



## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Department of Florida

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Greetings to my auxiliary sisters!

It is hard to believe we are coming up on our June convention.

I hope you are all getting ready to apply for awards. You all work hard and deserve to be recognized. We will be having our awards ceremony on Saturday afternoon, be sure to attend and have some fun!

There will also be a school of instruction where we all learn something new and meet up with old friends and make new ones.

We will also be having our annual banquet Saturday night. The theme is the Roaring 20's; you can dress up in your finest "flapper outfit". The tickets are \$25.00 per person or \$200.00 per table. The reservation form can be found in the forecast for the convention. I am looking forward to seeing you all and having a fun and productive weekend.

Lastly, my intention is to run for a 2nd term as your Department President.

Remember, when you can be anything be kind.



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Greetings Ladies,

Membership is the backbone of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. Hopefully, you have sent in all your pending membership Dues and Remittance Forms for 2022. The actual deadline date is, **May 15, 2022** and they **must** be received by our Executive Secretary, PDP Donnajeanne Merritt **on or before the above date (May 15<sup>th</sup>).**

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*\***

**Your current 990's are to be filed and due to me at the above address no later than June 1, 2022. This is mandatory to be in good standing at June Convention and the IRS. Also, I will need two (2) copies of your 990. If need be you can hand deliver your 990 to me at the start of the 2022 June Convention.**

While we are preparing for our 2022 Department Convention there will be NO membership processed during the months of June and July.

Remember to apply for the PNP Ruth K. Nickerson Membership Award. This award goes to the Membership Officer with the largest number of renewals. All Awards must be postmarked by May 27, 2022 and sent to the Awards Chairmen; PNP, PDP Evelyn McElvin. Please, check your Convention Forecast for additional information.

It has been an honor and pleasure to have served as your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and would ask for your continued support as I seek a second term as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Department of Florida. Thank You.

GOD BLESS

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Greetings ladies,

Another fiscal year is coming to an end, and I would like to thank all the Auxiliaries that have sent in reports this year. Great job!!

There is still time to get reports in. If anyone has any questions about reports, please feel free to call me any time. End of year reports must be **IN MY HANDS** by **May 5<sup>th</sup>** to be included in the June Convention book.

Please don't forget to apply for the awards. You all deserve them! But you can't win them if you don't apply.

Also, elections are upon us once again, and I would like to ask for your continued support as I seek re-election to the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the year 2022-2023.

As always, thank you for your support and everything that you all do to help this great organization! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in June!

Yours in Service, Holly Burbach

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Greetings Ladies,

Thank you to those auxiliaries who have been sending their reports. Keep up the good work! You may reach out to me at any time for assistance with completing your reports.

Please consider donating to Madam President's project which falls under community service reporting. Also, please consult your forecast and apply for awards.

As a reminder, end of year reports are due **in my hands** by May 5, 2022, to be in the June convention book.

I look forward to seeing everyone at June convention.

Yours in service,  
Christina "Chrissy" Albright

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Greetings Ladies,

I hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying Spring Break.

Thank you so much to all the auxiliaries that have been sending in reports. The end of the year reports is due in my hands no later than May 5, 2022. Please make sure you send me the original report and not copies.

Please make sure to apply for all of the Americanism Awards that are available.

I look forward to seeing everyone at June Convention.

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April, 2022

Hello Ladies,

As this year comes to a close normally I would say please remember to consult your forecast for important dates pertaining to Convention and end of the year deadline, but instead I would recommend pulling out the updated dates out of this Hotline as our Convention dates were changed thereby changing due dates. Updated dates should also be available on our Department website which is : [amvetsauxfl.org](http://amvetsauxfl.org) . Our webmaster keeps our website updated and current as soon as he receives the information.

June Convention is rapidly approaching with lots to be completed before then. Local nominations in April & May, local elections in May, revalidations due to Department headquarter, award applications due to Honors & Awards Chairman, banquet tickets to be ordered, followed by your annual trip to your bank with a copy of your May minutes reflecting elections to change your signature cards. **This needs to be completed as soon as your new officers take on their new offices on June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

And while we are speaking of **June 1<sup>st</sup>**, **this is the same day your 990 is due to be filed.** Remember two (2)copies of your 990 needs to be sent to our Department First Vice President immediately upon filing. You can also print and bring to her at the June Convention if you would like.

