

AMERICAN
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Wayne County Committee
Department of New York

The Marion Memorial Unit #1430 and Wayne County American Legion Auxiliary proudly endorse Eugenie (Gina) Southcott for the office of Department Third Vice President for the 2026-2027 administrative year.

Gina joined the Marion Memorial American Legion Auxiliary Unit #1430 in 1996, to honor the service of her father Russell M. Taber, a Vietnam Era veteran and her grandfather John Wissell, a World War II veteran, both of the United States Navy. She immediately took an active part in Unit and Post activities, serving on committees, as President, and as a Unit representative on the Wayne County Committee. Working with her Post, she has been instrumental in organizing the Marion American Legion Family Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies.

She chaired the Wayne County Americanism and Membership Committees and rose to the office of County President for two terms. She continues to serve on committees on the County level and as an advisor to both current and future County officers.

In the Seventh District, she was Spring Conference Chair in 2009, Leadership Chair in 2023-2024 and guest speaker at the 2024 Palmyra Hometown Heroes event. Following two non-consecutive terms as District Vice President, Gina was elected Seventh District President for the 2024-2025 year. She now chairs the Seventh District Past District Presidents group.

At the Department level, Gina has served as a page at Department Conventions, as a counselor at ALA Empire Girls State three times, as Americanism Chair in 2024-2025, and as Americanism Chair at ALA EGS in 2025. She raised more than \$1,000 for the "Spirit of ALA Girls State" award, which is presented annually to a citizen of ALA Empire Girls State in memory of Wendy Privitera.

Gina retired from Garlock Sealing Technologies as the Safety Training Supervisor. She is active in her community, where she is a member of the Marion Historic Association and Museum, working to prepare for its 200th Anniversary in 2026. Gina and her husband Kevin have been married for 23 years. Kevin, a member of Marion Memorial Post #1430, is a Past Wayne County Commander and a member of the Marion Minutemen Color Guard, the Department of New York American Legion Color Guard.

With confidence in her leadership abilities, we are proud to endorse Eugenie (Gina) Southcott for the office of Department of New York Third Vice President for the 2026-2027 year.



Sharon Celantano
Wayne County President



Karin Pickard
Wayne County Secretary