxiliary required by our National Organization:

1. Your Auxiliary should hold at least Ten Meetings a Year and have a quorum of five.
2. Dues must be paid by ten members on or before February 1st of the current year.
3. Quarterly Audits by Trustees must be submitted to the Department Treasurer.
4. Officers must be elected, installed, and reported to National no later than June 30th.
5. The offices of President and Treasurer must be bonded by August 31st.



The Items of a Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit:

1. Auxiliary Sample Meeting Agenda and a Checklist
2. Communication Phone/Text List
3. Auxiliary To Do and Deadlines
4. Auxiliary Meeting Challenges and Solutions
5. Auxiliary Member Questionnaire
6. Auxiliary Healthy Certificate

You can find all this information at: www.vfwauxiliary.org. Go to Resources and explore all the information needed to be informed.

National Award: **The Outstanding Performance Award:**

\$200.00 goes to the one Outstanding Department in each of 10 Program Divisions

A Citation and Keepsake to Department Chairman of the one Outstanding Department in each of ten Program Divisions.

Second-Place Outstanding Performance Award:

\$100.00 goes to the one Outstanding Department in each of the 10 Program Divisions.

A Citation goes to the Department Chairman of the one Outstanding Department in each of 10 Program Divisions.

Department Award For Auxiliaries and Members

Organizer Award- Citation and \$25.00 to member who organizes a New Auxiliary with the approval of the Department President between July 1, 2023, and February 28, 2024.

Member Award—Citation and \$25.00 to the Auxiliary Member appointed by Department President who reactivates an Auxiliary that has been disbanded within the previous 12 months.

Remember that being put on Suspension by your Department President is not a negative situation. It just means your Auxiliary needs to work on issues and bring it back to a Healthy Auxiliary. We will be there to help you....

So, let's **"Band Together For Our Veterans"** under our National President Carla's and Department President Rose's Leadership as we **"Light the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans."**



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I am truly honored and thrilled to serve as President Rose Cooper's Department Historian this year. With your assistance I will be working diligently to record her year while she and all auxiliary members strive to provide the support so richly due our veterans and their families. Through recording Rose's year, I will be going by the motto: *If it Flies it spies!!*



The Historian/Media Relations Program encompasses memory keeping and collecting the five Ws: the who-what-where-when and-why of an Auxiliary. Members involved with this program compile and chronicle memories and events in written format, photographs, memorabilia and print news/video clips. They also spread the word about our valuable National Programs and share how we are making a positive impact in the lives of veterans, active-duty service members and their families in thousands of communities across the country.

History: Tradition and history are revered in our organization. Many Auxiliaries proudly celebrate 100 or more years of history. Many of our members treasure long-standing rituals and practices. The work of the Auxiliary is important. By sharing our stories, we are doing our part to promote the Auxiliary in our communities. Service is more than something we do; it is who we are. This is going to be a year of courage, kindness, hope, service, and unlimited possibilities to share the history-in-the-making of our organization.

Media Relations: Media is the piece of the puzzle that helps create a successful Auxiliary. It is important for our organization to be visible in our communities. Visibility creates awareness of our organization and an opportunity to recruit new members. A part of being visible is getting the word out to our community about the who-what-where-when and-why about Auxiliary events and activities. There are various media outlets for you to use. Traditional media include radio, television, and newspapers. Digital media includes websites, blogs, and social media sites such as Facebook.

Attention Auxiliaries!!



Auxiliary and District Presidents are asked to send pictures along with a brief description about what you did when President Cooper made her official visit. The photos and description must be sent to the Department Historian within ten days of her visit. The more pictures the better! Please include anything regarding her visit! If you post on Facebook, please use [#deptofnyvfwaux](https://www.facebook.com/deptofnyvfwaux) and Tag us on your Facebook pictures [@DeptofNYVFWAux](https://www.facebook.com/DeptofNYVFWAux). Also, I want to see your Facebook Pages, and newsletters! I will feature vital and stimulating news and pictures on all of our social media pages and in our newsletter. Please send me your photos (using your cameras or smart phones) and write-ups as soon as you can once an event has occurred. Consider presenting President Cooper with a digital scrapbook and be sure to record what is happening in the picture and who is in the picture. Use local media outlets and social media to keep everyone up to date on your auxiliary's activities.



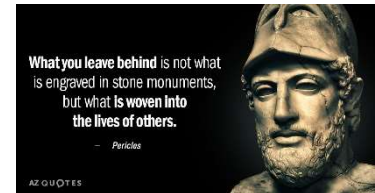
#SNAP (S.N.A.P)- Stop Now Ask Permission:

Be mindful and respectful before you #SNAP. Be certain to print the youth and adult photo releases available in MALTA Member Resources. These releases protect the photographer and the person being photographed, especially children. Photography opens the doors into the past, but it also allows a look into the future. A camera is a SAVE button. Let your Auxiliary Legacy members become STARS, for without our

STARS, our Auxiliary would not exist.

Connect with a Legacy Member

This program year, connect with a legacy member and complete a three-to five-minute video interview: Ask why they joined. Ask about their favorite memorable moments. Place emphasis on bringing the past to life. If your Auxiliary has no legacy member, look to your District or Department. Submit your video interview to me by March 31, 2024 for judging.



Let's take a selfie! Please send all photos to me via text, email or tag me on your Facebook page! This year I am wanting to show case our veterans with President Rose Cooper! Let's make these pictures come to life! Along with photos being turned into videos, which your auxiliary can use to promote your programs; we will also have the photos to make memory books for President Rose's year! Wouldn't it be awesome to see some of our veterans in a group video? Keep checking out our

Facebook page to see our veterans!

Benefits of Using Facebook Pages

Did you know that our Department of New York VFW Auxiliary has a Facebook page? I encourage you to "Like" our department page or "Join" the group if you haven't already done so. By connecting with the Department's page, you will stay connected with what is going on at the Department and National levels. How can your Auxiliary benefit from a Facebook Page? Many auxiliaries are limited in budgets and resources for outreach to constituents, donors, the media, and the public. While a web site can serve as an effective destination for an auxiliary, many people these days consider web sites as places for background and archived information rather than an active and dynamic communications tool. Facebook is a fast way to get important information and events out quickly. Tag us on your Facebook pictures @DeptofNYVFWAux



Historian/Media Relations Program Awards

Awards, Criteria and entry form (required) available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources.

It is an honor to serve as Department Historian /Media Relations Chairman this year and will do so with much excitement! **"Light The Flame of Hope for Our Veterans"** will provide us with wonderful memories while **"Banding Together For Our Veterans."**

Kellianne Martini, Chairman



Hospital Program

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VFW Auxiliary members have been volunteering in hospitals and medical facilities since the organization's inception in 1914. The Hospital Program was one of the first nationally adopted for the organization. Hospital volunteers have been putting smiles on veteran's faces for well over a hundred years. This program provides a meaningful way for volunteers to give back to those who have given so much for all of us. The acts of kindness and good deeds shown to others make a positive and lasting impact on many lives.

In today's busy world, some may have only a few hours to devote, while others have ample time to spare. In either case, all volunteers' efforts make a difference. Recent events have changed our Hospital Program in many ways, so we must get creative to complete the work. Let's make volunteerism an actual group event again because we can do so much more by **Banding Together for Our Veterans**.

Where can we serve? Members, non-members, and youth can volunteer in many different types of facilities under this program. Local hospitals, Veterans' homes, Nursing homes, Domicilairies both VA and non-VA medical facilities and clinics.

Who can serve? Members, non-members, Youth and Families

What can we do? Volunteer opportunities are based on the facility. Some facilities will have a volunteer program in place with specific jobs, events and needs. They will have opportunities to suit different ages and abilities. Follow guidelines of the facility, and ask how you can assist them.

What can we earn? Members can earn Hospital Volunteer Service Pins from National for their hours. Chairmen should track total hours (both VA and non-VA) and submit an application for pins. More information along with forms can be obtained from the Department Chairman or at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Members can also be named an Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in their Program Division. Applications are available from the Department Chairman. Non-members can also earn a one-time volunteer pin for 100 hours.

Join the Challenge to Find Creative Ways to Serve Veterans – While our veterans have come to enjoy special days like Christmas and Valentine's Day for Veterans, shake it up and celebrate the little-known special days for the year. With this innovative way to entertain our hospitalized or long-term care patients, they are sure to have some good times between the traditional holidays. Some examples are: March 4 is National Hug a G. I. Day, June 2 is national Doughnut Day, July 7 is World Chocolate Day. Always be a month ahead on the special days you want to celebrate, and contact the facility to confirm their current protocol. Don't forget about the staff and doctors in all your new celebration plans. A great link for you to start planning: calendar.com/united-states/observances-2023

Volunteer Recruitment, Recognition and Support – New volunteers are needed everyday across the country. Volunteers offset millions of dollars in expenses in health care. A few tips for recruiting and keeping a volunteer: Monthly sign up sheet for regular events at your meeting, emails and phone calls for special events, public

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recognition for current volunteers. Find out how each person best communicates, whether by phone, email, Facebook or texting. If someone says “No” to the first invitation, be sure to ask again!

Valentine’s for Veterans–Share the love we have for our veterans and service members this Valentine’s Day by sending a store-bought or handmade valentine, hosting a party, recognition event, or dinner.

RECRUITING AND ENGAGING VOLUNTEERS – Recruiting both member and non-member community volunteers and engaging them in the work of the Hospital Program is integral to its success. In most medical facilities, an extra hand can help lighten the load for staff and is greatly appreciated. Hospitals and nursing homes are in almost every community and often include veteran residents who do not have spouses or close relatives to assist them.