I would like to thank all my auxiliary sisters for their continued support & would like to let you know with losing several family members this past year I have decided to focusing on my family.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

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Hello Ladies!

I want to thank everyone for placing their trust in me to be able to conduct the duties of Sgt. At Arms. It is my intent to run for Sergeant at Arms again and I am asking for your support.

Our June convention is fast approaching, and I look forward to seeing everyone, as always. I am so happy to look out over the floor and see so many of our members in the Auxiliary uniform. There are only a couple of things that I want to share. If you are not wearing the official uniform, then business casual dress code is highly recommended. Shorts, skirts (no shorter than 2" above the knee), jeans and jean capris are not appropriate attire during business sessions.

Just a reminder to everyone, please during Convention, remember to show respect to our flag whenever you enter/leave the room. You can stop at the end of the tables and briefly place your hand over your heart both coming and going.

I will need ladies to be Pages at Convention, if you would like to be involved, please contact me.

Hope everyone stays safe and healthy! Looking forward to seeing everyone in June.

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Time passes by so fast and amid our busy, daily lives let us all try to remember to show compassion, kindness and let others know that we care. A call, card or just saying hello, how are you can make someone's day.

We have received 69 Deceased Member Notifications. Please remember their loved ones and their Auxiliaries and lift them up in prayer.

Please continue to pray for our Veterans and our Country; freedom is not free, and our leadership needs constant prayer in these trying times.

***"As prayer warriors, we must remember that no matter how hopeless a situation may appear to us, God gives us power in prayer to do something about it."***

Thank you for promptly sending notices of an Auxiliary Sister's passing. I am sure their families certainly appreciate a sympathy card or thinking of you card from our Department.

Yours in service,  
Wendy

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Greetings Ladies!

Hard to believe another year is coming to a close. My how time flies!

Speaking of time, our reporting year is May 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>. Your Year-End reports are due to the proper Service Officer, **in hand**, no later than **May 5, 2022**.

To prevent you not getting reports counted in evaluation totals, Service Officer addresses can be found on our website, [amvetsauxfl.org](http://amvetsauxfl.org), under the “Officers” tab.

Another reason to mail to correct Officer is because of Awards. The final evaluation for each auxiliary will be in the Convention Book and will be used for calculating awards. You worked hard, so report, mail them to Officer by due date, and reap the rewards!

Looking forward to everyone at the Convention – it will be here faster than you think!

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Greetings Ladies

April 2022

As we end our 2022 Membership Year and look forward to 2022-2023 and what it will bring us. Our upcoming Convention is a time to reflect on what we have accomplished this past year and discover what we will do next year.

The Awards Chairman and her committee are working very hard on the Awards Program and looking forward to giving out the awards to all of you for your hard work. But before the Awards Program there will be a training for the locals. I hope that you put it on your agenda to attend both of these programs on Saturday afternoon, as they are both very informative. The training is NOT just for officers but for everyone.

As you read this Hotline jot down the deadline dates on your calendar. Be sure to give enough time for mailing everything. Send your reports to the respective Service Officer.

As this time, I would like to inform you of my intent to run for Department Treasurer and I hope to have your support.

*“A hug is a great gift - one size fits all, and it’s easy to exchange”  
Author Unknown*

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**The clock is ticking, and many auxiliaries have not submitted their bylaws. If your auxiliary is listed below, don't forget to review your bylaws and submit them to me no later than May 15, 2022.**

Make sure you include the bylaws cover sheet that can be found on our website ([www.amvetsauxfl.org](http://www.amvetsauxfl.org)), listed under forms. The cover sheet gives instructions to have one (1) copy of the minutes approving the bylaws and three (3) copies of the bylaws. Remember that your bylaws are not approved until they are returned to your auxiliary. Please do not request a signature request when mailing.

The Department Bylaws will be voted on at the 2022 Department Convention.

District III (3)	District VI (6)	Auxiliary #4	Auxiliary #12
Auxiliary #44	Auxiliary #47	Auxiliary #60	Auxiliary #86
Auxiliary #92	Auxiliary #98	Auxiliary #113	Auxiliary #444
Auxiliary #2000			

***Department Officers, don't forget to review and update your policy & procedures and email to me before the June Convention.***

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PNP/PDP Charlene D. Kee  
Department Officers Training Chair

**Department Officers Election:** To be eligible to hold an elected office, a person must be an auxiliary member in good standing for at least two (2) years. To be considered a member in good standing of the Department of Florida, a member must attend at least one-third (1/3) of local meetings per year unless an excuse is given.

