

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York

Annual Basket Raffle at June Convention

June 8-10, 2023



We are asking each local Auxiliary to bring in one gift basket or theme basket to be included in our annual basket raffle at June Convention. This is a major fundraiser for the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Department of New York.

If your basket has multiple items, please wrap it in clear wrapping. Please also include a list of items in your basket and your Auxiliary's number.

All baskets can be brought to the hospitality room on Thursday, June 8th. Baskets should be given to Joyce Haskell from Auxiliary 897 or a member of the basket raffle committee. If you have any questions, contact Joyce Haskell at (716) 377-0656.

Be creative, have fun, and help support our Auxiliary!

Thank you,

The Basket Raffle Committee

AMVETS LADIES AUX

DEPT of NY

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS NEEDS TO REGISTER. 25.00/PERSON

DEPT OFFICERS AND PDPs DO NOT PAY REGISTRATION

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO AMVETS LADIES AUX., DEPT NY

MAIL TO: MARY LANPHERE, 6310 EMAIN RD, PORTLAND NY 14769 BY JUNE 1ST. MAY REGISTER ON SITE ALSO.

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AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

DEPT OF NEW YORK

SPRING SEC MARCH 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Dept President Susan Gardner @ 0905 am

INTRODUCTION: AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary President Karin Simmons

INVOCATION: given by newly appointed Dept Chaplain Mary Gilbert

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Dept Sgt at Arms Vikki Keech

PREAMBLE: read by Dept 1st VP Linda "Chickie" George

CODE OF ETHICS: read by Dept Parliamentarian PDP Rosalee Waid

AIMS & PURPOSES: read by Dept 2nd VP Debi Feary

DEFINITION of AMERICANISM: recited by Dept Americanism Officer Mary Lou LaPoint

INTRODUCTION OF PDPs: by Dept President Gardner. Present are; Mary Lanphere 2007-08, Rosalee Waid 2011-12, Shirley Sochia 2013-14, Laura Rose Bugaj 2017-18, Donna Smith 2018-19, Deborah Stondell 2019-21(covid), Cindy Queyor 2021-22

ROLL CALL of OFFICERS: All present with exception of VAVS reps PDP Candace Clemens Bath VAMC (excused), Patricia Bianculli Northport VAMC (excused).

ROLL CALL of AUXILIARIES: Present: Aux 1 Joni Bunk, Aux 4, Aux 8 Doris Allen, Aux 14 Ashley Kubiak, Aux 18 Barbara Chapman, Aux 245 Joyce Turner, Aux 262 Mary Robert, Aux 265 Michelle Hayes, Aux 282 Lynn Soulie, Aux 726, Aux 897 Maria Pelletier, Aux 2000, Aux 6472 TraciLyn, Aux 8113 Rosalee Basher

INTRO of 1st TIME ATTENDEES: Aux 897 Joyce Haskell, Aux 2000 Debbi Relyes

APPT of TIMEKEEPER: Rosalee Basher Aux 8113

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MTG: per Dept Secretary, minutes were mailed to each Auxiliary. Motion made by PDP Deborah Stondell to accept the minutes as written, 2nd by PDP Laura Bugaj. M/C

TREASURER's REPORT: by Dept Treasurer, PDP Shirley Sochia (handout) Motion made by PDP Deborah Stondell to accept treasurer's report, 2nd by Valerie Harrington. M/C

FINANCE REPORT: Motion by Valerie Harrington to pay bills, 2nd by PDP Deborah Stondell. M/C
PDP Donna Smith asked about internal audit to be done this Spring. Internal audit will be done in June. Madam President will appoint members to do audit.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: Welcomed our National Auxiliary President Karin Simmons to Dept of NY's Spring SEC. Encourages everyone to possibly visit Camp Serenity, and thanks to all who supports her project.

1st VP: Linda "Chickie" George reminds everyone to carry membership applications (see Handout)

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2nd VP: Debi Feary, (see handout) reminder about end of year reports due to Dept Officer by April 25th.

