



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL VISIT
2023-2024



Save the Date!
April 13-15, 2024



Rosalie

Department President Rosalie Cooper will be hosting the National President Carla Martinez's official visit to the Department of New York. Carla's arrival will be April 13th, 2024 and departure will be April 15th, 2024.



Carla

We cordially invite you to join us as we tour several Western New York travel destinations. Together, we will create memories that will leave a lasting impression and stories to retell for years for Carla, you and the members of the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York membership.

For Your Information

National President Carla's Official National Visit is fast approaching! Please take a moment to review, complete and share all the attachments to ensure that everyone has a memorable experience.

Please note, there are several deadlines to be aware of:

1. **Fairfield Inn & Suites: Reservation cutoff date: Friday March 15, 2024**
2. **Museum Tour and Luncheon Fee Received: Deadline: March 20, 2024**

Together, let us enjoy this time and making every moment count. Carla's visit will be a memory-making moment for everyone that meets our National President.

"Light the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans"

... while...

"Banding Together for Our Veterans"

Loyally,

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Tentative Itinerary

Saturday, April 13, 2024

- 12:35 Arrival at Buffalo Niagara International Airport
- 1:00 Buffalo Niagara International Airport Military/Freedom Lounge
- 2:00 Aisle of Flags Hotel Check-In
- 2:30 Buffalo Naval Park Tour/ Driving Tour
- 6:00 Dinner at Amherst Township VFW Post #416 in Williamsville, NY

Any questions, please contact Dee by phone at 716 440 3411 or email at dee;ippolitio@gmail.com

Sunday, April 14, 2024

- 7:00 - 8:30 Breakfast at Hotel
- 8:45 Leave Hotel
- 10:30 Tour of Lucy Desi Museum (See enclosed Attachment.)
- 12:00 - 1:00 Buffet Lunch at the Tropicana Club
- 1:30 Tour of the Comedy Museum
- 5:00 Dinner at Pearl City Hops in the Double Tree Hotel on your own

Any questions, please contact Karen by phone at 585 492 1994 or email at wdstock90@yahoo.com

Monday, April 15, 2023

- 7:00 Breakfast at Hotel
- 8:00 – 8:15 Farewells and Depart Hotel
- 10:30 Flight Departure

Hotel Accommodations

Fairfield Inn & Suites

4271 Genesee Street (Across from airport)
Cheektowaga NY 14225
1(716)633-2488
Room rate: \$139.00

Reservation cutoff date: Friday March 15, 2024

Double Tree by Hilton Jamestown

150 West 4th Street (Several blocks down from museum)
Jamestown NY 14701
1 (716) 488-7227

Military, Senior, AAA, or ARRP Percentage Off upon Booking.



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Finalizing Plans for National President's Official Visit

On behalf of the VFW Auxiliary Department of New York's President Rose Cooper, we are finalizing plans for National President Carla Martinez's visit and requesting your assistance in this process.

Please indicate if you will attending the following:

April 13, 2024

2:00	Aisle of Flags at Hotel (Check-In)	_____	Yes	_____	No
2:30	Buffalo Naval Park Tour/ Driving Tour	_____	Yes	_____	No
6:00	Dinner at Amherst Township VFW Post #416	_____	Yes	_____	No

April 14, 2024

8:45	Leave Hotel	_____	Yes	_____	No
10:30	Tour of Lucy Desi Museum	_____	Yes	_____	No
12:00	Buffet Lunch at the Tropicana Club	_____	Yes	_____	No
1:30	Tour of the Comedy Museum	_____	Yes	_____	No
5:00	Dinner at Double Tree Hotel Restaurant on own	_____	Yes	_____	No

**RSVP by phone to 716-440-3411 or email dee.ippolito.017@gmail.com
KINDLY RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Thank You!

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Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum Tour, Luncheon and Comedy Center Tour

Admission Fee: \$65.00 Includes Tour of the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum, Buffet Luncheon at the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum's Tropicana Club and Tour of the National Comedy Center.

Itinerary

Sunday, April 14, 2024

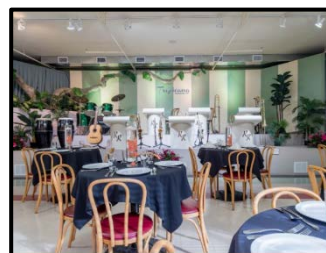
10:30 Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum Tour Begins

Let our knowledgeable tour guide take you back to the filming of *I Love Lucy*. Get a behind-the-scenes look into the creation and production of the show, experience exact re-creations of the iconic sets as well as an intimate look into the personal lives and careers of Lucy and Desi.



12:00 Buffet Lunch at the Tropicana Club

Go back in time and experience this re-creation of *Ricky Ricardo's* famous Manhattan night club. In the Tropicana Club, enjoy a delicious themed meal while watching your favorite episode of *I Love Lucy*. Buffet includes: Chef's Choice of Two Entrees, Two Sides, Salad, Home-made Rolls/Bread and Dessert. Coffee or Tea.



1:30 Tour of the National Comedy Center Begins

The nation's official cultural institution dedicated to the art of comedy. Explore and enjoy the state-of-the-art 37,000 square foot museum complex.



Return by March 20, 2024 with Check for \$65.00 per person made out to: VFW Auxiliary Dept. of New York, earmarked: Tour & Luncheon and mail to: Dee Ippolito, 24 Blue Jay Circle, Lancaster, NY 14086.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Check #: _____ **No. of Guest:** _____ **Amount:** _____



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Friendly Reminder!



In preparation for this planned event, Department President Rosalie is requesting from each District the following:

1. A 24 x36 inch poster representing the District's Auxiliaries and events. Include signatures of District members. Also, include the District, Department and National President's motto.
2. A small gift representative of your District: gift card or check for National's President Carla's Special Project. (All gifts will be mailed to President Carla by Department after her visit. Please be considerate of postage expense.)

All due at Spring Conference, March 15-16, 2024. Please deliver your posters and small gifts to the National President's Official Visit Table.

We are looking forward to your participation in this National President's Official Visit Event of 2024.

Thank You!

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