HONORS ESCORT – This program is an opportunity to honor each veteran in a respectful and open manner and provides an opportunity for a veteran’s family and friends, other veterans, and medical facility staff to participate in a display of high regard and reverence for the individual at the time of death.

WOMENS VETERANS HEALTH CARE – Women have served our nation for generations and are the fastest growing group within the veteran population. Comprehensive health services are available and tailored to the unique needs of women veterans. Learn about the resources and health care service available and help them receive benefits and services they deserve.

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR MEMBERS - Entry form (required) available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. The Department Chairman must receive completed entry form by March 31, 2024

1. Citation to one member in each of the 10 Program Divisions who recruits the most Hospital (VA and non-VA facilities) volunteers from July 2023 – March 31, 2024
2. Hospital Volunteer Recruiter for the Year plaque awarded to one member in the nation who recruits the most Hospital volunteers (VA and non-VA) from July 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024.
3. Citation to the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in each of the 10 Program Divisions.

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES – Entry form (required) available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. The Department Chairman must receive completed entry form by March 31, 2024.

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event that recognizes veterans on non-traditional holidays. Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that recognizes veterans on non-traditional holidays. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
2. Citation and \$25.00 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event recognizing veterans on non-traditional holidays. Citations will be mailed direct to winning Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention.

DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AWARDS

1. \$25 VFW Store gift certificate to one Department Hospital Chairman in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the best promotion that recognizes veterans on non-traditional holidays at any Hospital (VA or non-VA facilities).
2. Outstanding Performance Award in each of the 10 Program Divisions based on criteria listed in the National Program Guide. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville KY

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES – Refer to Program Guidebook, Page 5

“Light The Flame Of Hope For Our Veterans,” While “Banding Together For Our Veterans”



LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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To continue the oath that our military has taken to serve; the Legislative Program is focused on a number of priorities.

One of the main priorities of the Legislative Program is to improve the lives of our Veterans, service members and their families through advocacy. Your efforts combined with nearly 1.5 million other VFW and Auxiliary members can influence lawmakers whose decisions affect Veterans and their families everyday. Join the chorus of voices that will ring out in legislators' offices this year!

The lives of Americans especially our active-duty military, our Veterans and their families are affected everyday by the laws passed by the Federal and State legislatures.

The objectives of the Legislative Program are to

EDUCATE, PARTICIPATE AND GET OTHERS INVOLVED.

EDUCATE: Understand what the impact will be for the men and women and their families that we support.



Subscribe to weekly Action Corps e-newsletter.

The Priority Goals reflect the resolutions passed by the VFW to strengthen and ensure an adequate VA system for millions of current and future veterans.

VFW Priority Goals for 2023-2024

- Budget
- Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs
- Education, Employment and Transition Assistance
- Health Care
- Military Quality of Life
- National Security, Foreign Affairs, Prisoners of War/Missing in Action

Learn who your state legislators are. You can find New York State legislators at: <https://nyassembly.gov>, <https://nysenate.gov>. Find out your auxiliary's NYS District(s).

Inform your members of their legislators at your first Auxiliary meeting.

Learn who your National Senator and Assembly members are at: www.senate.gov- Charles Schumer and Kristen Gillibrand. OR www.congress.gov -go to "Find Your Member" put in your address. Inform your members at your first meeting.

It is important to remember that we must remain neutral.

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PARTICIPATE:

- Track legislation on U.S Congress and Senate websites.
- Follow the White House and our elected officials' websites to find information and options for contacting their office.
- Follow your state legislators' legislation that impacts our veterans and service members in New York State.
- Attend town hall meetings and legislative events.

GET OTHERS INVOLVED

- Discuss at your monthly meetings current legislation, often found in the Action Corps.
- Vote and take others to register and vote.

National Awards for Auxiliaries Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on veteran Legislative issues.

- Citation to each Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that educates the community on Veteran Legislative issues. Entry form required and available in MALTA-Member Resources-Legislative. Entry form must be received by Department Chairperson Ann Davis by March 31, 2024, for judging.
- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on Veteran Legislative issues.

Department Award for Auxiliaries

1) \$50 Award for the most Outstanding Auxiliary excelling in Legislative Education:

How many different Auxiliary members were educated on legislation that affects our Veterans? What types of materials were used?

2) \$50 Award for the Most Outstanding Auxiliary excelling in Legislative Participation: How many times during the year did your Auxiliary organize, speak with, or contact Congressman and Senators regarding Veterans concerns? What were the issues advocated?

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Legislative Program starts and ends with you, the Auxiliary Members.

One of the main objectives of the Legislative Program is to improve the lives of our veterans, service members and their families through advocacy. Your efforts, combined with nearly 1.5 million other VFW and Auxiliary members, can influence lawmakers whose decisions affect veterans and their families every day. Join the chorus of voices that will ring out in Legislators' offices this year.

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MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM



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Membership, without our members this organization would not exist. It is not only the backbone to the VFW Auxiliary, but the voice on Capitol Hill that fights for our Veteran's and the benefits they so deserve.

This year it will be all "Lights, Camera, Action", together we will retain, invest, and recruit in our membership.

Retaining our membership is key to not losing members who bring great knowledge to our great organization. I encourage you to invite your current members to help with your events, and while inviting new members in, they can explain the history of the VFW Auxiliary. By including everyone, you are assuring them that we all matter as members.

Invest in our members, by giving your new members a welcome package. This can include material explaining programs, the history and traditions of our organization, the way to navigate MALTA and all its resources, along with a list of upcoming activities and meetings on all levels. By taking the time to make them feel welcome, you will have a much better chance of them returning to your meetings.

By signing onto **MALTA** and scrolling down to **MEMBERSHIP**, you will find many tools that are used to help retain and recruit new members. Make copies of the new member orientation checklist and follow it for each new member. The main goal of this tool is to help maintain contact with our new members. Our goal is to keep the new members engaged with the workings of our organization. A great idea to keep current members involved and your new members coming back is to assign a new member to a current member as buddies! Let them work together, this will allow you to help make the new member feel comfortable by giving them a member to work with, while keeping the current member involved. This allows your auxiliary to take knowledge, new ideas, and strengthen this organization.

Recruiting new members is the key to helping our organization grow. In Malta there is a section with pointers on setting up a recruitment booth. It is not just about setting up a booth, but to utilize the booth to have a successful membership drive. Be sure to use the tools provided such as the DO's and DON'T's of a successful membership drive. It is important to remember that what may work for a small upstate town may not work for an auxiliary in the city, so make yourself aware of your area and what may or may not work for your auxiliary. Show your excitement about our organization, this is the time for lights camera, action! This could be a great opportunity to work with your post and make it a joint membership drive! Be sure to have applications, the eligibility wheel, be able to tell potential members the benefits of belonging to this great organization.

You have the tools, so along with our National organization, I am challenging each member of our great department to recruit at least **one** new member this year! I will have the individual cards with the following on it--I pledge to recruit one new member to the VFW Auxiliary by the end of June 2024. If you return them to me, with the information filled out on the back, you will receive a citation from the Department.

National Awards for members:

1. **Lights, Camera, Action pin** for recruiting (5) new members from July 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024.
2. **National Membership Achievement Award** recruit (20) new members from July 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024
3. **Lights, Camera, Action! Auxiliary Recruiter Award** Each National Membership Achievement Award recipient will be entered into a drawing to receive a \$500 Visa Gift Card.

National Awards for Auxiliaries:

1. \$25 to each Auxiliary that reaches 98% PLUS in Membership by March 31, 2024.
2. \$25 to each Auxiliary that reaches 100% PLUS by June 30, 2024.

Department Awards: When the cast call is announced on July 1, 2023.

Each Auxiliary that has all officers paid by **September 30, 2023**, will be entered into a drawing for \$50 at Fall Conference.

Each Auxiliary that has attained 50% of its annual members processed by **Sept 1, 2023**, will be entered in a drawing for \$100.00 at the Fall Conference/

Each Auxiliary that has attained 85% membership by **Oct 15th, 2023**, will be entered into a drawing for \$100.00 at Fall Conference.

Each Auxiliary that has attained 95% in membership by **November 30, 2023**, will be entered into a drawing for \$100.00 at the Spring Conference.

Each Auxiliary that has attained 100% in membership by **December 31, 2023**, will be entered into a drawing for \$100.00 at the Spring Conference.

Each Auxiliary obtaining **100% plus 1** or more will be entered into a drawing for \$100.00 at the Department Convention in June.

Each Auxiliary that recruits 5 new or rejoined members, will be entered into a drawing to receive a life membership which the Auxiliary can present to the member of their choice. The Auxiliary must provide all information to the Department Treasurer **before May 1, 2024**, to be processed.

The Seventh Annual Traveling Award: To enter you must submit DETAILS explaining how your Auxiliary promoted a successful year in Auxiliary membership. Include pictures, time spent, money, workers, projects, any media promotions, number of membership drives held, anything else your Auxiliary might have tried, and a short essay to share with others. The winning Auxiliary's name will be placed on the plaque, which will be given to the incoming Department President and will be promoted at all visits during their year. To be eligible, entries must be received by the Department Chairman by **June 1, 2024**.

Join us on the red carpet! Convert the most annual members Between July 1. 2023 and May 31, 2024, and be entered into a drawing for \$50.00 at June 2024 Department Convention.