3rd VP: Janell Ashman, collections by Broome County CHOW are being collected outside of meeting room. This is to benefit local food pantries. Thank you to all who has supported this project, and National Community Service Program, PAWS With A Cause.

Guest speaker from CHOW addressed the membership floor, Clayton Lyons. Organization has been providing assistance to local churches and food banks since 1970.

SECRETARY/CONVENTION CHAIR: PDP Mary Lanphere. Green folders have been passed out to each Auxiliary. Inside contains Dept Convention housing form, Local Revalidation forms, Dept Convention check list. MAKE SURE WHEN DOING YOUR 990s THAT YOU SEND A COPY OF THE "ACCEPTED" 990 FROM THE IRS, WITH YOUR AUX REVALIDATION FORM.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: PDP Rosalee Waid, Aux By Laws due 2023, 14,1997,1313,6472. Have received 48, 72, 245, 726 (see hand out)

NEC: PDP Donna Smith. Thank you to PDP Shirley Sochia for standing in for me at the National NEC meeting in March. I am on the road to recovery and thank you for all the well wishes. (see hand out) Please take note that anyone attending the **AMVETS National Convention in Pittsburgh**, info is on the AMVETS.org website. Pre registration is 40.00 which will guarantee a Convention book. On site registration is 60.00 with no guarantee of a convention book. National Convention digest will be mailed out shortly from Headquarters.

AMERICANISM: Mary Lou LaPoint. Reminder about Flag, Poster, Essay contest entries. Due date for contest entries is May 1st. Entries will be judged in June. End of year service reports for Americanism is due to me by May 15th. Entries for Chairman's award is due May 1st. (the Aux with the most innovative way to raise money for our service personnel.) National Americanism Officer, Laura Bugaj has tickets for a trip to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Oct 3-8, 2023.

HOSPITAL: PDP Deborah Stondell (see hand out) End of year reports due by April 25th. Reports given for: Bath VAVS (PDP C Clemens) and VAVS Northport (Deputy Josephine Pearl). Please see handouts.

CHAPLAIN/SCHOLARSHIP: Mary Gilbert has been appointed due to Tina Robert's resignation. Scholarship applications will be mailed to Mary Gilbert, as well as, deceased member notifications. Send to Mary Gilbert, 94 Allen Falls Rd., Potsdam NY 13676..... mgilbert13676@gmail.com.

SGT at ARMS: Vikki Keech. Reviewed uniform protocol. (see handout) Motion made by V Keech to purchase new flag to replace torn one. 2nd by PDP Deborah Stondell M/C

PRO/HISTORIAN: Valerie Harrington. (see handout)

VAVS: reports for Bath and Northport given by PDP Deborah Stondell. (see handouts)

VAVS Batavia: Jessica Winstel. We are still not able to go into the VA as much as we would like. We are still looking for volunteers. The Batavia VA is looking for slippers and personal ADL supplies. The last

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meeting was in January. We are hoping to organize some activities outside this summer, but the weather and COVID restrictions will determine where and what we are able to do.

On a personal note....myself and AMVETS Batavia VAVS Cory Feary will not be attending the Dept Convention in June, as we are expecting our first child June 3rd

LOTTERY REPORT: Debi Feary. November lottery profited 2,650.00. Thank you to all who sold tickets. When selling tickets be sure to include person's area code with phone number. Be sure they are LEGIBLE. If using an address label, be sure to trim edges so tickets do not stick together. April's lottery tickets are due to me by the end of March.

TRAINING: PDP Shirley Sochia. Training was held Friday evening. Presenters were PDPs Shirley Sochia and Rosalee Waid. Topics were Protocol and "Conflict Resolution". The State has been divided into 3 sections for the purpose of mandatory training due every 2 years. Training Committee consists of PDPs Shirley Sochia, Cindy Queyor, Laura Bugaj, Mary Lanphere, Rosalee Waid, Deborah Stondell.

NEW BUSINESS: Donations to Dept Commander's project 1,000.00. National Aux Pres Project (Fisher House). Dept President's Project 1,500.00, in addition to donations from local Auxiliaries.

