

Always Stay True to Our **Red**, White, and **Blue**

Department of New York

2025-2026

Program Guidebook



Justine Robles

Department President



Dear Members,

First and foremost, I would like to THANK the MEMBERS of the great Department of New York for electing me to this very high and honorable position. I know I have very big shoes to fill, and I will do my best to fulfill my duties as your newly elected Department President and make the great state of New York proud of this Brooklyn Girl.

I give Heavenly "Thanks" to my grandparents who started me on this journey when I was six years old. That's when my Grandmother signed me up for the Jr. Girls Unit under the eligibility of my Grandfather US Army PFC Sigmund Bozymowski. With the guidance of my family, who were members and my peers, I was able to make my way through and I have been a PROUD member ever since.

Over the course of time, I have worked my way through the chairs in my Auxiliary, County, District and now Department. I have learned a lot and made many friends along the way. I am thankful for each and every person, and each and every lesson.

I want to say a special "thank you" to my "bestie," my right-hand, and often my left hand as well, Melinda Ingoglio. You keep me straight and on track and I appreciate you so much. Also, thank you to my brother, John. You're always there when I need you.

Thank you to my Post and the Auxiliary to PFC John P Czachor VFW Post 5806. Thank you to the Auxiliaries and Members of District 1 and thank you to my "rock" and biggest supporter, my husband John Pieprzak, and our family. I love you all.

Special thanks to my advisor PDP Nina LeFrois, PNP Jane Reape, and Department Secretary Chris Leavor. Thank you all for listening, advising, and calming me when needed.

To everyone who joined my TEAM this year, I thank you, too. I know this is all very new and a little overwhelming to the new Chairmen, but we will work hand-in-hand, side-by-side and have a very successful year for the Department of New York.

Loyally,

Justine

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(To be elected at the Convention)

“From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free”
as we
“Always Stay True to Our Red, White, and Blue”



Important Dates 2025-2026 Events/Dates Subject to Change

2025

June 11-15	Department VFW & Auxiliary Convention, Marriott Hotel, Albany, NY
TBD	Homecomings for Department President & Department Commander
July 25-26	Auxiliary OTI: Officer & Member Training, Doubletree by Hilton, Binghamton, NY
August 9-14	National Convention Columbus, OH
July 31 August 31	Auxiliaries are requested to have President & Treasurer Bonded All Auxiliaries MUST be bonded
September 30	* Donation Form Due to Department Treasurer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit Health & Happiness Donation (Either in MALTA or mail to Auxiliary Headquarters in Kansas City MO) • Mail Ways & Means 9-Mo Tickets to Chairman
October ??	Department VFW & Auxiliary Fall Conference, Albany, NY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First drawing for Cancer tickets- have yours been submitted?
October 24-25	Eastern Conference – Wilmington, Delaware

2026

February 9-12	Mid-Winter Conference: Cruise sails from Ft. Lauderdale, FL National President's Celebration
February 28	National CAFE' Event- Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, Washington, DC
March 1- 5	VFW Legislative Conference, Washington DC
March 8-10	National President Lois Callahan Official Visit, NYC
March 27-29	Department VFW & Auxiliary Spring Conference, Corning, NY
April 15	All Program Reports must be RECEIVED by Department Chairmen
June TBD	Department VFW & Auxiliary Convention, Marriott Hotel, Albany, NY
August 16-20	National Convention Salt Lake City, UT

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Department Awards 2025-2026

Department Awards for 2025-2026 will be presented to SIX (6) Membership Groups

Auxiliary Membership Grouping is based on June 2026 Membership

Awards will be Presented by Program Chairmen at the June 2026 Convention
unless stated otherwise in the Program pages

Awards are for the **BEST** overall Auxiliary Participation in each respective program

Refer to Membership Program for Membership Awards

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

**Americanism
Auxiliary Outreach
Buddy®Poppy/ National Home
Hospital
Legislative
Scholarships
Veterans & Family Support
Youth Activities**

To be eligible for an award, the Auxiliary Chairman must submit at least **one** report during the year **AND** submit **a year-end report to be RECEIVED by the Chairman by April 15, 2026**

Reports may be emailed, or USPS mailed- if using USPS mail- mail it early enough to be received by the deadline date.

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

A Presidential Citation will be awarded to ONE District President who BEST promotes the programs to its component Auxiliaries.

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VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
DONATION REPORT FORM 2025-2026



Auxiliary Name _____ Auxiliary Number _____ District Number _____

HOSPITAL FUND (Suggested Donation - \$15.00)

Allows the Dept. President to present donations when visiting VA's to purchase special event supplies, holiday 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.

\$ _____

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT (Continuing Education Scholarships)

\$ _____

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S SPECIAL PROJECT (Stocking the National Home Store)

\$ _____

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S AND COMMANDER'S JOINT SPECIAL PROJECTS –

1) National Home- Support the two NY Houses

\$ _____

2) The Headstrong Project- mental health services for Veterans

\$ _____

DEPT OF NEW YORK SCHOLARSHIPS, VOD, PATRIOT'S PEN, PATRIOTIC ART, 3D ART \$ _____

Provides funding to present cash and prize awards to the Department of New York Scholarship Contest Winners.

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

National Veterans and Military Support: 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 (Unmet Needs), financial support to Post, Auxiliary, District, Department to support Military Morale Events (MAP), and Education Support for the "Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship"

\$ _____

USO: Support America's service members and families 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 OF NY VFW AUXILIARY RELIEF FUND

\$ _____

AUXILIARY NEWS and DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY: (Suggested Donation \$15.00) To offset the costs of printing and mailing the Department Newsletter and Department Directory to Presidents on all levels.

\$ _____

DEPARTMENT POSTAGE FOR MAILING DUES NOTICES: (Suggested Donation \$15.00)
Department Headquarters sends dues notices to annual members *only for Auxiliaries that contribute to the postage fund.* The Dues Donation **MUST** be received by the Department Treasurer
NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

\$ _____

Please indicate if you want the Department to send dues notices to unpaid annual members: Y _____ N _____

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$ _____

Please Note: Auxiliaries on all levels will receive Participation credit for their donations!

PLEASE submit the Donation Form by September 30, 2025

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

Mail the completed form and check to:

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

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IMPORTANT DATES

On or before the 1st day of the month the auxiliary program chairmen need to submit their report to each of the Department Program Chairmen.

On the 7th day of the month the Department Chairmen need to submit their reports to me.

By the 10th day of the month the Program Coordinator's Report will be posted on the Department Website.

If your auxiliary donates on the Donation Report Form you will get an "X", but you need to complete projects and report them to the Department Chairmen to qualify for awards.

THE MEANING OF THE D, P AND N

"D" is for donations to a program.

"P" is for participation in a program.

"N" is for the VFW National Home Health and Happiness donations.

"D/P" – Donation and Participation are credited together in some programs.

You need to send a minimum donation of 10 CENTS, per member, which is based on your June 30, 2025, auxiliary membership total.

You may donate to this through MALTA or mail your checks to:

**VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111**

Please make your checks payable to VFW Auxiliary and earmark it "Health & Happiness".

OTHER ABBREVIATIONS, MEMBERSHIP

V & F - Veterans and Family Support **W & M** - Ways and Means **AO** - Auxiliary Outreach

Y - Youth Activities **BP/NH** - Buddy Poppy and National Home

Ext/Ment - Extension and Mentoring for Leadership

Membership – you receive an "X" when you reach 100%

Membership 100% (+) - actual percent



OFFICIAL VISIT FOR INSPECTIONS

“ALWAYS STAY TRUE TO OUR, RED, WHITE AND BLUE”

Official visits or in the past Auxiliary Inspections will once again be implemented this year. Your District President will appoint inspectors to assist in completing your official visit in a timely manner. Do not get nervous about this visit, we are only there to assist your auxiliary if needed. There is nothing negative about being inspected each year.

Your District President does **NOT** need to do all the Official Visits herself/himself. She/He may appoint members to assist in this duty. It is advisable not to send the same member to the same auxiliary each year. Your District President will schedule a School of Instructions for Inspectors at the first meeting of the new year.

The Inspector should become familiar with the New Official Visit form prior to attending the auxiliary meeting. Once the Official Visit is completed; the Inspector should send all copies back to the District President within three (3) days. The District President will then go over the form to be sure all questions and signatures have been completed. She/He in return has three days to send the paperwork to me and I will then send the Auxiliary Copy to the Treasurer. I will send a copy to our Department President, and she will assign members to go to the Auxiliary if needed.

The Inspector is to contact the Auxiliary President to setup a time, date, and place for the visit. Make sure you have the Auxiliary's **EIN Number** and the **seal** on the Official Visit form. If you can't do the Inspection on the date set up with the Auxiliary; please contact your District President and she/he will assign someone else to complete the inspection.

Please note the Official Visit (Inspection Form) has changed this year. All Inspections are to be completed by February 15, 2026. **The sooner completed the better for all concerned.**

Marianne McLane, PDP, Official Visit Coordinator
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CANCER GRANT DONATION FUND

AMBER SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN

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Being part of the VFW Auxiliary fosters a supportive community that offers camaraderie during challenging times, as such one of the benefits of being a member is access to the **Cancer Grant** program. This program provides financial assistance to help cover medical expenses related to cancer treatment. Members can apply for up to two grants in their lifetime, each worth **\$550**, which do not need to be repaid. The Cancer Grant is a vital resource for members, helping ease the financial burden of cancer treatment. Do not hesitate to seek this support if you find yourself in need.

The Cancer Grant Application is a simple one-page form that can be found on the National website, at the back of this program book or by reaching out to me. I am available to assist with the application process and provide information on eligibility.

The VFW Auxiliary depends on **ALL OF US** to sustain funding for the Cancer Grant Fund. To help keep it funded, we ask that each Auxiliary donate at least \$2 per member based upon the Auxiliary's membership as of June 30, 2025.

We understand that each program within our organization asks for monetary support and sometimes it can get overwhelming. With that in mind we are offering multiple ways for you and your members to make an even more positive impact to this program.

We are bringing back the Cancer Grant Raffle. In the President's Package you will find 1 ticket (\$2 each) for each member of your Auxiliary. The number of tickets is based on membership as of June 30, 2025. Please send your completed Cancer Grant Fund Raffle tickets and your check to me, **Amber Sullivan**, at the above address. ***Please make checks payable*** to the **"VFW Auxiliary Dept. of New York."** DO NOT send the Cancer Grant Raffle ticket money via MALTA. While sending it to MALTA will give you credit for participation in the Cancer Program, it will not enter you into the Raffle.

