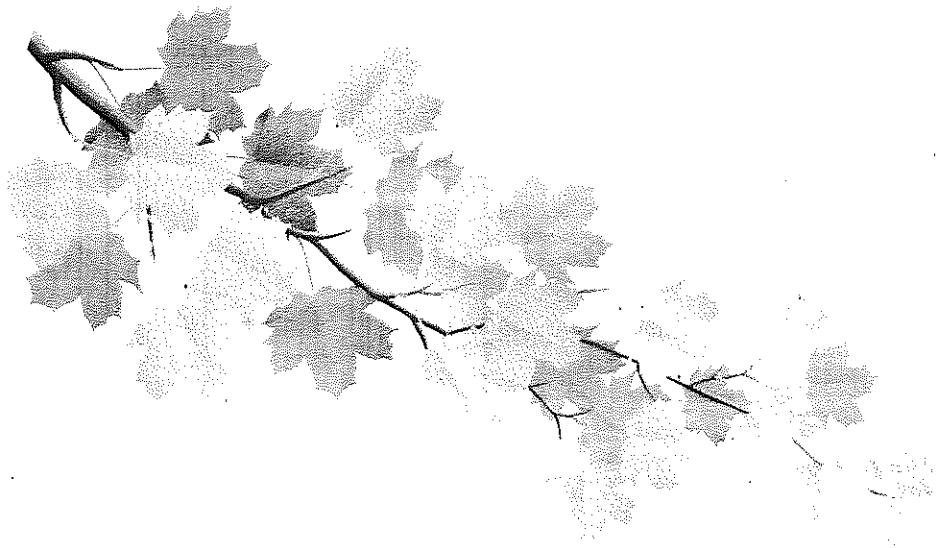


AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, INC.

2017
FALL BULLETINS



LAURA R. BUGAJ
PRESIDENT



AMVETS *Ladies Auxiliary* *Department of New York, Inc*

Fall 2017 Bulletin

Greetings ladies:

I want to take a moment again to thank you all for electing me to the office of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York, President 2017-2018. I attended AMVETS National Convention in Norfolk, Virginia and am pleased to announce our new AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary National President is Marvell Ruppel from Wisconsin. Her project this year will be working towards replacing and updating the lighting for Freedom's Foundation in Valley Forge.

Please remember as Local Auxiliary Presidents, it is extremely important to be distributing and reading all Department and National publications. These publications often contain important updates and deadlines that must be followed. If something is unclear or needs further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Department counterpart and/or any member of the training committee for assistance. We have a wealth of knowledge within our organization, it is important we are tapping into it. As a point of interest, our training committee includes, Rosemary Blachowski (Secretary, VAVS Buffalo, PDP), Shirley Sochia, (Treasurer, PDP), Rosalee Waid, (Parliamentarian, former NEC, PDP) and Mary Lanphere, (NEC, Liason, PDP).

My theme this year is "Understanding and Growth through Transparent Communication". Please keep this in the forefront of everything we do as an organization. We are not able to learn from one another, or grow as an organization if we do not have open and honest communication. I encourage all local Auxiliaries to utilize our Department website at nyamvetladiesaux.org. There is an abundance of resources available, as well as contact information for all Department Officers and local Presidents.

Finally as per the motion made at our June Convention, in the fall the Department Auxiliary will be collecting Christmas cards to be dispersed to troops overseas, through Friends of Our Troops. On the inside of a holiday card, please write your greeting and sign the card from your local Auxiliary. On the back of the card, include your local Auxiliary's address, as if you were addressing an envelope. Please do not submit cards inside envelopes as this makes the sorting process more difficult for Friends of Our Troops.

I wish you all a happy and prosperous year! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. Also if your local auxiliary has any local events or meetings you would like me to attend let me know as soon as possible.

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary,

Laura Rose Bugaj

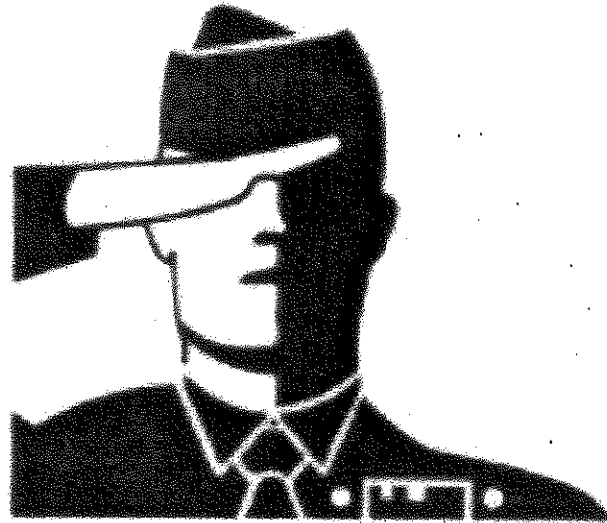
AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of NY, President 2017-2018

