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VFW Messenger

Commander's Message

Loyalty, Honor, Service

Comrades,

State of the Post: We have replaced our Canteen register with a new Point Of Sale (POS) register. This will also allow us to use credit/debit cards in the Canteen. We continue with fund raisers to help support other facility repairs and repaving our parking lot. We have been conducting Bingo every Tuesday regularly, we thank all our volunteers and especially our Auxiliary for the support of Bingo. Some of the ongoing events so far: Women's Pool League, Friday Night Dinners, Karaoke, Canteen Superbowl Gathering, etc., more to follow. If there are any volunteers to help with Post cleanup or just help around the Post, let us know!

VFW NY State Commander, Dan Kell and District 3 Commander, Harold Patchen helped our Post to honor lifetime VFW member, Raymond Barber on his 99th Birthday December 19! Raymond served in World War II in the 294th Field Artillery Observation Battalion in the European Theater of Operation.

Special thanks to all those that gave of their time for all the events we did last month in December! Would like to Thank everyone who donated toys to the Marine Corps League's "Toys for Girls and Boys". The "Kids Christmas Party" was a great time for all who were able to participate. We had a fantastic Christmas Dinner and want to thank "Texas Roadhouse" for the catered dinner! Again, I cannot thank those volunteers enough who helped with all the monthly events we put together. You're the BEST!

POST ANNIVERSARY will be held on February 10th, 5-10pm. Buffet Style, Please sign up at the Canteen.

February Post Calendar Highlights!

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

Feb 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Friday Night Dinners (4pm to 7pm)

Feb 5th - Fan Club (2pm to 5:00pm)

Feb 8th - Senior Community Night (5pm to 7pm)

Feb 10th - Post Anniversary Dinner (6pm) All Members Invited

Feb 12th - Veteran's Lunch (11:30-1:00pm)

Feb 12th - Post/Aux Mtg (6:30pm)

Feb 15th - Cup of Joe at SPoT Coffee (4:30-6:30pm)

Feb 17th - Polsun's Valentine Show (5pm - 10pm)

Feb 19th - Veteran's Breakfast at Kerrie's Diner (7-9am)

Feb 25th - ADK Bluegrass Show (1pm - 5pm)

I would like to keep the momentum going for recruiting new members to the Post and Auxiliary, thank you for all your efforts up to date. Until we all get together again, my wish is for everyone to have a safe and enjoyable January with family and friends! 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,

“Buddy” Poppy is the VFW’s official Memorial Flower, the Poppy represents the blood shed by American service members. It reiterates that we will not forget their sacrifice. There are so many ways to use the “Buddy” Poppy during the month of February incorporate “Buddy” Poppy into all of our programs;

Americanism – Design a patriotic Valentine’s Day Card with Poppies.

Hospital – Distribute above Valentine’s Day cards to hospitalized veterans during “National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans” week, February 8 -15.

Historian/Media Relations – Take pictures of the above cards being distributed and send photos and release them to local press.

Legislative – Invite local government representatives to participate in your “National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans” “Buddy”® Poppy Card distribution event.

Membership – If you are hosting a Community Valentine’s Dance/Party at your Post, have membership applications readily available. Decorate your recruiting table with a “Buddy”® Poppy Valentine Centerpiece.

Veterans & Family Support – Distribute Valentine cards decorated with “Buddy”® Poppies to your Post veterans thanking them for their service.

Youth Activities – Include youth in creating and distributing “Buddy”® Poppy Valentine’s Day cards.

The Glens Falls Center and Warren Center (nursing homes) have approximately 20 Veterans in each facility and some residents that have no family. If you are able please make some Valentine’s cards to distribute to both facilities on February 14th. The Program year is almost over and reports need to be completed and given to each Chairperson for our Auxiliary to receive credit.

District 3 Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary Department of New York Annual Gold Chevron Awards & District meeting will be held March 8 & 9 at The Hilton Garden Inn 30 Clifton Country Rd Clifton Park. Room rates are \$109/ night and the cut off date for reservations is 2/23/24. The Department of New York VFW Auxiliary Spring Conference will be held March 15 & 16 at the Doubletree by Hilton Binghamton, NY. Room rates are \$129/ night and the cut off date for reservations is 2/21/24

Post Anniversary Dinner will be held February 10th 6p- 10p. Kitchen help is needed Tuesdays for bingo, Fan Club February 4th 2p- 5p, Polsuns Show February 17th 5p- 10p (times listed are for the event if available please reach out for arrival time). Our next meeting will be held February 12th at 6:30pm.

Stay Healthy,

Rachel Frasier

Auxiliary President

(518-920-2505)





WE HAVE BINGO TUESDAYS !!!!

Regular Tuesday Night Bingo!!

For February @ 6:30 pm

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Food and Snacks available

Come and enjoy yourself!

VFW MOTTO

"Honor the dead by helping the living"

VFW POST DONATIONS

Dec 2023 and Jan 2024 Total: \$1,790.00

Veterans Emergency Fund	\$1,000.00
High Peaks Hospice	\$ 50.00
West Glens Falls EMS	\$ 200.00
American Heart Association	\$ 50.00
Salvation Army	\$ 100.00
Homeward Bound Adirondacks	\$ 100.00
Service Officer Raffle	\$ 100.00
Journal Ad	\$ 90.00
Angel Flight	\$ 100.00



AUXILIARY DONATIONS

December 2023 Totals: \$850.00

Capital District Women Veterans	\$100.00
VFW Post 6196	\$750.00

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.

Santa came to visit us during our Christmas party!



This years adult Christmas party was enjoyed by all that came. Thank you to all that took the time to set up. Thank you to Texas Roadhouse for supplying the wonderful food.





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FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™



FEBRUARY 2024

Pray for our troops at home and overseas

God Bless America



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
		<i>Tuesday Bingo: Doors Open-4pm Card Sale-5pm Calling-6:30pm</i>		WIC 11:30-5pm Bowling You're Not Alone 6PM	WIC 8AM-2:30pm FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7pm	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Fan Club 2-6pm		B I		Senior Community Night 5-7pm	FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7pm	VFW POST 6196 Anniversary Dinner 6-10pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
 ADK Bluegrass Meeting 1pm- 6pm	<i><u>Veteran's Lunch</u></i> <i><u>11:30 - 1pm</u></i> VFW/AUX MEETING 6:30pm	N G O	 ASH WEDNESDAY 	"Cup of Joe" SPoT Coffee 4:30-6:30pm	FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7pm	Polsun's Valentine Show 5-10pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	 Veteran's Breakfast Kerrie's Diner 7-9am	6 P M			FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7pm	
25	26	27	28	29		
ADK Bluegrass Show 1pm- 6pm						

The annual Kid's Christmas party was a huge success!

Thank you to all that came and those that helped.



All of us at the VFW Post 6196 hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Chanukah!

We wish you all the a blessed and joyful New Year! Happy 2024!



466th Med Bn enjoying dinner on January 20th. Thank you to all that came to help serve and to all that came and enjoyed.



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