Also, in the President's Packet you will find an Instruction Sheet for each Auxiliary Treasurer on how to donate through the Gift Entry in MALTA. As stated above, a donation through MALTA will earn your participation in the Cancer Grant Donation Fund but will not give you entries into the Cancer Fund Raffle. Please remember that your auxiliary is required to participate in the Cancer Grant Donation Fund in some way. We thank you in advance for all you do for the Cancer Donation Fund.

FALL AND SPRING CONFERENCES

Cancer Fund Raffle

Three Cancer Grant Fund Raffle winners will be drawn at each Conference

First Place - \$75

Second Place - \$50

Third Place - \$25

FALL CONFERENCE: Each **AUXILIARY** is asked to bring a basket aligning with President Justine's theme, **"Always Stay True to Our Red, White and Blue."**

Let's line up our table at Fall Conference with as much Red, White and Blue as we can!

SPRING CONFERENCE: Each **DISTRICT** is asked to bring a cancer-related basket.

This can be anything you would like. It can be themed for a specific type of Cancer or a general theme, such as, "Cancer Awareness," "Fighter," "Survivor," "Warrior", etc.



JUNE 26th CONVENTION

In Memory of and In Honor of Ribbons

Will be available to purchase via mail

And during the Fall and Spring Conferences



We are excited to offer "In Memory of" and "In Honor of" paper ribbons, designed to honor loved ones, celebrate remarkable achievements, and support those affected by cancer. We look forward to seeing your messages of encouragement and hope on these ribbons, which will be prominently displayed throughout the June 2026 convention, creating a powerful visual tribute.

\$5 Donation

*Full details have been included in your President's Package.

*We will have candy and other items available at **ALL Conferences and Conventions** for a small donation.*

Please check out the Auxiliary News for updates on all things related to cancer research, new technology and how you can help. Everyone can do something. If your Auxiliary hosts a Cancer Awareness Event or Fundraiser, let me know! I would love to hear your thoughts and ideas on how we can all make a positive impact on the Cancer Donation Fund.

Use the #StayTrueToTheFight on social media. Feel free to call, text or email me, anytime!

Visit the Cancer table at the Spring and Fall Conferences and at Convention say "Hi" and purchase an In Memory of or Honor Ribbon.

Thank you to each Auxiliary member for their support of this program.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" ~ Helen Keller

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"From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free"





AMERICANISM - PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Ashleigh Horsky - Chairman

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Americanism is the guardian of our Constitution. It is the driving force behind America's desire to prosper as a free nation. At times it urges our men and women into action, rallying them into a single, strongly united force. Americanism is something that thrives in the souls of true patriots every day. We show Americanism when we take pride in our nation's past achievements...and commit ourselves to America's future ambitions.

Do you know your Stars?

For as long as I can remember every time I walked into my VFW home I would see a banner with a red border and a blue star in the center and would ask what it meant. The answer I always received was do your research and you will know what it means. I not only researched the banner in my VFW Post I researched all the stars, their meanings and how they are honored.

Gold Star: A Gold Star represents family members who have lost a loved one in military service. ***We show our respect to these families not by applauding them but asking them what the name of their Star is.***

Blue Star: A Blue Star represents family members who are currently serving in the military, guard, or reserves or who are Veterans.

Silver Star: A Silver Star represents family members who are wounded, ill, and/or injured Veterans from any branch of the Armed Forces.

White/Green Star: A White/Green Star represents family members lost from suicide from any branch of service. This star also includes first responders and medical frontline workers.

I Am Proud To Be An American!!!

Are you a proud American? How do you show your American Pride? We show our American Pride by respecting and honoring our "***Stars and Stripes***" and our **Patriotic Symbols**. We as members teach our younger generations ***Flag Etiquette***. This includes how to properly care, treat and dispose of the American Flag. We educate them about the importance of traditions like Patriotic Days to Remember and how to properly recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem.

More information on Flag Etiquette and Patriotic Days to Remember can be found when you scan the QR code located at the bottom of my program.

POW / MIA

POW/MIA means **Prisoner of War / Missing in Action**, we use the term to honor and remember those American service members who were captured or went missing during conflicts, to always make sure they are never forgotten and that our nation continues to seek their return. As of today, there are still **OVER 81,000 POW/MIA's**. How do you honor our **POW/MIA's**? Does your Auxiliary have a POW/MIA table displayed at your post? Do you host a POW/MIA Recognition Day?

The Auxiliary that hosts the most outstanding activity and or event educating their community about how we honor our **POW/MIA's (Prisoner of War/Missing in Action)** will receive a traveling POW/MIA kit at the *VFW Aux June Dept. Convention in 2026*.

FALL CONFERENCE

Wreaths Across America- Established in 2007 by wreath producer Morrill Worcester this American Non-profit Organization is known for distributing homemade balsam wreaths to the graves of our departed Veterans laid to rest in VA National Cemeteries and State Veterans Cemeteries. This year's program will be the **"\$5 Forward Plan."** This means \$5 for every \$17 wreath sponsored will be applied forward to the sponsorship of an additional Veterans wreath. WAA this year will take place on December 13, 2025. **Information and order form will be included in the President's Packets.**

SPRING CONFERENCE

Honor Flight- This is a Non-profit Organization that is dedicated to transporting as many United States Military Veterans as possible to see the memorials of the respective war(s) they fought in at Washington D.C. at no cost to the Veteran. For \$5 you can sign and purchase "Thank You" cards to be distributed during "Mail Call." If you are not able to sign a card **"Don't worry about it, I got you!!!"** If you cannot sign the card, I will sign it for you! **Forms will be included in the President's Packet.**

AWARDS

National Awards for Auxiliaries- Most outstanding activity and/or event displaying or educating others about proper ways to display and respect the American Flag.

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event educating others about proper ways to display and respect the American Flag.
- Entry Form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources. Form must be sent to me by March 31, 2026 for judging. I will then forward the Department winning entry to the National Americanism Ambassador by April 30, 2026, for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Department Awards for Auxiliaries- The VFW Auxiliary that has the most outstanding Americanism Program will receive a Citation and \$20 for First Place; \$15 for Second Place; \$10 for Third Place in each membership group. All Auxiliaries that participate in the VFW Auxiliary Department Convention Massing of the Colors will also receive a Citation.

REPORT!!!

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DON'T FORGET REPORTS ARE DUE BY THE 1ST OF EACH MONTH!!!

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"FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA, HONORING VETERANS WHO KEEP US FREE"**





AUXILIARY OUTREACH PROGRAM

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Welcome to AUXILIARY OUTREACH in 2025-2026!

What is AUXILIARY OUTREACH?

A **bridge** from our auxiliaries, into our communities.

An **introduction** of our auxiliaries, to our communities.

How do we perform AUXILIARY OUTREACH?

We spend **our time** helping organizations in our communities

With **their** projects and events

Under **their** leadership and direction.

When does AUXILIARY OUTREACH happen?

After our auxiliary passes a **motion** to assist a specific organization.

After the organization agrees to **accept** the help of our VFW Auxiliary members.

Where does AUXILIARY OUTREACH occur?

At the community organizations' events or as they **direct**.

Events can take place at a VFW Post, but the Post or Auxiliary cannot plan them.

Who performs AUXILIARY OUTREACH?

One or (preferably) more of **our members**.

Who will our members help with AUXILIARY OUTREACH?

Organizations that assist our communities for needs such as:

Food pantries

Homeless shelters

Blood drives

Fund raising for health or safety causes

Senior citizen centers or nursing homes

What do we do as AUXILIARY OUTREACH?

Well ... **We DO**. We give of ourselves - our time and our energy.

Members' **HOURS** and **MILES** ... **ONLY**.

What is **NOT** AUXILIARY OUTREACH?

Anything that can be reported for any other VFW Auxiliary program.

Anything that involves giving money or goods.

Anything that our auxiliary or our members plan, lead or direct.

STEPS needed for AUXILIARY OUTREACH:

1. **Identify** a nonprofit organization in your community that can benefit from volunteer time by your auxiliary members.
2. Introduce and **pass a motion or a standing rule** at your auxiliary meeting to count your members' time volunteering with that organization, as AUXILIARY OUTREACH.
3. **Confer** with that organization that they will accept your members as volunteers, and that they are okay with your members wearing apparel that identifies the VFW Auxiliary.
4. Then ... **Show up**, wearing something that identifies the VFW Auxiliary (such as a hat, shirt, scarf, pin) and help **as they direct you**.
5. Prepare a **report** of the number of your auxiliary members, along your members' hours and your members' miles, were involved to help the organization.
6. Post on social media about your AUXILIARY OUTREACH involvement using **#AuxiliaryOutreach** to be eligible for the National program award (see below).

Keep in mind ...

You can pass a single **motion** to assist an organization throughout the year OR for a specific project or event. A new motion is needed for each new VFW Auxiliary year unless your Auxiliary passes a Standing Rule..

The organization must benefit the **community** in general – not only those of a specific religion or ethnicity.

The organization must be non-political.

If your members' involvement can be reported under **any** other VFW Auxiliary program, then you cannot report it under AUXILIARY OUTREACH.

If your activity with the organization includes any donation of goods or funds, then you cannot report it as AUXILIARY OUTREACH. (Although you may report it to your VFW Post for their Community Service Report.)

Any activity that you report as AUXILIARY OUTREACH may also be reported to your **VFW Post** for their **Community Service Report**.

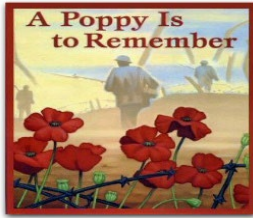
NATIONAL AWARD for Auxiliaries – AUXILIARY OUTREACH

Citation and \$25 to one VFW auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that shares the most outstanding AUXILIARY OUTREACH activity and/or event using **#AuxiliaryOutreach** on social media during the 2025-2026 Program Year. (Required entry form, available in MALTA Member Resources, must be received by the Department Chairman by March 31, 2026.)

DEPARTMENT AWARDS for Auxiliaries – AUXILIARY OUTREACH

First, second and third place winners will be awarded in each membership group. (See Page 4.)