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AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY Department of NY

FALL SEC SERVICE PROJECT

SALUTING OUR TROOPS



FOR 50 YEARS

**Fill our Christmas Cards to be dispursed to overseas
troops through Friends of Our Troops**

Directions:

1. Fill our Holiday Card with a brief message
2. Sign the card from your local Auxiliary or Post (you may include your name as well if you like)
3. On the back of the card, write your post or auxiliary's address, do not include the envelope.
4. Bring Cards to SEC or mail to Laura Rose Bugaj at 53 Davey St, Buffalo, NY 14206



AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York, Inc

Fall 2017 Bulletin

Greetings ladies:

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary's most important program is membership for without members our service programs would not exist. Membership provides AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary the potential to be effective in legislation and the ability to be heard on issues that are important to Veterans and their families. We strive to gain positive recognition in the media to gain publicity for our programs. Working together gives us the opportunity to explore the financial resources needed to carry out our service programs and to develop new ones as the need arises. If each member brought in one more member we could make AMVETS Ladies AUXILIARY one of the most powerful organizations which helps and supports our veterans. As I said in my intro, Growth is not by mere chance it is because of TEAM.

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

Fill in **your local officer NAME, ADDRESS and PHONE#** in case the Department may need to contact you.

DATE must be filled in. Department files are set up by auxiliary number. The **DATE** is the best reference to finding the forms or other information when questions arise.

The form(s) must be **READABLE**: PLEASE fill in the form on the computer. All forms used by local auxiliaries can be found on amvetsaux.org – click on **FORMS**: type in information and **PRIENT**.

ANY FORM MISSING ABOVE INFORMATION WILL BE RETURNED TO SENDER.
Dept. SR #18 will be applied. Thus delaying processing to National – note deadlines.

DEADLINE DATES:

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: MUST BE PAID TO THE LOCAL AUXILIARY BEFORE OR ON DEC. 31ST. AND SENT TO THE DEPT. SECRETARY RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 10TH: This deadline enables the Dept. Secretary to meet her National deadlines.

Membership renewals received after Jan. 10th will be sent back to the local auxiliary with a request for a **current COPY** of the New Member Application. The member has lost continuous membership and is a **NEW MEMBER**.

NEW MEMBERS

The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31. New Members dues should be sent to the Dept. Secretary as soon as possible after paying their dues. Please send a COPY of the New Member Application with the D & R. The original application should be kept on file by the local auxiliary.

National Dues are \$13.00 plus the Department \$10.00 = \$23.00 per new and renewal.

Lifetime membership is National \$200 and the Department \$100 = \$300

Honorary Membership is a onetime charge of \$5.00

Members at large = \$20.00

Please remember Rosemary and I are always happy to assist local officers in any way you feel we can be helpful. Do not hesitate to email me at dmsmith155@yahoo.com or call 518-358-9839 or Rosemary at erbski@aol.com or call 716-681-2156.

Thank you again for helping us and the Department in its obligation of processing your membership and all the other related forms on to the AMVETS National Auxiliary Headquarters.

Donna Smith 1st Vice

Department of NY

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

Cc:President, 1st Vice, Secretary,Parlimentarian, NEC and Mentor



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York

FALL S.E.C., OCTOBER 2017

2nd VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters,

I'm hoping everyone is enjoying their summer and are looking forward to all the festivities of the fall and winter season. I know it's hard to think of the fall when it's still warm, not that I'm complaining.

Our new National 2nd Vice President is Dee Baggett and the National Theme is "Pay It Forward", everything we do for our children today benefit our tomorrows. Children who see good deeds, service work and a helping hand today will be our future volunteers. "PAY IT FORWARD FOR OUR FUTURE". Auxiliaries should be working on "Back to School" projects, contact your local schools to see what supplies they need help with. Remember this is a "Child Welfare" project and not a "Community Service" project.]

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the SEC in October and hearing all the new ideas you have for your programs. My Chairman's Award will be announced at the Fall SEC.

Things to Remember – Child Welfare is:

- 1. "Any activity or project that benefits **Children Only** is considered Child Welfare and is reported as such." (Directly from the National Manual)*
- 2. April is John Tracy Clinic Month. (Try to Sponsor at least one function to benefit John Tracy Clinic and publicize it).*
- 3. Mid-year reports are due to me by October 25th, 2016. Also, remember Locals must submit mid-year and year end reports to be eligible for any awards.*

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, ideas or concerns you may have. You never know.....another Auxiliary might benefit from a question or concern you might be having. I look forward to working with all of you this coming year.

Wishing everyone a prosperous, creative and eventful year.

