



District 10 VFW Auxiliary

Newsletter

Spring: March - April - May 2024

Message from Your President

Dear District 10 Auxiliary,

At February's District meeting at VFW Post 8185 we enjoyed a delicious dinner of Beef and Noodles. Thank you for your hospitality, President Gibson! We honored 8 auxiliary members who passed away in 2023. Thank you all for participating in the memorial service!

Best, JoAnne Bierly

Upcoming Events in District 10

- 4/6/2024 DP VaNette's Homecoming at VFW Post 10159, Salisbury, MD
- 4/28/24 District 10 Aux Basket Bingo at 6027
- 5/27-31 Department of Maryland Convention at The Grand Hotel, Ocean City, MD
- 7/27-8/1 National VFW Convention in Louisville, KY

Membership Matters!

National Membership Coach Cynthia Davis announced at the Council of Administration on March 3rd, that Maryland has reached 100% in paid Membership and has taken the lead in the Eastern States Conference. District 10 Auxiliary was the first District in Maryland to achieve 100% in Membership. District 10 Auxiliary was awarded a 2024 Lottery Calendar, #110, as a thank you from Membership Chairman Betty Ann Johnson.



**District 10
Auxiliary Officers for
2023-2024**

Elected on April 4, 2023 at VFW Post 6027:

President: JoAnne Bierly (Aux 8185)
Senior Vice-President: Anne Gibson (Aux 8185)
Junior Vice-Pres: Nancy Shenk (Aux 6027)
Secretary: Terry Dawson (Aux 8175)
Treasurer: Cathy Estep (Aux 7687)
Chaplain: Wilma Van Ormer (Aux 6027)
Conductress: Dee Russo (Aux 8175)
Guard: Carrie McCall (Aux 8185)
Patriotic Instructor: Anna Furlong (Aux 7687)
Historian: Valerie Walls (Aux 7687)
3-year Trustee: Molly Boyd (Aux 7687)
2-Year Trustee: Terri Allen (Aux 8175)
1-Year Trustee:: Valerie Walls (Aux 7687)

District 10 Post Auxiliaries: Cecil County Memorial Post 6027; Chesapeake City Memorial Post 7687; Elkton Memorial Post 8175; and Jerry Skrivanek Post 8185.

The 2023 – 2024 Program Chairmen for District 10 Aux:

Americanism: [Terry Dawson](#)
Buddy Poppy/National Home: [Betty Dean](#)
Community Outreach: [Valerie Walls](#)
Hospital: [Dee Russo](#)
Legislative: [Wilma Van Ormer](#)
Membership/Recruiting: [Nancy Shenk](#)
Mentoring for Leadership: [Dee Russo](#)
Pres. Special Project: [Anne Gibson](#)
Scholarship: [JoAnne Bierly](#)
Vet & Family Support: [Betty Dean](#)
Youth Activities: [Cathy Estep](#)

**GOOD JOB, DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN,
NANCY SHENK!**

Department of Maryland VFW Auxiliary Chaplain Nancy Shenk has been putting out the sad and glad news as she receives it from the auxiliary chaplains throughout the state since last July. She has requested prayers for auxiliary members having surgery, for members who lost loved ones, and for members who just needed cheering up. She has opened and closed meetings and events with prayers. Now, Chaplain Shenk is moving up the chairs to serve as Junior Vice President!

**District 10 Aux Sponsors
Fundraiser**

As Nancy continues to fulfill her duties as Chaplain for the state, she is making plans for her presidential year 2026-2027. To support Nancy's goals, District 10 Auxiliary will sponsor a Basket Bingo on Sunday, April 28 at VFW Post 6027 in North East, MD. The doors will open at noon and the games will begin at 1 p.m. Twenty themed baskets will be offered as prizes. The 21st game will be for Cash - 50/50 split. Admission is \$20 per person for a 6 pack of cards and a chance on the door prizes. Extra cards and refreshments will be available for separate purchase. All four posts have tickets and flyers. Please promote this fundraiser in your posts and communities. Please contact Nancy at 443-877-8911 to donate a basket. We need 20 themed baskets donated. So far, we have 7 donated:

- 8185 Movie Night
- 8185 Pamper Yourself
- 7687 Fishing
- 7687 Commander's Basket
- 7687 Olive Garden
- 7687 Crab
- 7687 Patriotic

**District 10 VFW and VFWA Honors Local
Students**

On Sunday, January 21, 2024, District Commander Charles Partridge and District 10 Auxiliary President JoAnne Bierly escorted the District 10 winners to the stage during this year's ceremony at the War Memorial Building in Baltimore.

The ceremony took place after lunch was provided by Mission Bar-B-Que.

Voice of Democracy Winner

1st Place Maiel Madarang 8175

Patriot's Pen Winner

1st Place Eliza Rollins 6027



Congratulations to the District 10 winners,
Maiel and Eliza!