“Buddy” Poppy & VFW National Home
Debby McCarthy, Chairwoman
Cell Number: 270-765-9341 Email: debmc@netscape.com

HONOR THE DEAD BY HELPING THE LIVING

The “Buddy” Poppy has been an integral part of the VFW community since 1922. The “Buddy” Poppy is the symbol that represents the blood shed by our service members, **those with two feet and those with four**, and that we shall never forget the sacrifice they made for our country’s freedom.

To purchase “Buddy” Poppies, request a **“Buddy” Poppy Order Form** from the VFW Department Headquarters at least two to three months in advance of your distribution date. You may order the Traditional “Buddy” Poppies or the “New” Tin Tab “Buddy” Poppies. The “New” Tin Tab “Buddy” Poppy may be worn as a decorative pin on a hat, collar, or suit jacket.

The Post Quartermaster **MUST** provide a signature on the order form. All orders **MUST** be in multiples of 500 and orders will require shipping and handling cost.

Just a reminder, **the “Buddy” Poppy is not for sale**; they are to be distributed for **donations to your Auxiliary Relief Fund**. “Buddy” Poppy drives can be hosted throughout the year and all Auxiliaries are encouraged to do at least one drive per quarter, if possible.

For the **Fall Conference**, I am asking each Auxiliary and District to bring a Nationally recognized minimum gift card of \$10.00 or more to be raffled off with proceeds going to the NY Sponsored Homes at the VFW National Home.

Spring Conference will be our Annual “Buddy” Poppy Display Contest. Also, there will be an exciting raffle happening! **Watch for more details to follow in the Auxiliary News.**

National Awards: Most outstanding activity and/or event using the VFW “Buddy” Poppy to educate their community. Citation and \$25.00 each to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions. Entry form is due to Department Chairman by March 31, 2026.

Department Awards: Auxiliary Awards for the Buddy Poppy/National Home Program can be found on page 4 of this Guidebook.



Buddy Poppy Order Form

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Traditional Poppies

1000 Poppies- \$340.00

500 Poppies- \$170.00

(Must be ordered in multiples of 500)

NEW Tin Tab Poppies

1000 Poppies- \$206.00

500 Poppies- \$103.00

(Must be ordered in multiples of 500)



Shipping & Handling

\$100.00 to \$200.00 \$15.95

\$200.01 to \$300.00 \$29.95

\$300.01 to \$400.00 \$34.95

\$400.01 to \$500.00 \$39.95

\$500.01 & Over \$69.95

Post #/ Quartermaster Name

Quartermaster Member ID

Shipping Address:

(Poppies cannot be shipped to a P.O. Box)

of Traditional
Poppies/ Cost

\$

of Tin Tab
Poppies/ Cost

\$

Shipping & Handling

\$

Total:

\$

X

(Quartermaster Signature)

Payment:

☐ Credit Card

☐ Check

Credit Card

If you purchase Buddy Poppies with a credit card, you can
mail or email the form:

To: adjutantdny@vfwny.com

Cc: acomstock@vfwny.com

Mail Form & Check to:

Veterans of Foreign Wars

69 Sand Creek Rd

Albany, NY 12205

*Name

*Phone:



*Billing Address:

(Same as Shipping Address)

*Credit Card Number:

*Exp. Date

*CRV Code on Back

(3 Digit Code)



*Email:

(Email Receipt Requested)

HQ Use Only

Check #/ Transaction ID:

Invoice #:

Posted:

**VFW National Home
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On January 7, 1925, the VFW National Home was founded, helping to fulfill the VFW pledge to “**HONOR THE DEAD BY HELPING THE LIVING**”. Over the last 100 years, the National Home has evolved to meet the changing needs of America’s military and veterans’ families by maintaining its commitment to honor our nation’s veterans and active-duty military by providing **help** and **hope** for their **children and families**.

Let’s focus on promoting the VFW National Home Military and Veterans’ Family Website and Helpline, which are www.vfwnationalhome.org and 1-800-313-4200, respectively.

The Health & Happiness Fund is a key fundraiser for the VFW National Home. The Department goal for 2025 is to have all Auxiliaries contribute to the Health & Happiness Fund by December 31st.

- Auxiliaries may donate 10 cents per member based on their June 30, 2025, membership statistics.
- Auxiliaries are encouraged to donate 25 cents or more to the fund.
- The Health & Happiness Program supports Christmas gifts, maintenance of Auxiliary sponsored buildings, and Emergency repairs and renovations.
- Your donation may be made through MALTA or send an Auxiliary check payable to: **VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor, Kanas City, MO, 64111. Earmark Health & Happiness.**

Other ways to support the VFW National Home is through becoming a Life Member; Purchasing a brick for the Tribute Park; or becoming a Hometown Hero contributor. **Reminder: watch the *Auxiliary News* for more information.**

Fall Conference Request: I am asking each Auxiliary to bring 1 dozen **HOMEMADE** cookies, packaged in 2 bags of 6, to sell for \$5 with proceeds going to the VFW National Home’s NY Houses.

Spring Conference Request: I am asking each Auxiliary to bring a minimum of \$10.00 or more of nationally recognized gift cards to be raffled off with proceeds going to the NY Sponsored Homes at the VFW National Home. This will benefit the Dept President’s and Commander’s Special Project at the National Home.

National Awards:

Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most outstanding activity and/or event that creates awareness and education of the VFW National Home. **Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources.**



“Always Stay True to Our Red, White, and Blue.”

Department President's & Commander's Joint Project



Let's GENERATE Some Funds for OUR Homes!!!

Hey Folks! Did you know that we have not 1 but 2 houses at the VFW National Home?!

My daughter and I recently visited our VFW National Home, took lots of pictures and were able to have a personal tour of the entire campus. In doing so, we were able to receive the INCREDIBLE history pertaining to our sponsored homes and the National Home itself. One of the many things needed for our sponsored homes are GENERATORS! Whatever we help raise for this amazing project is only to benefit our Veterans and their families! Let's dig deep into our pockets and fill the need of our New York sponsored Homes!!

"Buddy" Poppy Display Contest Rules

There are 3 Categories for the "Buddy" Poppy Display Contest, each with their own qualifications.

Category 1 - Public Promotion (Window, booth, parade, or poster displays, etc) Displays must be designed for the public exposure and must bear a message urging the donating and wearing of the VFW "Buddy" Poppy.

Category 2 – Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Wreaths, Memorial Tablets or Plaques, Patriotic or Devotional Themes) Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the "Buddy" Poppy Program.

Category 3 – Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies (Novelty Pieces, Centerpieces, etc.) Displays not meeting the qualifications for Category 1 or 2 shall automatically be entered into Category 3 Complete freedom shall be permitted in the use of poppies, poppy parts or poppy labels

ALL CATEGORIES MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE (1) "BUDDY" POPPY IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND COLOR WITH ITS LABEL ATTACHED. Department awards in each category: 1st-\$30; 2nd-\$20; 3rd-\$10

ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE A 3X5 CARD AFFIXED TO THE BOTTOM WITH DISTRICT #, HOW MANY MEMBERS ASSISTED, HOW MANY POPPIES WERE USED AND HOW LONG IT TOOK TO CREATE!!



HEADSTRONG PROJECT
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President Justine Robles and Commander James MacArthur's **Joint Special Project for the Department of NY is The Headstrong Project.**

Veteran founded in 2012, the Headstrong Project partnered to serve veterans in New York and New Jersey. Their mission is as a non-profit mental health organization providing confidential, barrier free, and stigma-free PTSD treatment to our Veterans and service members. Their GOAL is to help clients "Triumph Over Trauma" by providing effective mental health treatment. They have a 97% charity score earning it a Four-star rating. This organization aligns with their passions and values, with confidence.

It is a National nonprofit, transforming the mental health industry by providing no-cost counseling through a network of volunteer mental health professionals. Community-based peer support groups work with people impacted by trauma and PTSD.

Some clinical statistics:

- 54% should make meaningful improvement in PTSD.
- 38% no longer meet clinical criteria for depression.

Clients who received 15-20 sessions or completed treatment showed significant improvements in PTSD anxiety and depression.

Help raise funds for “Triumph Over Trauma”!

- How? We will do this by donating to the project. A special donation box will be on the table at OTI, Fall Conference, and Spring Conference, and any last-minute donations at the Department Convention in June 2026.

To help reach our goal, I am requesting donations be collected in the jug provided at your **District** meetings. You will then forward the list of the Auxiliaries that placed a donation in the jug to me after your District meetings. The District Treasurer will then forward your donation to Department Treasurer Kim White and **earmark** the check “**Headstrong Project**”.

- What will be required? At the Fall Conference and Spring Conference make your donations as you stop at the table and pick up literature or say Hello! No donation is too small. Think of the Veterans and their families you will be helping receive this care.

I will be requesting the tables be down closer to where the VFW is as this is a joint project so I can collect their coffee money!!

If your Auxiliary and Post would like to do something special to raise funds that can be done also. Just be sure to **report who, what, when, where, and the amount raised**, and you will receive your credit. Auxiliaries that do not attend the Conferences may send your donations to me at the above address and **earmark** “**Headstrong Project.**”

There will be special activities planned at both Fall and Spring Conferences!

Look for more information in the Auxiliary News!

“Always Stay true to Our Red, White and Blue.”

” From Sea to Shining Sea, Honoring Our Veterans Who Keep Us Free”



Extension – Revitalization - Mentoring

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From the Brooklyn Bridge to the Rainbow Bridge VFW Auxiliaries are working hard for our veterans staying *“True to Our Red, White and Blue.”* From the Atlantic to the Pacific *“From Sea to Shining Sea”* Auxiliaries are *“Honoring Our Veterans Who Keep Us Free.”*

Goals:

1. Maintain and Strengthen Current Auxiliaries
2. Recognize “blue” Auxiliaries
3. Volunteer as a “buddy” to assist “white” Auxiliaries
4. Present benefits to Unaffiliated Posts
5. Establish new Auxiliaries
6. Assign a past or current President, Secretary and Treasurer to work with new Auxiliary

Extension: Contacting and encouraging Unaffiliated Posts to consider establishing an Auxiliary.