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,

Deborah Stoddell

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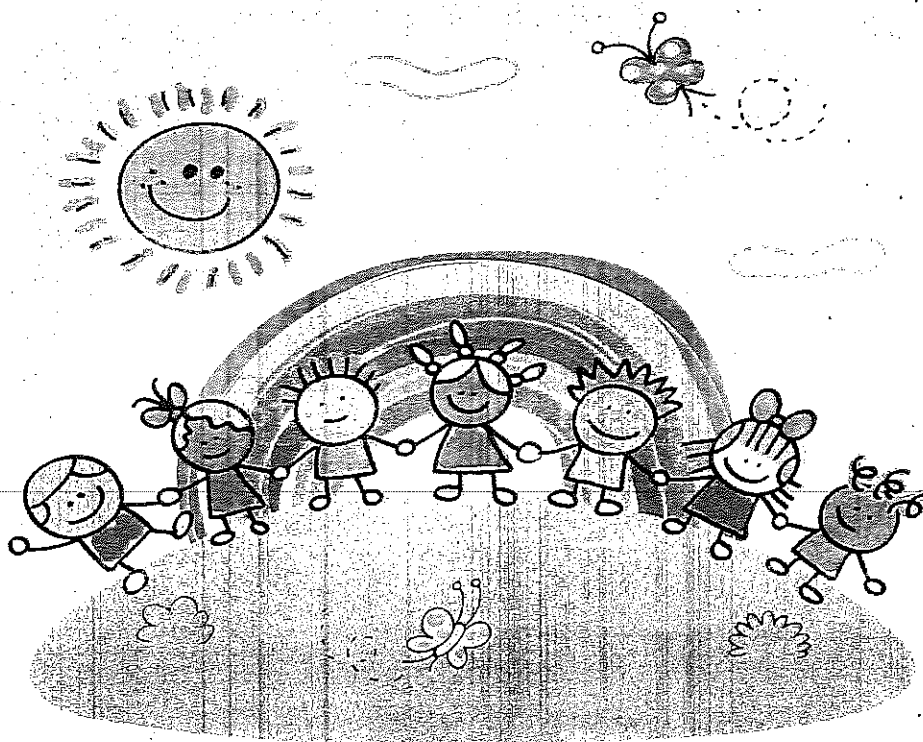
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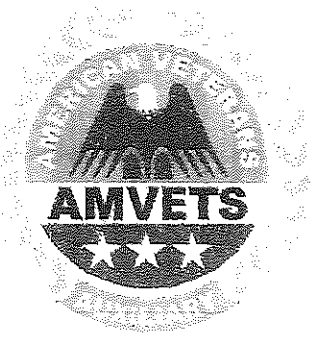
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CC: President, 1st Vice, Secretary, Parliamentarian, NEC, Mentor





AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York, Inc.

DATE: October, 2017

To all my AMVETS Auxiliary Sisters:

Thank you electing me 3rd Vice-President for the AMVETS Auxiliary Department of New York for 2017-18. It is my honor to serve the Auxiliary in this position. I will do this job the best of my ability.

The Third Vice President shall serve as Community Service Officer. According to the ~~AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Manual~~, Community Service is defined as, "any activity or project that benefits adults or both children and adults in the community is considered Community Service and is reported as such. It is important that AMVETS Ladies Auxiliaries become involved in the community it serves by contributing toward the welfare of all its people. Groups are recognized for what they do - become known and recognized in your community through the service work of the Auxiliary." The Third Vice shall promote donations benefiting Paws With a Cause, which is the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary National Community Service Program. March is Paws With a Cause month, a great time to promote a project for PAWS.

Please be advised that mid-year reports must be submitted to me by October 25, 2017, in triplicate. In order to be eligible for the end of the year award, you must submit both the mid-year and end of year reports.

" I hope you all feel free to contact me either by phone, e-mail, or mail with any questions or concerns. I will do my very best to assist you in any way I can.

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,

Cindy Quagor

Department 3rd Vice-President

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AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York, Inc.

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Welcome to Fall SEC 2017.

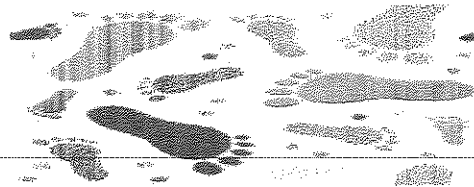
As always, there are housekeeping items which need attention:

***990's seem to be giving some a hard time. PLEASE, if you have questions call myself or Rose Mary. Be sure you get the letter from the IRS stating they have received and accept your 990.**

- Always two signature checks (you may want to consider a third signer as back up)
- Do regular audits
 - Make all checks to Department made out to;
 - AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
- When making donations remember to put them on the proper form.
 - There is a separate form for Department and one for National
- Give a thorough financial report at each meeting to keep members updated and make the report available. Transparency is vital to keeping all informed and preventing financial woes!!

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

Shirley M. Sochia



Shirley M. Sochia, Treasurer

*"We are ordinary women doing
extraordinary things...one step at a
time!"*

From the World of Wacky Women

CC: Pres; 1st Vice' Mentor; NRC; Parliamentarian; Secretary



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, INC.