PDP Deborah Stondell spoke about St Jude April Challenge. Handmade lapghans, crochet, knitted, or fleece. Dimensions 32in – 48in, by 35in – 40in. Bring to the Dept Convention in June and Deborah will ship to St Jude.

Candidates running for National Offices: National Chaplain, PDP Shirley Sochia, National 3rd VP PDP Laura Bugaj, National 2nd VP PDP Mary Lanphere. Per standing rules, each candidate will be given 200.00 for their campaigns.

PDP Laura Bugaj made a motion to donate 1,000.00 to the Sons Commander's Project (Gary Sinese Foundation). 2nd by PDP Deborah Stondell M/C

BASKET RAFFLE for Dept Convention- Joyce Haskell Aux 897

HAT RAFFLE- will be done by Aux #14

Friday night flash raffle made 346.00

Janell Ashman- reported 1995.00 in donations received plus food donations.

BENEDICTION: given by Chaplain Mary Gilbert

SALUTE TO COLORS: lead by Sgt at Arms Vikki Keech

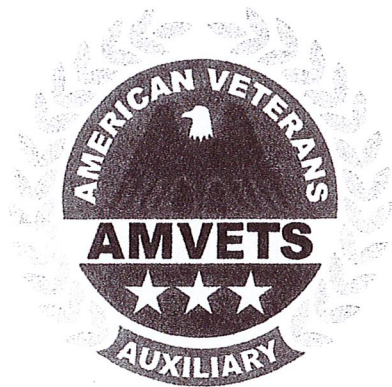
MOTION TO ADJOURN: by PDP Donna Smith, 2nd by PDP Deborah Stondell M/C

50/50: 77.50 to treasury, 77.50 to winner Winner: National President Karin Simmons

Minutes to be approved at June 2023 meeting

Respectfully,

Mary A Lanphere PDP/Sec



AMVET LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York, Inc.

2023 SPRING REPORT

Greetings to My Auxiliary Sisters,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday season and of course, a Healthy one.

We are about to get more snow but I do believe spring is around the corner. Our March meeting is slowly approaching.

I hope everyone can join us.

Please keep up the good work and make sure your Auxiliary sends their reports to our Dept Officers in a timely manner.

Auxiliaries do such great work. You need to make sure you get the credit you deserve. Thank you for all our Auxiliaries do.

I would like to remind you of my Project for this year. Wounded Warrior Outdoor Adventure, Camp Serenity.

They take our Veterans and families out to fish, hunt etc. They have a number of cabins for the Veterans and families to stay in.

It would be WONDERFUL if some of our Veterans and Auxiliaries could visit the Camp. They just built a welcoming center. My husband and I have visited the cabins.

My Testimonial dinner will be held April 15th at the Elks club in Massena NY. I Hope you all can attend. Information has been mailed to Posts and Auxiliaries

Please let me know if there is anything I can help you with.

I hope to see you all soon. Take care.

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

Sue Gardner, President
AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary
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AMVETS LADIES' AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, INC.

Spring 2023 Bulletin

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Greetings:

Madam President, National Officers, NEC Women Members, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and Guest.

Thank you for submitting your membership renewal to Mary Lanphere, Department of New York Secretary. Membership documents are very time-consuming but really are the backbone of our organization.

Remember that our membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. Members should always carry applications handy.

National 1st Vice President is Amy M. Stopyra from Chambersburg, Pa. Her theme is "Linking Our Membership Together." The goal of this is not only to bring our Auxiliaries closer together but also bringing our auxiliaries into our surrounding communities. In doing this we hope that it not only shows our Auxiliaries that our fellow sisters are more than just another card holder to boost their numbers but, they are friends and family. In going into the surrounding communities, we open the door to be able to talk about our different fundraisers and organizations that we support. We show them what we stand for. Also, in doing this we get the joy of hopefully being able to get new members who believe in our cause and have the same passion as we do.

Please take time to make everyone feel important: Get in the habit of saying, "**I am proud of you.**" Most people love to be noticed, especially when the feedback is positive. Even strangers will sign for this nice compliment!

