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# VFW Messenger

## Commander's Message

**Loyalty, Honor, Service**

Comrades,

**Happy New Year Everyone!**

**State of the Post:** We continue with fund raisers to help support facility updates. We have been conducting Bingo every Tuesday regularly, we thank all our volunteers and especially our Auxiliary for the support of Bingo and all the other events conducted at Post 6196. Some of the ongoing events to start the new year: Friday Night Dinners, Karaoke, Canteen Cornhole, Outreach to Veterans, etc., more to follow. If there are any volunteers to help with Post cleanup or just help around the Post, let us know!

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. Volunteers who help with the Veteran Lunches, the BOCES Hairstylists for cutting our veteran's hair. We had a fantastic Christmas Dinner and I want to thank "Texas Roadhouse" for the catered dinner! I cannot thank those volunteers enough who helped with all the monthly events we put together. You're the BEST!

### January Post Calendar Highlights!

**Jan 1st—New Years Day Bingo! (Doors Open at 10am, selling at 11am, games start at 12:30pm)**

**Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, VFW Bingo (Doors Open at 4pm, selling at 5pm, games start at 6:30pm)**

**Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>th</sup>- Friday Night Dinners 4-6pm or until sold out.**

**Jan 5<sup>th</sup> – District 3 (North) Meeting 1pm**

**Jan 12<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Lunch (11:30 – 1pm)**

**Jan 12<sup>th</sup> – Post/Aux Meeting (6:30pm)**

**Jan 15<sup>th</sup> – Canteen Amateur Cornhole (5:00 – 8:30 pm)**

**Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – Fan Club (2 – 6pm)**

**Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – ADK Bluegrass Show (1pm - 5pm)**

**Jan 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday Dinner "All You Can Eat Spaghetti Meal" all proceeds will be in support of "You're Not Alone" supporting US Deployed Service Members!**

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.

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*Commander Mike Varmette*





## *Auxiliary Message*

### *Unwavering Support For Uncommon Heroes*



**Lest We Forget.**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As we head into the New Year I hope it brings happiness and good health to all. Now that the holidays are behind us we need to start thinking about some fundraisers for the new year.

So if anyone has any ideas please bring them to the meetings.

Here is a few History fun facts:

January 1863 America approached its third year of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

January 1945 located in southern Poland; Auschwitz was Germany's largest contraction camp. Around 1.5 million people died, mostly Jews died at Auschwitz during the Holocaust. The camp was liberated by Soviet troops on January 27, 1945.

January 1986 space shuttle Challenger explodes. Just 73 seconds after liftoff, the shuttle broke up, and all 7 astronauts died due to an O ring failure.

So as we move forward in the New Year we all need to take some time and think about the oath we all took to become an auxiliary member.

We as members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary have formed ourselves into a permanent organization. For the relief of those who fought in defense of our country, and those depending upon them, who may need our aid. Each member is expected to respond to the call for relief or assistance of the auxiliary or any other member of the post who may be in need. We also endeavor to educate in patriotism, the people of our land. You are to be received into this Auxiliary with equal rights of all other members and you are expected to assume equal rights of all other responsibilities. Understanding this much of the purpose of our organization, are you ready to take the obligation? So please think about these words and also, please read the oath you took when you entered the auxiliary.

Thank you and Happy New Year,  
Bob Brooks  
Auxiliary President

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# WE HAVE BINGO TUESDAYS !!!!

**!!!!New Years Day Bingo!!!!**

Doors Open at 10:00 AM

**Regular Tuesday Night Bingo!!**

For January @ 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

**December Total: \$3560.00**

<b>Kids Christmas</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>
<b>Post Christmas</b>	<b>\$2050.00</b>
<b>Wreaths Across America</b>	<b>\$510.00</b>
<b>Homeward Bound ADK</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

### AUXILIARY DONATIONS

**December 2025 Total: \$0**



## CHAPLAINS CORNER

All Members,

Mary Jo White is our Post Chaplain. You can reach her via the Post phone number 518-793-7535.

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.

## RESERVATIONS FOR HALL RENTAL








**Post Office: 518-793-7535**

**Diane Perry: 518-636-8470**

## OTHER NOVEMBER EVENTS



### Key Contact Information

	<b>VA Medical Center and main number:</b> <b>Albany VA Medical Center</b> <b>518-626-5000</b>
	<b>Caregiver Support Program (CSP) phone number:</b> <b>518-626-6020</b>
	<b>Patient Advocate phone number:</b> <b>518-626-5307</b>
	<b>Bene-travel contact number:</b> <b>518-626-6385</b> <b>Bene-travel claims:</b> <a href="https://eauth.va.gov/accessva/?cspSelectFor=bts">https://eauth.va.gov/accessva/?cspSelectFor=bts</a>
	<b>CSP Locator tool link:</b> <a href="https://www.caregiver.va.gov/support/New_CSC_Page.asp">https://www.caregiver.va.gov/support/New_CSC_Page.asp</a>
	<b>Caregiver Support Line (CSL):</b> <b>1-855-260-3274</b>
	<b>Veteran's Crisis Line:</b> <b>Dial 988, then press 1</b>

*The Caregiver Support Program promotes the health and well-being of family caregivers who care for Our Nation's Veterans, through education, resources, support, and services.*





Have you joined us for Corn-hole?

If not January 15th is your next chance.



Each month we host a Veterans lunch for all veterans. Please come join us next month and meet other fellow local veterans. Our next lunch is on January 12th at 1130 am.



December: Kids Christmas Party, . Hairstylist from BOCES giving their time to give veterans haircuts during the Veteran's Lunch. Veteran's Appreciation Hockey Game, Post Christmas Party, Recruiting, etc. Thank you to all those that donated their time to serve our veterans..





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Pray for our troops at home and overseas

God Bless America

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## HAIL AND FAREWELLS

Hails: Justin Hall

### Warren County Veterans' Services Outreach Initiative... "You Are NOT Alone"

We will be collecting items for "care" boxes to be sent to Soldiers currently serving overseas. Below is a list of needed items for the "care" boxes. Usually two boxes are sent to every soldier every month but supplies are low, especially with food and fun items.

It would be extremely helpful if you could drop off your items ~ 1340 State Route 9, Human Services Bldg., Lake George NY 12845, **Monday - Friday from 10am - 4pm.**

It's important to donate items that are **Individual Sized** that will fit in a postal box and that a soldier can put in his/her pockets and take with them on missions.

~ You Are NOT Alone ~

**Troop Support Group**

**Support Our Troops! Every Day! Every Mission!**

\* If you know someone serving overseas, please contact Rob McAvoy directly at the address or phone number listed.

*\*Monetary donations are accepted: Donations are used to cover postage. Please make checks payable to: VFW Post 6196 (in the memo write You Are Not Alone - Troop Support Group) and send to the address listed above.*

Boxes are packed the 1st Thursday of every month at 7pm at VFW Post 6196 ~ 32 Luzerne Road, Queensbury NY 12804. **Contact person: Rob McAvoy 518.338.8758.**

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