Saturday, September 02, 2017

Dear Auxiliary Sisters:

Being elected to the Department of New York Sergeant-at-Arms. It is such huge honor and privilege to serve you in this position. I am looking forward to an outstanding year of prosperity and to be educational. I promise to do my best to fulfill the responsibilities of this position to the best of my ability. Thank you for your confidence and support.

Congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed Department of New York Officers and local officers. As we go forward throughout the year I want to wish you all the beat of success in your programs and your work to maintain the aims and purposes of our Amvets Ladies Auxiliary.

AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary recognizes the official uniform as an A-line forest green dress, an A-line forest green skirt, or tailored forest green slacks. Dress to have a jewel neckline. White or gold jewel neckline blouse may be worn with either the skirt or slacks. The dress and skirt should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee and no longer than 4 inches below the knee. White blazer with large Auxiliary patch on left breast. Black shoes with a closed heel and toe, heel should not be higher than 2 inches. Black handbag, white gloves, and official Ladies Auxiliary hat. Pearl earrings and single strand pearl necklace, or Auxiliary necklace and earrings will be acceptable. White shoes, purse may be worn from April until Labor Day. There are to be no pins worn on the official hat except for those earned, Convention pins are restricted.

As the newly elected Sergeant-at-Arms I urge you to start familiarize yourself with the AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary Constitution and By-laws Manual and Forms (revised 9/1/2016). The manual is an excellent resource guide, in addition to providing you with information on the roles and responsibilities of being a Sergeant-at-Arms; it also includes information on the America flag protocols, parades, proper care of the standards and permanent retirement of the colors; the official hat and uniform, and various ceremonies.

If you have any questions regarding the duties of this essential office, please do not hesitate to contact me. To the Ladies Auxiliaries thank you for all you do. Keep up the good work.

We have an exciting year ahead of us. Thank you again for your vote of confidence in electing me as the Department of New York Sergeant-at-Arms. I look forward to getting to know you, meeting with you and working with you! I am so very proud of being a life member of AMVETS Department of New York Ladies Auxiliary.

Linda M. George aka "Chickie"

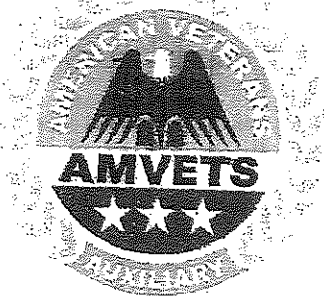
Sergeant-at-Arms

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cc: Dept. President, 1st Vice, Secretary, Parliamentarian, NEC, Mentor



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

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Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

I hope everyone has had a great, and safe summer. It has been short. Fall is not that far away.

Students are on their way back to school, so now is a great time to let our next graduates know about the great AMVETS Scholarships.

Lets get our thinking caps on, and plan now, what fundraisers we can have.

Getting the word out to students and their parents is crucial. Advertise in the Community any event your Auxiliary or Post is having. Have the Scholarship information available, along with info on AMVETS and membership applications.

Remember the Rose Baldwin Memorial Scholarship must be postmarked by May 1st. The more donations we have the more scholarships awarded. Scholarship applications will be forthcoming.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer, and look forward to seeing you all in October.

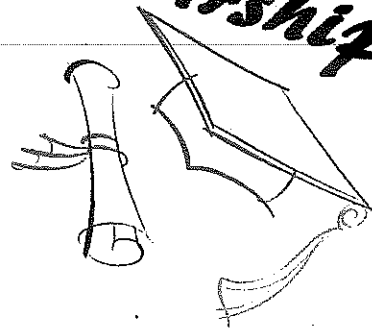
Any questions/suggestions, feel free to call me at any time

Respectfully Submitted,

Doris Allen, Scholarship Officer

Dorisallen3621@gmail.com

Scholarships





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Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

I hope your summer was great and you are still enjoying some of the last days of summer.

Only one Deceased Member Notice was received at this writing. Please send the notices in a timely manner. Make sure all the information is filled in on the form so I can send a card to the next of kin. I will forward one copy of the notice to Peggy Lis, National Chaplin so that she also can send condolences to the next of kin.

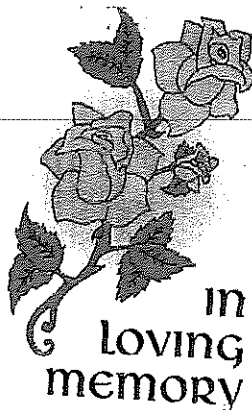
This year we will not be adding any names to the Memorial Service on the night of the Service. This will make the Services run much smoother.

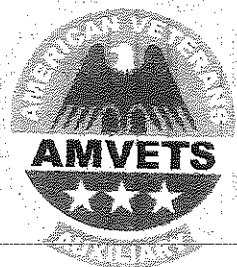
I MUST have all names by MAY 1 so I can get them to the printer for the Memorial Program. Any names after May 1 will be added to the next year's program.

