

Presidents Message
November 2025

"Forever Serving Veterans"

The Holiday's are around the corner we need to take care of our veterans in the nursing homes and at their homes. The dates for the parties have been sent out, so please try to attend. They look forward to our visits and we make them very happy.

I have completed 12 Official Visits to auxiliaries and districts. It has been amazing the work that you all do for the veterans. I have traveled 1,500 miles to these different places, and I have enjoyed every visit. The things you do for our veterans is wonderful.

Just returned from Eastern States Conference in Delaware. It was a good weekend with all of the States. New Jersey had a skit on recruiting members and Denise Beckler was in charge it was about fishing and of course we were the best. Thank you, Denise great job.

Our membership is doing well we are at 86.20%. We need to get to 90%, so please get all of your membership in, because you know when the holidays come, we are doing other things. I thank all of you for all of the membership.

Just a reminder get your Special Project Pins and donations to our Treasurer.

Our National President Lois Callahan will be in New Jersey on November 2-4. Please try to attend the visit. Information has been sent out.

Have a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

Loyally,
Gloria Lisicki
Department President

Scholarships

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Happy November! We are now wrapping up and helping the Post with judging and forwarding winners of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen program. We begin to focus on our Auxiliary scholarship programs. Our great Auxiliary scholarship opportunities are the Young American Patriotic Art and 3-Dimensional Art Contests. These contests can also be facilitated through your school systems. I have attached a draft letter for this contest as well.

Young American Patriotic Art and 3-Dimensional Art Contests

- Application can be found behind your Malta login
 - Specific criteria for entries is found on the application
- All art must be submitted to the Auxiliary by March 31st, 2026

Additionally, our Continuing education scholarship for members and their immediate family can be promoted through an email distribution of the application and program information to your Auxiliary members.

Continuing Education

- Application can be found behind your Malta login
 - Specific criteria for entries are found on the application
- All entries must be **SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL** by February 15th, 2026
 - By email to Info@vfwauxiliary.org
 - By mail to VFW National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111

These are amazing opportunities for our members and community. Please report and photograph the great work our Auxiliaries do to promote and participate in these programs.

Forever serving our Veterans



[DATE]

[NAME]

XXXXXXXXXX Superintendent of Schools

[ADDRESS]

[TOWN, STATE, ZIP CODE]

Dear [RECIPIENT];

On behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post [NUMBER] and the Auxiliary to promote the 2025-2026 National Patriotic Art Scholarship Contests. The Patriotic Art Scholarship Contests which are open to children from 9th to 12th grade. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners on [DATE OF LOCAL AWARD RECOGNITION] at the VFW hall. I have provided a copy of the participant applications and official contest guidelines.

We would love to be able to have [Town] students participate in this contest. At this point we are requesting permission to run the Patriotic Art Scholarship Contest in the [TOWN] School. We would like permission from the Board of Education to pass out flyers throughout the schools as well as fit the contest into the curriculum prior to the art and essay submission deadline.

We are waiting for what we hope will be a favorable reply, and a sincerely thank you for all your past support.

Loyally and sincerely,

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DIRECTORY CHANGES NOVEMBER 2025

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL CONFERENCE

Our Fall Conference scheduled for November 23rd will be starting at 10:00am not 1:00pm. It will still be held at Middletown VFW.

VOD AWARD DINNER

The VOD Dinner will be held on January 10th at 5:00pm at the Clarion Hotel in Toms River, 815 Route 37W. More information will follow as received.