



**Department of New York  
Auxiliary to the  
Veterans of Foreign Wars**



**Spring Conference  
March 27-29, 2026**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Department President Justine Robles invites you to attend the Department of New York VFW Auxiliary Spring Conference at the Radisson Hotel, 125 Denison Pkwy E., Corning NY 14830 on March 27-29, 2026.

**Tentative Schedule:**

<b>Friday</b>	1PM-5PM	Registration
	1:00 PM	Budget and Advisory Meeting
	3:00 PM	Chairmen can begin setting up their tables
	7:30PM	Council of Administration Meeting-open to all
<b>Saturday</b>	7:00AM	Chairman tables will be available to visit
	7AM -9AM	Registration
	8:00AM	Spring Conference Meeting begins
	NOON	President's Garden Party Luncheon
	1:30PM	Meeting resumes

The hotel rate is **\$129.00/ night (if more than 2 people in the room there is an extra \$10/night for each additional person)** with a cut-off date for reservations of **February 24, 2026**.

There will be two ways to reserve: #1 the hotel will provide an online link (we don't have it yet and will advise via email when it is active) or #2 call the hotel directly at 607-962-5000.

**\*\* This is very important. Be sure to use the code: VFW NY Auxiliary 2026! The Auxiliary has its own block of rooms to fill and if you just tell them that you are with the VFW, the room might be from their block. We need to fill the Auxiliary block of rooms to avoid having to pay for rooms we don't fill.**

The President's Luncheon on Saturday will be a buffet with a Garden Party theme. Wear your favorite Garden Party hat. There is a flyer in this packet. Menu information is provided on the reservation form. The cost of the luncheon is \$35.00. **Deadline for luncheon reservations to be RECEIVED by Luncheon Chairman Jane Reape is March 16, 2026.**

Registration in advance is \$8.00 each and \$10.00 at the door. **Registrations need to be RECEIVED by Chairman Judy Lefebvre by March 16, 2026.**

Share at your meetings and encourage members to attend. The Conference is not just for officers, though officers and delegates are strongly encouraged to attend.

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**



***TO BE READ AT THE FIRST MEETING FOLLOWING RECEIPT BEFORE BEING FILED FOR REFERENCE***

Dear VFW Auxiliary Members:

On behalf of Department President Justine Robles, the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York cordially invites you to attend its annual Spring Conference on Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28, 2026 at the

Radisson Hotel, 125 Denison Pkwy E., Corning NY 14830

The VFW Auxiliary room rate is **\$129.00 per night and an additional \$10/night per person if there is more than two people in a room**. Rooms may be reserved with an online link (not yet operational) or by calling the hotel directly at (607) 962-5000 to make hotel reservations. **You need to use the code: VFW NY Auxiliary 2026** to ensure the Auxiliary gets credit for the room booking. The deadline to receive the VFW AUXILIARY group rate for hotel rooms is **February 24, 2026**. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to CLARIFY you are **AUXILIARY** rather than **VFW**. Be sure to provide your Auxiliary tax-exempt forms (ST-119.5 and ST-119.1) when you check-in.

The Council of Administration Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2026, at 7:30 PM. ***All members in good standing are invited and encouraged to attend.***

The Spring Conference Business Session will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

Spring Conference Registration begins on Friday, March 27th from 1:00-5:00 PM and will be open again on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 –9:00 AM. The cost for Advance Registration is \$8.00 per person and the cost of registration at the door is \$10.00 per person. The deadline for advance registration to be RECEIVED is **March 16, 2026**. Please note there will be **NO REFUNDS** after the deadline. ***Note: Be sure to allow sufficient time for USPS delivery.***

Program Chairmen will be able to set up their tables **beginning** at 3:00 PM on Friday and have the tables open as soon as possible. Opening tables Friday afternoon, will allow Friday arrivals to visit the tables and alleviate **some** of the congestion in the room on Saturday morning.