I am looking forward to seeing many members at the Fall SEC Meeting.

Please remember to pray for our veterans and our active troops.

DORIS ALLEN, Chaplain
dorisallen3621@gmail.com
518 483 0713





AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York, Inc.

Dear AMVETS Auxiliary Sisters:

I hope you all had a safe and healthy summer. In starting our new calendar year, I want to remind you that Auxiliaries 1, 11, 18, and 262 must have their Bylaws and Standing Rules approved by Madam President Laura and myself prior to convention. Also, I am running a contest on our website, www.nyamvetsladiesaux.org by putting monthly question(s) on the site that one of your Auxiliary members should be answering each month. An award will be given to the winner at our Honors and Awards Ceremony. Please check our website frequently as you will often find new information.

Our organization benefits from having Bylaws and Standing rules, detailed policies and procedures, that must be followed by each of us. Bylaws are an organization's rules about itself that are of such importance that no change should be possible without previous notice and a two-thirds vote. Standing Rules are adopted rules that establish a policy and usually are not related to meeting procedures. They require a majority vote without notice to adopt.

There are many Parliamentary Courtesies that are expected by all members and I would like to name just a few.

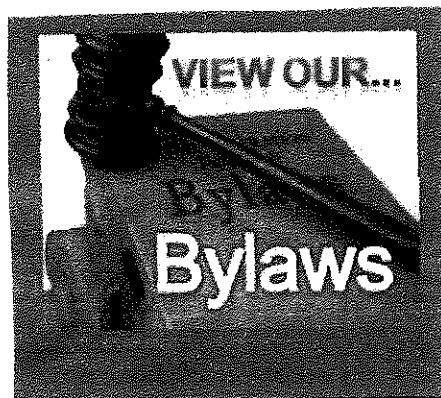
- 1.) Stand when addressing the President when making a motion, discussing a question or giving a report.
- 2.) Address the President as "Madam President."
- 3.) Never talk or whisper to another member during the meeting.
- 4.) Never stand to get recognition from the President when another member has the floor.
- 5.) Be willing to accept the decision of the majority.
- 6.) I would like to add one that I feel is justly important – "Be Yourself, Everyone Else is Already Taken."

Thank you and I hope to see you in Binghamton.

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary,

Rosalee Waid

Rosalee Waid, Department of New York Parliamentarian





AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary
Department of New York, Inc

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Greetings Ladies,

I hope everyone has had a great summer.

I would like to thank President Laura for appointing me Americanism Officer for 2017 -2018.

Fannie Sclafani is my mentor.

I know Madam President Laura will do a great job, I look forward to working with her, and our Auxiliary sisters.

I will be working with John Turner on our flag and essay contest. It is one of my favorite projects.

Please remember that Mid- Year Americanism Service Reports are due to me, post marked by October 25, 2017. These reports should include any work done an Americanism Projects from April 25, 2017- October 25, 2017. In order to qualify for Awards, your Auxiliary must submit both Mid- Year and Annual Service Reports. Reports should be sent in triplicate to 609 N Racquette River Rd, Massena NY 13662

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. If I do not know the answer with try my best to get it for you.

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of NY
Americanism Officer

Susan Gardner
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Hospital Officer Bulletin Fall 2017

Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

I recently attended the National Hospital Committee meeting in Norfolk, VA. Our new incoming National Hospital Officer is Amy Stopyra from PA. Marie Rorrio continues as VAVS Representative to complete her second year.

Our National Hospital project is St. Jude's Hospital. As Dept. of N.Y. Hospital Officer I encourage all of you to get out and tell the St. Jude story. Participate in as many activities for St. Jude in your community with your local auxiliary.

Our new Hospital Officers program will be "Temperatures Are Rising For Hospital". More information on this program will be coming from National soon.

Please continue to support your VA's all over N.Y. State. Report all hours and donations to the Dept of N.Y. Contact your VAVS reps for Buffalo, Batavia, Bronx, Bath, Northport and Syracuse to coordinate activities for the VA.

Please make sure if you volunteer at a VA or clinic that you complete the necessary paperwork so that the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary gets credit for your hard work and/or donations.

As always give your best effort to those in need at all of our hospitals.

If you have any questions about how to become involved volunteering at a hospital or VA hospital please contact

Always Yours In The AMVETS Family,

Candace Clemens

AMVETS Ladies Dept. of N.Y. Hospital Officer

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CONVENTION CHAIR/LIAISON

Greetings to all NY Auxs,

Please note the following dates on your calendars. These will also be found on the AMVETS website, nyamvets.org, and Ladies Aux website, nyamvetladiesaux.org. Check these websites freq as important info is always being added.

