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VFW Messenger

Commander's Message

Loyalty, Honor, Service

Comrades,

Thank you to everyone for their hard work putting together our Events for Memorial Day this year! A special thanks to all our Post and Auxiliary members that got our Parade Float together and coupled with providing after the ceremonies with an awesome BBQ! Congratulations to Chris Thomas for being the Queensbury Grand Marshall.

We still need to reach out and recruit qualified people for the Post and Auxiliary membership.

7 June we will be having our Flag Retirement Ceremony in our Pavilion. We will start the event at 1pm if you can make it and make it a Potluck get together after it. We moved our flag ceremony to 7 June because the NYS VFW Convention is on 15 June, 2025.

At our Post we are looking to repave our parking lot, more to come on that. Need volunteers to help with keeping our grounds clean and in order. We also have several projects planned for the inside maintenance projects.

June Post Calendar Highlights!

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

June 5th - "You're Not Alone" 6pm

June 5th & 6th - WIC

June 7th - Flag Day Retirement Ceremony 1pm

June 9th - Veteran's Lunch 11:30 to 1pm

June 9th - Post/Aux Mtg 6:30pm

June 12th - 15th - NYS VFW Convention

June 15th - **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

June 15th - Fan Club 2-6pm

June 19th - Canteen's Throwback Thursday Cornhole 6pm

June 21st - Polson's Show 5pm-10pm

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

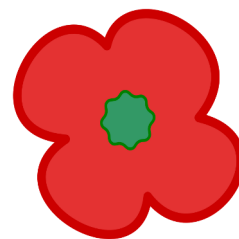
Commander Mike Varmette





Auxiliary Message

Unwavering Support For Uncommon Heroes



Lest We Forget.

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this finds everyone healthy and excited about the warmer weather. As the warmer weather creeps up on us please use your sunscreen and watch out for the ticks. They are bad this year!

Now for some fun facts.

June 19, 1865 The 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified abolishing slavery.

June 12, 1929, Anne Frank was born, on her 13th birthday she wrote in her diary, which went on to become an important document of the Holocaust. For two years she penned daily struggles her family faced while hiding away in a secret annex of an office in Nazi occupied Netherlands.

June 6th, 1944, The largest invasion fleet in history of warfare landed on five beach heads in Normandy France known as Operation Overlord. Allied forces hoped to liberate West Europe from the Nazi's control.

June 5th, 1968, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald.

Now on to some business. I have been working on the licensing for Bell Jar. I have it all put together now I have to submit it to the Town of Queensbury for approval. After approval we will be able to start selling Bell Jar at functions. The only time we are not permitted to sell is during Bingo due to NYS Charitable Regulations.

I am in the process of looking at a new company to try to buy our Bingo dabbers, ticket holders. and Bingo bags, and Bingo bags to sell during Bingo.

Well about Bingo. First off I would like to thank everyone that works Bingo. From shopping for food. the prep. serving and clean up. Also, to all that work the floor and clean up, (THANK YOU)
Now there are only a few members that do this. We have close to 100 members, and it is the same every week so please help any time would be a big help.

We as an Auxiliary were asked to do a ceremony by the family of Life member Theresa Henderson. I was a little disappointed that only four members showed up. Please let's start supporting the events that we as an Auxiliary have going on.

Just as a friendly reminder when handling food to need to wear gloves. And please if you are not working in the kitchen please STAY OUT of the kitchen so the people that are trying to get the orders out can move to get their jobs done.

As members we all need to start recruiting new members. So, if you have friends or family that are eligible talk to them about joining. The applications are by our mailbox in the wire rack.

So, as we move on to this year, we all need to put aside our differences and attitudes toward one another and start respecting them. There is no room for the ATTITUDES and BRICKERING that is taking place at this present time. If you have a problem, feel free to contact me and I will do my best to resolve it. I want to thank everyone for your support.

Bob Brooks
Auxiliary President
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Cell 518-683-2458
Home 518-696-5265





WE HAVE BINGO TUESDAYS !!!!