- Make personal contact
- Ask permission to describe benefits of an Auxiliary
- Use tools on the VFW Auxiliary website vfwauxiliary.org or **QR Code**
- Presenters must be positive and knowledgeable Auxiliary members

Revitalization is necessary to assist Auxiliaries who may need a gentle touch to become a viable Auxiliary. Use the tools available. There is an abundance of information on the Auxiliary website. I challenge each of you to check out the valuable resources available to Auxiliaries using the **QR Code**.

Healthy Auxiliary Checklist: while a valuable tool there are other indications of an Auxiliary that may be struggling.

- No change in officers for years
- Using an outdated copy of the Bylaws
- Failure to report in our programs
- No representation at District or Department meetings
- Lack of regular communication with members

Five (5) essentials of an Auxiliary:

- Minimum of 10 business meetings with a quorum of 5 members
- Dues paid by a minimum of 10 members on or before February 1st
- Quarterly Audits completed by Trustees and sent to Dept Treasurer
- Officers elected, installed and reported to National Headquarters by June 30
- Offices of President & Treasurer must be bonded by August 30.

RED, WHITE and BLUE Auxiliaries:

RED: These are viable healthy Auxiliaries. These Auxiliaries set the standard and may be relied upon to assist other Auxiliaries when necessary.

WHITE: These Auxiliaries are showing the early signs of needing assistance. A team or mentor may be assigned to assist. A friend or “buddy” from another Auxiliary may help.

BLUE: These Auxiliaries are in danger and may be suspended and must be assigned a team to help them get back on track. It is necessary to help this Auxiliary and allow them to become a healthy Auxiliary. With guidance it is the hope that they can be saved.

Auxiliary Buddy System:

We rely on the Official Visit Form, input from District Presidents and other Auxiliaries within their District to notice and bring to the attention of the Chief of Staff and the Department President of any Auxiliary exhibiting warning signs. Before the Auxiliary becomes a “blue” Auxiliary they can request help from a friend from another Auxiliary near them. This volunteer could offer assistance with the permission of the Auxiliary & Department President. Sometimes you just need a friend! This is a **BUDDY**!

Zoom Training:

Zoom training will resume in September as this is a vital tool for our Auxiliaries and our members. Date, time and subjects will be announced and published in the Auxiliary News and on the Department website. Please complete the survey included in your packet. Zoom training sessions are only valuable if we are training on what you want and need.

Mentoring:

Mentoring is more than explaining the raps of the gavel, etc. It is adopting a new, inexperienced member who is interested in becoming more active. It is one on one teaching, helping and encouraging this member. It is training them to take over your position or chairmanship. We must build new leaders if we are to exist beyond today or tomorrow.

Department Awards for Auxiliaries and Members:

- **Organizer Award** – Citation and \$25.00 to a member who organizes a new Auxiliary between July 1, 2025 and February 28, 2026.
- **Member Award:** - Citation to the Auxiliary Members appointed by Department President who reactivates an Auxiliary between July 1, 2025, and February 28, 2026..
- **“Buddy Award”:** Citation to any member who volunteers to help an Auxiliary that requests assistance. Must be nominated by the Auxiliary who received the assistance. Nominations must be received by me (janereape@yahoo.com) by April 15, 2026.
- **Mentor of the Year Award:** Citation and \$100.00 to the Mentor of the Year. Nominations must be received by April 15, 2026. Recipient will be announced at the Department Convention.





HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS PROGRAM 2025-2026

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It is an honor to be serving President Justine Robles and the members of the Department of NY VFW Auxiliary as your Department Historian/Media Relations Chairman this year. This year, the Department of NY will ensure amazing records and photos as President Justine tours the state.

The Historian/Media Relations Program is not only about keeping the history of your Auxiliary or District, but also about letting the public know what our organization is about. **Why** do we exist? **Who** is eligible to join? **What** do we have to offer those that join, such as member benefits and all our great National Programs. It is our responsibility to inform the public what we do for our Veteran's, our communities, and youth in our area.

If you are appointed by the President as Historian for your Auxiliary or District, it is your responsibility to maintain comprehensive records for the level of the organization to which you were appointed. You can do this in diverse ways, such as creating digital records or by creating scrapbooks. The choice is yours, be creative but keep the history for those members to look back on.

MEDIA RELATIONS: When you are having an event, use your local media to inform the public about what you are doing and how it is benefiting our Veterans and community. You can even invite your local newspaper to come, take pictures, and give them a press release to put an article in the paper. In the past, at our Department Conferences and Convention there would be a **press release** on the table for those attending to fill out and take back to their newspaper to let those in your area know who attended, and what we did as an organization, such as a Stop 22 walk, or items that were collected. I will be doing this at my table this year!

As we all know things have changed over time, and now you can post this information on your social media outlets such as Facebook or Instagram as well. When using your social media accounts please use the **#deptofnyvfwaux** not only for these press releases but any of your events so that you can show the work you are doing to all of those in this great Department of NY!

When President Robles makes her official visit to your District or to any event that your auxiliary may hold, please take pictures and send them to me with and a brief description of who is in the photo and the event. This must be sent to the Department Historian **within ten days of the event**. The more pictures the better we can create together memories that will last a lifetime for President Robles and her year as Department President.

REELS: I know that you are wondering exactly what this means. It involves using pictures or short videos to create a reel that you can then share on social media for all to see! More instructions will be available at our Binghamton training school and Fall Conference. This information will also be available on MALTA under the Historian/Media Relations tab. I am extremely excited to help you all learn about making a reel as there will be a National Award for this!

Department Awards: A Citation and monetary award to the top 3 REELS submitted by Auxiliaries prior to April 15, 2026.

1st Place-\$25/ 2nd Place-\$15/3rd Place -\$10

National Awards for Auxiliaries:

Most Outstanding social media reel highlighting VFW Auxiliary in action. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions with the most outstanding social media reel highlighting their Auxiliary in action.

I am truly looking forward to receiving your photos and reels as together we create a lifetime of memories for President Robles.

Together we will **“Always Stay True to Our Red, White, and Blue,” “From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free.”**





Hospital Program

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**" Look up not down ,Look out not in,
Look forward not backward and lend a helping hand"**

History:

The Hospital Program was one of the first programs which was nationally adopted for the VFW Auxiliary since its inception in 1914. Members of this organization have been volunteering in hospitals and medical facilities for decades. These volunteers have helped to comfort veterans and families as well as put a smile on a veteran's face with visits, cards, and small gifts of gratitude. It is our way of thanking veterans for their service to our beautiful country...

It is our way to say: we appreciate your sacrifice to keep us safe. Don't forget to thank the family who stood behind and beside this soldier helping to give him faith and courage to serve. Let them know we are proud and honored to serve those who have served this country and **stayed True to Our Red, White, and Blue**

Who can serve? Members, Non-members, Youth and Families.

Where can we serve?

Members, non-members, and youth can volunteer in many different types of facilities., Domiciliaries both VA and non-VA hospitals and clinics, long-term care, and assisted living facilities. Volunteering includes the care of the veteran as well as their family. Volunteering includes giving a family member (or members) a ride to and from where their loved one is cared for.

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 in MALTA Member 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.

Volunteer Recruitment, Recognition and Support –

New volunteers are needed every day across the country. Volunteers offset millions of dollars in expenses in health care. A few tips for recruiting and keeping volunteers: Monthly signup sheet for regular events at your meeting, emails and phone calls for special events, and public 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!

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.

For more information about being a volunteer, how to handle a Department Hospital Fund and other topics, download the Hospital Program Guide and VAVS Guide in MALTA Member Resources.

Cards for Veterans –

Share the love we have for our veterans and service members during special occasions and holidays. Celebrate Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Memorial and Veterans Days by sending a store-bought or handmade cards, hosting a party, recognition event or dinner in their honor. Encourage local schools to participate by making cards and/or posters to show our veterans that they are loved and not forgotten.

Fellow members, individuals and youth groups in your community can use their creativity to show compassion for our veterans and service members.

HONORS ESCORT –

This program is an opportunity to honor each veteran in a respectful and open manner. It 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 services available and help them receive benefits and services they deserve. Inquire at your local VA clinic or hospital for more information regarding what is available.

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR MEMBERS - Entry form (required) available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. The Department Chairman must receive completed entry form by March 31, 2026.

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 2025 – March 31, 2026. Winners will be announced and citations will be mailed.

2. Hospital Volunteer Recruiter for the Year plaque awarded to one VFW Auxiliary member in the nation who recruits the most Hospital volunteers (VA and non-VA facilities) from July 1, 2025– March 31, 2026. The winner will be announced and plaque presented at the 2025 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Entry Form Required

3. Citation to the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in each of the 10 Program Divisions. Winners will be announced and citations presented at the 2026 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES – Entry form (required) available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. The Department Chairman must receive completed entry form by March 31, 2026.

1. Most creative ways to interact with and to provide happiness to veteran patients.

A Citation and \$25.00 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that report the most creative ways to interact with and to provide happiness to veteran patients.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to their Department Chairman by March 31, 2026, for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2025 National Convention.

DEPARTMENT AWARD

1. Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of Year

A Department Award will be presented at the June Convention 2026 for an Outstanding VFW Auxiliary member who serves as a Hospital Volunteer in any medical facility within the Department of New York. The volunteer must serve from July 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026. VAVS Representatives and Deputies are eligible to be considered as an Outstanding Hospital Volunteer. Volunteer hours for VA and non-VA facilities may be combined for award purposes. Applications must be completed and received by the Department Hospital Chairman no later than April 1, 2026. Contact the Department Hospital Chairman to obtain an application.



Scan the QR Code for
more information.

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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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Be An Advocate-Be Informed-Be Engaged

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. **Remember to say Thank-you.** Host a note-writing campaign where handwritten thank-you notes to veterans are paired with QR codes or links that direct recipients to the VFW Action Corps weekly sign-up page or the VFW Priority Goals. This can add a layer of engagement, turning gratitude into action.

Study the issues laid out clearly in the VFW Priority Goals. The VFW focuses on these to strengthen and ensure an adequate VA system for millions of current and future veterans. The priority goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary. Every January The Priority Goals for the current year are released by the VFW on the National website:

(<https://www.VFW.org/advocacy/national-legislavite-services>).

