

The members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Oneida County Committee unanimously endorses Julianne C. Barton for the office of Dept. of N.Y. 3rd Vice President for the year 2025-2026. Julianne gains her eligibility through her loving grandfather, the late Paul W. Geers, retired US Air Force.

On the Unit level, Julie is a 37-year life member of Lee Unit 1794. She has held all unit offices and chaired most all the unit committees. Julie was a proud member of the award-winning Lee Unit 1794 Color Guard. Julie is also a member of the American Legion Riders. She received the Dept. Awards for the Best Unit Junior Programs in 2002 & 2023. Through the years Julie has attended Mid-Winter Conferences, Dept. and National Conventions, National Mission Trainings and the online ALA Academy classes.

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

<u>On a District level</u>, Julie_held the offices of 5th District Sgt at Arms, Junior Activities,1st Vice President and is a Past 5th District President.

<u>On the Department level</u>, Julie has served on the Dept. Executive Committee and was the Dept. Junior Activities chairperson. She is presently the Public Relations Chair for the Dept. All the while encouraging and mentoring grassroots members on how Public Relations goes hand in hand with membership recruitment. With the message of Spirit of Service, Not Self.

On a personal level Julie earned her associate degree, a 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, a son Nicholas and daughter Renee, a first responder and a past Honorary Junior Dept. President. Julie also has two granddaughters both holding Junior Dept. offices. All proud members of our American Legion Family.

The members of the Oneida County American Legion Family, take great pride in Julie's accomplishments and dedication, as we render Julie as a true asset to our American Legion Family. So, it is with great pride we endorse and ask you to please consider Julianne Barton for the office of Department 3rd Vice President for the administrative year of 2025-2026.

Kara Smith Oneida County President Roberta Owens Oneida County Secretary