One of the best ways to show interest in someone is to ask, "**What is your opinion?**" Showing interest in someone makes you concerned with a person's mind and thoughts.

"**Will you please?**" People will do remarkable things for you when you use these three simple words.

"**Thank you.**" The two most powerful words will always be. A smile says "thanks" without any words at all.

"**I**" the least important word. Changing our habits is not an easy thing to do, but when it comes to making other people feel genuinely important, the results will be very rewarding.

I hope that you all feel free to contact me either by phone, email or mail with any questions or concerns. I will to the best of my ability assist and help you with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary:

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CC: President, Secretary, NEC, Parliamentarian and Mentor.



AMVET LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York, Inc.

CHILD WELFARE

I would like to thank the 15 Auxiliaries that sent in a Mid-year Service Report for Child Welfare. Together we had 101 ladies that donated 671 hours, completing 27 projects, giving us a total evaluation of \$24,714. We also had 2 Auxiliaries that reported having 13 youth volunteers participating in 2 projects for a total evaluation of \$1,343.

**The definition of a Child Welfare project is "an activity that benefits CHILDREN ONLY".

In keeping with my theme "the future of the world is in a classroom", this year the topic for the Child Welfare Chairman's Award is ADOPT A CLASS with the award going to the Auxiliary that has THE MOST INNOVATIVE PROJECT TO BENEFIT A CLASSROOM. Keep in mind to be eligible for this award, an entry form must be filled out & sent to me by the deadline on the form. (this form will be in the Honors and Awards packet).

Also, remember there is a contest available for our children titled AMVETS Against Drug & Alcohol Abuse or the AADAA program. Information and the entry forms for this contest can be found on the AMVETS National website. The local winners need to be sent to me by 6/1/23 for the Department to judge, with the Dept. winners being sent on to National.

As always, if you have any questions concerning Child Welfare, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (716)874-2087, text (716)830-0386 or email debifeary@roadrunner.com. I will be happy to help in any way I can.

Debi Feary, 2nd Vice President
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Buffalo, New

2nd Vice Report – Debi Feary

Spring 2023 S.E.C.

Good Morning Ladies:

As your 2nd Vice I am here to help answer any questions you may have concerning a Child Welfare project or service report.

The 15 Mid-year reports I received show the wonderful work our local Auxiliaries are doing for our young people. We had 101 ladies donate 671 hours giving us a total evaluation of \$24,714. There were also 2 Auxiliaries that reported 13 youth volunteers for a total evaluation of \$1,343.

A few reminders when filling out your end-of-year service reports, which are due to me by April 25th.

- Make sure that all activities listed benefit CHILDREN ONLY.
- Remember to add in the totals from your mid-year report.
- Always round to the nearest whole dollar.
- And please double check your math.

In keeping with my theme, THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD IS IN A CLASSROOM, the topic for my Chairman's Award is "ADOPT A CLASS" with the award going to the Auxiliary that has the MOST INNOVATIVE PROJECT TO BENEFIT A CLASSROOM. Remember you must apply for this award separately by filling out & sending me the entry form that can be found on page 13 in the Honors & Awards package by May 1st.

If any children participated in the AADAA program this year, the winners from your local Auxiliary need to be sent to me by June 1st. They will then be judged by the Dept. Drug & Alcohol Abuse Chairmen & sent on to National.

In closing, I'd just like to remind you I am here to answer your questions. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can help in any way!

Thank-you!



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY
Department of New York, Inc.

March 2023

Spring SEC Report

I want to start off by expressing my heartfelt gratitude for all the donations for Broome County CHOW. The donations from the AMVETS, Sons, Riders, and our local Auxiliaries have been very generous and will greatly impact this community in great need of support. If your Auxiliary participated, please be sure to include your work on your Community Service Reports for this year.

I wanted to take a moment to reflect on work already reported. Seventeen (17) Auxiliaries sent in mid-year reports for Community Service. There were 112 projects with 172 volunteers contributing 4,433 hours. The total mid-year evaluation was \$203,380. In addition, four (4) Auxiliaries sent in Youth Community Service Reports with 10 projects, 14 volunteers, 84 hours, and a total youth evaluation of \$1,774. I eagerly await end of year reports to add to these totals.