This year they are:

1. **Budget:** To fully fund programs for Veterans, service members and their families.
2. **Health Care:** To ensure service members and Veterans receive timely access to high-quality health care without increasing cost shares.
3. **Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs:** To ensure Veterans and their survivors have timely access to earned benefits.
4. **Education, Employment and Transition Assistance:** To ensure Veterans succeed after leaving military service
5. **Military Readiness:** To maintain a strong and ready all-volunteer force capable of protecting American interests.
6. **National Security, Foreign Affairs, and POW/MIA:** To fully support the all-volunteer force, protect our Nation's citizens and defend American interests around the world.

Here are a few simple ways you can help support our Veterans through the Legislative Program:

1. Become familiar with the VFW Priority goals-then share this information with other VFW and Auxiliary members during meetings or in newsletters.
2. Know where elected officials stand on Veteran issues, then be prepared to draft letters for upcoming Legislation. To identify your congressional representatives, **visit the VFW website at: <https://votervoice.net/VFW/address>**
- 3 Sign up for the VFW Action Corps Weekly-then invite others to sign up. The Action Corps Weekly is free and you can find it by visiting **www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts**. This is where the Call To Actions can be found.
4. Respond to VFW Action Alerts-then spread the word for others to act. Write a letter and have your non e-mail members sign it and mail it for them.

5. Get involved with town hall meetings-then encourage others to attend.
6. Offer rides to members/community members who don't drive.
7. Be sure to vote in all elections-then assist others with the voting process.
8. Use the MALTA Member Resources>Legislative-then teach others what is available on MALTA Members Resources.
9. DO NOT endorse any candidate on behalf of the VFW Auxiliary-we must remain neutral.
10. DO NOT wear any VFW Auxiliary attire when campaigning for a candidate.

The Legislative Program information can be found at vfwauxny.org>Programs> Legislative,
Or scan the QR code at the bottom of the page.

**Have your reports to me by the first of each month!!!
 National Awards for Auxiliaries:**

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event to create thank-you notes and cards to Veterans that include links to VFW Action Corps Weekly and/or the VFW Priority Goals. Citations and \$25.00 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that host the most outstanding activities and/or event to create thank-you notes and cards to veterans that include links to VFW Action Corps Weekly and/or the VFW Priority goals.
Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources.
 VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to their Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2026, for judging. Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Department Awards for Auxiliaries

1. \$50.00 Award for the most Outstanding Auxiliary excelling in Legislative Education: How many different Auxiliary members were educated on Legislation that affected our Veterans? What types of materials were used?
2. \$50.00 Award for the Most Outstanding auxiliary excelling in Legislative Participation: How many times during the year did your auxiliary organize, speak with, or contact Congressmen and Senators regarding Veterans concerns: What were the issues advocated?

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 Always Stay True to Our Red, White and Blue.**





Membership

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*"It is up to us if we are a prisoner of our past or a guardian of our future.
It is our bridge to cross"* Author Unknown

Membership is the STRENGTH of our organization. The ability of our Auxiliaries to fulfill our mission to serve Veterans and their families depends on the helping hands of our members. We've all heard the adage "Many hands make light work."

We need to be "guardians of our future" and recruit and retain the members that will keep this organization strong and relevant. We need to collectively ask ourselves if we are prisoners of our past.

- * *Does my Auxiliary willingly recruit new members and embrace their ideas, or do we say, "we've always done it this way?"*
- * *Does my Auxiliary meet on a day or at a time that considers the working member or parent?*
- * *When a new member attends a meeting for the first time, do we explain the terminology we are using so they understand?*
- * *Do we give a new member a folder explaining the basics of our Auxiliary including the projects we do every year to encourage their engagement?*
- * *When a new member volunteers for a project we do every year, do we say, "we've done this so long, we've got it covered?" or do we FIND something for them to do?*

This year we are going to make MEMBERSHIP, not just joining, key.

M-Mentor members. Prepare them for the day they become a leader in your Auxiliary

E- Engage members

M-Make new attendees feel welcome and at ease. Greet them, sit with them, answer questions

B-Bravely embrace change

E-Encourage new ideas

R-Retain the members we have

S-Support each other

H-Have fun

I-Invest in your members. OTI, Welcome folders, early payment incentives

P-Potential members are everywhere. Ask them and carry an application

RECRUIT: New members are wonderful. They are necessary for our Auxiliaries to continue. Otherwise, as we age, our numbers diminish until we no longer exist. Always carry an application. Don't be shy, be PROUD to ask someone to join our Organization.

RETAIN: We need to seriously work to **keep the members we already have**, not just replace them with new blood. When annual members don't renew, we need to ask why. Their membership honors a brave war veteran in their family, and we need to know **why they no longer choose to be part of us**. Is it no longer important to them or did we not meet the standard of service they expected?

This year we will look to “bridge” the gap between Recruitment and Retention/ Joining and Membership.

We will make a journey across the Department crossing “Bridges” and earning awards along the way.

Department Awards:

1. Cross the **Peace Bridge** as you enter New York State from the west. If your Auxiliary crosses with at least 50% its **annual** members processed by **August 31, 2025**, it will be entered in a drawing to receive \$50.
 2. Reach the **Mario Cuomo Memorial Bridge** in the East. If your Auxiliary crosses this Bridge by **October 31, 2025**, with **85% PAID** membership, it will be entered into a drawing for \$50. If the winning Auxiliary has also **retained** at least **75%** of its **annual** members, it will receive an additional \$50. **Total possible award is \$100.00**
 3. When your Auxiliary crosses the **George Washington Bridge** with **100% PAID** membership on **December 31, 2025**, it will be entered into a drawing for \$50. If the winning Auxiliary has also processed at least **90%** of its **annual** members it will receive an additional \$50. **Total possible award is \$100.00.**
 4. Your Auxiliary will cross the **Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge** on **February 28, 2026**, with **100%+1 PAID membership** and be entered in a drawing for \$100. If the winning Auxiliary has also retained at least **98%** of its **annual** members it will receive an additional \$50. **Total possible award is \$150.00**
 5. Your Auxiliary will cross its final bridge when it reaches President Justine's **Brooklyn Bridge** on May 31, 2026, with the **Greatest Numerical Increase in CURRENT** membership. The winning Auxiliary will receive \$150. Drawing if there is a tie.
- Note Auxiliaries can track their PAID Membership with the CMR Report in MALTA. The monthly Department Membership Report is CURRENT membership totals.

To ensure you **“Always Stay True to Our Red, White, and Blue”** there are three other awards:

Red Award: Awarded to the Auxiliary that reports the **BEST MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM** by **September 1, 2025**. This will be your plan for the year- how will you retain members, incentivize members to pay dues before December 31, 2025, encourage conversion to Life Membership, and recruit new members? The form will be available on the Department website www.vfwauxny.org. The winning Auxiliary will receive a Life membership to award one of its members. All information must be sent to the Department Treasurer by May 1, 2026.

White Award: Every Auxiliary that has the **President, Sr & Jr Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Trustees dues paid by December 31, 2025**, will be entered into a drawing to receive \$50.

Blue Award: The Auxiliary in each membership group with the **highest percentage in PAID** membership on **June 1, 2026**, will receive \$50. There will be a drawing if there is a tie.

Awards from National

Awards for Members:

1. **5 Member Recruiter Pin.** Each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits five (5) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary will receive a **5 Member Recruiter Pin**. Pin mailed directly to the recruiter
2. **5 Member Recruiter Drawing.** Each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits five (5) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary will be entered into the **5 Member Recruiter Drawing** to receive a \$100 Visa Gift Card.
3. **“National Membership Achievement” Recruiter Award.** Each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits twenty (20) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary will receive a **“National Membership Achievement” Recruiter Award**. VFW Auxiliary Treasurers on all levels are not eligible for this award.
4. **“National Membership Achievement” Recruiter Drawing.** Each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits twenty (20) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary will be entered into the **“National Membership Achievement” Recruiter Drawing** to receive a \$400 Visa Gift Card. VFW Auxiliary Treasurers on all levels are not eligible for this award.

New and/or rejoined members must be recruited between July 1, 2025, and May 31, 2026, and entered into MALTA with credit given to the recruiter by the Department Treasurer by June 10, 2026.

VFW recruiters must complete the VFW Members Only recruiter form to be received at National headquarters by June 10, 2026.

Membership Award winners **#2,3, and 4** will be announced and awards presented at the 2026 National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Awards for Auxiliaries:

1. \$50 to each Auxiliary that reaches 100% Plus in Membership by June 30, 2026

Awards for Department Chairmen:

1. \$25 VFW Store gift certificate to one Department Membership Chairman in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most outstanding activity and/or event training and promoting the Membership Program.
2. The Outstanding Performance Award and Second-Place Outstanding Performance Award will be awarded in each of the 10 Program Divisions based on the criteria and Program goals in the National Program Book.

Awards for Departments:

1. Bronze Award #1: \$200 to each Department that reaches 95% Plus in paid membership by November 30, 2025.
2. Silver Award #2: \$250 to each Department that reaches 98% Plus in paid membership by February 28, 2026.
3. Gold Award #3: \$300 to each Department that reaches 100% Plus in paid membership by April 30, 2026.
4. Platinum Award #4: \$400 to each Department that reaches 102% Plus in paid membership by May 31, 2026.

For more information
Scan the QR code:





WAYS AND MEANS

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The Ways and Means Program is used to raise money to help offset the operating costs 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 VFW WAYS AND MEANS PROGRAM.

