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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

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I have been asked by our State Commander Gene Ratigliano to Chair the Annual Department of New York VFW Service Officer's Raffle to support our Department of NY Veteran Service Officers. As we once again prepare for the annual raffle, we are asking those who have generously donated prizes in past years to once again step up and support this essential project.

Would you consider donating one of the \$100 prizes this year? As you know, our Veteran Service Officers are funded by the Department of New York and supplemented by the proceeds from our raffle and ad book sales. Without the support of patrons like yourself, we would be unable to raise the additional funds needed to continue the services provided by our Veteran Service Officers who are essential in continuing the veteran counseling services so desperately needed by our veterans. *The Department of NY Service Officers procure tens of millions of dollars for our disabled members and Veterans across New York State.*

Please send your prize donation to Department Headquarters, ATTN: Service Officers Raffle Prizes, 69 Sand Creek Road, Albany, NY 12205. **Raffle prizes must be received at Department Headquarters by November 30, 2018** to ensure we have sufficient time to prepare and mail out the raffle tickets to our Posts and Auxiliaries.

Along with your check, please let us know how you would like your raffle prize donation announced. Some examples are:

- \$100 in Memory of Name – Your Name and Your Wife's name
- \$100 in Memory of John Doe, USN – Jim and Susan Doe
- \$100 in Memory of Albert Doe, USAF – James Samuels

The Raffle drawing will be held at the Department Convention in June 2019.

I thank you for your past support and hope you will continue your financial support for this indispensable program.

Yours in Comradeship,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben".

Bernard Thompson, Service Officer Raffle Chairman  
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**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS:**