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May 8, 2024

CONVENTION CALL

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY—ATTENTION

Pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York, Inc.:

I, **Karen D. St. Hilaire**, Department President, do hereby call the **103rd Annual Convention** of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York, Inc. to be held in **Niagara Falls, New York on July 17th and July 18th, 2024** to convene at 9:00 a.m. Daylight Saving time on the 17th day of July for the following purposes.

1. To elect delegates and alternates to the National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary to be held August 26th -29th, 2024 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Department of New York is entitled to seven (7) delegates; and one (1) additional delegate for each one thousand two hundred (1200) members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received by the National Treasurer, thirty days (30) prior to the meeting of said national convention, and to one (1) alternate for each delegate.

2. To elect Officers for the Department of New York for the ensuing year.
3. To elect in District Caucuses ten District Presidents to serve on the Department Executive Committee for the following year.
4. To amend the present Department Constitution and Bylaws if so desired, and to transact such other business as may come before this Convention.

Attest:

Barbara A. Corker
Department Secretary

Karen D. St. Hilaire
Department President



The following are announced candidates, for Department Office for the Administrative Year 2024 - 2025.

Kimberly A. Quick	Saratoga County	Department President
Maureen Morgan	Rockland County	Department 1 st Vice President
Lora Rowe	Chenango County	Department 2 nd Vice President

Please note: Candidates for Department 3rd Vice President are listed alphabetically by County affiliation.

Judy S. Wallace, Jefferson County	Department 3 rd Vice President
Yvonne M. Brunner, Nassau County	Department 3 rd Vice President
Julianne C. Barton, Oneida County	Department 3 rd Vice President

Enclosed in this Convention Call are:

1. Endorsement letters for the Candidates for Department President, Department 1st Vice President, Department 2nd Vice President and Department 3rd Vice President(s).
2. Proposed amendments to the Department Constitution and Bylaws.
3. Delegate and Alternate Instructions, County Form (County Only).
4. Delegate and Alternate Instructions, Unit Form (Unit Only)

Saratoga County Committee
American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York

Saratoga County and the Fabulous Fourth District proudly endorse Kimberly A. Quick as a candidate for the office of Department President for the 2024-2025 administration. Kim has been a member of Mohawk Unit 1450 in Halfmoon, NY since 2003; becoming an Honorary Life member in 2018. Her eligibility comes from her sister Kathleen Pritchard, who served during Desert Storm, and retired from the Air Force after 20 years of service. Kim also had uncles who served during WWII. Her sister is a member of the American Legion, and her uncles were Legionnaires prior to their passing.

When Kim joined the unit, she went to work quickly. She has chaired all major committees and climbed the ladder being elected to Unit President in 2007. In 2009, Kim was elected Treasurer. She has serving as Membership Chairman, a position she has held for several years.

When Kim began to attend County meetings, she saw ways to serve the organization and has chaired many of our programs. She served as Secretary from 2006 thru 2008, and President from 2009 thru 2011. Kim is serving as County Membership Chairman.


Kim has served the 4th District as Chairman of Junior Activities, Constitution and Bylaws, Resolutions, Leadership, District Color Guard member, Secretary, and Vice President/Membership Chairman. She was elected 4th District President for the 2014-2015 administrative year.

She served at the Department level in 2011 as the ALA College Member-At-Large and instructor, 2012 as Junior Activities Chairperson, 2013 as ALA College Curriculum Coordinator, 2014 as National Security Chairperson, 2015 as ALA College Children and Youth instructor, 2019 as Public Relations Chairperson, and 2020 as Past Presidents Parley Chairperson. Kim served as the President's personal page to Patricia Hennessy at the 2018 Department Convention. The National Eastern Division Department Children & Youth award was won by the Department of NY when Kim was Chairman.

Kim is a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Church and the St. Mary's Altar Society in Waterford. She is also Le Petite Chapeau Passe of Albany Salon #121 of the 8 and 40. She retired from Contractors Sales Co in Albany where she was IT manager and worked in the Billing and Accounting Departments where she worked for 30 years.

Prior to joining the Auxiliary, she was President of After the Fire, Inc.; an organization helping fire victims in Saratoga County. Kim has also volunteered with, and became President of, the Halfmoon Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary where she was a member for 10 years.

Kim is the companion of Gaither Espey, the leading candidate for Detachment Commander.