We will continue with the 9-MONTH CALANDAR RAFFLE. Each President's Packet will include 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 on the ticket. The first drawing of \$100.00 will be drawn in October 2025 at Fall Conference. There will be a drawing for \$100.00 on the first of every month thereafter until May 2026. In June, at the Department Convention, the final ticket will be drawn for \$200.00. **Make all checks payable to the VFW AUXILIARY DEPT OF NY Earmark checks "Ways and Means 9-month raffle." Return checks and stubs to Charlene Carnright- 2 Fayette St. Waterloo NY 13165.**

- At **Fall Conference and Spring Conference**, we will do the raffle of scratch off lottery tickets. I am asking each auxiliary to donate \$10.00 worth of scratch-off Lottery tickets. Be sure to have your tickets at the table Friday night or first thing Saturday morning.
- At our Fall Conference I will have a **Kindle Fire HD 10** and a **Hand forged butcher knife set**, and a **wooden cooking utensil set** to raffle. Tickets will be 3 for \$2, or 10 tickets for \$5. There will be two drawings with the first ticket drawn receiving the Kindle Fire HD10, and the second ticket drawn will receive the knife set and the utensil set. These tickets will only be available at the Conference.
- At our Spring Conference, I will have a **Kindle Fire HD10** and a **Keurig Elite** to raffle. Tickets will be 3 for \$2, or 10 tickets for \$5. There will be two drawings with the first ticket drawn receiving the Kindle Fire HD10, and the second drawn will receive the Keurig Elite. These tickets will only be available at the Conference.
- For our big raffle, think about a relaxing weekend in the Finger Lakes Region of NY! We will be raffling off a **weekend getaway**, that will include a **hotel room, dinner for two**, as well as **two surprise gift certificates**. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00. The drawing will be at the Department Convention in June 2026. These tickets will be distributed at the Fall Conference. **Make all checks payable to the VFW AUXILIARY DEPT OF NY Earmark checks "Ways and Means Weekend Getaway" Return checks and stubs to Charlene Carnright- 2 Fayette St. Waterloo NY 13165.**

"Always Stay True to Our Red, White and Blue.", "From Sea to Shining Sea, Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free"

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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Please help spread the word about this very important program!!!!
Reach out to local schools, private institutions, churches, parent organizations, and other youth groups.

The Scholarship program offers significant financial support for higher education, covering tuition and related expenses. Scholarships are available for students in grades 6-12. This is a fantastic opportunity to promote patriotism while aiding students in achieving their full potential. For application forms and detailed rules for all contests, please contact Department Chairman, Lori Juskiewicz or at www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships.

2025-2026 VOICE OF DEMOCRACY- Audio Essay Contest

Theme is: "How Are You Showing Your Patriotism And Support For Our Country?"

The Voice of Democracy is a 3-5 min audio essay contest that is open to students in grades 9-12, including those who attend public, private, or who are homeschooled. Students must be a resident of the state where their essay is entered. One Dept winner will be forwarded on to the VFW National Headquarters.

DEADLINES: All entries must be received at the local Post level by midnight **OCTOBER 31, 2025**. Post judging to be completed by **NOVEMBER 15, 2025**. District judging to be completed by **DECEMBER 15, 2025**, Department judging to be completed by **JANUARY 10, 2026**. The Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters by **JANUARY 15, 2026**

NATIONAL AWARDS: 1st place \$35,000 scholarship, 2nd place \$ 21,000 scholarship, 3rd place \$15,000 scholarship, 4th-36th place \$7,000 to \$1,500 scholarship, 37th-53rd place \$1000 scholarship. The 1st place winner will enjoy an all-expense paid trip to Valley Forge for the Founding Forward Spirit of America Leadership Program..

2025-2026 PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY CONTEXT

Theme: "How Are You Showing Your Patriotism And Support For Our Country?"

The Patriot's Pen is a 300–400-word written essay contest, open to students in grades 6-8, including those who attend public, private, or who are homeschooled. Students must be a resident of the state where their essay is entered. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters.

DEADLINES: All entries must be received at the local Post level by midnight **OCTOBER 31, 2025**. Post judging completed by **NOVEMBER 15, 2025**. District judging by **DECEMBER 15, 2025**. One winner will be forwarded to Department. Department judging will be completed by **JANUARY 10, 2026**. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters by **JANUARY 15, 2026**.

NATIONAL AWARDS: 1st Place \$5,000; 2nd \$4,000; 3rd \$3,500; 4th-53rd \$ 2,750 - \$500

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

A well-kept secret that shouldn't be a secret at all!!!! This scholarship is open to any VFW Auxiliary member who has been a member for at least one year, their spouse, son, or daughter with a financial need. Entrant must be at least 21 years of age, complete the application and submit an essay of 300 words or less. The application must be received by **FEBRUARY 15, 2026**. The Continuing Education Scholarship is \$1,250 and is awarded to one winner in each of the four Conferences. Applications must be received at Auxiliary National Headquarters by **FEBRUARY 15, 2026**. Program awards Administrator, VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters 406 West 34th Street – 10th Floor – Kansas City, MO 6411

**** This is VFW Auxiliary National President Lois Callahan's special project for her year, as Continuing Education is close to her heart. At one time, she benefited from such a scholarship. Donations to the National President's Special Project can be made in MALTA under the "Gifts" tab.**

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST AND 3-DIMENTIONAL CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST.

These Contests are open to students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in public, private, parochial high schools, or those who are home schooled 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 the Department Scholarship Chairman, National website: www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships or in Malta.

DEADLINES: All entries must be received at local VFW Auxiliary by **MARCH 31, 2026**. Local Auxiliary judging to be completed by **APRIL 10, 2026**. District judging is optional. Department judging to be completed by **APRIL 15, 2026**. Must be forwarded to National Headquarters by **MAY 5, 2026**.

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST NATIONAL AWARDS

1ST PLACE \$15,000, 2ND PLACE \$7,500, 3RD PLACE \$3,500, 4TH PLACE \$2,500, 5TH AND 6TH PLACE \$1,500, 7TH AND 8TH PLACE \$1,000, 9TH-19TH PLACE \$500

3-DIMENTIONAL CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

1ST PLACE \$2,500, 2ND PLACE \$1,000, 3RD PLACE \$500

DEPARTMENT AWARDS: In all four contests: VOD/ Patriot's Pen / 3-D ART /Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contests

First Place winners: \$150 and plaque

Second Place winners: \$100

Third Place winners: \$50

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

Most creative and/or unique activity and/or event educating their community about the scholarship opportunities in the VFW and VFW Auxiliary

- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most creative and/or unique activity and/or event

Entry form is required and available in Malta Resources.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department Chairman by **April 15, 2026** for judging.

Department Awards: See page 4 of this Guidebook.

"ALWAYS STAY TRUE TO OUR RED, WHITE, AND BLUE"



VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT
Kim Cavallo, Chairman
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The main reason that many of us have gotten involved with the VFW Auxiliary was to thank and assist our Veterans for all they have done and continue to do for us and our country. As family members of these veterans, we understand their sacrifices. We are all here and united in our desire to support our veterans and their families and there are many ways that we can do so.

Our focus for the upcoming year is to “Always Stay True to Our Red, White and Blue”! We will be continuing many of the programs that have been in effect such as Trees for Troops, which has been so successful over these past years. We will be looking to implement some new programs as well and as a new chairman I would love to hear from you with suggestions on how we can continue to support our veterans and their families.

Headstrong Project

This organization is the Special Project for President Justine Robles and Commander James MacArthur for this year. The purpose of this organization also falls within the scope of this committee and we also wanted to highlight it here. This is a national nonprofit that is working to help veterans and service members “Triumph Over Trauma”. Please consider organizing an event to raise awareness and funds to support this organization.

Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Awareness

Unfortunately, many of our veterans are returning home with heavy hearts and minds. We would like to raise awareness in our local communities to this issue and continue to work to breaking the stigma that surrounds mental health. There are many organizations that we can work with to combat this stigma, such as the Elizabeth Dole Foundation. Connect with your local Veterans Health Administration for more information about programs in your area.

We will continue to work with the VFW to have “Stop 22” Events throughout the state. “Stop 22” is a program to raise awareness to the issue and proceeds will benefit the VA’s Suicide Prevention Programs.

The Veterans Crisis Line serves veterans, families and friends and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Educate everyone on this service – Call 988 and press 1.

Holiday Cheer / “Trees for Troops”

We will be working again this year with the Department’s VFW to send trees, decorations and menorahs to our troops overseas. Trees are \$25 each. Please complete the form included in the President’s Packet and return to me by the deadline indicated on the form.

“In Lieu of Cards”

We will design a card that will accompany trees, menorahs and decorations to the troops overseas for the holiday season. This is a special card and we hope that you will all participate in signing this card to remind our active duty personnel that they are not forgotten during the holiday season. The card will be available for signatures at OTI and Fall Conference for a donation of \$5 per signature.

National Veterans Service (NVS)

This program provides a nationwide network of nearly 300 VFW Service Officers to assist veterans, and their families navigate the Veterans Affairs system and obtain the benefits that they are eligible to receive. Support t NVS by contributing on the Department of New York Donation Form found in our guidebook or our website.

VFW Veterans and Military Support Program (VMS)

Started by the VFW, this program serves active duty and recently discharged military. It consists of 3 sections noted below. Support this program by contributing on the Department of New York Donation Report From found in our guidebook or on our website.

- Military Assistance Program (MAP) – This program assists Posts, Districts and Departments with financial assistance to sponsor multiple events for active duty military in many ways such as help with postage expenses and care packages. For guidelines, contact the office at (816) 756-3390.
- Unmet Needs - The Veterans of Foreign Wars Unmet Needs Program offers grants up to \$1,500 to eligible Veterans, service members and military families.
- “Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship” – Up to \$5,000 is awarded to qualifying veterans and service members to complete their education goals. Visit vfw.org/student-veterans-support

Fall District Meeting – Go to MALTA/Resources/Veterans and Family Support and complete the National Award #1. Donate to “In Lieu of Cards” and Trees for Troops. Hold a Stop 22 event and seek donations. And never forget to Report! Report! Report!

Spring District Meeting – Promote VFW programs – Unmet Needs, Service Officers, MAP, Scholarships

Fall Department Conference:

“In Lieu of Cards” – Stop at my table and sign the card! For each donation of \$5 you will be able to sign and write a brief message that will accompany the Trees for Troops

- Participate in Stop 22! – Raise awareness of suicide prevention and mental health through your participation. We will be holding an event at this conference – plan on joining us!
- Holiday Cheer/Trees for Troops – Donate \$25 for a tree/menorah/decorations

Spring Department Conference:

- Promote VFW programs – Unmet Needs, Service Officers, MAP, Scholarships

Department Awards – See page 4 of this Guidebook.

Year End Report due April 15th to Chairman Kim Cavallo

National Awards – Visit the National VFW Auxiliary website to see the criteria and entry forms for all awards you can apply for.

Thank you for all that you do for our Veterans and their families as we remember to “Always Stay True to Our Red White and Blue”!

Scan the QR Code
for more information:





Youth Activities Program
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Today's Youth is the future of tomorrow! Today's Youth will be our future leaders, our future government officials, doctors, lawyers, teachers, laborers and much more! Today's Youth are our future military and military spouses and VFW and VFW Auxiliary members!