Department President Justine will host a Garden Party themed luncheon at 12 Noon on Saturday, March 28th. The cost of the luncheon is **\$35.00** per person. VFW members, Auxiliary members and guests are invited to attend. Luncheon tickets may be picked up at the Registration table. Luncheon Reservation deadline to be RECEIVED by the Chairman is **March 16, 2026**. Luncheon reservation form is included in this conference packet. Please note there will be **NO REFUNDS** after the deadline.

On Saturday afternoon, March 28th, VFW members and VFW Auxiliary members will have the opportunity to participate in a Pet Parade to benefit the Joint Special Project for the National Home. The flyer and registration form is included in the packet.

We hope that you will join us for the Spring Conference to gather important information from our Department Chairmen.

***There will be a dinner sponsored by the VFW on Saturday evening, where attendees will have the opportunity to meet the Department Voice of Democracy and Patriot's pen winners. Information is included in this packet.***

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

Loyally,

*Marianne McLane PDP  
Spring Conference Chairman*

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**



**SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION ~ March 27 & 28, 2026 ~ Radisson Hotel, Corning**

**Advance Registration: \$8.00 per person ~ \$10.00 on site ~ Advance Registration Deadline: March 16, 2026– *NO REFUNDS after due date***

Please make checks payable to: VFW Auxiliary Dept. of NY **earmarked: "Registration"**

USPS mail your check with this completed form to:

**Judy Lefebvre, Registration Chairman – 316 Pellerin Rd – Plattsburgh, NY 12901**

<u>Aux</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Name (Print)</u>	<u>Title</u>
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**Total No. of Advance Registrations: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 per person = Total \$\_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_**

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK



## Spring Conference Garden Party President's Buffet Luncheon

**Saturday, March 28, 2026, ~12:00 PM (Noon)**  
**Radisson Hotel, Corning NY**

**Cost is \$35.00 per person**  
**Reservations *must be received* by March 16, 2026**  
***NO REFUNDS* after due date**

**Menu: tossed salad, fresh fruit, tomato parmesan bisque, ham and cheese, lettuce, tomato, feta, red peppers and hummus, chicken Caesar wrap**

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Auxiliary Number: \_\_\_\_\_ District Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Luncheon Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 per person =

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

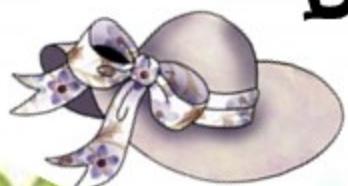
Make checks payable to: **VFW Auxiliary Dept. of NY earmarked “Luncheon”**

USPS Mail Reservation Form and Check so they arrive by **March 16, 2026**, to:  
**PNP Jane Reape, Luncheon Chairman – 108 Bridge St, Carthage, NY 13619**

*\*\* Please notify the Luncheon Chairman if you have allergies or special dietary needs \*\**  
*“Always Stay True to Our Red, White, and Blue”*

Spring Conference Luncheon  
has a new look this year...

# *It's a Garden Party*



P.S.

**Don't forget  
your  
HAT!**



## SPRING CONFERENCE DOG PARADE

Come One, Come All!!!  
Bring Your Stuffed Dogs, Big or Small!!

A \$5 registration fee will be charged PER dog and PER category.

The 5 Categories will be:

- Most Patriotic
- Most Unique
- Biggest
- Smallest
- Softest

Each registered dog will receive a one-of-a-kind Buddy Poppy Bandana, signed by "Honor", and a tin tab poppy. Dogs may be registered in as many categories as the owner wishes.

Tickets will be sold to vote for the winner of each category.

Dogs may be kept or donated to a local fire department or police station after event.