Helen DeVoe
Saratoga County President


Susan Carmack
Saratoga County Secretary



Maureen is 9-year member of American Legion Auxiliary; Maureen recently re-activated the Moscarella Unit 199 and is a charter member through the eligibility of herself as a United States Navy Veteran from the Lebanon/Grenada War.

Maureen's leadership roles began at the Unit level as the Secretary, County Level as a County President in 2016 to 2023 and the Rockland County Girls State Chairperson. Maureen has held District 9 Vice and President Positions from 2017 to 2021. Holding positions of Membership Chair as Vice President; as District President she held positions of Education managing all the National, Department and Sons Scholarships, and Legislative Chair. As the outgoing 9th District President, she was honored to have been appointed as Convention Chairperson for the 2020-2021 Department Convention that was held in person and virtually for the first time in history. She also held the Americanism Chairperson for the Department of New York and attended Empire Girls State in July as the Americanism Auxiliary Instructor. Maureen is currently the 2nd Vice President for the Department of New York American Legion and is the VA&R Chairperson. Maureen received the 17th District Congressional Veteran of the Year 2023 from Congressman Michael Lawler.

As a proud Veteran Maureen is a 25-year member of American Legion Moscarella Post #199 in Spring Valley. As a member of the Post, she held the positions as the Post Adjutant and newsletter chairperson from 2002 – 2011. She became the Boys State Chairperson along with the Post Scholarship Program that is held in the East Ramapo Central School District. Maureen received numerous awards as the first female active Veteran in Rockland County. Maureen became the first female Post and County Commander in 2013 - 2016. Maureen again became the Post Adjutant 2015. Maureen was named Veteran of the Year for 2021 -2022 by her Post. At this time Maureen holds the position of 9th District Adjutant which began in 2018. Maureen has held the position of Post, County and District Oratorical chair from 2012 to 2023.

Maureen has two sons, one of which is a United States Navy Veteran having served in Iraqi Freedom. Both sons, daughter in law and grandsons are members of the American Legion Family. Maureen is married to Ike Bosford who is the Past Detachment 3rd and 4th Department Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Lake George, Post #374. Ike is currently the Detachment Historian for the American Legion Sons.

American Legion Auxiliary of Rockland County proudly endorses Maureen Morgan for 1st Vice President for the Department of New York American Legion Auxiliary.

Respectfully,

Pamela Colorito
County President

Judy Isaksen
County Secretary



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Chenango County American Legion Auxiliary proudly endorses Lora A. Rowe as a candidate for the office of second (2nd) Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York for the 2024-2025 term.

Lora has been a proud member of the Sherburne American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #876 in Chenango County for 35 years. Her eligibility is through her father, Anthony (Tony) Annesi, a WW II veteran. Both her father and mother, Ruth, were long-time family members.

Lora has served as an officer and a committee chairman on a variety of levels. Sherburne Unit #876 – President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Chaplain, and Parliamentarian; Chenango County – President, Secretary, and Sergeant-At-Arms; Sixth District – President, Vice President, Secretary, Sergeant-At-Arms (twice), Membership, and Jr. Activities; and Department of New York – 3rd Vice President. Lora believes in the importance of committees and has had the pleasure of being the Chairman of many for both Sherburne Unit #876 and Chenango County. In 2015, Lora was appointed Department of New York's Community Service Chairman and is currently the Department Children and Youth Chairman.

At the virtual 2021 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, Lora was a presenter on Duties of the Unit President. And, at the 2022 in-person Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, Lora presented on Be a Beacon: The Future is Bright, which detailed leadership opportunities within the American Legion Auxiliary.

For both the 2020 and the 2022 Department Conventions, she was the Candidates Reception Chairman and was Co-Chairman for the State Dinner, with her being the Master of Ceremonies for the 2022 dinner.

Lora serves on the New York State Governor-appointed Board of Visitors for the New York State Veterans Home in Oxford, NY and currently holds the office of Secretary.

After 40 years of employment at Preferred Mutual Insurance Company, Lora retired in April, 2024.

Lora and her husband of 34 years, Thomas, who is a SAL member, reside in Norwich.

Marsha Cornelius
Chenango County President

Jane Utteg
Chenango County Secretary

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**Jefferson County
Department of New York**

The members of the Klock-Smith Unit 1788 and Jefferson County are proud to endorse Judy S. Wallace for the office of Department Third Vice President for the 2024-2025 year.

