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VFW Messenger

Commander's Message

Loyalty, Honor, Service

Comrades,

As we look forward to better weather in the coming weeks, we can finally get out and stretch our legs, breathe the fresh air, feel the warmth of the Sun, and see the blossoming beauty of Spring. May is a special month! A month of remembrance!

April 8th Post Meeting: We held our annual elections last month. Congratulations on the new officer slate for 2024-2025: See the results on page 7 of this newsletter. Installation of New elected officers will take place at our Post meeting June 10th and take effective 1 July 2024. Our Post will be providing food for this night, if members would like to bring desserts, they are more than welcome!

We will need volunteers to help get the float ready for the Memorial Day Parade. We plan on working on the float the following days: the 24th to the 26th of May. If you plan to ride the float, please sign in on the rooster in the Canteen. We will be meeting the morning of the 27th at the Post at 9am before heading to the parade start. After the Parade we will be meeting back at the Post for a BBQ about 1pm. Parade Theme: "Honor the Fallen-Every Day"

The last Friday Dinner 10 May till Fall Season

If anyone wants to help in our month-long Spring pick up around the Post, please let us know. 18th of May is schedule for a Post clean up day. Rain day will be the 26th of May.

Cemetery Flags are being put out during the week of the 18th to Memorial Day. We want to give an advance "Thank You" to the Girl Scouts who will be the flags at St. Alphonsus Cemetery, Warren County Veteran Services for the flags at Gurney Lane, Queensbury High School for the Bay View Cemetery and Post and Auxiliary members for the rest of the cemetery flag placements.

May Post Calendar Highlights!

VFW Bingo Every Tuesday (Doors Open at 4pm, selling at 5pm, games start at 6:30pm)

May 3rd & 4th – District 3 VFW Convention

May 3rd, 10th, -Friday Night Meal 4pm to 6pm

May 9th – Senior Community Night 6-9pm

May 11th - Polsun's Show (5pm-10pm)

May 12th – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

May 13th -Post Meeting 6:30pm

May 13th – Veteran's Lunch 11:30-1pm

May 16th - "Cup of Joe" at SPoT Coffee (4:30-6:30)

May 19th – Fan Club 2-6pm

May 20th – Veteran's Plus Breakfast at Kerrie's Northway Diner (7-9am)

May 27th - The Town of Queensbury and the City of Glens Falls annual Memorial Day Parade.

Until then everyone stays healthy and safe! See you at our next event.

Commander Mike Varmette





Auxiliary President's Message

Unwavering Support For Uncommon Heroes



Lest We Forget.

Greetings Brother and Sister Auxiliary Members,

Memorial Day, observed the last Monday in May, commemorates the men and women who died while in military service. In observance of the holiday, many people attend parades, visit cemeteries and memorials. Remember to honor those men and women that have sacrificed so much. Flags will be placed at St. Alphonsus Cemetery May 18th at 10am. I am waiting to hear back from Queensbury girl scout groups to assist with placing flags.

Elections were held at our April meeting;

President Rachel Frasier

Sr. Vice President Bob Brooks

Jr. Vice President Ken Hayward

Treasurer Bobby Cauffiel

Chaplain Kathy Hayward

Conductress Margaret Monteleone

Guard Mitchell Breault

3 year trustee Betty Frost

Congratulations to all those elected and thank you to outgoing officers for your work this past year. Installation of officers will take place at the June meeting. New positions take effect July 1st. VFW Auxiliary Department of New York 99th Convention will be held June 5-9 at the Albany Marriott

Hotel 189 Wolf Rd. Albany NY. Please see the website for additional information and deadlines; vfwauxny.org.

Bobby Cauffiel will be shopping for diaper bags and supplies to be presented to Veterans at the VA Hospital in Albany; anyone that is available Margaret Monteleone will be delivering to the VA if you would like to attend please contact Margaret. Thank you to Bob Brooks for the beautiful memorial plaque he made that will be placed next to the memorial tree that will be planted in memory of Post/ Auxiliary Members that are no longer with us. Congratulations to Life Member Carol Martin on receiving a Veteran Service Award from the Department Of Veterans Affairs for her

continued service and dedication in housing veterans enrolled in the Housing and Urban Development Veterans Assisted Housing Program.

Bob Brooks is asking for assistance with enclosing an area for storage of new round tables; if you are able to help out please reach out to Bob.

Volunteers are always needed for various functions such as bingo, Polson shows, Veterans lunch etc. Beth Mosher is always open to help prepare Tuesday night bingo and members to make a meal; if you have time to help out please reach out to Beth or myself. Our next meeting will be held May 13th 6:30pm; membership longevity pins will be given during this meeting. I hope you will be able to attend and bring ideas for the greater good of the auxiliary.

Stay Healthy,

Rachel Frasier

Auxiliary President

(518-920-2505)





WE HAVE BINGO TUESDAYS !!!!

Regular Tuesday Night Bingo!!

For May @ 6:30 pm

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Food and Snacks available

Come and enjoy yourself!

VFW MOTTO

"Honor the dead by helping the living"

VFW POST DONATIONS

April 2024 Total: \$675.00

QBHS Post Prom Party	\$ 250.00
Our National Home Brick	\$ 100.00
Memorial Day Foundation	\$ 100.00
HOBY- 1 Student	\$ 225.00

AUXILIARY DONATIONS

April 2024 Total:	\$ 1200.00
Haynes House	\$ 200.00
Laura Durkee	\$ 1000.00



CHAPLAINS CORNER

All Members,

Melissa Lopez is our Post Chaplain. You can reach her at 518-726-7273.