# Spring Conference 2026 Puppy Parade



## Pre-Registration Form



Please **Circle** Your Chosen Categories from the List Below

\*Enter **AS MANY DOGS** in **AS MANY CATEGORIES** As You Would Like\*

**Most Patriotic**

**Most Unique**

**Biggest**

**Smallest**

**Softest**

Dog Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Dogs: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Categories @ \$5/each: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

\*A Check or Money Order is Preferred, Made out to “**Dept. of NY VFW Auxiliary**” MEMO LINE – **Special Project NY Houses\***

Please Mail This Form with Payment to:

“**Honor**” Combs

98 Beech Court

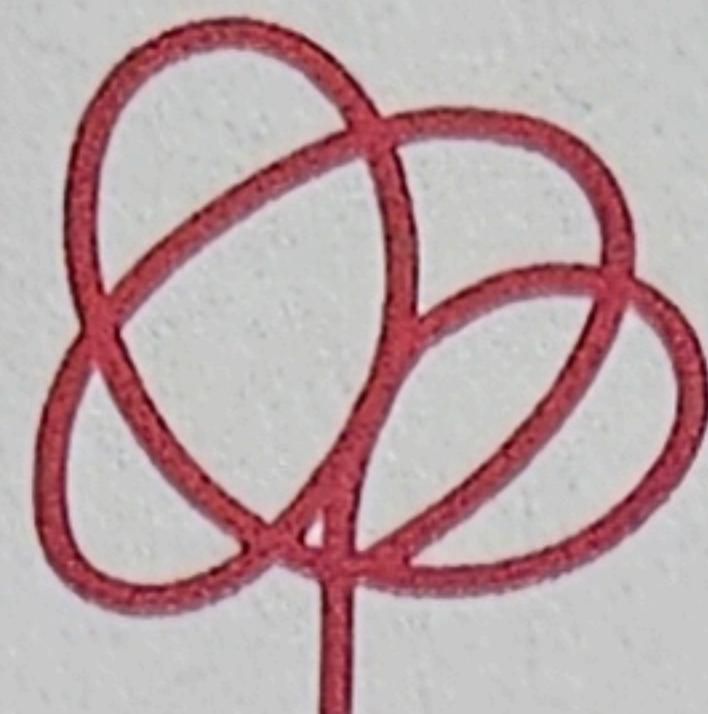
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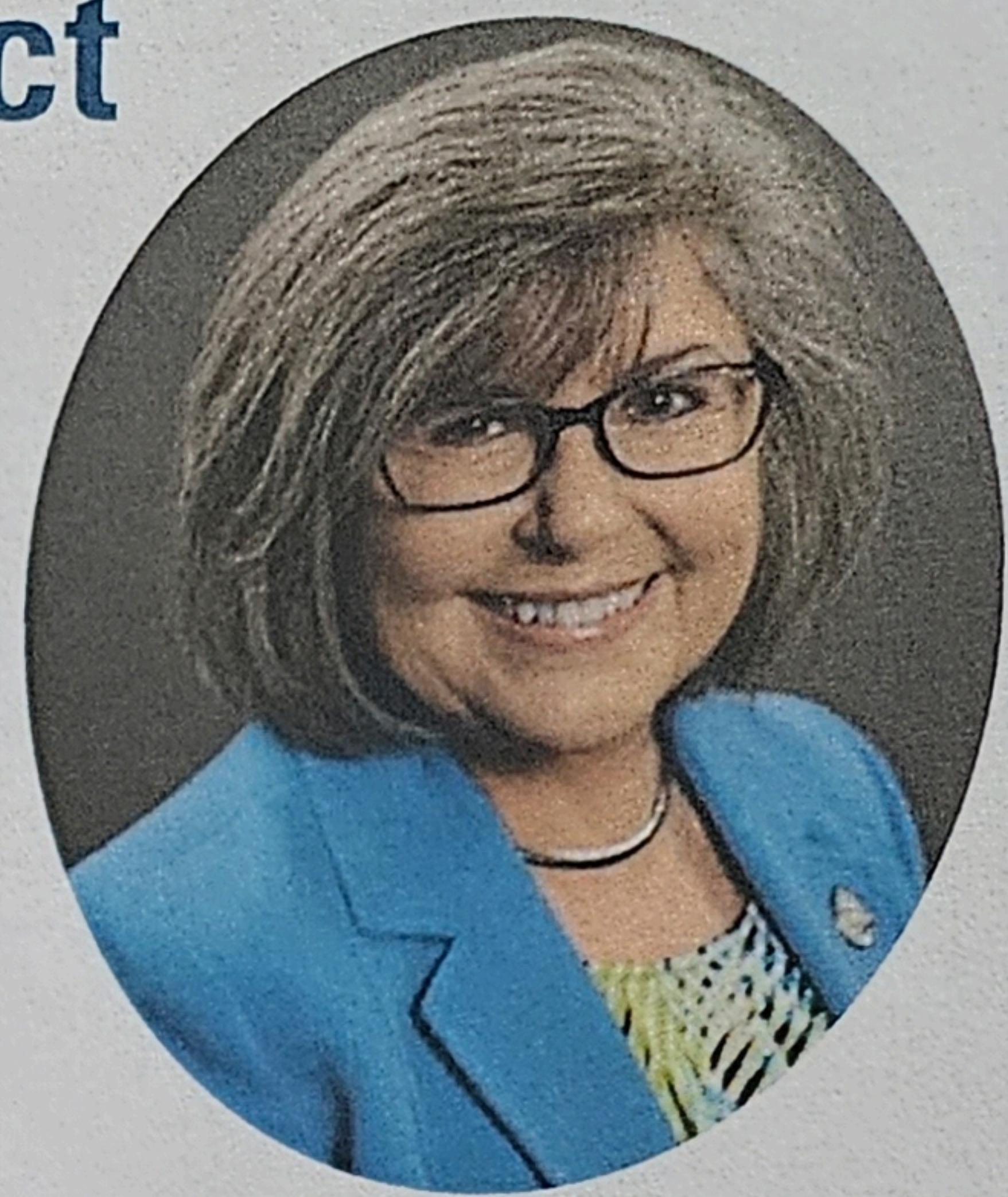
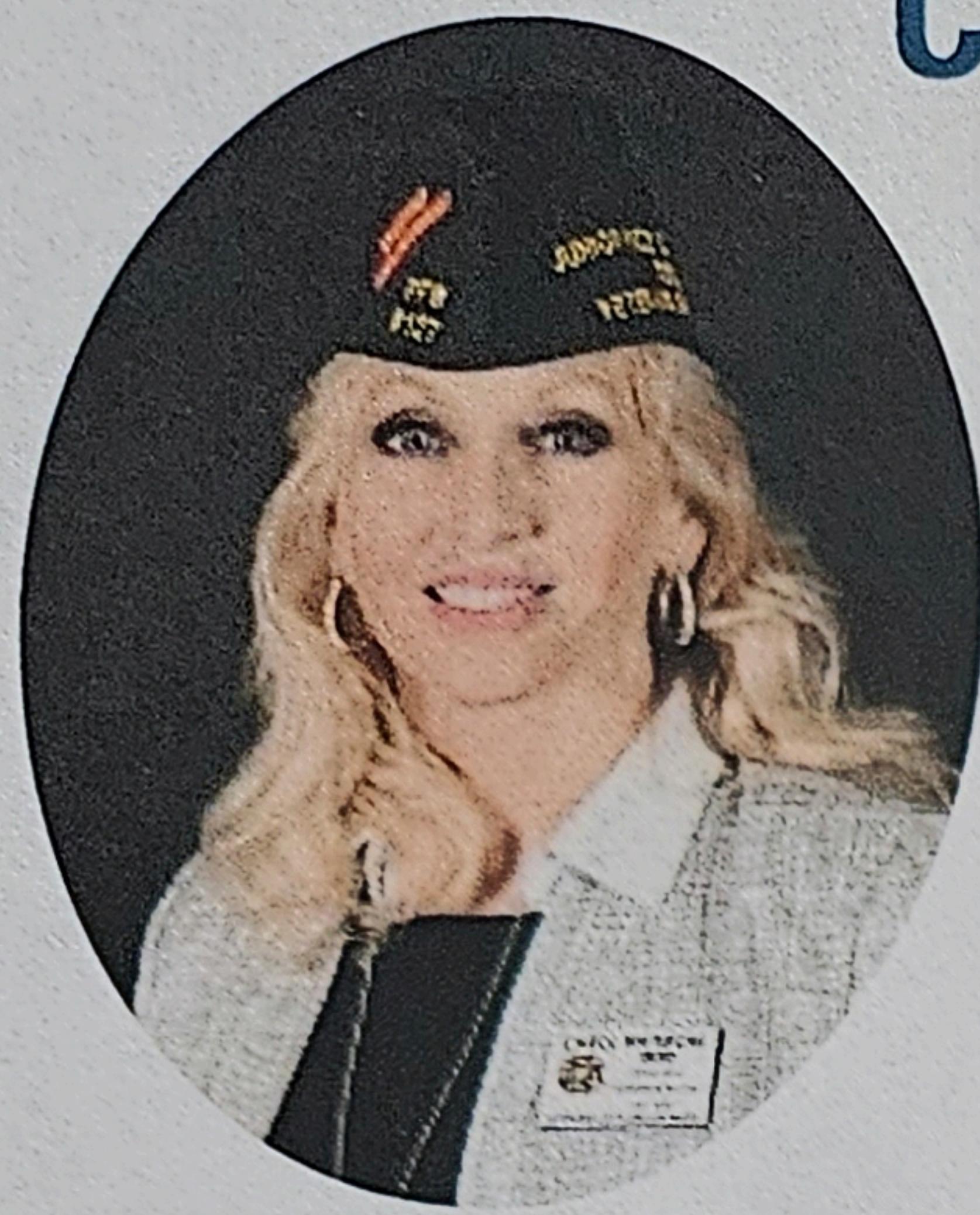
**DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS MARCH 1, 2026**