Judy is a PUFL member with over 13 years in the American Legion Auxiliary through her own service in the United States Army from 1984 to 1994 and through the United States Army service of her husband, Edward Wallace. She is also a 14-year member of the American Legion and a member of the American Legion Riders Chapter 673.

Judy has chaired many committees at the Unit level, where she has also served as Chaplain, Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, and President and is currently serving as Unit Membership and Unit Treasurer.

She was elected President of the Jefferson County Committee in 2019 and served through 2022. She has chaired several committees at the County level, including Children & Youth, Education, VA&R/Service to Veterans, and Past President's Parley. Judy is currently serving as Jefferson County Secretary, Americanism Chairman, Education Chairman, Empire Girls State Chairman, and Membership Chairman.

At the District level, Judy has been Chaplain, Secretary, and Treasurer. She was the District Conference Committee Chairperson in 2022 and 2023. At the Department level, Judy was an Empire Girls State Counselor in 2021, the Junior Activities Assistant for the 2022 and 2023 Department Mid-Winter Conference and is currently serving as the Department Americanism Committee Chairman. She is a 2017 graduate of the American Legion Family College of New York.


In the Spring of 2017, Judy planned, organized, and conducted the first Jefferson County Children & Youth Carnival at the William C. Dexter American Legion Post 673. It was a huge success as many of the parents and children had never been able to afford to go to a carnival before. Over the years, this Children & Youth Carnival has traveled to other Posts throughout Jefferson County and is now held annually at the Smith-Savage Unit 583 in Dexter.

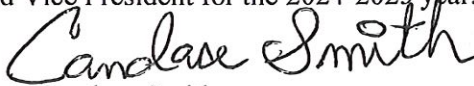
Judy volunteers at the American Legion Family booth at the Great New York State Fair in Syracuse where she promotes the American Legion family and what it has to offer veterans and families, with a special focus on American Legion and Auxiliary programs for youth.

Judy has volunteered for over 10 years for Project SUDS (a Unit program that provides free laundry services to veterans who have no means to do their laundry). She currently runs a Community Outreach Program for the elderly at an apartment complex; was elected Treasurer for the 1000 Islands Sportsman's Club in 2022 and 2023; and has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Office of the Aging in Watertown since 2023.

She and her husband Ed have been married for 34 years. They have two adult children – Leticia who is married and lives in Malaysia with two beautiful daughters, and a son, Edward, who is a proud Air Force veteran. Judy, her husband Ed, and their son Edward are all members of the American Legion. Judy's husband Ed, their daughter, and granddaughters are also members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Ed and their son Edward, are members of the Sons of the American Legion.

We are proud to endorse Judy S. Wallace for Department Third Vice President for the 2024-2025 year.


Edward Wallace, Sr.
Jefferson County President


Candace Smith
Jefferson County First Vice President

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Lynbrook Unit #335 of Nassau County American Legion Auxiliary proudly endorses YVONNE BRUNNER, as a candidate for the office of 3rd Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York for the Auxiliary year 2024-2025.

Yvonne has been an auxiliary member since 2011. Her eligibility is through her father who served in the US Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Her husband, Joseph, is a recently retired Naval Reservist holding the rank of Hospital Corpsman, 1st Class, for 24 years. Joseph is a proud Legionnaire.

Yvonne is committed to our organization on every level. At the Unit level she served as President and held all committee chairmanships. At the County level, a committee that is near and dear to her heart is Children and Youth. Her project "Operation Purple Summer Camp" for military children was a remarkable success. During this time, she helped to raise over \$70,000. Yvonne was honored to earn an award at the 2014 Department Convention for Children and Youth.


While serving on the County level as the 1st Vice President, VA&R Chair, she was able to assist Veterans in assisted living group homes get much needed new appliances for their kitchen. Yvonne served proudly and honorably as the Nassau County President during the 2015-2016 Auxiliary year.

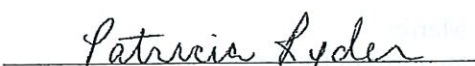
In 2021 Yvonne was elected to the high office of 10th District President. In her capacity she served the Department of New York as the Historian. During the National Convention in 2022 Yvonne was recognized for her efforts as Department Historian.

On the National Level Yvonne was a member of the National Constitution and By-Laws Committee and as a member of the National Historian Committee for two years.

Yvonne is now retired after working 17 years in the radiology department at Mercy Medical Center.