DEPT OF NY

Fall 2017 SEC	Oct 6-7 Binghamton NY
Spring 2018 SEC	March 23-24 Binghamton NY
NY Dept Convention	June 7-8-9, 2018 Binghamton NY
Fall 2018 SEC	Oct 5-6 Binghamton NY

NATIONAL MEETINGS

Winter NEC Dec 6-10 BWI Marriott
Spring 2018 NEC March 6-11 Hilton Alexandria
National Convention 2018 Caribe-Royal Orlando

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Reservations for Dept of NY, SEC mtgs,

**Hilton Binghamton
Phone # 1-607-722-7575say you are with AMVETS
Address - 225 Water St., Binghamton NY 13901
Remember to bring you tax exempt form when you check in**

**Call with any questions/concerns Ph# 716-673-5297 leave message
See you all soon**

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Aux

Mary A Lanphere, PDP/liaison



AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York, Inc.

2017 NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT

Greetings to NY Auxiliaries,

As we start our new year, it is important to remind ourselves the purpose of our Organization, and focus on the goals we set for the coming year. Just returning from National Convention, new Officers, new themes, new projects, will be passed onto each Local Aux. It is **IMPORTANT** that the info sent from National or Department, is shared with your Auxiliary members

Our Incoming National President, Marvel Ruppel (Wisc) has chosen Freedoms Foundation as her National Project..... check out their website to see what an amazing, inspirational place this is. Her theme...

"NEVER FORGET" It encompasses the ideal that we must never forget the history of this Country, and the concept that we are all created equal...we must never forget our Veterans and the many sacrifices of those who have gone before us.... We must never forget to support our Military and their families—recognizing and appreciating the price they pay for our freedom, we must never forget our civic duties to our communities and avoid apathy...we must never forget that our children are our future and we need to support educational programs that teach them about citizenship and our rights as Americans..we must never forget that we, as Auxiliary sisters, are bound together by these values, and we must ...never forget to treat each other with respect as we work together to grow this Organization.

National Elected Officers 2017-18

1 st Vice	Barbara Valley	Ohio	Membership
2 nd Vice	Dee Baggett	Florida	Child Welfare
3 rd Vice	Joan Sirek	Wisc	Community Service
Sgt. @ Arms	Cynthia Rice	Ohio	
Americanism	Maureen Jackson	MI	
Chaplain	Peggy Liss	MI	
Scholarship	Karin Simmons	Alaska	
Hospital	Amy Stopyra	Pa	

National Appointed Officers

2019 Convention Chair	Charlene Kee	Fla
Parliamentarian	Betty Lawson	TN
Jr AMVETS Coordinator	Fran McGurk	Fla
Honors & Awards Chair	Linda McGriff	TX
Hist/Scrapbook Chair	Cathy Tratz	WI
Presidents Scrapbook	JoAnn Leinweber	WI
Training Chair	Betty Lawson	TN
VAVS Rep (2yr term)	Marie Rorrio	CT

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Highlights of Outgoing Officers reports:

1st vice- National membership numbers are declining. We need to meet the needs of younger Veterans and their families.Recommendation of membership Committee to increase dues MALs (Members at Large) to 25.00/yr, 10.00 to Dept, 15.00 to National. Vote taken, motion approved

2nd Vice- Evaluations down from previous year. St-Jude donation 43,000.00+ 19,000.00 Nat Pres Proj

3rd Vice- Spoke how PAWS dogs are individualized to the client
Youth volunteers... spell names correctly, preferred they be typed out
Fisher House is accepting small bags w toiletries. Hats, gloves
Approx 45,000.00 donated to PAWS

Treasurer- Spoke with membership being down, it impacts finances for Depts and National

Americanism- Approx 26,239.00 donated to Freedom Foundation
Ticket winners for Freedom Foundation ...Nancy Carrier Iowa, Janice Belsley, Pa
Vest Entries... 3... NC, Wisc, NY. NY winner
Freedom Foundation Conference Oct 12-15 2017...385.00/ea includes lodging, meals
Tours of Ellis Island, 9/11 Memorial + more

Scholarship- 12,000.00 awarded this year... 3 categories , General, College Support, Career Start
49 entries, 35 disqualified!!!! 14 valid and were judged. All 14 received a monetary award.
Disqualifications due to ..applying for wrong scholarship, blanks on applications, AMVET
Relative not listed..... Post # instead of membership # listed, no letter of acceptance, did not
Have 3 letters of recommendation, applications sent in too late, etc

Chaplain- reminder to send in deceased notifications ASAP. Nat Chaplain has only 2m from date of
Death to send card to family members

Parliamentarian- Review Constitution and By Laws
Be careful of what you say on social media
AMVETS voted on whether to have Ladies in AMVETS Ladies Aux removed. It
Was voted down...The word Ladies will remain

VAVS- please make appts to do Annual Joint Reviews with your Chief of Voluntary Services
Encourage Youth volunteers.....