Hold a membership drive before May 31, 2024, recruiting at least 5 new members and 1 life member and be entered into a drawing for \$100.00 at June 2024 Department Convention.

Hold a membership Drive Recruiting at least 10 new members with 5 being life members and be entered into a drawing for \$150.00 at the June 2024 Department Convention. **Must include photos of your recruitment event and materials with your report to be eligible for the above awards!**

Together we will be "**Banding Together for Our Veterans**" as we "**Light the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans.**"

*"Lighting the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans" as we are
"Banding Together for Our Veterans."*



MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP
JUDY LEFEBVRE, CHAIRMAN
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 518-563-7558 (Home) 518-593-5628 (Cell)
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Mentoring for Leadership is sharing knowledge and experiences about our organization, to educate, train and encourage members to grow, advance and lead our Auxiliaries into the future. The VFW National Auxiliary provides us with the educational tools to teach and inspire members to be good mentors and outstanding future leaders. Good mentors encourage other members to “Light the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans” while “Banding Together For Our Veterans.” Remember ~ You never know who is watching you! Lead by example!

DEVELOP A MENTORING PROGRAM:

MENTORING MEMBERS ~ New and Inactive

❖ *Traditional one-on-one mentoring is between a mentee and mentor.*

C – Catch A – Ask R – Remember E – Engage

Establish a unique and creative way to mentor a member to become a leader.

- Welcome with a friendly smile
- Educate on meeting procedures
- Discover their talents & interests
- Include in activities & fund raisers
- Be kind, you don't have to be right
- Pair with dedicated & knowledgeable member
- Demonstrate salutes, parade rest, etc.
- They want to be involved – let them
- Make them feel important & needed
- Be positive, never negative

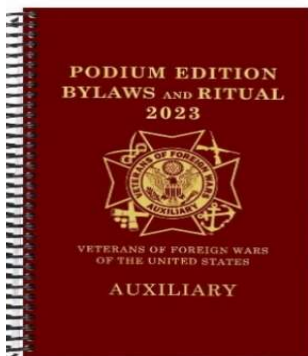
To be eligible for Department and/or National awards, Reports for Participation Credit and Year-end Reports must be received by March 31, 2024.

MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING SESSIONS: Members and Auxiliaries

❖ *Group mentoring is one mentor and a group of mentees.*

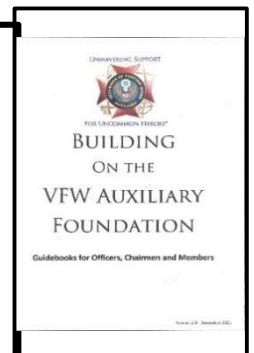
C – Create A – Answer R – Relate E – Encourage

Host a unique and outstanding activity and/or event that educates members and mentees to be mentors and become future leaders using the VFW Auxiliary Resources



- Podium Edition: Bylaws and Ritual
- Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation Guidebooks
- Guidebook 1 – Officers' Duties
- Guidebook 2 – Programs & Reporting
- Guidebook 3 - Membership, Recruiting & Extension
- Guidebook 4 – National District Council Members
- Guidebook 5 – Financial Responsibilities

- Mentoring Guide: Relationship Building for the Future
- VFW Auxiliary Acronyms and Common Terminology
- Auxiliary Traditions
- MALTA Online Auxiliary Academy



Podium Edition: Bylaws & Ritual includes latest changes to by-laws and procedures.

- *Building on VFW Auxiliary Foundation* details Auxiliary, District and Department Officers' duties, has examples of President's agendas, Secretary's minutes, Standing Rules guidelines and program reporting to educate current and future leaders.
- *President Rose's Guidebook* to educate Auxiliary members on program goals and awards.
- Be creative in planning your Mentoring Event, "think outside the box" to make learning easy, interesting, and enjoyable. Fun doesn't have to be silly. Remember to always be respectful.
- **To be eligible for Department and/or National awards, Reports for Participation Credit and Year-end Reports must be received by March 31, 2024.**
- Required National Award entry form is available in MALTA Member Resources. The completed form must be **received by Department Chairman by March 31, 2024.**
- **NATIONAL MENTORING LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AWARDS:**

Awards for Members

1. Citation awarded to the first, second and third place VFW Auxiliary members in each Department with the most unique and/or creative way to mentor a member to become a leader. Three nominations from each Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman are due to the National Mentoring for Leadership Ambassador by April 30, 2024. Citations will be mailed directly to winners from National Headquarters after the National Convention.

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event that educates their Auxiliary members about how to find and train mentees while using and promoting VFW Auxiliary resources and learning materials.
- Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or training that educates their Auxiliary members on how to find and train mentees while using and promoting Auxiliary resources and learning materials. Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman by March 31, 2024, for judging.

The Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman must email National Headquarters by April 30, 2024, at info@vfwauxiliary.org a total combine list of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.

- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or training that educates their Auxiliary members on how to find and train mentees while using and promoting Auxiliary resources and learning materials.

The Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to the National Mentoring for Leadership Ambassador by April 30, 2024, for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention.

Awards for Departments and Department Chairmen

1. \$25 VFW Store Gift Certificate to one Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the best promotion to educate their Auxiliary members on how to mentor future leaders for a specific position within the Auxiliary. Winners will be announced, and awards presented at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.
2. Outstanding Performance Award in each of the 10 Program Divisions based on the criteria listed in the National Guidebook and for the promotion of the Program Goals listed. Winners will be announced, and awards presented at the 2024 National Convention.

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
JOAN BARNART, CHAIRMAN
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WE NEED TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THIS PROGRAM!!
CONTACT local school, Junior ROTC Units, churches, youth sport team, Parent-Teacher Association, and other youth groups in your area.

THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM provides substantial financial assistance to pay for higher education tuition and expenses. Scholarship opportunities are available for students enrolled in grades 6 to 12. What a great way to encourage patriotism and help students reach their full potential. APPLICATION forms and complete rules for all contests may be obtained by contacting Department Chairman Joan Barnhart or at www.vfwauxilliary.org/scholarship

2023 – 2024 VOICE OF DEMOCRACY -Three to Five Minute Audio Essay Contest
Theme is: “What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?”

The Voice of Democracy 3 to 5 minutes audio essay contest is open to all students grades 9 to 12, including those who attend private schools and homeschooled students. Students must be a resident of the state where their essay is entered. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters.

DEALINES: All entries must be received at the local Post by midnight October 31,2023. Post judging to be completed by November 15,2023. District judging must be completed by December 15,2023; one winner forward to Department. Department judging completed January 10,2024. Department winner forward to VFW National Headquarter by January 15,2024

National Awards: First Place-\$35,000 scholarship; Second Place - \$21,000 scholarship Third Place - \$15,000 scholarship; Fourth through 36th Place - \$7,000 to \$1,500 scholarship; 37th – 53rd Place - \$1,000 scholarship. The first place Department winner will enjoy an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

2023 – 2024 PATRIOT’S PEN ESSAY CONTEST

Theme: “How are you inspired by America?” The **Patriot’s Pen** 300-to-400-word written essay contest is open to all students enrolled in grades 6 to 8, including those who attend private schools and homeschooled students. Students must be a resident of the state where their essay is entered. One Department winner will be forward to VFW National Headquarters.

DEADLINES: All entries must be received at the local post by midnight October 31,2023. Post judging to be completed by November 15,2023; District judging must be completed by December 15,2023; one winner forward to the Department. Department judging completed by January 10,2024. One department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters by January 15,2024.

NATIOAL PATRIOT’ S PEN AWARDS: Frist Place - \$ 5,000; Second - \$4,000
Third Place - \$3,500; Fourth though 53rd Place - \$2,750 to \$500.00.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Continuing Education Scholarship is open to any VFW Auxiliary member who has been a member for at least a year, their spouse, son, or daughter with financial need. Entrants must be 21 years old by February 15, 2024. The Continuing Education Scholarship is \$1,250 and is awarded to one winner in each of the four Conferences. Application must be received at Auxiliary National Headquarters by February 15, 2024. Program Awards Administrator VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
409 West 34th Street – 10th Floor Kansas City, MO 64111.13,2024.

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST AND 3-DIMENSIONAL CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

Are open to students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in public, private, or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories. Entries will be judged on patriotic theme, creativity, and technique. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters. More information and application are available from Department Scholarship Chairman or the National website: www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships.

Deadlines: All entries must be received at local VFW Auxiliary by March 31, 2024

Local Auxiliary Judging Complete – April 10, 2024

District Judging is Optional -

VFW Auxiliary Department Judging by April 15, 2024

Forward to National Headquarters by May 5, 2024

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest Awards First Place - \$15,000 - Second Place - \$7,500 –
Third Place \$ 3,500 - Fourth Place - \$2,500 - Fifth and Sixth Place - \$1,500 – Seventh and Eighth Place - \$1,000
Ninth through Nineteenth Place - \$500.00

3-Dimensional Creative Patriotic Art Contest National Scholarship Awards

First Place - \$2,500 – Second Place - \$ 1,000 - Third Place - \$500.00

“Banding Together for Our Veterans”

“Light The Flame of Hope for Our Veterans”





**VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT
DORIS “DEE” IPPOLITO, CHAIRMAN
24 Blue Jay Circle ~ Lancaster, NY 14086**



Telephone: (716) 440-3411 – Email: dee.ippolito.017@gmail.com

Veterans and Family Support is the heart of our organization and a Program that every member in which every member can and should participate. We are united in our passion for this organization, and we are all here for the same purpose, to support our veterans, service members and their families.

