



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Chenango County American Legion Auxiliary proudly endorses Lora A. Rowe as a candidate for the office of first (1st) Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York for the 2025-2026 term.

Lora has been a proud member of the Sherburne American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #876 in Chenango County for 36 years. Her eligibility is through her father, Anthony (Tony) Annesi, a WW II veteran. Both her father and mother, Ruth, were long-time legion 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 and 2nd 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. Lora has been Department of New York's Community Service Chairman, Children and Youth Chairman, and is currently Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman.

At the virtual 2022 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, Lora was a presenter on Duties of the Unit President. At the 2023 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, and in 2025 she presented on Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation.

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. She currently works part-time at Nelson and Flanagan's Law Firm and at the Sherburne-Earlville School District.

Lora and her husband of 35 years, Thomas, who is a SAL member, reside in Norwich.

Marsha Cornelius
Chenango County President

Teresa Clapper
Chenango County Secretary