

## The Jerry Skrivanek VFW Post 8185 Auxiliary

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"A newsy newsletter to promote the events and activities at VFW Post 8185"

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### Mini-Newsletter Summer 2026

Happy Summer!

Crank up the A/C!

Hello friends of VFW Post 8185!

We welcomed six new members to our Auxiliary since our last newsletter: Rita Ryneski, Douglas Miller Jr., Mary Warnick, Jennifer Smith, Danny Sampson, and Cindi Lamb Wiley. Please see page 2 for our convention awards. Special congratulations to our Commander Travis Steffen and to our Auxiliary President Ebony Sexton on receiving commendations for hosting two state-wide events in December and January. Congrats to all our winners!

[All our members are valued assets!](#)

### Post 8185 Entertained Our Veterans in April, May, and June

VFW and Auxiliary Members of Post 8185 greeted veterans and their guests, including their aide Mary, for dinner and several games of bingo in April, May, and June. The Colora Veterans enjoyed these dinners and bingos as well. As of this printing, the auxiliary was planning to visit Ward 364 at Perry Point VA in July.

### BINGO AT VFW POST 8185

*Come and play cash bingo on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the games begin at 6:30 p.m. Progressive jackpot of \$300. Food available for separate purchase.*

### Newsletter Topics:

Welcome New Members!  
Veterans Resuming Visits  
Upcoming Events

### 2026-2027 VFW Post 8185 Officers

President: Ebony Sexton  
Sr. Vice President: Anne Gibson  
Jr. Vice President: Sherry Slenbaker  
Secretary-Treasurer: JoAnne Bierly  
Chaplain: Theresa Sordiff  
Conductress: Shannon Slayman  
Guard: Mike Slayman  
Patriotic Instructor: Carrie McCall  
Historian: Stephanie Gibson  
Trustees: Carrie McCall  
Tara Burke  
Ashlea Peak

### 2027 Dues

Our new VFW year just began on July 1, 2026 and all Annual dues need to be paid by December 31, 2026 to remain in good standing. The good news is...we have 137 members and 107 of those are LIFE members. Only 30 ANNUAL members need to pay their \$25 dues. Watch for your membership dues renewal letter and return your dues in the envelope provided. Pay by August 31 for a chance to win a LIFE Membership. Consider converting your Annual Membership to a LIFE Membership. Contact us on Facebook or by email to find out how to join the VFW Auxiliary.

## 2026-2027 Program Chairmen

### Thanks to all the Program Chairmen!

Americanism:

Buddy Poppy: Ebony Sexton

National Home:

Historian: Stephanie Gibson

Hospital:

Legislative: Theresa Sordiff

Membership: JoAnne Bierly

President's Special Project:

Scholarship:

Veterans & Family Support: Stephanie Gibson

Youth:

### Department of Maryland Convention Winners

During May's Department Convention,  
8185's Auxiliary won the following awards:

Veterans & Family Support: 1<sup>st</sup> place – **Stephanie Gibson**

Auxiliary Outreach: 3rd place – **Shiela Malatesta**

Buddy Poppy/National Home: 2nd place –  
**Ebony Sexton**

Legislative: - 3rd place – **Theresa Sordiff**

Membership – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – **JoAnne Bierly**

Scholarship – 1st place – **Shiela Malatesta**

Plus, President **Ebony Sexton** was inducted into  
the Circle of Excellence – her first year as  
Auxiliary President! Way to go!

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## Coming events at VFW Post 8185

|             |                                         |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 7-1         | 8185 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm             |
| 7-9         | Monthly Bingo 6:30 pm – <b>canceled</b> |
| 7-11        | Memorial Ride - SMHJMF                  |
| 7-12        | Serve our local Vets 2 pm – <b>VA</b>   |
| 7-16        | Car Cruise 5:30-7:30 pm                 |
| 7-25 – 7-29 | National VFW and VFWA Convention        |
| 7-31        | Tribute to Fallen at 8185 11 am         |
| 8-5         | 8185 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm             |
| 8-9         | Serve our local Vets 4 pm*              |
| 8-13        | Monthly Bingo 6:30 pm**                 |
| 8-16        | DP Nancy Shenk's Homecoming             |
| 8-20        | Car Cruise 5:30-7:30 pm                 |
| 8-22        | State Commander's Homecoming            |
| 9-2         | 8185 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm             |
| 9-10        | Monthly Bingo 6:30 pm**                 |
| 9-13        | Serve our local Vets 4 pm*              |
| 9-17        | Car Cruise 5:30-7:30 pm                 |
| 9-26        | Murder Mystery at 8672, 3 pm            |
| 10-7        | 8185 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm             |
| 10-8        | Monthly Bingo 6:30 pm**                 |
| 10-11       | Serve our local Vets 4 pm*              |
| 10-15       | Car Cruise 5:30-7:30 pm                 |
| 10-18       | D-10 Aux meeting at 8185, 1 pm          |
| 11-4        | 8185 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm             |
| 11-8        | Serve our local Vets 4 pm*              |
| 11-12       | Monthly Bingo 6:30 pm**                 |
| 12-2        | 8185 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm             |
| 12-10       | Monthly Bingo 6:30 pm                   |
| 12-13       | Serve out local Vets 4 pm*              |

\*\* Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

\* Set-up at 2 p.m.

Come to a meeting...help with an  
event...support our Quarter  
Auctions...supports our events...help us  
serve our veterans...enjoy friendship and  
fellowship...work or play at our monthly  
bingo...eat at the canteen.

Your auxiliary is grateful for your help and  
support. Join us!