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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! Special thanks to all our Post and Auxiliary members that were able to go the Memorial Day Parade coupled with providing after the ceremonies with an awesome BBQ! Congratulations to Al Carpentier for being the Queensbury Grand Marshall.

Our Auxiliary hosted the Gold Star Tea and it was an awesome well conducted event.

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

On 14 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.

At our Post we are looking to repave our parking lot, more to come on that. Need volunteers to help with keeping our ground 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 4th - "You're Not Alone" 6pm

June 4th - WIC 8-5pm

June 5th - Canteen Ladies Night 6-9pm

June 8th - Veteran's Lunch 11:30 to 1pm

June 8th - Post/Aux Mtg 6:30pm

June 11th - 13th - NYS VFW Convention

June 12th - Canteen "Smarter than a Grade Schooler" 6-9pm

June 13st - Polson's Show 5pm-10pm

June 14th - Flag Day Retirement Ceremony 1pm

June 18th - Canteen's "Cornhole" 6pm

June 20th - Canteen "Karaoke" 6-9pm

June 21st - Fan Club 2-6pm

June 21st - **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

June 26th - Canteen "Feud" 6-9pm

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,

On to some fun facts:

-June 6th 1944 (D Day) Allied forces launched the largest amphibious invasion in History on The Beaches Of Normandy France, turning the tide of World War II.

-June 20th 1782 The Us Congress officially adopted The Great Seal of the United States.

-June 23 1865 The last formal surrender of Confederate Troops occurred as the Cherokee and Confederate, Brigadier General Waite surrendered is Battalion comprised of American Indians in the Oklahoma Territory.

-June 26th 1945 The United Nations Charter was signed in San Francisco by 50 Nations. The charter was ratified on October 24th 1945.

Now on to some Auxiliary news:.

The month of May we hosted a very special event. Our Auxiliary along with District 3 hosted The Gold Star Parents Tea.

The event was a great success, thank you to all that made it possible. I would also like to send a Hugh thanks to our Commander Mike Varnette for the use of post and all his help. Along with the Gold Star Parents We also had in attendance State senator, state representative, Past and present VFW commanders , New York state

Guard and several different Auxiliaries in our district. And the members of our own Auxiliary. Thank you everyone for all the hard work and dedication you put into this event to make it a success. We also had two parades, bingo and many other events.

Thank You.

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**WE HAVE
BINGO
TUESDAYS !!!!**

Regular Tuesday Night Bingo!!

For June @ 6:30 pm

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

Food and Snacks available

Come and enjoy yourself!

VFW MOTTO

“Honor the dead by helping the living”

VFW POST DONATIONS

May 2026 Total: \$90.00

Dept on NY VFW \$90.00

AUXILIARY DONATIONS

May 2026 Total: \$0.00

\$0.00



CHAPLAINS CORNER

All Members,

Randy Rose is our Post Chaplain. You can reach her via the Post phone number 984-422-2940.

Auxiliary Chaplain is Sherri Sherman. She can be reached at 518-792-7806.

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 18th** 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 8th at 1130am





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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™



Pray for our troops at home and overseas

God Bless America

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Tuesday Bingo: Doors Open-4pm Card Sale-5pm Calling-6:30pm</i>	3	4 WIC 11AM-5 pm "You're Not Alone" 6 pm	5 Canteen "Ladies Night" 6-9pm	6
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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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