Please make sure that three (3) copies of Community Service Reports are postmarked by April 25, 2023. The year-long report should also include the projects from the mid-year. Please round all dollar amounts to the whole dollar (there should be no cents in your reports) and check all the math. Do not forget to include any volunteer hours, projects, or donations made to PAWS With A Cause®, our National Community Service Project. All donations for PAWS With A Cause® should be made to the **Department** by May 1st. I also encourage each Auxiliary to have their reports reviewed and signed by the local President before submitting and please be sure to keep a copy of your report for your records. If there is an issue, it makes it much easier if we both have a copy to work through over the phone or computer.

As another reminder, my Chairman's Award this year will be given to the **Auxiliary that has the most creative project benefiting a local food bank or food pantry**. You must apply for this award! Applications can be found in the Honors and Awards packet but please reach out to me if you need a copy of the application.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Email is best, but you can call as well. I promise to respond as soon as I possibly can.

Respectfully submitted,

Janell Ashman

Janell Ashman, 3rd Vice President
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AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York

SPRING HOSPITAL REPORT

Greetings All Local Hospital Officers:

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and that your Auxiliary is off to a good start & finds you working on your Hospital Projects. Projects should include any activity that benefits a VA Hospital, local Hospital, or medically staffed nursing home.

I am happy to report that we had 16 Auxiliaries sent in a mid-year report for Hospital. There were 26 projects, 55 volunteers with 485 hours for a total evaluation of \$15,825. These totals are down from prior years but that is due to the restriction placed on the Auxiliaries due to Covid. I am confident that we can bring these numbers up since some if not all restrictions have been lifted in New York. Please make sure to report all your great work and hours that you have been doing.

Reminders for Year-end Reports:

3 copies need to be sent to me (Debbie Stondell, 6 Storm Drive, Holtsville, NY 11742) Postmarked no later than April 25th to be counted in our totals.

Remember to include the totals from your mid-year report in your Annual report. Also, please remember to round all totals to the nearest dollar.

A mid-year report had to be sent in to be eligible to qualify for an award at convention, however, this does not mean that you should not send in a end of year Report. All Hospital projects should be reported & included in our Annual totals

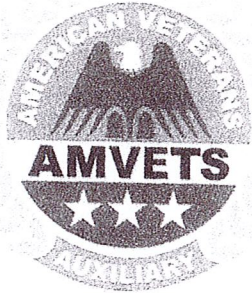
Remember, you need to apply for the Chairmans Award.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns on your Hospital Service Report.

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary,

**Debbie Stondell, PDP
6 Storm Drive
Holtsville, NY 11742**

Dmstondell@gmail.com or 631-965-0379



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York, Inc.

Dear AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Sisters:

As you know, Parliamentary Procedure is a code of rules and ethics for working together. Parliamentary law refers to the rules, law of regulations, having an orderly local meeting, SEC and conventions. Without rules, there would be injustice and confusion.

Basic Principles are as follows:

- 1.) All members have equal rights, privileges and obligations. Majority vote must be carried out and the right of the minority must be preserved.
- 2.) A Quorum must be present for the auxiliary to act. Do not go the bar to get signatures for your quorum. The member must be attending your meeting. And of course, no drinking!
- 3.) Full and free discussion of every motion is a basic right.
- 4.) Only one question at a time can be considered. Do not interrupt the member speaking.
- 5.) The chair must be strictly neutral.

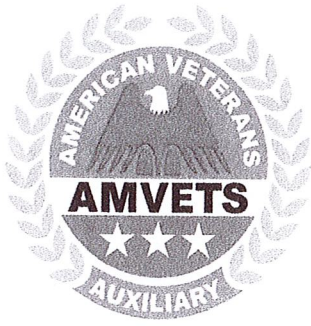
When you follow the Parliamentary Procedure, you maintain order in a meeting and you know your meeting will end on time. Meetings without formalized procedures can extend well beyond a reasonable time frame, often without important questions being resolved or necessary work getting accomplished.