Regular Tuesday Night Bingo!!

For June @ 6:30 pm

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Food and Snacks available

Come and enjoy yourself!

VFW MOTTO

"Honor the dead by helping the living"

VFW POST DONATIONS

May 2025 Total: \$1290.00

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| District 3 VFW | \$1000.00 |
| Dept on NY VFW | \$90.00 |
| Sea Cadets USNSCC ADK Bn | \$200.00 |

AUXILIARY DONATIONS

May 2025 Total: \$0.00

\$0.00



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 MAY INFORMATION



Identity Theft, Fraud & Scams Presentation by Tina Combs

Protect yourself and your hard-earned benefits. Identity theft and scams are on the rise, and veterans are often targeted. Veterans have served our country. It's not right that people try to exploit them. This presentation will equip you with essential knowledge to recognize and avoid these threats. Learn about current scams, the warning signs of fraud, and steps to safeguard your identity. Gain the tools and knowledge to combat identity theft and scams and help your fellow vets too. Participants will receive a valuable resource guide to take home.

Below is the resource page from Tina Combs brief:

Resource Links

★**Veteran ID Theft or Fraud** - <https://vsafe.gov/> Report suspected fraud to the Veteran, service member, family, fraud evasion (VSAFE) Hotline 833-388-7233.

★**Tax ID theft** - Report tax ID theft to the Internal Revenue Service if someone uses your social Security number to falsely file tax returns with the IRS or your state
<https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/identity-theft-guide-for-individuals>

★**Medical ID theft** - Scammers steal your Medicare ID or health insurance member number and they use this information to get medical services or send fake bills to your health insurer. <https://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/consumer-alerts/medical-identity-theft/>

★**Unemployment ID theft** - Someone uses your personal information to claim (and receive) unemployment benefits. <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/UIIDtheft>

★**NY State Attorney General Office** - 1-800-771-7755 Letita James, Attorney General offers education, tips, and information to help you recover from identity theft. These resources don't replace filing an ID theft report with the FTC.

<https://ag.ny.gov/resources/individuals/credit-debt-lending/identity-theft>

★You may need to get new personal records or identification cards if you're the victim of ID theft. Learn how to replace your vital identification documents after identity theft.

<https://www.usa.gov/replace-vital-documents>

★Collect postal mail every day. Place a hold on your mail with the post office when you are away from home for several days. <https://www.usps.com/manage/hold-mail.htm>

★Create complex passwords that identity thieves cannot guess. Change your passwords if a company that you do business with has a breach of its databases.

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/password-checklist>

★Find unclaimed funds held by the government that might be owed to you. NY State

Comptroller Unclaimed Funds Search <https://www.osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?redirect=legacy>

★Our County VSO is Denise DiResta located at Warren County Veterans' Services 1340 State Rt. 9, HSB Lake George, NY 12845 Tel: 518-761-6342



Have you joined us for Cornhole?

If not **June 19th** 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

June 9th at 1130am





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Pray for our troops at home and overseas

God Bless America

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FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | B I | 4 | 5 WIC 11AM-5 pm "You're Not Alone" 6 pm | 6 WIC 8AM-2:30pm | 7 Flag Day Ceremony 1pm |
| 8 | 9 Veteran's Lunch 11:30—1pm VFW/AUX MTG 6:30pm | 10 N G | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 FLAG DAY NYS VFW CONVENTION ALBANY |
| 15 Father's Day Fan Club 2PM | 16 | 17 O 5 | 18 | 19 Canteen Amateur Cornhole 5PM | 20 | 21 Polsun's Country Show 4-10pm |
| 22 | 23 | 24 P M ! | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | Tuesday Bingo: Doors Open-4pm Card Sale-5pm Calling-6:30pm | | | | |

HAILS

BJ Palmer, Billy Provost, Randy Rose, Lin Combs and Jason Miller

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 6pm at VFW Post 6196 ~ 32 Luzerne Road, Queensbury NY 12804. **Contact person: Rob McAvoy 518.338.8758.**

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