“*Light the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans*” this year through our primary points of focus:

- National Veterans Service Suicide Prevention
- Mental Health Awareness
- Veterans and Military Support Program
- * Veterans Homelessness- Joint project of the Department of NY’s Commander and President

Veteran & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness

Many Veterans returning home do so with heavy hearts and minds. Many of our Veterans at **home suffer from reminders of their experiences in combat. Help to raise awareness and foster community engagement by working with other organizations to change the stigma surrounding mental health, i.e., Elizabeth Dole Foundation, Give an Hour, etc. Be mindful and foster awareness associated with thoughts of suicide.**

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat or text. Support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Educate all on the Crisis Line – Call 988, press 1.

Mental Wellness Support and Resources – Educate all on the following resources:

- ***VFW Mental Wellness Campaign**
[vfw.org/assistance/mental wellness](http://vfw.org/assistance/mental%20wellness)
- ***The Campaign to Change Direction**
changedirection.org
- ***Give An Hour** giveanhour.org
- ***Patients Like Me** patientslikeme.com/join/vfw
- * **One Mind** onemind.org
- * **The Elizabeth Dole Foundation**
elizabethdolefoundation.org
- ***Help Heal Veterans (Therapeutic Craft Kits)**
healvets.org
- ***Veterans Voices Writing Project** veteransvoices.org

Supporting Families of Veteran Suicide We need to be mindful of Veterans in crisis and supportive of families who have lost their veteran family member due to suicide. A few ways we can help include: • Point them in the direction of a VFW Service Officer. • Be familiar with support services offered by the VA. • Be kind and offer hugs and support. Let the family know you care and are available for support.

At our Fall Conference, we will be working closely with the VFW to do a Stop 22 Walk. Walk with us to help raise awareness of our Veterans who are in crisis. Create a Stop 22 in your own community and raise awareness of the terrible loss of veterans and the resources available to help increase mental health awareness and resources available to stop this loss!



National Veterans Service (NVS) This program helps Veterans, service members and their families obtain the benefits they deserve – at no cost. NVS provides a nationwide network of nearly 300 VFW Service Officers who help veterans and their family members navigate the Veterans Affairs system. Our VSOs are highly trained skilled professionals who assist all Veterans file claims. A few examples of claims include: • Disability compensation, • Rehabilitation and educational programs, • Pension and death benefits and • Employment and training programs.

Support NVS by making a contribution on the Department of New York Donation Report Form (found in our **Guidebook**) *or* donate online at: vfw.org/ways-to-help, select National Veterans Service, click “Contribute” *or* mail a check payable to VFW earmarked “NVS” to:

VFW National Headquarters – Attn: NVS – 406 West 34th Street – 11th Floor – Kansas City, MO 64111

“*Lighting the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans*” as we are
“*Banding Together for Our Veterans.*”



VFW Veterans and Military Support Program (VMS) Initiated by the VFW, this program serves active-duty and recently discharged military. The three components include: Military Assistance Program (MAP), Unmet Needs and VFW “Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship.”

You can support VFW Veterans and Military Support on the Donation Report Form in our **Guidebook** *or* donate online at: vfw.org/ways-to-help, select Veterans & Military Support, click “Contribute” *or* mail a check payable to VFW earmarked “NVS” to: VFW National Headquarters – Attn: VMS – 406 W 34th St – 11th Floor – Kansas City, MO 64111

- **Military Assistance Program (MAP)** This program helps forge and nurture bonds with military units by providing financial assistance for Posts, Districts and Departments to sponsor morale-boosting send-offs, homecomings, and casual get-togethers. It offers ways to connect with troops.
- Posts and Auxiliaries participating in Adopt-a-Unit and Family Readiness Group events can receive assistance. MAP covers the cost of postage for sending care packages. For guidelines to apply for MAP funds, contact the VFW Veterans & Military Support office at (816) 756-3390.
- **Unmet Needs** Can help in a crisis ... a soldier serving overseas ... who has rent due back home ... whose family car needs a major repair ... and many more situations that the family cannot afford. Grants of up to \$1,500, payable directly to a creditor, can bridge the gap to cover these bills. To learn more visit vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants.
- **“Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship”** A way to thank our nation’s heroes for dedicated service to our nation. Up to \$5,000 is awarded to qualifying veterans and service members to help them complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student load debt. To learn more, visit vfw.org/student-veterans-support.

***Fall District meeting** – Go to MALTA/Resources/Veterans and Family Support and complete the National Award #1. Bring your report to your Fall District meeting.

***Spring District meeting** – Report the amount of goods your Auxiliary donated for the Homeless.

Trees for Troops: In conjunction with PSC Ben Thompson and Proctor Hopson Post we will be seeking donations for Trees for Troops. See Presidents’ Packets for more information.

***Fall Department Conference:**

- **“In Lieu of Cards”** –Each year, we work together with the VFW’s Proctor-Hopson Post, PSC_Ben Thompson, to send Trees for Troops overseas to our military serving away from home at the holidays. As part of that effort, we create a giant card which accompanies the trees, menorahs and decorations sent overseas. For each donation of \$5.00, you will be able to sign and write a brief message to our troops. Look at the Proctor-Hopson VFW website or FB to see pictures of the faces of our military overseas when they receive the trees, decorations, and menorahs! Donate. Information is in each President’s packets.
- **Participate in Stop 22 Walk!** -Help raise awareness of suicide prevention and mental health through your participation. Encourage all your friends to participate!
- **Joint Special Project-Homelessness-Donate** at Veterans & Family Support table.

***Spring Department Conference:** Donate to VFW/Auxiliary Special Project- Veteran Homelessness

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES: Criteria and entry form available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event that increases awareness of military suicide and mental health.

• Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that increases awareness of military suicide and mental health. Entry form due to Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman Dee by March 31, 2024.

• Citation and \$25.00 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding activity and/or event that increases awareness of military suicide and mental health. Winners announced and awards presented at 2024 National Convention.

3. **Most outstanding activity and/or event that increases the support of veterans, service member and their families.** • Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that increases the support of veterans, service members and their families. Entry form due to Dept Chairman Dee March 31, 2024. • Citation and \$25.00 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding activity and/or event that increases support of veterans, service members and their families. Winners announced and awards presented at the 2024 National Convention.

4. **DEPARTMENT AWARDS:** See Program Guide page 5. End-of-Year Report due April 1st to Chairman D. Ippolito.



Youth Activities Program—2023-2024 **Ruth Huber, Chairman**
9511 Bucktooth Run, Little Valley, NY 14755
Telephone: cell (716) 801-2003 Email: poofalina@yahoo.com

Children are the future of our nation. Focusing our attention on our youth from a young age is vital as we help them learn about our nation's history and our Veteran's sacrifices who fought and died to keep our freedoms. They are our leaders of tomorrow, our teachers, and doctors, and even our Auxiliary members. We are in a unique position to assist in the development of our children as they become responsible and educated adults who will have the potential to lead us into a brighter tomorrow. Our goal should be to teach them good morals and values, to have respect for themselves and others, and to have pride in their personal accomplishments. We can take the lead in this endeavor if we commit ourselves to teaching them and guiding them in the right direction. My challenge to you is to be a good leader. Get out there and reach out to our youth, then engage them in activities that give back to our veterans, their families, and the community. Teach them to respect and take pride in their country.

Patriotism Through Literacy

One of the easiest ways to promote patriotism is through reading. It is often taken for granted the many freedoms we enjoy that our forefathers fought so hard to defend. We need to educate our youth at an early age about who our historical figures were that helped build this great country, the United States of America. Ways you can participate: donate historical fiction or non-fiction books to your local school, library, or shelter, volunteer to read to younger youth at a school or library, host a read-a-thon and award prizes for the number of books read. Prizes might include books, bookmarks, or stickers.

Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P.)

Have a supply of R.A.P. cards available to present to a youth who demonstrates a random act of patriotism. When we recognize the good behavior a youth demonstrates, it encourages and inspires them to repeat the action and builds their self-esteem. The cards can be downloaded from MALTA for free and printed on cardstock.

Creating, Supporting and Working with Youth Groups

An Auxiliary can sponsor a youth group and engage youth in all our programs. Teach them about Auxiliary efforts to respect and take pride in our country. They can visit and volunteer in VA and non-VA hospitals and/or facilities, raise funds for a community veterans memorial, march in patriotic holiday parades, volunteer to help veterans and active-duty military families with yard work or household chores, send cards or small gifts to the National Home to show support for the families, make cards or write letters in the classroom to mail to our troops overseas or hospitalized veterans, or teach veterans and their families computer skills.

Youth groups should be recognized for their efforts and service projects that honor our veterans and assist active-duty military personnel and their families. Let your community leaders, teachers, coaches, school clubs, and others know what we have to offer our youth and how we will recognize their efforts. Supporting Our Veterans National Citation and the Patriotic Youth Award are available in MALTA.

Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue!

The Auxiliary sponsors a singing contest for youth in grades K-8 and 9-12 who sing and record our National Anthem. Entries are judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretation, and entertainment value. The first-place winner from each age group will receive \$25 and then be forwarded to the National Auxiliary Headquarters where first, second, and third place winners in each grade division will receive an award. Entries must be received at the participating Auxiliary by March 31st Department by April 15th, and National by May 5th. The entry form with all requirements and contest rules can be found in MALTA.

