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VFW Messenger

Commander's Message

Loyalty, Honor, Service

Comrades,

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on **November 11, 1919**, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

State of the Post: Coordinating Instructions for the month Of November:

-Post Poppy (Recruiting) Table at Tractor Supply, 1 November 9-4pm.

-Post Poppy (Recruiting) Table at Texas Roadhouse, 8-9 November (Saturday and Sunday) and Tuesday 11 November. Time slots for Nov 8th and 9th are from 1200 to 8pm. Nov 11th time slots are from 3-8pm. Sign up sheets are in the Canteen broken down into hour increments.

-Senior Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on 22 November, from 12-3pm. It will be carry out only, no dining in. Any volunteers please let the Post/Aux officers know.

November Post Calendar Highlights!

VFW Bingo Every Tuesday: 4th, 11th, 18th, and the 25th. (Doors Open at 4pm, selling at 5pm, games start at 6:30pm)

Friday Night Dinners for November 7th, and 14th only!

Nov 1st – Poppy Recruiting Tractor Supply 9-4pm

Nov 6th – WIC 8-2pm and **Nov 7th** WIC 9-3pm

Nov 6th – "You're Not Alone" 6pm

Nov 8th – 9th and 11th – Post Poppy (Recruiting) Table at Texas Roadhouse 3-9pm

Nov 10th – Veteran Lunch 11:30– 1pm

Nov 10th – Post/ Aux Mtg 6:30pm

Nov 15th – Polsun's Veteran's Day Benefit 5-10pm

Nov 16th – Adirondack Bluegrass Show 1-5pm

Nov 20^h – Canteen Cornhole and Open Mic 5pm

Nov 22nd – Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 12-3pm

Nov 23rd – Fan Club 2-6pm

Nov 27th – Thanksgiving – Post Closed

December: 7th - VFW Kids Christmas Party 12pm to 4pm (Sign-up sheet in the canteen)

13th - Polsun's Country Christmas

20st - VFW Christmas Party

Some of the ongoing events so far: Friday Night Dinners, Open Mic, Canteen Cornhole, etc. Until we all get together again, my wish is for everyone to have a safe and enjoyable Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day with family and friends! See you at our next event.

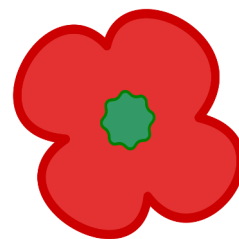
Commander Mike Varmette





Auxiliary Message

Unwavering Support For Uncommon Heroes



Lest We Forget.

November 2025

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Well, the weather is turning colder, leaves are dropping and Thanksgiving is on its way. I hope you enjoy your family and friends during this time. Please take a moment while you're celebrating to say a prayer for the Troops that cannot make it home.

Now on to the fun facts... November 1, 1950, President Harry S. Truman was the target of an unsuccessful assassination attempt by two members of a Puerto Rican Nationalist Movement.

November 3, 1957, Soviet Russia launched the world's first inhabited space capsule, Sputnik II, which carried a dog named Laika.

November 8, 1895, X-Ray (electronic magnetic Rays) were discovered by Wilhelm Röntgen at the University of Wuerzburg Germany.

On November 9, 1989, The Berlin Wall was opened after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War. The 27.9-mile wall had been constructed in 1961.

November 10, 1775, The U.S. Marine Corps was established as part of the U.S. Navy. It became a separate unit on July 11, 1789.

November 11th

, celebrated in the U.S. Veterans Day (formally called Armistice Day) with

parades and military memorial ceremonies.

November 13th, 1956, The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation on public buses was unconstitutional.

Now on to some Auxiliary news. First, I am going to say this again, start using the chain of command! Please don't go to the commander first, come to me and I will go to the Commander.

Now this is starting to affect our Auxiliary. The bickering and all the animosity that is going on needs to stop! We all need to get along and work together. If we don't work together, we are not helping ourselves, the veterans or the post!

If there is a problem, come and talk to me and we will try to come up with a solution together.

Thank you
Auxiliary President
Bob Brooks
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WE HAVE BINGO TUESDAYS !!!!

Regular Tuesday Night Bingo!!

For November @ 6:30 pm

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Food and Snacks available

Come and enjoy yourself!