Auxiliaries that are due to review and update their Bylaws are Auxiliary 14, 38, 48, 72, 245, 726, 1013, 1997 and 6472. It is necessary to send 3 copies. I have received Auxiliaries 48 and 245.

If you have any questions, please email me at rosaleewaid@msn.com. (If possible, I do prefer to have emails sent to me instead of phone calls). My address is 17 High Acres Drive, Bemus Point, NY 14712.

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

Rosalee Waid, Parliamentarian



AMVETS AUXILIARY INC. DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,

NEC REPORT Spring

Good Morning

The National Convention is where AMVETS leaders and members will be given a chance to shape the future of our great organization. From electing new leaders to voting on resolutions that set the foundation of AMVETS, the National Convention sets the stage for the coming year. This year the convention will be held in Pittsburgh, PA and in 2024 in Springfield, IL

Information for the National Convention can be found on <https://www.amvets.org/amvets-events>. There you can reserve your rooms. The rooms are \$129.00 a night plus taxes which is 14%. For a total of \$147.06 per night. Keep in mind they may also ask for a security deposit to.

Joint Opening Ceremony will take place August 23rd. Pre-Registration is \$40. And you will get your booklet. If you don't pre-register cost will be \$60 and there will be no guarantee of a book.

Please watch the AMVETS Auxiliary website for more info on registrations and updates. If you give me your name if you are planning on attending I will forward any info that is sent to me to you.

Donna Smith NEC/PDP
Dept. Of New York
AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary



AMVETS AUXILIARY INC. DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,

NEC REPORT Spring

Good Morning

National President Karin, Madam President Sue, Auxiliary Officers, Members and guest:

Well, the winter hopefully is going to come to an end soon. Most of our auxiliaries are back in full force. We are trying to get our numbers back up.

Community Service- 99,485 Youth Volunteer- 2752 Scholarship- 8,396 Hospital- 15,825
Child Welfare-24,714 Youth Volunteer-1,343 Americanism- 37,883 Youth Volunteer-
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Our midyear reports show our Department is striving to serve our Veterans, and the community.

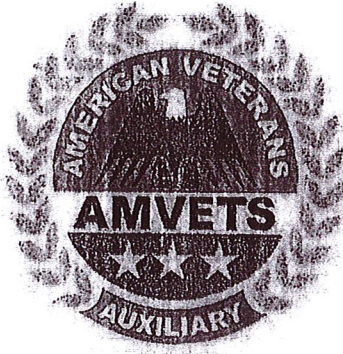
We have received letters asking for our support for Amy Stopra for National President. Barbara Guth from Kentucky for treasurer,

Amy comes from the Dept of Pennsylvania. Amy has successfully held many offices on the local, State and National where now she is our 1st Vice. Barbara currently is the National Treasurer she is a past PNP. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Accounting.

But it is my honor to announce that here from the Department of NY we have three candidates for officers on the National level. Mary Lanphere for 2nd Vice, Laura Bugaj for 3rd Vice and Shirley Sochia for Chaplain.

I know our Auxiliary will support these ladies because they are the perfect match to these positions. They are some of the highly qualified people that I myself, have ever known as well as very active members of our Auxiliary. I believe that they have all necessary skills and qualifications to pursue these positions. They have great leadership and motivational skills that are essential for these positions.

Donna Smith NEC



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York, Inc.

Spring NEC, 2023

Flowers were blooming, cherry blossoms full of color and no snow, only rain! We attended the Memorial Service at headquarters where we had a great lunch and were able to walk around Headquarters to see what it is really like. Some went on a trip to Arlington (an emotional experience) and an excursion to see all the monuments. The bus driver nearly killed us, thought he was on a NASCAR track!!

PNP Linda McGriff did a wonderful presentation on NEC WOMAN. I have made copies for everyone just in case you feel you may want to run for the position of NEC. While it may look simple, just going to the meetings and sending in reports, it is a responsibility filled place to sit.

She stressed the importance of communication. This goes from NEC to Department to Locals. It is imperative to have information given to all entities so we can all be on the same page.