It is a great honor for the Lynbrook Unit #335 to have such a resolute and committed member and we ask for your support of Yvonne in her quest of becoming your 3rd Vice President of the Department of New York, American Legion Auxiliary.


Marie Marinaccio, President
Lynbrook Unit #335


Patricia Ryder, Secretary
Lynbrook Unit #335



The members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Oneida County Committee unanimously endorses Julianne C. Barton for the office of 3rd Vice President, Dept. of N.Y. for the year 2024-2025. Julie gains her eligibility through her grandfather, the late Paul W. Geers, retired US Air Force.

On the Unit level, Julie is a 36-year life member of Lee Unit 1794. She has held all unit offices and chaired a fair amount of the unit committees over the years. Julie was a proud member of the award-winning Lee Unit 1794 Color Guard. She received the Dept. Award for the Best Unit Junior Program in 2002 & 2023. Through the years Julie has attended Mid-Winter Conferences, Dept. and National Conventions and National Mission Trainings.

On the County level, Julie was elected County President 2004, also is a past 1st, 2nd & 3rd Vice President, and a past county treasurer, she is currently chairs Children & Youth and Juniors. She has chaired nearly all county committees, with recognition awards for VA&R and Junior Activities just to name a few.

On a District level, Julie held the offices of 5th District Sgt at Arms, Junior Activities, 1st Vice President and presently is the 5th District President.

On the Department level, she's serving as 5th District President, as well as the Dept. Executive Committee and the Dept. of NY Junior Activities chairperson, where she continues to inspire the Juniors by mentoring our leaders of tomorrow.

On a personal level Julie earned her associate degree, Degree in Education, bachelor's degree SUNY Oneonta and her master's degree in from SUNY Cortland. Julie spent many years caring for homebound individuals, as well as the severely handicapped with their daily tasks. She cared for people who suffer from dementia and Veterans who needed assistance so they may remain living in their homes. She is married to James, and they have 2 children, son Nicholas and daughter Renee, who is a Deputy Sheriff as well as past Honorary Junior Dept. President, Julie also has two granddaughters. All members of the American Legion Family.

The members of the Oneida County American Legion Family feel that Julie's accomplishments and dedication render her a true asset to our organization. We are proud to endorse Julianne for the office of 3rd Vice President of the Dept. Of New York for the 2024-2025 administrative year.

Peggy Martin

Peg Martin
Oneida County President

Roberta Owens

Roberta Owens
Oneida County Secretary

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York

Proposal #1: Department Bylaws, Article IV COMMITTEES, Section 1		
Current Reading	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>SECTION 1. There shall be Department Committees on Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Chaplain, Children and Youth, Community Service, Constitution and Bylaws, Education, History, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislation, Membership, National Security, Past Presidents Parley, Poppy/Poppy Posters, Public Relations, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation/Service to Veterans, Warriors Family Assistance, Convention and such other standing committees as the Department Executive Committee may determine. Those so appointed need not be Department or District Officers but must be members in good standing in their respective Units within the Department of New York. These committees shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year and shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be directed from time to time by the Department Executive Committee. a) It shall be the duty of the Department Chaplain to offer prayer at the opening of each day's business of the Department</p>	<p>SECTION 1. There shall be Department Committees on Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Chaplain, Children and Youth, Community Service, Constitution and Bylaws, Education, History, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislation, Membership, National Security, Past Presidents Parley, Poppy/Poppy Posters, Public Relations, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation/Service to Veterans, Warriors Family Assistance, Convention, and such other standing committees as the Department Executive Committee may determine. Those so appointed need not be Department or District Officers but must be members in good standing in their respective Units within the Department of New York. These committees shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year and shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be directed from time to time by the Department Executive Committee. a) It shall be the duty of the Department Chaplain to offer prayer at the opening of each day's business of the Department</p>	<p>SECTION 1. There shall be Department Committees on Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Chaplain, Children and Youth, Community Service, Constitution and Bylaws, Education, History, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislation, Membership, National Security, Poppy/Poppy Posters, Public Relations, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation/Service to Veterans, Warriors Family Assistance, Convention, and such other standing committees as the Department Executive Committee may determine. Those so appointed need not be Department or District Officers but must be members in good standing in their respective Units within the Department of New York. These committees shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year and shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be directed from time to time by the Department Executive Committee. a) It shall be the duty of the Department Chaplain to offer prayer at the opening of each day's business of the Department</p>

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Rationale:

- The National American Legion Auxiliary no longer has a committee titled Past President Parley, therefore there is no National Chairperson to whom to report activity in this committee.
- The National American Legion Auxiliary has permitted Departments to decide if they will keep the Past President Parley committee.
- The Department of New York American Legion Auxiliary has re-allocated activities previously assigned to this committee (Unit Member of the year to Leadership, scholarship for the Past Honorary Junior Department President to Education, and support for female veterans in the amount of \$150.00 for each VAMC and NYS Veterans Home to VA&R)

NOTE: Units, Counties, and Districts may continue to have Past Presidents Parleys, at the discretion of each entity.