All nominations shall be made from the floor of the Department Convention and all candidates must be on the floor for nominations and election.

During this convention we will be electing a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Sergeant-at-Arms, Treasurer, Chaplain, Scholarship Officer, Hospital Officer, and Americanism Officer.

We will not be electing a National Executive Committeewoman or an Alternate National Executive Committeewoman. These two positions are two-year terms, and takes place in the odd year.

If you are elected, the Department Officers Training will be held on July 8 – 10, 2022. We look forward to all officers attending!

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April, 2022

Greetings Ladies:

**Upcoming important deadlines** - Paperwork MUST be to me:

- \*\* Final Membership (dues and remittance forms), **May 15, 2022**;
- \*\* Donations, **May 15, 2022**;
- \*\* Patrons Page, **May 15, 2022**;
- \*\* Revalidation forms: **May 19, 2022**,
- \*\* Floor reports from Local Presidents, District Presidents & VAVS: **May 12, 2022**.

Please remember that there must be 2 signatures on all checks.

I know that this is a busy time for everyone but the above dates are the deadlines so please adhere to them so that there are no issues for our upcoming convention.

Our website is a great tool for information. It also has all of the current forms you need. Please only use the updated/current forms. The website is **amvetsauxfl.org**.

See you all in June at our Department Convention in Orlando.

*Donnajeanne*

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Greeting Ladies:

Hope this letter finds you all well...

When doing Roll Call please speak loud and clear so I can accurately record your presence. The only person that can excuse a President or SEC woman is the Department President. Remember no one can answer roll call for you! An Alternate SEC woman may answer roll call if the SEC is not present and they must be listed on the revalidation form for your Auxiliary.

If you have any reports, correspondence and or acknowledgements that you have read on the floor please forward to me as this helps when I am doing the minutes for all meetings to record respectfully.

I look forward to seeing you all at the June convention.



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When you can be anything, be kind!

Hello Sisters:

Convention is right around the corner. Please complete all your paper work and forms that are needed for convention.

We still need to put on our thinking caps and try hard to come up with new and different ways of volunteering, serving our Veterans and our communities. Remember to apply for all the awards to be received at convention.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at convention.

Evelyn McElvin  
Awards Chairman

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Hello Ladies,

Looking forward to our next Convention on June 10<sup>th</sup> through June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and of course seeing all you wonderful ladies. I am thankful that Madam President Beck has appointed me to this position as the Quartermaster, as I have actually had such a great opportunity to meet and to talk with all of you.

I hope the items I have been purchasing to sell are meeting your expectations and I have taken recommendations for particular items as some of you have requested, so please be sure to stop over and check it all out. Again, if anyone has any particular ideas in mind, please feel free to share them.

Thank you so much to the volunteers that helped me at our last SEC, I hope you enjoyed yourselves and am looking forward to your return. Please feel free to stop at our tables and introduce yourself and of course if interested, let me know if you would like to volunteer to help at the tables. Also don't forget, you can go to the website [www.amvetsauxfl.org](http://www.amvetsauxfl.org) to see what items I have available and you can place an order through me directly. But remember all items must be paid for, plus postage prior to me sending anything to you. Thank you.

Yours In Service,  
Toni Fox

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters!

I hope this finds everyone doing well. I hope that we will have some scrapbooks from the local auxiliaries, at convention that will qualify for the service awards.

Thanks to those that sent me pictures of our Madam President, that was taken when she visited your auxiliary. They will be placed in her history book.

I am looking forward to our Convention in June.

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Greetings:

I hope everyone is doing well and I look forward to seeing everyone in June!

Our Juniors will be attending the June Convention. Please make sure your Juniors are dressed in their Junior AMVETS blue colored shirts, black pants/skirts, no holes, and black closed toed shoes. In support of our Juniors, here is a tentative schedule for our Juniors for the June Convention.

