



District 10 VFW Auxiliary

# Newsletter

*Fall: September, October, November 2025*

## Message from Your President

Dear District 10 Auxiliary,

Maryland placed in 9 out of 11 Programs at this year's VFW and VFWA National Convention, held in Columbus, Ohio from August 8 through August 14. Please see the list of winners on page 2. Congratulations to all the Maryland Auxiliaries- you rock!

Best, JoAnne Bierly



## Auxiliary Officers for 2025-2026

### Elected on April 1, 2025 at VFW Post 8185:

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: Terri Allen (Aux 8175)  
Patriotic Instructor: Linda Maiden (Aux 7687)  
Historian: Stephanie Gibson (Aux 8185)  
3-year Trustee: Ebony Sexton (Aux 8185)  
2-Year Trustee: Meg Hoyt (Aux 8175)  
1-Year Trustee: Molly Boyd (Aux 7687)

## Scheduled Events in District 10

8/5/25 District 10 Aux Meeting at 8185 at 6 pm  
8/9-8/14 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio  
9/3/25 District 10 Inspection at 8185 at 7 pm  
9/9/25 District 10 Inspection at 7687 at 7 pm  
10/21/25 District 10 Inspection at 6027 at 6:30 pm  
11/4/25 District 10 Aux Meeting at 7687 at 6 pm  
11/9/25 District 10 Flag Retirement at 8185 at 4 pm  
11/11/25 District 10 Inspection at 8175 at 6:30 pm  
12/6/25 Department Christmas Conference at 8185  
1/18/26 Department Scholarship Banquet at 8185  
2/1/26 District 10 Aux Meeting at 6027 at 1:00 pm  
3/31/26 District 10 Aux Meeting at 8175 at 6:00 pm



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

### The 2025 – 2026 Program Chairmen for District 10 Aux:

#### Thank you for accepting a Program Chairmanship!

Vets & Family Support: **Ebony Sexton**  
Americanism: **Cheri Brown**  
Auxiliary Outreach: **Meg Hoyt**  
Buddy Poppy/National Home: **Nancy Shenk**  
Hospital: **Dee Russo**  
Legislative: **Wilma VanOrmer**  
Membership/Recruiting: **Cathy Estep**  
Mentoring for Leadership: **Dee Russo**  
Pres. Special Project: **Terry Dawson**  
Scholarship: **JoAnne Bierly**  
Youth Activities: **Cathy Estep**

**At the 112<sup>th</sup> National VFW Convention, held in Columbus, Ohio from August 8 through August 14, 2025, the following awards were presented to these Department Program Chairmen:**

Americanism: Cheri Brown

Auxiliary Outreach: Karen Rooker

Chief of Staff/Extension: Betty Anne Johnson

Historian: Cathy Gistedt

Hospital: Cynthia Davis

Legislative: Bill Siperek

Membership: Felicia Weeks

Scholarship: JoAnne Bierly

Youth: Crystal Hallen

**National Conference Coaches Award:**

**ESC Coach - Libby DallaTezza**

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**In addition, Maryland's DP Debbie Sturgis was welcomed into the**

**CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE**

**Congratulations,**

**now PDP Debbie**

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## **DISTRICT 10 HOSTS STATE EVENTS**

District 10 has already hosted Commander Edwards' Homecoming in August and the Department Christmas Conference will be held at 8185 on December 6, with the 2025 Scholarship Awards Banquet set for January 18, 2026 at 8185. Cheers to D-10!

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Our next District 10 Auxiliary meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at VFW Post 7687. Following our dinner and business meeting, Chaplain Wilma will conduct our Annual District 10 **Memorial Service**. All four auxiliary Chaplains should send the names of their deceased to Chaplain Wilma and to me by November 1st . Thanks!

## **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!**

As of the date of this printing, October 14, 2025, District 10 Auxiliary's paid total stands at 96.12% with 693 paid out of 721. Congratulations to the members of Post 6027 who have already exceeded 100%. Brenda and her crew reached 100.45%. Hooray!

## **D-10 FLAG RETIREMENT SET FOR 11/9**

Come to VFW Post 8185 on Sunday, November 9 – dinner will be served at 4 p.m. followed by ceremony. Rsvp to JoAnne by November 1 – 443-907-3929