This resolution was adopted at the Department Executive Committee meeting held on April 20-21, 2024, for consideration at the 2024 Department Convention.

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York

Proposal #2: Department Constitution, Article V DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, Section 3

Current Reading	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>SECTION 3. In succession, each Junior Past Department President shall become automatically the Alternate National Executive Committeeperson and shall succeed to the office of National Executive Committeeperson during the following term. Each shall hold said office until the successor has been chosen.</p> <p>a) The term of office shall be two years.</p> <p>b) Their duties shall be those prescribed by the National Organization.</p> <p>c) Vacancies in either office shall be filled by the next Past Department President in succession who is able to accept the position.</p> <p>d) A Past Department President may choose not to serve as Alternate National Executive Committeeperson and, therefore, would not be eligible to succeed to the office of National Executive Committeeperson. Should a Past Department President choose not to serve as Alternate National Executive Committeeperson, the office shall be filled by the next Past Department President in succession.</p>	<p>SECTION 3. In succession, each Junior Past Department President shall become automatically the Alternate-National Executive Committeeperson and shall succeed to the office of National Executive Committeeperson during the following term. Each She/he shall hold said office until the successor has been chosen.</p> <p>a) The term of office shall be two years-one year, commencing immediately following the adjournment of the National Convention.</p> <p>b) Their duties shall be those prescribed by the National Organization.</p> <p>c) Vacancies in either office shall be filled by the next Past Department President in succession who is able to accept the position.</p> <p>d) A Past Department President may choose not to serve as Alternate-National Executive Committeeperson and, therefore, would not be eligible to succeed to the office of National Executive Committeeperson. Should a Past Department President choose not to serve as Alternate-National</p>	<p>SECTION 3. In succession, each Junior Past Department President shall become automatically the National Executive Committeeperson. She/he shall hold said office until the successor has been chosen.</p> <p>a) The term of office shall be one year, commencing immediately following the adjournment of the National Convention.</p> <p>b) Their duties shall be those prescribed by the National Organization.</p> <p>c) Vacancies shall be filled by the next Past Department President in succession who is able to accept the position.</p> <p>d) A Past Department President may choose not to serve as National Executive Committeeperson. Should a Past Department President choose not to serve as National Executive Committeeperson, the office shall be filled by the next Past Department President in succession.</p> <p>e) The Department President shall serve as Alternate to the National Executive Committeeperson.</p>

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Rationale:

- The Alternate National Executive Committeeperson is not permitted to attend Executive sessions of the National Executive Committee, nor is the National Executive Committeeperson permitted to share with the Alternate National Executive Committeeperson any information from the Executive session.
- Open sessions of the National Executive Committee are open to all members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Therefore, the Department President is able to attend these sessions.
- Eliminating this position will result in savings to the Department, as the functions of the Alternate National Executive Committeeperson will be performed by the Department President.

This resolution was adopted at the Department Executive Committee meeting held on April 20-21, 2024, for consideration at the 2024 Department Convention.

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York

Proposal #3: Department Bylaws, Article VI REPRESENTATION AT THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION LEVEL, Sections 1 and 2