Illustrating America

This is a two-dimensional art contest that is open to any student in grades K-8 who is enrolled in a public, private, or parochial school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions, or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Entries will be judged on patriotic theme and technique and consist of three grade divisions: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Entries must be received at the participating Auxiliary by March 31st, Department by April 15th, and National by May 5th. The entry form with all requirements and contest rules can be found in MALTA.

Scrapbook Contest

All Auxiliaries are asked to connect with at least one school in your area to explain the scrapbook contest. The scrapbooks can be completed as a class project or on an individual basis and should be in a patriotic theme. This could include the American Flag, parades, patriotic holidays, veterans, and/or branches of the military. **Categories for judging at Spring Conference** will be as follows: **Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades, and Students With Disabilities in self-contained settings. Awards will be 1st-\$25, 2nd-\$15, 3rd-\$10 in each of the three divisions.** The scrapbooks need to be judged at the Auxiliary level with the first-place entry(ies) advancing to Department level judging. An index card needs to be attached to the back of the scrapbook indicating the age of the student and/or grade category, Auxiliary name, number, and District submitting the entry.

Poster/Collage Contest

Auxiliaries are asked to promote the Poster/Collage Contest to youth in **3rd, 4th, and 5th grades**. They should be done in a patriotic theme i.e., the American Flag, parades, patriotic holidays, veterans, and/or branches of the military. The entries need to be judged at the Auxiliary level with the first-place entry(ies) advancing to Department level for judging. All entries will be judged together. **Awards as follows: 1st-\$25, 2nd-\$15, 3rd-\$10.** An index card needs to be attached to the back of the entry indicating the student's name, grade category, Auxiliary name and number, and District submitting the entry.

Make Your Auxiliary Accessible to Today's Youth

Communicating our cause and events to the world has never been easier. The youth of today are tweeting on Twitter, posting on Facebook, sending pictures on Instagram, and subscribing to YouTube channels. The collaborative elements of social media allow our youth the ability to view and comment on each other's activities. Use these resources to get the word out about how they can get involved in our cause.

Most Outstanding Activity and/or Event educating the community about Patriotism Through Literacy and the R.A.P. card award. **A citation will be awarded to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event who submits an entry form, which can be found on MALTA, and received by the Department Chairman by March 31st for judging.** All entries will be sent to National who will mail the citations to the Auxiliaries. One Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences will receive a citation and \$25 for the most outstanding activity/event.

SPRING CONFERENCE REMINDERS

Bring your entries from your local level judging for both the scrapbook contest and the poster/collage contests so they can be judged at the conference. After they are judged you will be able to pick them up to return to your local winners.

By actively participating in the youth activities program, you are giving of yourself to help ensure a better world for our Veterans, their families, and the communities in which we live. You are teaching good citizenship, building self-esteem, instilling responsibility, and giving us all hope for the future where our children can grow and become responsible caring adults. Together we can be the difference!

By "Banding Together For Our Veterans" we can "Light The Flame of Hope for Our Veterans"

WAYS AND MEANS PROGRAM

**Gene Shaw , Chairman
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The Ways and Means Program is used as a means to raise money to help offset the operating cost of the Department of New York VFW Auxiliary. The Ways and Means Program is one way to help ensure that we have a successful year.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EVERY VFW AUXILIARY DOES THEIR PART AND PARTICIPATES IN EVERY ASPECT OF THE WAYS AND MEANS PROGRAM.

9 MONTH CALENDAR RAFFLE

Each President's Packet includes ten (10) 9-month raffle tickets and a self-addressed envelope.

Each ticket is **\$5.00** The seller of the winning ticket receives **\$20.00**. Be sure to write clearly and include the seller's name.

The first drawing of **\$100.00** will be in October 2023. There will be a drawing for **\$100.00** every month until May of 2024. In June at the Department Convention the final ticket will be drawn for the amount of **\$200.00** **This** is your 9 month raffle . **Remember the seller receives \$20.00.**

Make all checks payable to the VFW AUXILIARY Department of New York.

Earmark "Ways and Means 9-month raffle." Return checks and stubs to Gene Shaw, Chairman

THE FLAME OF HOPE FOR OUR VETERANS RAFFLE

FALL CONFERENCE,

This year we ask each Auxiliary and District to donate \$10.00 worth of Lottery Scratch-off tickets. Please get your tickets to the Ways & Means table on **Friday!** We will combine two envelopes this year to give the winners more chances to win. If you are not going to attend the Fall Conference, mail them to me prior to the Conference- or send them with your District President.

SPRING CONFERENCE

This year we ask each Auxiliary and District to donate \$10.00 worth of Lottery Scratch-off tickets. Please get your tickets to the Ways & Means table on **Friday!** We will combine two envelopes this year to give the winners more chances to win. If you are not going to attend the Spring Conference, mail them to me prior to the Conference- or send them with your District President.

This way the Whole Department of New York is Helping to ignite the” **Flame of Hope for Our Veterans”** while **“Banding Together for Our Veterans.”**

The cost of the raffle tickets are.

3 tickets for \$2.00

10 tickets for \$5.00

Be sure to be at the **Fall and Spring Conferences.** There will be a bonus Lottery theme basket for one lucky participant to win at each Fall and Spring Conference.

Let's make Our President Rose's year the best year ever by” **Banding together for our Veterans”, While we light the “Flame of hope for our Veterans.”**

There is no end of the Year Report for the ways and Means Program. Credit is required and is given for participation on the Program Department Report.



AMERICANISM - PARTIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

JOHN HORSKY – CHAIRMAN

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Year – End Report may be sent by USPS or emailed.

Deadline: MUST be received by April 1, 2024.

1. Did your Auxiliary donate to the United States Flag Fund? Yes / No
2. Did your Auxiliary host or participate in a U.S. Flag retirement ceremony? Yes/ No
 - a. How many flags were retired? _____
3. Did your Auxiliary participate in the Snapem’ for Bragging Rights contest? Yes/ No
 - a. How many entries did you send? _____
4. Did your Auxiliary participate in the Prisoner of War Missing in Action program?

Yes / No
5. Does your Auxiliary Post have a Missing Man Table? Yes / No
 - a. Did your Auxiliary participate in the Missing Man Table contest? Yes / No
 - b. How many entries did you submit? _____
6. Did your Auxiliary recognize Gold, Blue and Silver Star Mothers and Families?

Yes / No
7. Did your Auxiliary participate in Wreathes Across America? Yes / No
8. Did your Auxiliary sign a “Thank You” Honor Flight Card? Yes / No
9. Did your Auxiliary host special events on Patriotic Days to Remember? Yes / No
10. Did your Auxiliary use social media to post #AUXILIARYPATRIOTISM? Yes / No
11. Which of the following social media were used to post #AUXILIARYPATRIOTISM?
 - a. Facebook _____
 - b. Instagram _____
 - c. YouTube _____

Auxiliary Name: _____

Aux. President: _____ Aux. Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

AUXILIARY OUTREACH YEAR END REPORT

REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BY MARCH 31, 2024.

1. Has your Auxiliary utilized any of the Auxiliary Outreach material/resources available in MALTA Member Resources? _____
2. Did your Auxiliary work as a group who volunteered/partnered with another organization not affiliated with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary. _____
3. How many organizations did the Auxiliaries volunteer/partner with during the year?
 - a. First Responders _____
 - b. Churches _____
 - c. Towns _____
 - d. Disaster Relief _____
 - e. Cancer, Heart, ALS Association, etc. _____
 - f. Other _____
4. Number of combined member and/or Auxiliary hours volunteered with another organization not affiliated with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary. _____

Auxiliary President: _____ Date: _____

Auxiliary Chairman: _____ Phone: _____

Auxiliary Chairman Email: _____

Buddy® Poppy / National Home
Flora Becker Chairmen Address: 86 Garden Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148.
Phone: 315-521-2675 Email: loveourveterans17@yahoo.com

Auxiliary Name _____ # _____ District: _____

Buddy ®Poppy

1. Did you Auxiliary utilize any of the “Buddy” Poppy materials/ resources available in Malta member resources? _____
2. Did your Auxiliary hold a “Buddy “ Poppy drives with their VFW post and how many? _____
3. Did your Auxiliary hold a “Buddy” Poppy Drive without your post and how many? _____
4. Number of ”Buddy” Poppies that was distributed? _____
5. Did your Auxiliary participate in the VFW “Buddy” Poppy Display contest? _____
6. Did your Auxiliary purchase “Buddy” Poppies from the VFW store and how many? _____

National Home 1. Did your Auxiliary utilize any of the VFW National Home material/ resources available in Malta member resources? _____

2. Did your Auxiliary promote the VFW National Home? _____
3. Did your Auxiliary promote the VFW National Home help line? _____
4. Did your Auxiliary purchase at least one VFW National Home Life Membership and how many? _____
5. Did your Auxiliary purchase at least 1 VFW National Home Tribute Brick and how many? _____
6. Did your Auxiliary contribute to the Health and Happiness Fund? _____ 10 cents per member _____
25 cents per member _____

Auxiliary President _____

Auxiliary Chairman _____

Phone number _____ Email _____



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EXTENSION AND REVITALIZATION
MARIANNE MCLANE, CHAIRMAN
3550 DEER RIVER ROAD, CARTHAGE, NY 13619
315-286-2683 mari.mclane1@gmail.com

Year-End Report may be USPS or emailed. Deadline: Must be received by April 1, 2024