Grave Beautification

Many of us have lost, or know someone who lost, a Veteran in our lives that we pay respect to by visiting their graves. Sometimes, there are even Veterans that unfortunately have no one to visit them and pay respect. Even though cemeteries have general maintenance, sometimes it doesn't include cleaning the headstones. We as a VFW Auxiliary can organize an event with our youth to help clean and beautify these Veterans' final resting places. Contact the cemetery to get permission for this event. Go to the VA's National Cemetery Administration's website: <https://www.cem.va.gov/hmm/cleaning.asp>. It will give you guidelines on how to clean headstones and markers.

Requirements for Reporting:

1. Take a picture before and after of every headstone
2. Keep a log of gravesites beautified during your event. Record the names of the Veterans in your log along with name of the cemetery including town/city.
3. Place a flag on the gravesite. Follow the cemetery's guidelines for placing Flags near the headstone or markers.

Thank you for your Service on Veterans Day! Auxiliaries are encouraged to reach out and /or connect with youth groups. Request that they create a card and /or write a letter to thank a Veteran for their service. Letters and /or cards can be presented to your Post Veterans on Veterans Day or distributed to Veterans in VA Hospitals, nursing homes or delivered to homebound Veterans. Remember to report this project when completed!

Patriotic Youth Award

The Patriotic Youth Award is designed to recognize individual Youth for their patriotism and/or support of our veterans, service members, and their families. **A fillable, printable version of the Patriotic Youth Award is available in MALTA Member Resources under Youth Activities.**

Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations

These citations are one way to recognize youth groups for their projects honoring veterans, service members, and/or their families. The citation is available in MALTA Member Resources under Youth Activities.

Patriotism Through Literacy

Everyone **LOVES** to read! With Patriotism through Literacy, we can introduce our youth to historical figures and teach them about important events in our history. How can we participate in Patriotism through Literacy!

- **Volunteer** to read historical or creative nonfiction picture books to children at your local library, school or even read to your grandkids.
- **Donate** historical fiction or creative nonfiction books to local schools, shelters, or libraries.
- **Host** a read-a-thon and award small prizes for the number of books or hours read.

Reading Buddies

This pairs well with Patriotism Through Literacy. Be a “Reading Buddy.” Read one-on-one, in person or via ZOOM or telephone with a child who might be struggling with reading or simply lacking confidence in his/her own abilities. Reach out to schools, Scouts, Family Readiness Groups, local libraries, or after-school programs to see if they need volunteers to read with kids.

- Host a “Reading Buddy Day” at your Post
- Get proper permission from schools and parents and require parents/guardians attend Reading Buddy Post events
- Use **#auxreading buddy** to promote your Auxiliary Reading Buddy Program

Illustrating America

Illustrating America is an Art contest for students in grades K-8 that are enrolled in public, private, or parochial school, or home study programs. Students must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. Foreign exchange students and students ages 16 or older are ineligible. The contest is divided into three grade divisions K-2 3-5 and 6-8. Entries will be judged on Patriotic theme and technique.

The Department’s first place winner in each division will receive \$25.00 and a citation and the entry will be forwarded to Auxiliary National Headquarters.

Deadlines are **Local** Auxiliary- March 31 **Department**-April 15 **National** Headquarters-May 5

National Awards for Auxiliaries: A citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most creative and/or unique activity of the Auxiliary working with a youth group.

Department Awards: Awards can be found on page 4 of this Guidebook.

REPORT!!!

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DON’T FORGET REPORTS ARE DUE BY THE 1ST OF EACH MONTH!!!

***REMEMBER TO “ALWAYS STAY TRUE TO OUR RED, WHITE, AND BLUE”
“FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA HONORING VETERANS WHO KEEP US FREE”***

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Information.





AMERICANISM - PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

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Year-End Report

Must Reach Department Chairman BEFORE April 15, 2026

Auxiliary Name: _____ **#:** _____

District #: _____ **Auxiliary Chairman:** _____

1. Did your Auxiliary honor/recognize Gold Star, Blue Star, Silver Star, White/Green Star Families? Y / N
2. Did your Auxiliary distribute/or present American Flags and/or POW/MIA Flags? Y / N
3. Number of American Flags and/or POW/MIA Flags distributed/or presented

4. Did your Auxiliary promote and/or recognize any Patriotic Day to Remember? Y / N
5. Did your Auxiliary participate in: Honor Flight Y / N
Wreaths Across America Y / N
6. Number of Certificate of Appreciation or Respect for the Flag Citations Presented to businesses/citizens recognizing their displays of American Pride _____
7. Did your Auxiliary utilize the QR code for your Americanism Program?
Y / N

Auxiliary Chairman Signature: _____

Chairman Phone Number: _____

Email: _____



AUXILIARY OUTREACH PROGRAM

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VFW Auxiliary Department of New York

AUXILIARY OUTREACH

2025-2026 Year-End Report

Must be received by Department Chairman BEFORE April 15, 2026

Auxiliary Number _____ Auxiliary Name _____

Auxiliary Chairman _____ District Number _____

1. Did your auxiliary partner with one or more other organizations during the 2025-2026 Program Year? YES / NO
2. How many organizations did your auxiliary partner with during the 2025-2026 Program Year? _____
3. How many of your auxiliary members volunteered with one or more organizations during the 2025-2026 Program Year? _____
4. How many total hours did your auxiliary members volunteer with other organizations during the 2025-2026 Program Year? _____
5. Did your auxiliary post to social media with #AuxiliaryOutreach about your members volunteering with other organizations during the 2025-2026 Program Year?
YES / NO

Auxiliary Chairman Signature _____

Auxiliary Chairman Phone _____ Email _____

(Please use separate page(s) for additional information, if you wish.)

**Department of NY VFW Auxiliary
“Buddy” Poppy & VFW National Home
Year-End Report
Must Reach Department Chairman BEFORE April 15, 2026**

Auxiliary Name: _____ **#** _____

District # _____ **Auxiliary Chairman:** _____

VFW “Buddy” Poppy

- 1. Did your Auxiliary hold a “Buddy” Poppy drive with or without your Post?** **Y / N**
- 2. Number of VFW “Buddy” Poppies distributed.** _____
- 3. Did your Auxiliary participate in the VFW “Buddy” Poppy Display Contest?** **Y / N**

VFW National Home

- 1. Did your Auxiliary promote the VFW National Home?** **Y / N**
- 2. Did your Auxiliary promote the VFW National Home Helpline?** **Y / N**
- 3. Did your Auxiliary and/or a Member purchase at least one VFW National Home Life Membership during this Program year?**
Y / N
- 4. Did your Auxiliary and/or a Member purchase at least one VFW National Home Tribute Brick during this Program year?** **Y / N**
- 5. Did you participate in Madam President’s and the Commander’s Joint Special Project to benefit the N.Y. Sponsored Homes this Program year?**
Y / N

Auxiliary Chairman Signature _____

Chairman Phone Number _____ **Email** _____

YEAR END REPORT

HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS PROGRAM 2025-2026

Lisa Raplee, Chairman

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Must be received by Chairman by April 15, 2026

1. Did your Auxiliary **communicate** quarterly, or more often to each of your members via email, mail, text, or phone call? Y/N
2. Does your Auxiliary have a **Facebook** page with or without your VFW Post? Y/N
3. Does your Auxiliary have a **website** with or without your VFW Post? Y/N
4. Did your Auxiliary create a **REEL** and share it with the Department? Y/N
5. Did your Auxiliary use the **Press Releases** that were available at the Conference or Convention? Y/N

Auxiliary Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Auxiliary # _____ District: _____



YEAR END REPORT 2025-2026
Marie-Aymee Fisk, Chairman
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HOSPITAL PROGRAM

Reach Department Chairman BEFORE April 15, 2026

Auxiliary Name: _____

Auxiliary # _____ District # _____

Auxiliary Chairman _____

1. How many Auxiliary members volunteer 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 or non-VA medical facility. _____
3. Total number of hours of SPONSORED Non-Members and/or students who volunteered under the VFW Auxiliary sponsorship and/or supervision at any VA or non-VA medical facility. _____
4. Did your Auxiliary host or co-host any activity with your Post at any VA or non-VA medical facility? Y / N
5. Total dollar amount spent on all Hospital Program related items and/or projects \$ _____
6. Briefly describe an activity your Auxiliary participated in to provide happiness to Veteran patients. (See National Award #1)

Auxiliary Chairman signature _____

Chairman Phone number: _____

Email _____

Department of NY VFW Auxiliary
Legislative
Year-End Report

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Auxiliary Name: _____ # _____

District # _____ Auxiliary Chairman: _____

1. Did your Auxiliary promote, participate in, and/or co-host activities regarding the VFW Priority Goals with or without your Post? Y/N With or without _____
2. How did your Auxiliary promote the VFW Priority Goals? _____

3. How many auxiliary members contacted their Legislators on Veterans issues by any means (example: emails, letters, postcards phone calls etc.: _____
4. How many VFW Auxiliary members attended events where they could interact with Legislators (example: legislative conferences, town halls, meet-and-greets, etc.) _____
5. How many different Auxiliary members were educated on Legislation that affects our Veterans? _____ What types of materials were used? _____
6. 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? _____

Auxiliary Chairman signature: _____

Chairman phone number: _____

email: _____

DEPARTMENT OF NY VFW AUXILIARY

SCHOLARSHIPS

YEAR – END REPORT

MUST REACH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BY APRIL 15, 2026

Lori Juskiewicz

11 Tribune Lane, Milan NY 12571

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Auxiliary Name _____ # _____

District #: _____ Auxiliary Chairman: _____

VFW SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Did your Auxiliary assist the Post in promoting or conducting the VFW National Patriot's Pen Essay Contest?
Y / N
2. Did your Auxiliary assist the Post in promoting or conducting the VFW National Voice of Democracy Audio
Essay Contest? Y / N

VFW AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Did your Auxiliary promote the Young American Patriotic Art Contest? Check if Yes:
Two-Dimensional Art? _____ Three-Dimensional Art? _____
2. Did your Auxiliary donate to National Presidents special program "Continuing Education"? y/N

RECOGNITION

1. Did your Auxiliary host or co-host an awards ceremony with the VFW to recognize awardees and participants in
any/all contests? Y / N
2. Total dollar amount and/or value of awards presented by your Auxiliary in all contests. \$ _____

