



*Veterans of Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 8867
Brick Township, New Jersey*



Dear Auxiliary Member

Another VFW Auxiliary year has come to an end. I want to thank all our Officers who made another tough year with Covid a success. We have had to make changes but we have accomplished most of our goals. To the newly elected Officers, I look forward to an outstanding year. Covid has continued to impeded our ability to fundraise. We could not serve our Veterans as we have in the past but we are looking forward to providing all the support we have in the past during this coming year. We have continued to provide financial support to "Always Supporting Our Military" helping to cover the cost of postage for packages being sent to the troops overseas. We have reinstated our collection of food items for the Ocean County Vetwork Food Pantry. We are pursuing the possibility of working with our veterans who are in our local nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

As we are starting our new VFW Auxiliary year we need your support. We are asking all of our annual members to please send in your 2023 dues of \$24.00. ASAP. Life members are already paid. Why are we collecting 2023 dues so soon you ask? We have membership quotas that earn our Auxiliary cash awards. We sure could use the cash as fundraising has been difficult for us. If we can achieve our 100% membership goal prior by September 30th we can earn some desperately needed cash. That's where YOU come in. Make your check payable to : VFW Auxiliary 8867 and mail in the enclosed envelope to our Treasurer, Connie Nowak. With your help we earned more than \$100 in membership incentive from the State of NJ VFW Auxiliary. I know you will help us get those Membership incentives again.

Our member Donna Boutelle donated a handmade Twin Size Patriotic Quilt to our Auxiliary to raffle off with proceeds going into our Relief Fund. Enclosed you will find 5 tickets at \$1.00 each. Please find it in your heart to purchase all 5 tickets and return stubs with your dues . If you want more tickets let Connie Nowak know and we can mail more, or if you cannot purchase the tickets, please return them with your dues payments. Our Relief Fund can only be used to help our veterans and their families so you are assured that your donations go directly to assist our Veterans and their families..

We will also accept any cash donations for the Ocean County Vetwork Food Pantry. Please itemize all your donations. (tickets , Vetwork, dues)

in comfort Our Picnic Grove is now open with fans and TVs to allow you to relax and enjoy yourself. Kids are welcome too. We have a play area for the kiddos. We also have entertainment most Friday and Sunday nights with no cover charge. Food is available on band nights for purchase.

Our July meeting will be cancelled, so our next meeting will be August 1st at 6:30PM. We would love to see you come out and share your ideas on our activities.

If you would like to be informed by email of our activities please send me your email address to: dianemerf@aol.com

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