VFW MOTTO

"Honor the dead by helping the living"

VFW POST DONATIONS

October 2025 Total: \$2670.70

McGregor Links Benefit	\$500.00
Open Door Thanksgiving Dinner	\$109.12
NY State Trooper	\$ 25.00
Special Olympics	\$200.00
You're Not Alone	\$1000.00
Memorial Day Foundation	\$50.00
Post 1896 Foundation	\$50.00
Qby Candy Cane Lane	\$50.00
St Jude	\$100.00
Corinth Class of 2028	\$400.00
Dept of NY VFW Poppies	\$185.95



AUXILIARY DONATIONS

October 2025 Total: \$400.00

You're Not Alone	\$400.00
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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



Have you joined us for Cornhole?

November 20th

5-8pm



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

November 10th at 1130am





Helping you
NAVIGATE A SEA OF INFORMATION

DID YOU KNOW that you can complement military benefits (VA, CHAMPVA and Tricare For Life) with the right Medicare plan?

It can be complicated to navigate the combination of these health care systems in maximizing the benefits and care you deserve. Advocate Health Advisor's Veteran's Initiative Program can help.

Join our *Educational Event* to learn more!

November 10th at 11:30

Location:
Queensbury VFW Post 6196
32 Luzerne Rd, Queensbury, NY 12804



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Not affiliated with any government agency including Medicare. This is an educational event. No plans will be presented at this educational meeting and no sales will be conducted. For accommodations of persons with special needs at meetings call (518) 898-7501 (TTY: 711). A licensed insurance agent will be present to answer questions.

Senior Thanksgiving Dinner Pick Up

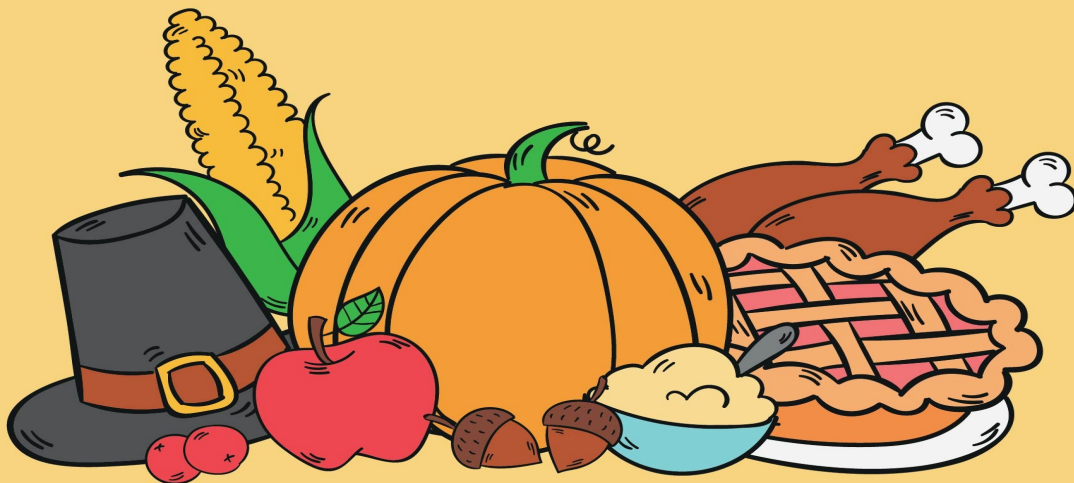
Saturday November 22rd 12pm-3pm

**Please call ahead to let us know you will be
coming to ensure we have enough meals for all.
518-793-7535**



Thanksgiving Menu

**Turkey Breast
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Stuffing
Gravy
Dinner Roll
Pie**





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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
		B I				1 Poppy/ Re- cruiting Tractor Supply 8-4pm
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16 Adirondack Bluegrass Show 1-6pm	17	18 6 P M	19	20 Canteen 's Cornhole 5-8pm	21 No Friday Dinner	22 Senior Thanksgiving Dinner— Pick up 12-3pm
23/30 Fan Club 2-6pm	24	25 <i>Tuesday Bingo:</i> <i>Doors Open-4pm</i> <i>Card Sale-5pm</i> <i>Calling-6:30pm</i>	26	27 	28 No Friday Dinner	29

HAIL AND FAREWELLS

Farewell: Carol Martin

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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