Auxiliary Chairman Signature _____

Chairman Phone Number _____ Email _____

Department of NY VFW Auxiliary

Veterans & Family Support

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Year-End Report

Must Reach Department Chairman BEFORE April 15, 2026

Auxiliary Name: _____ **#** _____

District # _____ **Auxiliary Chairman:** _____

- 1. Did your Auxiliary promote, participate, host or co-host with your Post activities for ANY VFW Program? (Examples: Disaster Relief-Military Assistance Program (MAP)- National Veterans Service (NVS)- Unmet Needs- Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness) Y / N**
- 2. Did your Auxiliary provide direct aid to veterans, service members and/or their families? (Examples: meals- transportation- cards- packages- donations, etc.) Y / N**
- 3. Approximate number of veterans, service members, and/or their families that your Auxiliary assisted? _____ (based upon monthly reports)**
- 4. Total monetary donations and/or value of donations and goods/services provided. \$ _____**
- 5. Did your Auxiliary participate in the following:**
Trees for Troops Y / N
In Lieu of Cards Y / N
Stop 22 Event Y / N

Auxiliary Chairman signature: _____

Chairman Phone number: _____ **Email:** _____

**Youth Activities Year End Report
Due to Chairman before April 15, 2026
Tracy Damato Chairman
32 Old Oak Lane
Levittown, NY 11756
(516) 749-2890
tracy053169@aol.com**



Auxiliary Name: _____ Auxiliary # _____ District # _____

1. Did your Auxiliary host or participate in a Graves Beautification event? Y___ N___
If "yes" indicate the number of Youth involved and the number of graves beautified.
Youth _____ Graves Beautified _____
2. Did your Auxiliary promote or participate in the Patriotism Through Literacy Program? Y___ N___ How many books were donated? _____
3. How many members became a "Reading Buddy?" _____
4. Did your Auxiliary present a Patriotic Youth Award? Y___ N___
If "yes", indicate the number of Youth that were awarded. _____
5. Thank You for Your Service on Veterans Day? Y___ N___
6. Did your Auxiliary promote the Illustrating America Contest? Y___ N___
If "yes", how many students submitted an entry to your Auxiliary? _____
What is the total dollar amount/ value of awards students received for participating in this contest from your Auxiliary? _____
7. How many Youth Groups did your Auxiliary work with? _____ How many Youth? _____
8. How many Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations were awarded? _____

Auxiliary Chairman: _____

Auxiliary President: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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Auxiliary President's Year End Report ~Must be Postmarked or emailed by April 15, 2026

Send Report to: Justine Robles, Department President

111 South 3rd St Apt 1C, Brooklyn, NY 11249 (347) 760-0879 juddie1210@gmail.com

Auxiliary Name: _____ Auxiliary # _____ District # _____

How many Auxiliary Meetings were held since Installation? Regular _____ Special _____ # You Presided over _____
Membership total as of June 30, 2025? _____ Membership total as of April 1, 2026? _____

During the **2025-2026** year, which **"Department"** functions did you attend?

Department Convention Y / N **OTI** Y / N **Fall Conference** Y / N **Spring Conference** Y / N

District Meetings _____ (# attended) (By President and/or Representative)

Did you promote MALTA and encourage your Auxiliary members to create a MALTA account? Y / N

Did your Auxiliary Participate in the Department President's and Department Commander's Joint Special Projects for The Headstrong Project and Support for the two NY Houses at the VFW National Home? Y / N (If you held a special function, please provide a description of your function) _____

Did your Auxiliary promote the National President's and National Commander in Chief's special Projects ~ Continuing Education Scholarships and the National Home Store? Y / N

Are the Four Quarterly Audits completed, approved, and sent to the Department Treasurer for the dates below? (Y/N for each of the below)

Qtr1 ~ 4/1-6/30/2025 _____ Qtr2 ~ 7/1-9/2025 _____ Qtr3 ~ 10/1-12/31/2025 _____ Qtr4 ~ 1/1-3/31/2026 _____

Communications ~ A) Did you communicate with your District President when needed? Y / N

B) Did your Secretary read **ALL** communications received from the Department /District Secretary? Y / N

C) Circle the ways you communicated with members of your auxiliary - newsletters, email, telephone, USPS mail

Training ~ Did your Auxiliary attend a Membership Training session? District _____ Dept OTI _____ Other _____

Indicate Number of members who attended the session: _____

Was a **Recognizing an Unhealthy Auxiliary** Presentation part of the training? Y / N

Did your Auxiliary or Members attend the Zoom Trainings? Y / N

Least Informative? _____ Most Informative? _____

Did your Auxiliary participate in a joint VFW / VFW Auxiliary Department level project in addition to the National Scholarships programs? Ex. The Headstrong Project, Stop 22, Supporting the NY Houses at the VFW National Home
Y / N

Auxiliaries are encouraged to focus on at least **three** of their favorite programs. Indicate the three your Auxiliary **MOST** focused on: _____

Describe your most impactful project: _____

****Required by National~** Auxiliaries **MUST** complete at least one project, activity, or donation that directly benefits Veterans. Briefly describe your Auxiliary's project, activity, or donation. _____

Leadership ~ Explain how you enjoyed your year as Auxiliary President. What was your personal favorite program? Describe your greatest accomplishment this year? _____

You may use a separate sheet of paper if you need more space for any of your responses.

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President _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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send Report to: Justine Robles, Department President
111 South 3rd St Apt 1C, Brooklyn, NY 11249
(347) 760-0879 juddie1210@gmail.com

How many District Meetings held since Installation? Regular _____ Special _____ # you presided over _____

How many Auxiliaries in your District did you visit? _____ out of _____

Membership total as of June 30, 2025? _____ Membership total as of April 1, 2026? _____

Did your District reach 100% in Membership? Y / N

Did your District reach 100 plus in Membership? Y / N

During 2025-2026 which "Department" functions did you attend? (Circle Y or N)

2025 Department Convention Y / N 2025 OTI Y / N 2025 Fall Conference Y / N 2026 Spring Conference Y / N

Audits ~ How many Auxiliaries in your District are current with quarterly audits? _____

Communications ~

Circle the ways you communicate on a monthly basis with all of your Auxiliaries - email, newsletter, telephone, USPS mail

Are all communications from Department, National, and activities in between Conferences shared with the Auxiliaries?
Y / N

Do you communicate with the Auxiliaries after reviewing the Program Coordinators Report and provide guidance if necessary? Y / N

Official Visits ~

Did your District conduct a School of Instruction for Official Visits/ Inspectors? Y / N

Were ALL Auxiliary Official Visits/Inspections completed for your District by February 15, 2026? Y / N

Membership ~ Unhealthy Auxiliary and MALTA:

Did your District hold a Recognizing an Unhealthy Auxiliary presentation? Y / N

Did your District promote the use of MALTA? Y / N

Programs ~

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 ~ Describe your greatest accomplishment as District President. _____

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You may use a separate sheet of paper if you need more space for any of your responses.

President _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Phone _____ Email _____

Cancer Grant Application

Instructions:

- * Member must meet eligibility requirements below.
- * Member and Physician sections must be completed **legibly** and in its **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)	Date of most recent/last cancer treatment: (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
Member's Signature	Physician's Signature
Date Member Signed (MM/DD/YYYY)	Date Physician Signed (MM/DD/YYYY)

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. 8/24



VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
AUXILIARY / OFFICER / MEMBER CHANGE FORM

AUXILIARY No. _____ DISTRICT No. _____ CURRENT DATE: _____

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

- ☐ CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE: _____
Previous Meeting Place _____ New Meeting Place _____
- ☐ CHANGE OF MEETING DAY/TIME: _____
Previous Meeting Day/Time _____ New Meeting Day/Time _____
- ☐ CHANGE OF ANNUAL DUES: Previous Dues Amount \$: _____ New Dues Amount \$: _____
- ☐ CHANGE OF OFFICER: _____
Indicate Office _____ Name of Previous Officer _____ Name of New Officer _____

NOTE: New Treasurer Must File IRS Form 8822 B Within 60 Days.

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

- ☐ CHANGE OF NAME: Former First Name: _____ New First Name: _____
Former Last Name: _____ New Last Name: _____
- ☐ CHANGE OF ADDRESS ☐ CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NO. ☐ CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS ☐ DEATH OF MEMBER
DATE OF DEATH _____

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR MEMBER / NEW OFFICER BEING UPDATED:

MEMBER'S NAME: _____ MEMBERSHIP ID No. _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE No. HOME: _____ CELL: _____

C. MEMBERSHIP CARD REPLACEMENT:

Replacement card fees: ANNUAL MEMBER - \$5 or LIFE MEMBER - \$10. Cards can be replaced in any of the following manners:

1. Member can order their own replacement card thru their MALTA account. Paper cards can also be downloaded from MALTA.
2. Auxiliary Treasurers can purchase replacement cards on members behalf.
3. Member can send request and applicable fee to the Department Treasurer. Make check payable to 'VFW Auxiliary Department of NY', earmarked 'Replacement Card'.

To Process Changes - SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:
DEPARTMENT SECRETARY Chris Leavor
2027 Cemetery Hill Road ~ 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: _____

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)

Date of Last Membership Transmittal or Entry in MALTA _____

This is to certify that the books of the Secretary and Treasurer have been audited and found to be Correct and all monies are properly accounted for. AUDITED THIS DATE: _____	Trustee # 1 _____ Trustee # 2 _____ Trustee # 3 _____
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Section 814—Trustees, Duties of (All Levels)

- All Audits are to be completed by the elected Trustees •with a minimum of two (2) in attendance. At least one (1) must be an elected Trustee.
- Any negligence on the part of the Trustees in carrying out the mandates of this section, or in attending audits, shall make them individually and collectively responsible, with any others, for any discrepancy.
- A signed copy of the accepted audit shall be forwarded to:
Kimberly White, Department Treasurer – 1799 Fred Road – Schenectady, NY 12303
- A copy of the accepted audit shall be included in the minutes record book.

<u>1st 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

•Note: Second Quarter Audit – Both outgoing and incoming Treasurers and Trustees should be present.

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

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**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, 716.676.2400



VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
PROGRAM REPORT FORM ~ 2025-2026
*Always Stay True to Our **Red, White, and Blue***



PROGRAM NAME _____

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

PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOW YOUR AUXILIARY/ MEMBERS
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 SPENT 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.
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