Hospital—Approx 43,000.00 donated to St Judes

NEC- new NEC Chair Heidi Dineen

SNAPPIEST- 4 – 1,000.00 Nursing Scholarships given out

Executive Director- Preprint cards will be mailed out after National Convention
Check out AMVETS Ladies Aux on Facebook
Electonic NEC form will be available in the Fall

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National Convention Aug 2018 will be held in Orlando Fla.

Amvets Ladies Aux Training 2018 watch National Ladies Aux website for details. Held in Jan, in Pigeon Forge TN

Incoming National AMVETS Commander Marion Polk's Commanders Project 2017-18 is the Desert Storm Memorial [wwwNDSWM.org](http://www.NDSWM.org) for more info

Run for the Fallen- fallen servicemembers will be announced across America Apr 7th-Aug 5th . Will end up in Arlington. Website will give ideas how to help

Honor & Remember- this flag has been adopted in 23 states as a National remembrance. Now has a flag, "Honor And Sacrifice", for firefighters and police.

Board of Directors will be updating AUX of the YEAR forms.

My upmost respect and gratitude to Commander Harold Chapman, Aux President Evelyn McElvyn, and Exec Director Joe Chenelly, for their hours of work and dedication to bring the name AMVETS to the forefront, and showed how this Organization stands behind our Heroes and Country, by which it was made possible by the support & hrs of volunteering by our Locals and Dept. Thank You!!

God Bless Our Troops

God Bless America

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Aux

Mary A Lanphere PDP, NEC



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York, Inc.

2017 Fall
PRO/Historian Bulletin

Greeting Ladies,

As your Department PRO/Historian I am excited to assist any local auxiliary PRO/Historian officer to familiarize herself with the duties of her office. You are your local auxiliary's Public Relations Officer, and as such it is your responsibility to ensure that valuable work your auxiliary performs during the year is included in local publications, radio stations and/or local television stations. Most of these media sources are free of charge to advertise in as Community Events. With most local publications timing is key. It is essential that you submit information with plenty of time to promote your events.

You are also responsible for your local auxiliary scrapbook and it is important that you follow the requirements as they are specifically indicated in the Manual so to avoid unnecessary elimination from awards. I will be doing a mailing between now and spring SEC with all mandatory requirements for your books to be eligible for judging at our Convention in June. Some guidelines to remember when completing your book are;

- Be sure to carry the theme through the book
- Label all pictures with the activity and the names of the people in the picture
- Make sure all the required documents are present and in the proper order. Make sure you follow the rules listed in the Convention Digest and Auxiliary Manual
- Proof read everything and ask a friend to go through it to give you some feedback.

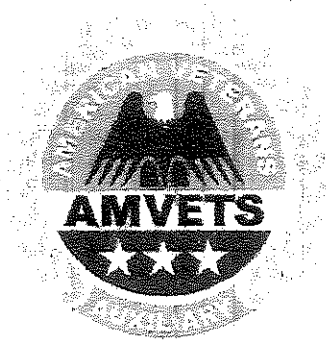
At both the Department level and the national level, there are awards for both the best scrapbook and the best scrapbook cover. Congratulations to AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary #4 in Messena NY for winning 1st Place AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary, scrapbook cover.

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of NY

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AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York, Inc.

TO: All Local Auxiliary Secretaries and Members
FROM: Rose Mary Blachowski, Department Secretary
RE: 2017 Fall Bulletin

The Local Auxiliary Secretary is a pivotal office that keeps the lines of communication open to the local officers and members of the Local Auxiliary.

The Secretary is the custodian of the auxiliary records, makes them available to officers and committees when needed in performance of their duties.

Her duties begin right after the local election of officers by sending the Local Revalidation Form with attached proof of the IRS 990N e-post card (3 copies) to the Department Secretary.

She keeps a current copy of the names and addresses, telephone numbers of the Department Officers for reference.

MEETING MINUTES

The secretary records all meeting minutes: notes the meeting type, time, place, date, presiding officer, roll call, approval of previous minutes, treasurer's report, all officers and chairmen's reports and the time meeting adjourned.

Especially important in the minutes is that a MOTION is recorded as stated, who made the motion, the name who seconded the motion and whether it was passed, defeated, tabled.

KEEP ON HAND FOR READY REFERENCE

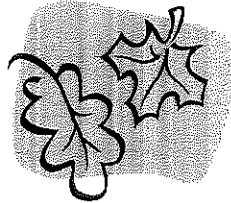
National Constitution and By-laws, the National Manual, Department By-Laws and Local by-laws. She keeps on hand a supply of National and Department organizational forms for use as required by the local officers.

TO EACH SECRETARY, I wish you a very successful year. Your phone calls or e-mails are welcome. If you have concerns or comments, maybe just to chat about your office, or to introduce yourself.