AUXILIARY _____

DISTRICT _____

1. Number of Good Job Awards presented to your members? _____

2. Did you use the Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit? _____
 - a. Did your Auxiliary share this information at your Monthly Meetings? _____

3. Did you go on our National Website and use the information available? _____
 - a. What did you find most helpful on this site? _____

4. Did your Auxiliary use the Online Academy? _____

Auxiliary Name: _____

Aux. Chairman: _____ Aux. President: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____



Historian /Media Relations
Kellianne Martini, Chairman
 315 Anchors Way
 Winder, GA 30680
 Telephone: (518) 744-8978
 Email: kelliannekennedy@hotmail.com

Reporting Period: April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024

YEAR END REPORT – DUE DATE APRIL 1, 2024

Auxiliary _____ Auxiliary President: _____ District _____

Historian:

1. Did your Auxiliary utilize any of the Historian material/resources available in MALTA Member Resources? YES _____ NO _____
2. Did your Auxiliary create a Historian’s book documenting the previous year by any means? YES _____ NO _____

Media Relations:

1. Did your Auxiliary utilize any of the Media Relations material/resources available in MALTA Member Resources? YES _____ NO _____
2. Did your Auxiliary send a monthly or quarterly newsletter or bulletin to your members? YES _____ NO _____ If so, Printed/Mailed _____ How many? _____

Electronic _____

3. Does your Auxiliary have a Facebook page? YES _____ NO _____ Is it a Joint Facebook Page with the Post? YES _____ NO _____ Own Auxiliary Facebook Page? YES _____ NO _____
4. Does your Auxiliary have a website? YES _____ NO _____ Is it a Joint website with the Post? YES _____ NO _____ Own Auxiliary website? YES _____ NO _____
5. Did your Auxiliary hold a Media Relations “how to” training to educate their members? (Example: how to log into MALTA, email, navigate Facebook and other social media) YES _____ NO _____
6. Did your Auxiliary submit a Historian/Media Relations report? YES _____ NO _____ (Department Presidents visit, National Presidents visit, Auxiliary events, etc.)

Auxiliary Chairman _____ Phone _____ Auxiliary# _____

Chairman(email) _____

HOSPITAL – 2023-2024

**AGNES STAMPP
2622 HAMILTON STREET
WEEDSPORT, NY 13166
PHONE: 315-834-6921 EMAIL: agnes.stampp@gmail.com**

AUXILIARY _____

DISTRICT _____

1. Number of Auxiliary members that volunteered at any VA and/or non-VA medical facility.
(Auxiliary member to be counted one time only per year) _____

2. Total number of hours that Auxiliary members volunteered at any VA and/or non-VA medical facility. _____

3. Total number of hours that Sponsored Volunteers and/or students volunteered under the VFW Auxiliary sponsorship and supervision at any VA and/or non-VA medical facility. _____

4. Did your Auxiliary promote, participate in or host any activity below:
 - Honors Escort _____
 - National Salute to Veteran Patients _____
 - Valentines for Veterans _____
 - Veterans Health Care (VHA) _____
 - Womens Veteran Health Care Program _____

5. Did your Auxiliary promote, participate in or co-host with their **VFW Post**, any activity below:
 - Honors Escort _____
 - National Salute to Veteran Patients – Valentines for Veterans _____
 - Veterans Health Care (VHA) _____
 - Womens Veteran Health Care Program _____

6. Total Dollar amount spent on all Hospital Programs related items and/or projects. _____

Auxiliary President: _____ Date: _____

Auxiliary Chairman: _____ Phone: _____

Auxiliary Chairman Email: _____

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**LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
 GEORGIAN (ANN) DAVIS, CHAIRPERSON
 97 RIDGE PARK AVENUE – BUFFALO, NY 14211
 Telephone: (716) 491~8096 ~ Email: anndavis311@gmail.com**

**Year-End Report may be sent USPS or by email
 Deadline: MUST be received no later than April 1, 2024**

Auxiliary No. _____ **District** _____

1. Did your Auxiliary utilized any of the Legislative material/resources available in MALTA Member Resources? Yes[] No[]
2. How many of your Auxiliary members subscribed to VFW's Action Corps Weekly E-Newsletter? _____
3. Did your Auxiliary promote, participate and/or host activities regarding the VFW Priority Goals? Yes[] No[]
4. Did your Auxiliary promote, participate or co-host with your VFW Post, activities regarding the VFW Priority Goals? Yes[] No[]
5. Did your Auxiliary members contact their legislators on veterans' issues by any means (example: emails, letters, postcards, phone calls, etc.)? Yes[] No[]
6. Did your Auxiliary members, who attended events where they could interact with Legislators (town halls, meet & greet, conferences etc.)? Yes[] No[]

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Auxiliary Name: _____ **Aux Chair** _____

Aux President: _____ **Address** _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Lisa Raplee

4259 State Route 226, Dundee NY 14837

Telephone (434) 594-2539 Email- lisavfwaux2425@outlook.com

Year-end report may be USPS or emailed.
Deadline MUST be received by April 1, 2024

Auxiliary _____ District _____

Did your Auxiliary utilized any of the Membership material/resources available on the National VFW Auxiliary Malta website YES _____ NO _____.

Did your Auxiliary promote, participate, host or co-host with their VFW post a membership recruitment. YES _____ NO _____.

Did you Auxiliary educate your members on the benefits of their Membership?
Example: insurance plans, travel benefits, cancer grants, hearing plans, etc. YES ___ NO ___

Did your Auxiliary educate your members on the National Membership Program Awards
YES ___ NO ___

Number of Members who recruited at least one new member _____

How did your Auxiliary promote Membership during the year?
TV _____ RADIO _____ NEWSPAPER _____ SOCIAL MEDIA _____ FLYERS _____

Date your Auxiliary attained 85% _____ 95% _____ 100% _____

Number of Annual members who converted to LIFE MEMBER _____

Number of REJOIN MEMBERS _____ Number new LIFE MEMBERS _____

Date you held MEMBERSHIP DRIVE _____ Number of Members signed up _____

Auxiliary Name _____ Auxiliary President _____

Address _____ Email Address _____

Auxiliary Chairman _____ Telephone _____

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MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP
JUDY LEFEBVRE, CHAIRMAN
 316 Pellerin Rd, Plattsburgh, NY 12901
 518-563-7558 (Home) 518-593-5628 (Cell)
 E-mail: biljud@aol.com



YEAR-END REPORT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31, 2024

Mentoring for Leadership is sharing knowledge and experiences about our organization, to educate, train and encourage members to grow, advance and lead our Auxiliaries into the future. The VFW National Auxiliary has provided us with the educational tools to make every member a good mentor. You never know who is watching you! Lead by example!

1. Did your Auxiliary utilized any of the Mentoring for Leadership Material/resources available in MALTA Member Resources? _____
2. Did your Auxiliary educate your members on the National Mentoring for Leadership Program Awards? _____
3. Did a member of your Auxiliary step up to the role of mentor? _____
4. How many members in your Auxiliary served as role models? _____
5. Did any mentors submit a report on their unique way of mentoring Auxiliary members to the Department Chairman before March 31, 2024? _____
6. Did your Auxiliary hold special recognition for your mentors? _____
7. Did your Auxiliary host an activity/event to educate members on mentoring and leadership? _____
8. Did your Auxiliary submit the required form for the National Outstanding Event Award to the Department Chairman before March 31, 2024? _____

Good mentors encourage members to “Light the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans” while “Banding Together For Our Veterans” and becoming outstanding leaders of our Auxiliaries.

Auxiliary Name: _____

Auxiliary Chairman: _____

Auxiliary President: _____

President’s Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

JOAN BARNHART

689 Southside Road, Cold Brook ,N.Y. 13324

Phone:{315}368-3957 email:jbarn98674@aol.com

Year-end Report Period July 1,2023 – April 1,2023 may sent email or “snail mail”

Deadline: Must be received April 1,2023

AUXILIARY ----- DISTRICT -----

Continuing Education Scholarship Contest

- 1. Did your Auxiliary participate - promote the Continuing Education Program? Yes ___ No ___
- 2. Did your Auxiliary donate to the Continuing Education Program? Yes ___ No ___

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest

- 1. Did your Auxiliary promote the Young American Creative Art contest? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, how many entries? ___ Number of members involved ___ Number of hours worked ___

- 2. Did your Auxiliary donate to the Patriotic Art Contest? Yes ___ No ___
- 3. If yes, how much? \$ _____

3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest

- 1. Did your Auxiliary promote the 3-Dimensional Art Contest? Yes ___ No ___
If yes how many entered ___ Number of members involved ___ Number of hours worked ___
- 2. Did your Auxiliary donate to the 3-D Art Scholarship Fund? Yes ___ No ___

VFW SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1. Did your Auxiliary assist your VFW Post in promoting the Patriots Pen Essay? Y___ No___
If yes, how many entries? ___ Number of members involved ___
Number of hours worked ___

- 2. Did your Auxiliary assist your Post in promoting the VOD contest? Yes ___ No ___
Recognitions

Did your auxiliary host/co-host an awards ceremony to recognize award winners and participants in any of this contest? Yes ___ No ___

Total dollars amounts presented by your Auxiliary in any/all contest \$ _____

Please indicate the types of media used to promote the Scholarship Program:

TV Radio Newspaper Fliers Social Media Other _____
“Banding Together for Our Veterans” “Light The Flame of Hope for Our Veterans”

Auxiliary Name: _____

Aux. Chairman _____ Aux. President _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email _____



VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Doris (Dee) Ippolito, Chairman - 24 Blue Jay Circle - Lancaster, NY 14086

Telephone: (716) 440-3411 - Email: dee.ippolito.017@gmail.com



2023-2024 YEAR END REPORT

DUE BY APRIL 1, 2024

Auxiliary _____ District _____

1. Did your Auxiliary utilize the materials/resources available on the National VFW Auxiliary website (vfwauxiliary.org-Resources-Veterans and Family Support). Yes ___ No ___
2. Did your Auxiliary promote, participate, host/co-host with your VFW Post for any of the VFW Programs listed below:
 - a. Disaster Relief Yes ___ No ___
 - b. Military Assistance (MAP) Yes ___ No ___
 - c. National Veterans Service (NVS) Yes ___ No ___
 - d. Unmet Needs Yes ___ No ___
 - e. Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness Yes ___ No ___
 - f. Joint Special Project -Veteran Homelessness Yes ___ No ___
3. Total monetary donation and value of goods and services donated to joint Special project- Veteran Homelessness \$ _____
4. Did your Auxiliary provide direct aid to veterans, service members and/or their families (example, meals, transportation, cards, packages, donations), Yes ___ No ___
5. Approximate number of veterans, service members and/or their families assisted. _____
5. . Total monetary donations and/or value of donations and goods/services provided to veterans, service members and/or their families. \$ _____

Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of our Veterans and Families this year!