If there is something you need clarified seek out your Department Officers – do NOT go directly to a National Officer because they will only direct you back to your Local or Department.

Personality issues do not go directly to Department. The first line of communication is at the Local level.

NEC President did get clarification on the issue of cash register receipts being turned into schools for reimbursement. This is a local situation and depends on the store involved – not an all over source. There was general discussion about valuing of the plastic crocheted mats made for the homeless. No amount was reached. We also had discussion on what constitutes a project and the many parts of a project, what can be used on reports and what was all inclusive – trips to the store, presentations, wrapping, baking, phone calls – a lot of what we talk about in our trainings.

I felt really good about New York because some of the issues brought up we have successfully moved through. Especially important to me was the trainings we now require of our Auxiliaries. This may not sound important, yet when you look at the number of new (and younger) members we are getting there needs to be a good example set for them. And training. We need the “young blood” and we are responsible for making sure they are trained properly and know where to go to find answers! THE MANUAL – and Department Officers. As well as long-time Local members who take their roles seriously.

I was very pleased to have had the opportunity to represent the wonderful Department of New York at the Spring NEC meeting. Thank you for this experience.

*Shirley
Sochia
NEC alt*



New York State Department, Inc. Ladies Auxiliary
Spring Report: January 24, 2023

Dear Fellow Officers and Auxiliary Sisters,

It's that time of the year to gather up pictures of any work you have accomplished to benefit Veterans and the Community.

I would like any pictures you have taken at your post with your auxiliary sisters. Any pictures you take at SEC or the Convention will also be appreciated. I want to fill Madam Presidents Scrapbook with many memories.

All your wonderful hard work raising funds to donate to your local charities should be recorded and I would love to do just that.

We are a large state and I know you all strive to be the best you can! Let's make our NY Dept. scrapbook the best it can be too!

I encourage each auxiliary to enter their own scrapbook too. It is a wonderful way to show the great work you do in your own auxiliaries. Remember new members and future PRO's will have a guideline to follow with your work.

You have all the guidelines to follow from the forms I previously sent. You can also go on the web site and download them from there too. Remember to follow the directions exactly as judging will be done accordingly.

Please contact me with any questions you may have concerning the State and Local scrapbook.

My contact information is as follows:

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Massena, NY 13662

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Sincerely,
Valerie Harrington,
NYS Department, Inc. Ladies Auxiliary PRO/Historian



Spring Bulletin 2023

Hello everyone,

Thank you again for this opportunity to be the Sergeant at Arms. It has been my pleasure to present and honor our United States Flag for what it stands for. To remind us of our importance as AMVET Auxiliary members to wear our uniforms with the utmost respect and pride. With yellow or white shirts, green dress pants covered with a white blazer and black shoes, (please no open toes). Auxiliary hats may be worn without your uniforms, but you should wear your hat with your uniform. If a member is wearing their Official hat, it is appropriate to wear the hat representing the highest office held throughout the course of their auxiliary membership. Please remember as always, the importance of our American flag and the Freedom that it stands for today. I will have pamphlets to hand out in the back of the room that everyone is welcome to take back to their posts.

Thank You,

Vikki Keech

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VAVS Bath Spring Bulletin

Things in February have started to pick up after a fairly quiet January for the Bath CLC and Domiciliary residents. The staff at Bath VA hosted a special "Watching Party" during the Bills' game for the CLC residents.

Sunday February 12th through Saturday February 18th was National salute to Veterans Week.

During this week the VA had special events, such as "Tell Your Military Story" group, Valentines Day bingo, a special Military Trivia, a flower arrangement activity and of course a Super Bowl party.

In January, "Dom Prom" was held complete with music, refreshments, and decorations provided by CDCE. Residents dressed up, played games, and crowned a prom King and Queen, ending the events with a challenging round of bingo.

Work has also begun on prepping an area for an outdoor workout space for the Dom residents to use during the warmer months. They are also working to get exercise equipment to keep in the Rec. Hall for use when the Health Fitness Center is not open.

