



**103RD DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
99TH DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK AUXILIARY
STATE CONVENTION
ALBANY, NEW YORK JUNE 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9, 2024**



Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members:

The 103rd Annual Department of New York Convention, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW charter date is 11/27/1920) and 99th Annual Auxiliary Convention (4/30/1925) will be held in Albany, New York on June 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9, 2024. The Headquarters Hotel for both the VFW and Auxiliary will be at the Albany Marriott Hotel, located at 189 Wolf Rd., Albany, NY 12205. *All VFW and Auxiliary activities will be held at this Headquarters Hotel.* Convention information and forms may also be found on the VFW Department website (www.vfwny.com).

Joint Opening & Memorial Service: Presentation of VFW and Auxiliary Colors and Memorial Service is scheduled for 1:00 PM on Thursday, June 6, 2024, in the Main Ballroom of the Albany Marriott. (Units presenting colors will assemble at 12:00 noon outside of the Ballroom for line up).

Arrivals and Registration: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Auxiliary Opening Meeting: Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 8:00 am.

VFW Committee Meetings: Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 10:00 am.

VFW and Aux. Memorial Service: Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

VFW Opening Meeting: Friday, June 7, 2024 at 8:00 am.

VIP Housing: Chairman Robert Barnhart: VFW and Auxiliary State Officers, VIPs, Special Guests, and Vendors. Hotel Room rate is \$129.00 per night.

VIP room reservations will open on April 1, 2024. VIP housing deadline is April 7, 2024. All VIP reservations received after that date will be processed as a General Housing Reservation (see below). VIPs must make their reservations by phone directly with the Albany Marriott at (518) 458-8444 (ask for VFW rate).

General Housing: Adjutant Bob Mitchell: VFW and Auxiliary: Hotel Room daily rate is \$129.00 per night.

General Housing reservations will open on April 8, 2024 and remain open until Friday, May 10, 2024. Reservations must be made by phone directly with the Albany Marriott at (518) 458-8444 (ask for VFW rate).

****Housing Deadline:** Due to other major events scheduled in the Albany area during the same time as the Department Convention, the Albany Marriott expects the hotel will sell out quickly following the housing deadline of May 10, 2024. **Make your reservations promptly!**

Hospitality Rooms: Chairman Robert Barnhart: Hospitality rooms are \$150.00 per night plus the cost of a sleeping room. Please contact Chairman Barnhart directly if you require a hospitality room. Please note: The number of Hospitality Rooms is limited. **The Hotel will not accept direct reservations for Hospitality Rooms.**

VFW Convention and Post Delegate Registration:

Department of New York By-Laws, Article VIII, Composition of Department Convention, Sec. 3 requires each Post will pay, in advance to the Department of New York, a Department Delegate registration fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) which shall entitle the Post to one identified registered delegate for the Department Convention. Each additional



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delegate attending the Department Convention will pay an additional five dollars (\$5.00) delegate fee. You may register at the Convention Site until the registration desk closes at 9:00 am on Saturday in preparation for elections.

VFW Convention Advance Delegate Registration: Must be received at Department Headquarters by COB May 31, 2024. Delegate registration fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) which shall entitle the Post to one identified registered delegate for the Department Convention. Each additional delegate attending the Department Convention will pay an additional five dollars (\$5.00) delegate fee (form is enclosed).

Delegates registering in advance will not have to register at the Convention and will only need to pick up their delegate cards and lanyards which will be printed and ready for pick up at the registration table. Pre-registration will save you time and not require you to stand in line to complete the registration process.

Auxiliary Convention Registration: Jane Reape

The Auxiliary Pre-Registration fee is ten dollars (\$10.00) and twelve dollars (\$12.00) for on-site registration at the Convention. The fee includes Convention Badge and Program Book. (Auxiliary Registration form is enclosed). Make checks payable to VFW Aux Dept. of NY earmarked "Convention Registration." **Mail check and form to: Registration Chairman Jane Reape, 108 Bridge Street, Carthage, NY 13619. Pre-registration deadline is May 22, 2024.**

Program Ad Book & Booster Sheets: The Advertising Contract and Layout Sheet are enclosed. Please mail ads flat and do not fold. A check must accompany your copy-ready Ad and contract. Please make your check payable to the Department of New York VFW. Ad deadline is **May 24, 2024.**

State Commander and State President Dinner: The State Commander and State President's dinner is scheduled for Thursday June 6, 2024, at 6:00 pm. There will be a cash bar cocktail hour from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Dinner tickets are \$55.00 per person. A dinner reservation form is enclosed. Tickets must be prepaid by check or credit card. **Dinner Tickets will not be available for purchase at the Convention.** Dinner reservation deadline is **May 24, 2024.** The dinner dress code is business attire.

Please complete the enclosed dinner form and make your check payable to the Department of New York VFW. Mail completed forms to VFW Headquarters, 69 Sand Creek Road, Albany, NY 12205.

Auxiliary President's Luncheon: The State President's Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, June 7, 2024, at 12:00 pm. Cost is \$45.00 per person – information and reservation form is enclosed. Deadline is **May 22, 2024.** Make checks payable to the **VFW Auxiliary Department of NY earmarked luncheon** and **mail to: Auxiliary Luncheon Chairman Karen Dotson, 19 Calgary Lane, Binghamton, NY 13901.**

2024-25 District Commander's Orientation Meeting: The State Commander will be hosting a Breakfast Meeting on Sunday Morning, June 9, 2024, at 8:00 am for the 2024-25 District Commanders and selected Department Officers (By invitation only).

We are looking forward to providing you with an exciting and enjoyable State Convention.

Sincerely,

Robert Barnhart

Robert Barnhart, Chairman Convention Committee
Department of New York, Veterans of Foreign Wars