Current Reading	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>SECTION 1. The Department of New York shall be represented on the National Executive Committee by one (1) member and/or alternate. The term of office of National Executive Committeeperson shall be two years, commencing immediately following the adjournment of the National Convention and ending at the adjournment of the National Convention two years hence.</p>	<p>SECTION 1. The Department of New York shall be represented on the National Executive Committee by one (1) member and/or alternate. The term of office of National Executive Committeeperson shall be two years one year, commencing immediately following the adjournment of the National Convention and ending at the adjournment of the next National Convention two years hence.</p>	<p>SECTION 1. The Department of New York shall be represented on the National Executive Committee by one (1) member and/or alternate. The term of office of National Executive Committeeperson shall be one year, commencing immediately following the adjournment of the National Convention and ending at the adjournment of the next National Convention.</p>
<p>SECTION 2. Representation in the National Convention shall be by Departments. Each Department shall be entitled to five (5) delegates and one (1) additional delegate for each fifteen hundred (1,500) members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received by the National Treasurer thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of said Convention, and to one (1) alternate for each delegate. The delegates and alternates shall be elected by Department Convention, to be held not less than two (2) weeks before the National Convention, provided that the</p>	<p>SECTION 2. Representation in the National Convention shall be by Departments. Each Department shall be entitled to five (5) seven (7) delegates and one (1) additional delegate for each fifteen hundred (1,500) twelve hundred (1,200) members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received by the National Treasurer thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of said Convention, and to one (1) alternate for each delegate. The delegates and alternates shall be elected by Department Convention, to be held not less than two (2) weeks</p>	<p>SECTION 2. Representation in the National Convention shall be by Departments. Each Department shall be entitled to seven (7) delegates and one (1) additional delegate for each twelve hundred (1,200) members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received by the National Treasurer thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of said Convention, and to one (1) alternate for each delegate. The delegates and alternates shall be elected by Department Convention, to be held not less than two (2) weeks before the National Convention, provided that the</p>

<p>Department hosting the National Convention shall be privileged to hold its Department Convention and select its delegates at the time and place designated by its Department of The American Legion.</p>	<p>before the National Convention, provided that the Department hosting the National Convention shall be privileged to hold its Department Convention and select its delegates at the time and place designated by its Department of The American Legion.</p>	<p>Department hosting the National Convention shall be privileged to hold its Department Convention and select its delegates at the time and place designated by its Department of The American Legion.</p>
<p>a) The following shall be elected delegates to the National Convention: the Department President, the Junior Past Department President, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Third Vice President, the Secretary, the ten (10) Junior Past District Presidents, the Department Convention Chair, the Alternate National Executive Committee person, any member from the Department of New York serving as a National Committee Chair, National Convention Committee Members, and the Department's endorsed candidate or candidates for National Office in the year each is to be nominated and participate in the National election.</p> <p>b) The Junior Past Department President shall be the Chairman of the Delegation at National Convention.</p> <p>c) Expenses for delegates shall be determined by the Department Executive Committee at the first</p>	<p>a) The following shall be elected delegates to the National Convention: the Department President, the Junior Past Department President, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Third Vice President, the Secretary, the ten (10) Junior Past District Presidents, the Department Convention Chair, the Alternate- National Executive Committee person, any member from the Department of New York serving as a National Committee Chair, National Convention Committee Members, and the Department's endorsed candidate or candidates for National Office in the year each is to be nominated and participate in the National election.</p> <p>b) The Junior Past Department President shall be the Chairman of the Delegation at National Convention.</p> <p>c) Expenses for delegates shall be determined by the Department</p>	<p>a) The following shall be elected delegates to the National Convention: the Department President, the Junior Past Department President, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Third Vice President, the Secretary, the ten (10) Junior Past District Presidents, the Department Convention Chair, any member from the Department of New York serving as a National Committee Chair, National Convention Committee Members, and the Department's endorsed candidate or candidates for National Office in the year each is to be nominated and participate in the National election.</p> <p>b) The Junior Past Department President shall be the Chairman of the Delegation at National Convention.</p> <p>c) Expenses for delegates shall be determined by the Department Executive Committee at the first meeting following the close of the</p>

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Rationale:

- If Proposal #2 is adopted, the amendments in this proposal are needed to ensure that the Bylaws are consistent with the Constitution.
- The changes in blue are those required to ensure that the Department Bylaws are not in conflict with the National Organization Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules.

This resolution was adopted at the Department Executive Committee meeting held on April 20-21, 2024, for consideration at the 2024 Department Convention.

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York

Proposal #4: Department Bylaws, Article X DISCIPLINE OF UNITS, Section 6

Current Reading	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>SECTION 6. Cancellation of a Unit charter shall be in order when two (2) or more Units merge, when a Unit ceases to function, or under such other conditions as might make such action necessary within a Department.</p>	<p>SECTION 6. Cancellation of a Unit charter shall be in order when two (2) or more Units merge, when a Unit has fewer than seven (7) members for three (3) consecutive years, when a Unit ceases to function, or under such other conditions as might make such action necessary within a Department.</p>	<p>SECTION 6. Cancellation of a Unit charter shall be in order when two (2) or more Units merge, when a Unit has fewer than seven (7) members for three (3) consecutive years, when a Unit ceases to function, or under such other conditions as might make such action necessary within a Department.</p>

Rationale:

- The National American Legion Auxiliary has changed its rules and no longer requires a minimum number of members in order for a Unit to hold their charter.
- The National American Legion Auxiliary has delegated decisions regarding a minimum number of members in order for a Unit to hold their charter to the Departments.