Auxiliary Chaplain is Kathleen Hayward. She can be reached at 518-858-6018

Please remember those of our members who reside in area Nursing facilities. Keep our ill comrades and sisters in your prayers.

If you know of any member in distress or that needs cheering, you can always leave a message at the Post by calling 518-793-7535.

If you hear about anyone who is having health problems (VFW or AUX) please use one of the above numbers or the Chaplains box to let us know. There is a very good chance that we do not know about it. Our Chaplain will be glad to send a get well card to a member or a sympathy card to the families.

THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY

MAY 2024



HA1 ROBERT EUGENE

Rank and organization: Hospital Apprentice First Class, U.S. Naval Reserve, serving as Medical Corpsman with a rifle company, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division.

Place and date: Okinawa Jima, Ryukyu Islands, 2 May 1945.

Entered service at: Washington.

Born: 4 October 1926, Tacoma, Wash.

Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Medical Corpsman with a rifle company, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Jima, Ryukyu Islands, 2 May 1945. Fearlessly braving the fury of artillery, mortar, and machinegun fire from strongly entrenched hostile positions, Bush constantly and unhesitatingly moved from 1 casualty to another to attend the wounded falling under the enemy's murderous barrages. As the attack passed over a ridge top, Bush was advancing to administer blood plasma to a marine officer lying wounded on the skyline when the Japanese launched a savage counterattack. In this perilously exposed position, he resolutely maintained the flow of life-giving plasma. With the bottle held high in 1 hand, Bush drew his pistol with the other and fired into the enemy's ranks until his ammunition was expended. Quickly seizing a discarded carbine, he trained his fire on the Japanese charging pointblank over the hill, accounting for 6 of the enemy despite his own serious wounds and the loss of 1 eye suffered during his desperate battle in defense of the helpless man. With the hostile force finally routed, he calmly disregarded his own critical condition to complete his mission, valiantly refusing medical treatment for himself until his officer patient had been evacuated, and collapsing only after attempting to walk to the battle aid station. His daring initiative, great personal valor, and heroic spirit of self-sacrifice in service of others reflect great credit upon Bush and enhance the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

PFC WHITT L. MORELAND

Rank and organization: Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein.).

Place and date: Kwagch'i-Dong, Korea, 29 May 1951.

Entered service at: Austin, Tex. Born: 7 March 1930, Waco, Tex.

Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as an intelligence scout attached to Company C, in action against enemy aggressor forces. Voluntarily accompanying a rifle platoon in a daring assault against a strongly defended enemy hill position, Pfc. Moreland delivered accurate rifle fire on the hostile emplacement and thereby aided materially in seizing the objective. After the position had been secured, he unhesitatingly led a party forward to neutralize an enemy bunker which he had observed some 400 meters beyond, and moving boldly through a fire-swept area, almost reached the hostile emplacement when the enemy launched a volley of hand grenades on his group. Quick to act despite the personal danger involved, he kicked several of the grenades off the ridge line where they exploded harmlessly and, while attempting to kick away another slipped and fell near the deadly missile. Aware that the sputtering grenade would explode before he could regain his feet and dispose of it, he shouted a warning to his comrades, covered the missile with his body and absorbed the full blast of the explosion, but in saving his companions from possible injury or death, was mortally wounded. His heroic initiative and valiant spirit of self-sacrifice in the face of certain death reflect the highest credit upon Pfc. Moreland and the U.S. Naval Service. He gallant-



**NO HIGHER
HONOR THAN TO BE
RECONGINIZED FOR ALL
HER HARD WORK.
GREAT JOB
CAROL
SO PROUD TO HAVE
YOU AS A MEMBER
OF AUXILIARY
6196
THANK YOU**



**THANK YOU BOB FOR THIS WONDERFUL
SIGN.
TO BE SET WITH THE TREE OF HONOR
TO BE PLANTED THIS YEAR.
FOR ALL VFW AND AUXILIARY
MEMBERS THAT HAVE PAST**

**MITCH TAKING A
BREAK TO DO
HIS SUN DANCE
AS HE WATCHES
THE LUNAR ECLIPSE.
HE GOT IT 98%
COMPLETE**





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May 2024

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™



Pray for our troops at home and overseas

God Bless America

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Tuesday Bingo:</i> Doors Open-4pm Card Sale-5pm Calling-6:30pm</p>			1	2 WIC 11:30-5pm You're Not Alone 6PM	3 WIC 8AM-2:30pm FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7pm District 3 VFW Convention	4 District 3 VFW Convention
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19 Fan Club 12-6pm	20 Veteran's Breakfast Kerrie's Diner 7-9am	21 O 6	22	23	24 Float Build Day!	25 Float Build Day!
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POST 6196 ELECTION RESULTS



ELECTED:

Commander: Thomas Varmette

Sr. Vice Commander: James Frost

Jr. Vice Commander: Glen Gosnell

Quartermaster: Keith Lotich

Chaplain: Mary Jo White

Judge Advocate: Barry Cronkhite

Surgeon: Melissa Bello-Lopez

3YR Trustee: Paul Crossman

2YR Trustee: Denise DiResta

1YR Trustee: Timothy McNulty

APPOINTED:

Adjutant: Kelly Sweet

Service Officer: Denise DiResta



VFW AUXILIARY

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ELECTED:

President: Rachel Fraiser

Sr. Vice President: Bob Brooks

Jr. Vice President: Ken Hayward

Treasurer: Bobby Cauffiel

Chaplain: Kathy Hayward

Conductress: Margaret Monteleone

3YR Trustee: Betty Frost

Guard: Mitchel Breault

2YR Trustee: Cherie Brooks

1YR Trustee: Elsie Brumagen

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