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Auxiliary Name _____

Auxiliary Chairman _____

Auxiliary President _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM—RUTH HUBER, CHAIRMAN
9511 BUCKTOOTH RUN ROAD, LITTLE VALLEY, NY 14755**

Telephone: (716) 801-2003 Email: poofalina@yahoo.com

Year-End Report may be USPS or emailed. Deadline: MUST be received by April 1, 2024

AUXILIARY _____ DISTRICT _____

1. Indicate the total number of **Youth** your Auxiliary worked with during the program year (include all VFW Auxiliary Programs). _____
2. Indicate the number of **Youth Groups** your Auxiliary worked with during the program year (include all VFW Auxiliary Programs). _____
3. Did your Auxiliary recognize youth with a Patriotic Youth Award? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, indicate the number of youth recognized: _____
4. Indicate the number of **Youth Groups** recognized by your Auxiliary with a Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans citation: _____
5. Did your Auxiliary participate in the **Patriotism Through Literacy** program? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, how many books did you donate? _____
6. Did your Auxiliary host an activity and/or event to educate your community about the **Patriotism Through Literacy** program and **Random Acts of Patriotism** card? Yes ___ No ___

Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue! National Anthem Singing Contest

1. Did you Auxiliary promote the Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue! National Anthem singing contest? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, how many students submitted entries to your Auxiliary for judging? _____
2. Did your Auxiliary host an awards ceremony to recognize awardees and participants in this contest? Yes ___ No ___
Indicate the total dollar amount/value of awards your Auxiliary presented to youth who participated in the Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue! contest. _____

Illustrating America Art Contest

1. Did your Auxiliary promote the Illustrating America art contest? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, how many students submitted entries to your Auxiliary for judging? _____
2. Did your Auxiliary host an awards ceremony to recognize awardees and participants in this contest? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, indicate the dollar amount and/or value of awards you presented. _____

Auxiliary Name: _____ Auxiliary Chairman: _____

Auxiliary President: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

By "Banding Together For Our Veterans" we can "Light The Flame of Hope for Our Veterans"



President's Special Project Year End Report

Marcia Williams Chairman

PO Box 405 Remsen NY 13438-0405

Cell phone 315-725-6582 email: mmmckinney24@aol.com

DEADLINE must receive report by April 1, 2024

AUXILIARY _____ DISTRICT _____

Did your auxiliary host a fundraiser to support the special project of
Higher Ground ? YES _____ NO _____

Date held _____ Funds Raised _____

Describe the fundraiser _____

Did you or your Auxiliary purchase a T-shirt _____ Polo Shirt _____

Long Sleeve shirt _____ Hoodie _____ Cap/hat _____

Did your auxiliary members who attended Fall Conference or Spring Conference
make a monetary donation and sign the sheet.

Yes _____ No _____ Amount donated _____

Auxiliary# _____ District # _____

Auxiliary Name _____ Auxiliary President _____

Address _____ email address _____

Auxiliary Chairman _____ Telephone # _____

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"Light the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans"

Auxiliary President's Year End Report ~Must be **Postmarked or emailed** by April 10, 2024
send to: Rose Cooper, Department President USPS Address: 3 Elm St., Cuba, New York 14727
Email: navyvvet8194@gmail.com

How many Meetings does your Auxiliary hold each year? _____

How many Auxiliary Meetings were held since Installation? Regular [] Special [] # you Presided over []

Membership total as of June 30, 2023? [] Membership total as of April 1, 2024? []

Did your Auxiliary reach 100% in Membership? Yes [] No [] If yes, on what date? ___/___/___

Did your Auxiliary reach 100% plus in Membership? Yes [] No [] If yes, on what date? ___/___/___

During the **2023-2024** year, which "**Light the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans**" Meetings or functions did you attend? Department Convention [] OTI [] Fall Conference [] Spring Conference [] # of District Meetings []

Did you promote MALTA and encourage your Auxiliary members to create a MALTA account? Yes [] No []

Indicate the amount of money your Auxiliary donated to support Department President Rose's and Department Commander Dan Kell's Special Project ~ Higher Ground~ (include purchase of shirts and Department fundraisers)
\$ _____

Explain how your Auxiliary supported Homeless Veterans. _____

Did your Auxiliary promote the National President's and National Commander in Chiefs special Project ~ National Home Welcome Center Renovation Project~ Yes [] No [] If yes, indicate the amount donated? \$ _____

Circle of Excellence Information

Audits ~ Have all quarterly audits been completed and submitted to the Department Treasurer by the required dates?
Qtr1 ~ May 31, 2023 _____ Qtr 2~Aug 31, 2023 _____ Qtr3 ~ Nov. 30, 2023 _____ Qtr4 ~ Feb 28., 2024 _____

Cancer Grant Fund ~ Did your Auxiliary attain 100% (\$2 / member) Yes [] No []

Communications ~ A) Did you communicate with your district President when needed? Yes [] No []

B) Did your Secretary forward **ALL** communications received from the Department /District Secretary? Yes [] No []

C) List the ways you communicated with members of your auxiliary (newsletters, email, telephone, etc.) _____

Official Visit Indicate the date your Auxiliary Official Visit/ Inspection was completed _____

Training ~Did your Auxiliary hold a Membership Training session? Yes [] No [] Date ___/___/___

Indicate Number of members who attended the session _____

Mentoring ~Did your Auxiliary host a Mentoring for Leadership Training Session? Yes [] No [] Date ___/___/___

Indicate Number of members who attended the session _____

Did your Auxiliary use the Online Academy for Training? Yes [] No [] Indicate number of attendees _____

Did you or your Auxiliary members attend a Recognizing an Unhealthy Auxiliary Presentation? Yes [] NO []

Indicate number that attended _____

Programs ~Did your Auxiliary participate in all programs? Yes [] No []

Did your Auxiliary participate in a joint VFW / VFW Auxiliary Department level project in addition to the National Scholarships programs? Yes [] No []

Auxiliaries are encouraged to focus on at least three of their favorite programs. On a separate sheet of paper describe your Auxiliary's favorite programs and what you did to support them.

****Required by National**~ Auxiliaries **MUST** complete at least one project, activity, or donation that benefits veterans. On a separate sheet explain how and what project your Auxiliary sponsored to benefit veterans.

Leadership ~ On a separate sheet of paper: explain how you enjoyed your year as Auxiliary President? What was your personal favorite program? How did you assist/ mentor Auxiliary Members/ what do you feel was your greatest accomplishment this year?

Thank You for....."**Banding Together For Our Veterans**" as we "**Light the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans**"

President _____ Date ___/___/___

Phone _____ Email: _____



"Light the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans"

District # ___ President's Year End Report ~Must be Postmarked or emailed by April 10, 2024
send Report to: Rose Cooper, Department President
USPS Address: 3 Elm St., Cuba, New York 14727
Email: navyvet8194@gmail.com~~~Phone: (585) 403-1390

How many District Meetings does your District hold each year? _____
How many District Meetings held since Installation? Regular [] Special [] # you Presided over []
How many Auxiliaries are in your District? [] How many did you visit? []
Membership total as of June 30, 2023? [] Membership total as of April 1, 2024? []
Did your District reach 100% in Membership? Yes [] No [] If yes, on what date? ___/___/_____
Did your District reach 100 plus in Membership? Yes [] No [] If yes, on what date? ___/___/_____
During 2023-2024 which "Light the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans" Meetings or functions did you attend?
2023 Department Convention [] 2023 OTI [] 2023 Fall Conference [] 2024 Spring Conference []

Circle of Excellence Information

Audits ~ How many Auxiliaries in your District are current with quarterly audits? []
Cancer Grant Fund ~ Number of Auxiliaries attaining 100% (\$2 / member) []
Communications ~ **A)** After taking office did you send an introductory letter and a District Directory to each of your component Auxiliary Presidents? Yes [] No []
B) Did your District Secretary forward ALL communications received from the Department Secretary? Yes [] No []
C) List the ways you communicated with members within your District (newsletters, email, telephone, etc.)

