



District 10 VFW Auxiliary

# Newsletter

Winter: December 2025, January & February 2026

## Message from Your President

Dear District 10 Auxiliary,

*Maryland placed in 9 of 11 programs at the National VFW and VFWA Convention in Columbus, Ohio in August, 2025. Please see the list of winners on page 2. And congratulations to all our Scholarship Contest winners in District 10- you rock!*

*Best, JoAnne Bierly*

## Scheduled Events in District 10

11/4/25 District 10 Aux Meeting at 7687 at 6 pm  
11/11/25 District 10 Inspection at 8175 at 6:30 pm  
12/6/25 Christmas Conference at 8185 9 am – 2 pm  
1/11/26 District 10 VOD/PP Awards at 8175 at 1 pm  
1/18/26 Dept. of MD VOD/PP Awards at 8185 at 1 pm  
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  
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## 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)

District 10 Post Auxiliaries: Cecil County Memorial Post 6027; Chesapeake City Memorial Post 7687; Elkton Memorial Post 8175; and Jerry Skrivanek 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> VFW National Convention, held at the Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio from August – 13, 2025, the following awards were earned by Maryland Auxiliaries:

Americanism:

Cheri Brown, Group 8 – MD (D-10)

Auxiliary Outreach:

Karen Rooker, Group 8 - MD

Buddy Poppy/National Home:

Chief of Staff/Extension:

Betty Ann Johnson, Group 8 – MD

Historian:

Catherine Gistedt, Group 8 - MD

Hospital:

Cynthia Davis, Group 8 - MD

Legislative:

William Siperek, Group 8 - MD

Membership:

Felicia Weekls, Group 8 - MD

Scholarship:

JoAnne Bierly Group 8 – MD (D-10)

Veterans and Family Support:

Youth:

Crystal Hallen, Group 8 – MD



**into the CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE at the 2025 National Convention!!!**

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**In addition, our Auxiliary President Debbie Sturgis (MARYLAND) was welcomed**



**Next up:**

**District 10 Scholarship Program Winners Announced!**

**Voice of Democracy winners:**

- 1. Kylie Ameen (8185)**
- 2. Khloe Proctor (7687)**
- 3. Angelina Jackson (6027)**
- 4. Aaron Lambert (8175)**

**Patriot's Pen winners:**

- 1. Nevaeh Godfrey (8185)**
- 2. Stevie Smith (8175)**
- 3. Amelia Dennis (7687)**
- 4. Caelyn Hudson (6027)**

**Congratulations to each of District 10's Essay Contest winners!**

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