Bath National Cemetery hosted its annual Wreaths Across America, with over 3,700 wreaths placed by over 200 volunteers.

Although a volunteers job is not the same right now one can still give of their valuable time to help our needed Veterans. Please ask your AMVETS ladies Auxiliary VAVS representative how you or your auxiliary can be of assistance.

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary,
Candace Clemens, VAVS Bath, PDP

VAVS Bath Spring SEC Report

Although, the Bath Medical Center currently still does not allow regular volunteers to work in the CLC or Domiciliary with the residents there are two new assignments available. CDCE has two virtual assignments available to current, Regular-Scheduled volunteers: Pen Pals with a Purpose (providing weekly correspondences to Veterans), and our nationally-affiliated, newly established Compassionate Contact Corps (CCC) Programs (providing weekly phone call correspondences to Veterans)

Since COVID it seems that my main job has been to gather donations and take them to the Bath VA. The following is a record of credited items our Dept. of N.Y. AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary has been credited with.

9/6	\$231.76
9/30	\$1248.96
1/3	\$1850.13
3/1	\$3107.13

Total thus far for donations is **\$6,437.98.**

\$500 of this money was given to me by the Dept. of N.Y. AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. I and the Veterans at the Bath VA thank you all very much. Purchased with this money was needed clothing, shoes, socks, underwear, jeans, sweatpants, sweatshirts, shirts and tops. Recently, I was able to purchase badly needed model cars, tanks, and planes for the craft program at the Bath VA.

Donations of many items are still needed and appreciated at the VA. If your auxiliary has not donated to your locally sponsored VA recently please consider holding a fundraiser. Please remember to get everything approved by your local Auxiliary.

The week of April 16th is Volunteer Week. Several small luncheons will be held at a restaurant in Hornell. This year my Deputy Aren Schank, Auxiliary #1 will be honored as she has completed 1500 volunteer hours with the Bath VA. Congratulations to Aren Schank on a job well done!

I want to thank all of you for your continued support for the Bath VA.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Clemens VAVS Bath, PDP



AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary 18, 141 Carleton Avenue East Islip, NY

March 15th, 16th & 17th, 2023
S.E.C. VAVS Auxiliary 18 Report
Josephine Pearl Deputy VAVS

The Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) Northport remains closed to personal visits and inter-acting with the resident veterans.

Even though we can't physically inter-act with the Veterans at the Medical Center we can still brighten their lives by sending them our love and gratitude with cards, letters, and donating items; to the facility; from their "Wish List".

In early December 2022 we delivered the following items:

- 122 seasonal cards individually addressed and signed by an auxiliary member
- Preschoolers from the local area handcrafted 30 Thank You Hearts & Flags cards
- Local Elementary School Students designed 72 cards, wrote 21 Letters & hand colored/painted 14 U.S. Flag pictures.
- The auxiliary provided 30 Used Music CDs from assorted artists, genres, and time periods
- 1 new nature sounds C.D.

For "Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week" we decided to focus on our female veterans. The following items were selected from their "Wish List":

- Large hair claw clips (6)
- Assorted piano combs (12)
- Elastic hair ties (4 packs = 106 pieces)
- Hair brush and comb sets (5)
- Hair brushes (5)
- Ladies stick deodorant (12)
- Toothbrushes (18)
- Ladies colored tee shirts (12 = 4 size L, 4 size XL, 4 size XXL)
- Ladies white panty brief (30 = 20 size 8, 10 size 9)
- Non skid slipper socks (18)
- Pill boxes (12)
- All Laundry Liquid Detergent— (Two 1.1 gallons each)

Additionally, one group of local High School Students handmade 43 Valentine's Day Cards.

Respectfully submitted:

Josephine Pearl, VAVS Deputy

cc: Susan Gardner, President AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York
cc: Mary Lanphere PDP, Secretary Dept NY; Deborah Stondell PDP, Hospital Officer Dept NY;
cc: Candace Clemens PDP, VAVS Coordinator Dept NY; cc: Gloria Morck PDP, President Auxiliary 18

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JUNE 2023

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