

# BULLETIN – JULY 2023



## DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

**TAMMY NAPIER**

Thank you, Department President Lynn for the opportunity to serve as Department Secretary for the 2023-2024 **"BE A WARRIOR"** Auxiliary year! It is an honor and privilege to be able to assist you in whatever way(s) possible to help further the goals of our organization on all levels. Please know I am here for YOU and the Department of Illinois VFW Auxiliary!

**The Circle of Excellence for 2023-2024 has begun.** Thank you to all Illinois VFW Auxiliaries for submitting your Installation Reports for 2023-2024. This very important information is now loaded into MALTA. If there are changes to any office, please notify the Department Secretary. Our next goal is to have 100% of all Auxiliaries and Districts bonded. Please, take care of this as soon as possible after July 5, 2023. Again, thank you for working with us to help the Department of Illinois achieve our goals!



**Illinois ...** let's work together so Department President Lynn can be inducted into the Circle of Excellence at the 2024 National Convention!

### **Illinois VFW Auxiliary Council of Administration and Hospital Conference: August 25-27, 2023**

The second Council of Administration meeting for the 2023-2024 term will be held at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 26, 2023, at the Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL 60532. The Hospital Conference will be held in conjunction with the Council meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2023. The conference will be held at the hotel. Lodging will be available at the Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois. Reservations can be made on the [vfwil.org](http://vfwil.org) website by clicking on "News" and then "Events" or by calling the hotel directly at (630) 577-6006. The room rate is \$114 plus tax. The cut-off date for reserving your room online is August 11, 2023.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrating America's Freedom Event (CAFÉ): September 18, 2023**

The 11th annual Celebrating America's Freedom Event will be held at the Golden Spike National Historical Park in Promontory, Utah on Monday, September 18, 2023. For those wishing to attend the event, please register on MALTA ([vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org)). The cost of registration is \$ 30.00 per person. The fee includes round-trip transportation from the Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City hotel and admission to the park. Registrations must be received by August 18, 2023. Those received after that date will not be accepted. No refunds will be given. Please note that you may attend this event on your own, but round-trip transportation and admission will not be provided unless you have registered.

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## **Illinois Day at the VFW National Home: Saturday, September 23, 2023**

If arriving on Friday, hotel reservations can be made at: Comfort Inn - 1302 Packard Highway, Charlotte (517/543-7307); Holiday Inn - 500 Meijer Street, Charlotte (517/541-5000); or America's Best Value Inn - 828 E. Shepard Street, Charlotte (517/543-8288).

**Auxiliary Presidents and Secretaries:** *There is important information in each SMOKE SIGNALS issue. Besides the important program information from our Department Chairmen, the message from your Department President should be read at your Auxiliary meeting and highlights from the Secretary's and Treasurer's articles.*