This resolution was adopted at the Department Executive Committee meeting held on April 20-21, 2024, for consideration at the 2024 Department Convention.

DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE INSTRUCTIONS

Per the Department Constitution **ARTICLE VII, DEPARTMENT CONVENTION, SECTIONS 4 and 5**: Each Unit in the Department shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for the first ten (10) members and one (1) additional delegate and one (1) additional alternate for each additional one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been paid thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Convention. Unit delegate's entitlements unused by Units may be elected from the respective County's membership at the June County meeting. The immediate Junior Past President of the Unit shall become the first delegate to be elected.

If a Delegate cannot attend for any reason, the highest elected Alternate present would become a Delegate in her/his/their place. (Immediate Past County President is the delegate)

Members	Delegates	Members	Delegates
10 – 60	1	461 – 560	6
61 – 160	2	561 - 660	7
161 – 260	3	661 – 760	8
261 – 360	4	761 – 860	9
361 - 460	5	861 - 960	10

Unit delegates should be elected, and Unit delegate forms should be completed and submitted to the County President so she/he may poll the elected delegates to determine voting on candidates for Department Officer, amendments to the Department Constitution, and such other business as may come before the Convention.

Please complete the County Delegate form and enclose your payment of \$20.00 and send it to the Department Office no later than July 1, 2024. Please be advised that you will need to show a photo ID at registration.

COUNTY Instructions: Once Delegate and Alternate is chosen, please remit to the Department Office the original County delegate form. Also, include a check for the registration fee of \$20.00 per member payable to: American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of New York, 1580 Columbia Turnpike, Bldg.#1, Suite #3, Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033.

If your County or Unit desires to present a resolution at the forthcoming Department Convention but did not submit it to the Department Office, it may still be sent to Department Office to arrive by July 1st or else may be given to the Department Secretary, **between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., on July 16th, 2024** at Auxiliary registration in Niagara Falls, NY.

UNIT FORM

Unit Instructions: After electing your required Delegates and Alternates, please complete this form and send it to your County Treasurer, along with registration fee of \$20.00 per person. If your Unit is **not** sending a Delegate to Convention, the enclosed form must still be given to your County stating how many delegates your Unit is allowed (according to the schedule stated in this Convention Call).
Note: Members 2024 membership dues must be paid prior to Unit elections of Delegates/Alternates.

Please Note: Advance notice (in writing) must be given to this office, attn.: Department Secretary, no later than July 1, 2024 if you are not able to attend convention until Thursday's session in order to be registered.

PRINT CLEARLY ON THIS FORM

Listed below are the names and addresses of the Delegates and Alternates from the Unit who have been regularly elected to represent the Unit at the Department Convention to be held in:

Niagara Falls, NY on July 17 & 18, 2024

Unit Name _____ Number _____ County: _____

	<u>DELEGATE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>ZIP</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

	<u>ALTERNATE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>ZIP</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

I certify that the above is correct according to the action taken by this Unit.

Unit Secretary (signature)

Unit President (signature)

Date _____

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

CONVENTION DATES: July 17 & 18, 2024

HEADQUARTERS: Hyatt Place Niagara Falls
310 Rainbow Blvd.
Niagara Falls, NY 14303
716-229-0646

SESSIONS: All sessions on Wednesday and Thursday, will be held in the **Grand Ballroom of the Niagara Falls Convention Center**. All sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

PLEASE NOTE: Dress code for Department Convention: Department Officers, District Presidents, District Vice Presidents and Past Department Presidents – White - all others are encouraged to wear **Red, White, and Blue**. It is requested that dresses or pants suits be worn at all sessions. No shorts or jeans please.

HOUSING: You will be responsible for making your own reservation directly with the hotel link <https://www.niagarafallsusa.com/nyslegion/> All rooms will be assigned according to availability.

CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION: 3:00pm-6:00pm Tuesday, July 16th and Wednesday, July 17th 7:30am-8:30am only at the Niagara Falls Convention Center – Grand Foyer.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Pre-Convention DEC Meeting	Tuesday July 16, 2024	2:00 pm	Niagara Falls Conv. Center Governor's Amphitheatre
Constitution & By-laws Resolutions	Tuesday July 16, 2024	3:30pm	Niagara Falls Conv. Center Red Jacket Rm.
District Caucuses	Wednesday July 17, 2024	3:00pm	Rooms to be announced
Past Presidents' Parley Business Meeting	Thursday, July 18, 2024	8:00am	Grand Ballroom
Post-Executive DEC Meeting	Friday July 19, 2024	8:30am	Niagara Falls Conv. Center Governor's Amphitheatre

EXHIBITS: All exhibits to be displayed must be **brought** to the Convention Center on **Tuesday, July, 16th** from 3 – 5:30p.m. Be sure all items are marked with the member's name, Unit name and # and County submitting item/article. Please give all exhibits to Sindee Garlock, Exhibits Chairman.

Exhibits will be displayed in the meeting room on Wednesday and Thursday. All exhibits must be picked up on Thursday at the end of the session. **If not picked up, they will be destroyed.**

FLOWERS: If you wish to order flowers, please (see attached order form) Order directly with the florist.

STATE DINNER: A Dinner honoring our Department President Karen D. St. Hilaire will be held Wednesday, July 17th at The Niagara Falls Convention Center. Cash bar 6-7 pm – Dinner at 7:00 pm – The Cost is \$49.00. Checks must accompany all reservations. Please complete the reservation form attached and return it by July 1, 2024.

CANDIDATES' RECEPTION: Wednesday evening, July 17th, immediately following the State Dinner at the Hyatt Place Hotel.

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY BUSINESS MEETING: Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 8:00 am in the Grand Ballroom of the Niagara Falls Convention Center.

PLEASE NOTE: State Dinner tickets may be picked up only in the Registration area at the Niagara Falls Convention Center – Grand Foyer on Tuesday or Wednesday only.

2024 CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Chairman – Marigail Sondel
Co Chairman – Linda Connell

Secretary	Linda Connell	Treasurer	Nancy Babis
Awards	Carol Puckett	Badges/Sashes	Committee
Candidates Reception	Julie Webber	Credentials	Anne Baglio
Distinguished Guest	Anne Baglio	Flowers	Committee
Exhibits Chair	Carol Puckett	Information/Lost/Found	Committee
Halls & Seating Chair	Cherie Stern	Packets	Committee
Memorial Service	Linda Connell	Past Pres. Parley Meeting	Nancy Babis
Pages	Liz Taylor	State Dinner Chair	Cheryl Kollander
Sgt.-at-Arms	Cathy Neiswonger	Secretary's Page	MacKenzie McDaniels
President's Page	Cassandra Darmody		

STATE DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Honoring Department President, Karen D. St. Hilaire

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Convention center

Cash bar 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Cost of Dinner \$49.00

House salad, Seasonal vegetable, Chef choice of starch, rolls & butter, dessert included

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:

Pasta Primavera: penne pasta, sauteed peppers/onions, zucchini & mushrooms

tossed in Parmesan tomato cream sauce

Sesame Ginger Chicken: pan seared, topped with sweet soy glaze

Black Angus Filet of Beef: char grilled w/house demi-glace sauce

Unit name & Number _____ County & District _____

Name of contact person _____ Phone # _____

Number of reservations _____ Check Amount _____

Names included in reservation with meal choice next to each name:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

The seating is 10 to a table. Those wishing to sit together please mail group reservations together.

All other seating will be assigned by the dinner chairman and designated on your dinner ticket along with dinner choice. Tickets to be picked up before dinner.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO : Niagara County American Legion Auxiliary

Mail check & reservation form to: Nancy Babis, 138 Grant St., Lockport, NY 14094

Flower Order

If you wish to order corsages and/or boutonnieres for the Convention, please contact:

If you wish to order any flowers, corsages or boutonnieres for the Convention, please contact the Florist. They do not deliver.

Evergreen Florist
7620 Buffalo Ave.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
716-283-3014

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SIGHT SEE RENTALS
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SightSeerentals.com

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Mobile chairs \$35.00 per day plus tax*

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*must have tax exempt certificate for taxes to not be charged

Cancellations with full refund 30 hours prior to scheduled delivery

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