# Whitmore's Warriors Class of 2025-2026 Project

LET'S DO MORE  
STOCK THE STORE



V F W  
NATIONAL HOME



## Whitmore / Callahan 2025 / 2026

Store Equipment (Refrigerators, freezers, etc and Food)  
Consists of purchasing equipment for the retail section including coolers and freezers for fresh and frozen food, and beverages, dry goods and other sundries that are deemed most useful to residents. This fundraiser will also purchase an honor system point of sale program that allows residents to enter the store with a swipe card, pick out items and pay for them with a credit or debit card both during and after business hours.





YOU DON'T WANT TO  
MISS  
THIS YEAR'S  
SPRING CONFERENCE DINNER  
RADISSON HOTEL  
CORTLAND, NEW YORK  
MARCH 28, 2026

**HONORING  
OUR SERVICE OFFICERS  
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNER  
PATRIOT'S PEN WINNER**

**WINNERS OF THE  
SERVICE OFFICER RAFFLE  
WILL BE REVEALED!**

Cocktails (Cash Bar): 5:00-6:00 PM  
Dinner: 6:00 PM  
\$40.00 per person

Dinner selection on reverse side

**Your dinner entrée choices below:**

Choices:

- #1 Breast of Chicken—Boneless Breast of Chicken prepared with Marsala Sauce
- #2 Yankee Pot Roast with Pan Sauce, Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes
- #3 Shrimp Scampi—Sauteed in Butter and Garlic, served over Linguine

Dinner is served with Garden Green Salad, seasonal vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & Hot Tea

Dessert will be Chocolate Flourless Cake

Post/Aux #	District	Name	Title	Dinner Selection #

**DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 16, 2026**

Number of Dinner Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

**PAYMENT IS EITHER BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD**

If paying by credit card please fill out all fields:

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_ / \_\_

CRV Code on Back \_ \_ \_ Last 3 Numbers on back of card, for AMEX, 4 numbers on the front

If paying by check please make checks payable to Department of New York VFW and mail with completed form to:

**Department of New York VFW, 69 Sand Creek Road, Albany, NY 12205**

Credit Card payment can be emailed to: **JTreadway@ vfwny.com**