Official Visits ~ **A)** Did your District conduct a School of Instruction for Official Visits/ Inspectors? Yes [] No []
B) Were ALL Auxiliary Official Visits/Inspections completed for your District by December 15, 2023? Yes [] No []
Membership ~ Retention: Did you have a Membership Retention session during a meeting? Yes [] No []
Date ___/___/_____
Mentoring ~ Did your District host a Mentoring for Leadership Training Session? Yes [] No []
On a separate sheet describe how you assisted/mentored the Auxiliaries in your District
Training ~ Did you schedule a School of Instruction during a District meeting or on a separate training day?
Yes [] No [] Date ___/___/_____ List the topics covered _____

Did your District hold a Recognizing an Unhealthy Auxiliary presentation? Yes [] No []
Did your District promote the use of Online Academy for Training? Yes [] No []
Did your District promote the use of MALTA? Yes [] No []

Programs ~

Did ALL Auxiliaries complete at least one project, activity, or donation that benefitted Veterans? Yes [] No []
Did your District or any Auxiliary in your District do a joint Project with the VFW? Yes [] No []
On a separate sheet of paper, describe how you and your chairmen promoted the National and Department Programs to Auxiliaries within your District. Identify areas you believe to be strong and areas that need to be strengthened.

Leadership ~ ON a separate sheet of paper, Describe the most successful part of your year as District President.
What was your greatest Accomplishment?

Explain how you used the Talking Points developed by National during your official visits to the Auxiliaries.

Thank You for **"Banding Together For Our Veterans"** as we the Department of New York VFW Auxiliary **"Light the Flame for Our Veterans."**

President _____ Date ___/___/_____

Phone _____ Email _____



2023-2024 AUXILIARY NEWS Order Form

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[Presidents on all levels receive one (1) complimentary subscription.]

(NAME) AUX No. _____

(ADDRESS) (CITY) (ST) (ZIP)

(E-MAIL) (AREA CODE/PHONE)

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**Make Check Payable to: VFW Aux Dept of NY
Earmark "Auxiliary News"**

**Mail *Auxiliary News* Subscription Order Form AND Check to:
DeeDee Guyette ~ 43 High Street ~ Carthage, NY 13619**

Questions? Contact Editor DeeDee Guyette, dgullquist@verizon.net, 315.493.7520

2023-2024 PROGRAM GUIDEBOOK Order Form

PLEASE PRINT



[Presidents on all levels receive one (1) complimentary guidebook.]

(NAME) AUX No. _____

(ADDRESS) (CITY) (ST) (ZIP)

(E-MAIL) (AREA CODE/PHONE)

No. of Guidebooks _____ @ \$7 each = \$ _____ CHECK #: _____

**Make Check Payable to: VFW Aux Dept of NY
Earmark "Guidebook"**

**Mail Guidebook Order Form AND Check to:
Christine Leavor ~ 2027 Cemetery Hill Rd ~ Franklinville, NY 14737**

Questions? Contact Dept Secretary Christine Leavor, cal2027@hotmail.com, 716.676.240



AUXILIARY / OFFICER / MEMBER CHANGE / MEMBER DEATH REPORT

CURRENT DATE: _____

AUXILIARY NO. _____ DISTRICT NO. _____ MEMBERSHIP ID NO. _____

MEMBER'S NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

CURRENT ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. HOME: _____ CELL: _____

INDICATE INFORMATION THAT IS TO BE UPDATED (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

CHANGE OF MEMBER MAILING ADDRESS
 CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NO.
 CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS
 DEATH OF Date _____

CHANGE OF OFFICER Change from: _____ _____
 _____ Name of Previous Officer Indicate Office held
 CHANGE TO: _____ _____
 _____ NAME OF NEW OFFICER INDICATE OFFICE HELD

NOTE: NEW TREASURER MUST FILE IRS FORM 8822 B WITHIN 60 DAYS

CONTACT DEPT. SECRETARY CHRIS LEAVOR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

CHANGE OF MEETING _____ _____
 DAY AND/OR TIME PREVIOUS MEETING DAY/TIME NEW MEETING DAY/TIME

CHANGE OF ANNUAL DUES: PREVIOUS DUES \$ _____ NEW DUES AMOUNT \$ _____

CHANGE OF NAME FORMER NAME: FIRST _____ LAST _____
 NAME NEW NAME: FIRST _____ LAST _____

REPLACE LOST MEMBERSHIP CARD

FEE FOR REPLACEMENT MEMBERSHIP CARD: \$5.00 FOR ANNUAL MEMBER – \$10.00 FOR LIFE MEMBER

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NY EARMARKED "REPLACE CARD."

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY Chris Leavor

2027 Cemetery Hill Rd ~ Franklinville, NY 14737

EMAIL: CAL2027@HOTMAIL.COM – TELEPHONE: (716) 676-2400

VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK – QUARTERLY AUDIT REPORT

Auxiliary Name _____ Aux. No. _____ District No. _____

Audit Period: From _____ to _____ Audit Date _____

FUND	BALANCE LAST AUDIT	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	FINAL BALANCE THIS AUDIT
GENERAL				
RELIEF				
RESTRICTED				
TOTALS				**

- 1. Bank Balance Shown on Current Statement \$ _____
- 2. **PLUS** Deposits Not Shown on Statements + \$ _____
- 3. Sub Total \$ _____
- 4. **LESS** Outstanding Checks (# of outstanding checks _____) -\$ _____
- 5. TOTAL BANK BALANCE ** \$ _____
- 6. Other Funds: Savings, CD's, etc. \$ _____ \$ _____ + \$ _____
- 7. **TOTAL ALL FUNDS** \$ _____

(Note: This figure must match Final Balance This Audit)** Trustee #1 _____

Date of Last Membership Transmittal or Entry in MALTA _____ Trustee #2 _____

Trustee #3 _____

<u>Quarter Audit</u>	<u>2nd Quarter Audit</u>	<u>3rd Quarter Audit</u>	<u>4th Quarter Audit</u>
January / February / March Sent to Dept. Treasurer No later than May 31	April / May / June Sent to Dept. Treasurer No later than August 31	July / August / September Sent to Dept. Treasurer No later than November 30	October / November / December Sent to Dept. Treasurer No later than February 28

•A signed copy of the accepted audit shall be forwarded to:

Kimberly White, Department Treasurer – 1799 Fred Road – Schenectady, NY 12303

Cancer Grant Application

Instructions:

- * Member must meet eligibility requirements below.
- * Member and Physician sections must be completed legibly and in their entirety. If member is unable to sign, a Power of Attorney (POA) may sign. If POA signs, then POA documentation must be submitted.
- * If the member is deceased, next of kin may submit application with documentation of proof of death such as obituary, doctor's letter, death certificate, etc. Application and proof of death must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters within 30 days of member's passing.
- * Grants will ONLY be made payable to the VFW Auxiliary member.
- * Do NOT send any other supporting documents, as it will not be considered.
- * **Mail** original, completed application to:

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
Attn: Cancer Grants
406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111



Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Applicant must be a member of the VFW Auxiliary for one (1) full year and current dues must be paid.
- 2) After twelve (12) months have passed from date of diagnosis or last treatment, application will be rejected.
- 3) A member is allowed two grants during lifetime.

*Twelve (12) months must elapse between new diagnosis and/or treatment from date of first grant.
 Continuous treatment which lasts beyond the twelve (12) month period may qualify for a second grant.*

THIS SECTION IS TO BE FILLED OUT BY MEMBER	THIS SECTION IS TO BE FILLED OUT BY ATTENDING PHYSICIAN
Membership ID #	Type of cancer diagnosed
Auxiliary Post #	Date diagnosed with this cancer (MM/DD/YYYY)
Member's Name (as shown on membership card)	Last date of treatment for this cancer (MM/DD/YYYY)
Date of Birth (MM/DD/ YYYY)	Physician's Office / Hospital Name
Email Address	Phone Number
Phone Number	Physician's Name
Street Address	Street Address
City, State and ZIP Code	City, State and ZIP Code
Date Member Signed (MM/DD/YYYY)	Date Physician Signed (MM/DD/YYYY)
Member's Signature	Physician's Signature

***By submission of this application, you grant authority for the VFW Auxiliary to contact the attending physician.
 If grant is approved, funds must be deposited within six months or the grant is forfeited. REV. 6-18***



**VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
PROGRAM REPORT FORM ~ 2023-2024**



PROGRAM NAME

AUXILIARY No. _____ **DISTRICT No.** _____

PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOW YOUR AUXILIARY PERFORMED/ATTENDED/PROMOTED/DONATED TO THIS PROGRAM. INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL PAGE, IF NECESSARY, FOR YOUR REPORT.

NO. OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATING	NO. OF VETERANS ATTENDING/ AFFECTED/ BENEFITTED	NO. OF HOURS	NO. OF MILES TRAVELED (PORTAL TO PORTAL)	DOLLAR VALUE OF GOODS DONATED BY AUX MEMBERS (BASKET ITEMS, DISH TO PASS, ETC)	AMOUNT OF AUXILIARY FUNDS SPENT	TOTAL AMOUNT SPEND THIS EVENT

AUXILIARY CHAIRMAN _____ EMAIL _____

DATE OF SUBMISSION _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT _____ EMAIL _____

***THANK YOU FOR SUBMITTING YOUR REPORT AND KEEPING OUR MISSION TO OUR VETERANS STRONG!
REPORTS MAY BE SENT USPS OR EMAIL TO RESPECTIVE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN.***

PLEASE REPORT BY THE 1ST OF EACH MONTH!

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