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VAVS BATAVIA FALL 2017



Karen Kemp, VAVS Batavia

Greetings Ladies,

We have been busy this year since the changeover to a new computer system. The glitches and slowness of the new system has put office work down to a crawl. My work in the office has piled up considerably because I only volunteer once a week. But I'm up and running better these days and working on clearing up past work. Jim continues to visit the wards with carts of personal care items for the Vets.

Our holiday season will be coming up fast and again lots of work to do. Donations will be coming in on a fast pace for the season. The summer was pretty rainy this year. so many activities, usually held out on the patio, were held inside. The new NCO club provides another place for the Vets to enjoy activities. Many donations have come in for this purpose. Vets and go there at any time during the day or up to 9 pm at night to enjoy an NA beer, popcorn and other snacks.

As always volunteers are always needed at all VA Hospitals and Nursing homes. Please consider donating or volunteering at your local hospitals.

Kindest Regards,

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Bath VAVS Bulletin Fall 2017

Greetings from the Bath VA,

Our VA continues to operate without a fulltime administrator. Several of our managers are being shared with the Canandaigua VA. Summer picnics, barbecues and field trips have slowed down. Many youth volunteers have headed back to school.

Since our Convention our AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary has held a Woman's Tea at the Bath VA. Participating in the tea were the Jamestown Auxiliary #726, Cuba Auxiliary #1 and Hornell Auxiliary #245. We played Bingo with canteen books for prizes. The women Veterans also received wrapped gifts and plants. This project was very well received by the women Veterans in the CLC and also in the Domiciliary.

Thank you to all Auxiliaries who generously participated and donated to this event.

As Past Department President I was pleased and honored to present a check for \$1000 to be used for the needs of the women Veterans at the Bath, VA. This was presented at our August VAVS meeting. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all auxiliaries who contributed to this worthy project.

Remember to make a difference in the life of a Veteran. **VOLUNTEER!**

Hoping to see YOU at the VA soon.

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VAVS REPORT

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I can't believe how quickly the summer has gone by. It seems like only yesterday when we were looking forward to the warm weather and planning all our outdoor activities. I hope you all enjoyed your time in the warm weather.

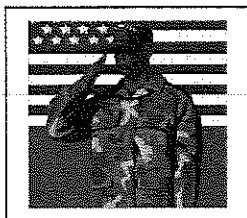
Auxiliary 38 continues on its regular schedule visiting the VA Hospital. We played Bingo all summer and distributed donuts. They were truly appreciated. We continued our efforts of collecting underwear and socks (four bags worth) and distributed them at our last visit to the VA Hospital. We also put together toiletry kits for the inpatients which were greatly needed.

Just this past month, we held our Annual Memorial Brunch. The men of Post 38 joined us and shot their guns over the water after we read the names of all our deceased members – both post members and Auxiliary members – while taps played. In addition, we had our usual wreath of flowers made and it was thrown into the water in memory of all those who were no longer with us.

At our last VAVS meeting, Mr. Rio's, a VAVS Project Manager, made a presentation on an Adoptive Sports Program which is different than the wheelchair games. This year, the Adoptive Sports Program will be held in San Diego from September 19 – 24th.

Our joint Review is due next month in September and, I need not remind you that volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Auxiliary 38 is proud to support our local VA Hospital and we look forward toward many more worthwhile and meaningful activities.

God Bless all our volunteers and veterans and God Bless America.



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VAVS NORTHPORT VA HOSPITAL

Amvets Post 18 Ladies Auxilliary Report for Northport Veterans Hospital Projects

- # 1 - Monthly we visit the Veterans Hospital at Northport NY
We bring Pizza and soda, play bingo . The Veterans enjoy the games
and the highlite of the visit is when they win and yell Bingo.
All return to their rooms with a canteen book.
- # 2 One of our volunteers visits the Beacon House on the Hospital grounds
to bring Pizza and soda to the veterans who reside there. Most are
homeless and at risk. The greatly appreciate our kindness and that
they are not forgotten.
- # 3 On Grand Parents Day we have music and sing alongs , pizza and soda.
- # 4 Once a month Veterans from Northport and Stony Brook Veterans Home
visit our Post for brunch and bingo.
- # 5 We also attend "Veterans Stand Down" at North Port Veterans Hospital
where we have two tables loaded with goodies, such as gloves , hats
T shirts , underwear, toilet articles etc.
- # 6 In September The seasoned steppers who are former "Rocketts" dance
and when they do the famous high kick there is much cheering and
smiles from our Veterans. Pizza and soda is then served
- # 7 Womans Veteran's Retreat donated \$250
- # 8 Our Auxilliary donated gift certificates from Target to buy Pjs for
Woman Veterans.
- # 9 Made Lap robes for Northport VA
- # 10 Our Auxilliary made wool hats and scarfs for the Veterans who were
very pleased to receive them.

Lorraine Rozzo