**FRIDAY, June 10, 2022**

6:30 PM Joint Opening Session – **TBD (let us meet at 6:15 to get seating)**  
**Juniors to be in their blue shirts, covers and dark pants. No holes in pants and no sandals.**

**SATURDAY, June 11, 2022 –Salon TBA on Saturday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

7:30 – 8:30 AM **Breakfast**  
8:45 AM - 1 PM **Meeting Salon TBA (also walking the floors between 9:30 to 10 AM)**  
7:00 PM **Banquet (need count if your Juniors are attending from each Junior Unit Coordinator)**

Our Juniors have volunteered many hours of their time to help veterans and their communities. Therefore, I am reminding the **Coordinators that Junior Full Year (June 1 – May 31)** reports must be post marked by **June 30, 2022**. Also, Coordinators, a friendly reminder that you are to be with our Juniors during their meetings.

Juniors will be selling 50/50 tickets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. For safety of our younger Juniors. All Juniors under 10 years old will not be roaming the floors to sell tickets. They will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor from 1-3.

**Parents/guardians please make sure to pick up your child at 3 so they can be safe in your care.**

See you at our June Convention and if you need any help, please reach out to us!

Yours in Service, Fran McGurk

**Doe Seals, Credentials Chairman**

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Greetings, Ladies:

June 2022 Convention is fast approaching.. Time to check with your members to find out which ones plan to attend.

Pre-registration **MUST** be received no later than **Friday, May 13, 2022**. Cost: \$15.00. If paying after pre-registration date or on-site – **cost will be \$20.00**. Please mail to name and address listed above. The Pre-registration form can be located in the back of this Hot Line.

Please review the pre-registration page carefully when listing those who are attending and remember when you are filling out the pre-registration form to list the individual only once at the highest position she holds – not all the positions she may hold. Also when registering, please list the **INCOMING** Local President, and/or S.E.C. - not last year's . If both the SEC and Alt. SEC are attending, please list the Alt. SEC as a Delegate, since the SEC position receives a vote of its own ---and **don't forget --- when using an auxiliary check – two signatures are required.**

If there are any members who are attending for the first time, please put an asterisk \* next to their name, so that they may be recognized as "FIRST TIMERS" during the meeting.

You will need your membership card when registering at the Credentials desk - so put it in your purse before you leave home.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the June Convention. Lots of fun in store for you on Saturday afternoon, plus a very informative School of Instruction. See you soon!



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA  
JUNE 2022 CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-Registration Fee: 15.00

On-site Fee: 20.00

Deadline: May 13, 2022

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AMVETS LADIES AUX., DEPT. OF FLORIDA**

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PLEASE PRINT

TWO SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON ALL AUXILIARY CHECKS

Auxiliary #: \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Post: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Registering: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Submitting: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print and list ONLY Dept. Officers, PDP's, PNP's in this area who are attending the meeting**  
**(Registration is paid for Department Officers & PDP'S/PNP's)**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Local President

\_\_\_\_\_  
SEC

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alt. SEC

\_\_\_\_\_  
District President

Delegate(s)/Alternate(s) Attach sheet if additional space is needed

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Honorary Member/Guest (NO VOTE):

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Mark an asterisk (\*) next to members attending for the first time

**76th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
ROSEN CENTER HOTEL-ORLANDO,FLORIDA  
JUNE 9TH-12TH, 2022**

(Note: Agenda is subject to change at the President's discretion)

**Thursday, June 9, 2022**

- 3:00 P.M.** Finance Committee Meeting
- 4:00 P.M.** Pre-Con Meeting (Designated Officers only)
- 4:30 P.M.** Audit Committee
- 5:30 P.M.** Honors & Awards Judging  
1st Vice, All Service Officers, Current and Past Awards Chairmen are **required** to attend

**Friday, June 10, 2022**

- 9:00 A.M.** By-Laws Committee Meeting (Parliamentarian and Appointed Members)
- 10:00 A.M.** Scholarship Judging
- 11:00 A.M.** AMVETS/Auxiliary/Sons Joint Elected Officers Meeting
- 12:00 Noon - 4:00 P.M.** Quartermaster Hours
- 12:00 Noon - 4:00 P.M.** Registration Hours
- 12:00 Noon - 5:30 P.M.** Hospitality Suite
- 1:00 P.M.** Convention Advisory Committee Meeting  
Honors and Awards Committee Meeting (**immediately following**)  
**Prior to 3:00 P.M.** Local scrapbook deadline
- 3:00 P.M.** Elected Officers Meeting with Appointed Officers(PDP's welcomed)  
Service Officers Meeting with NEC/PDP Marecek (**immediately following**)
- 3:30 P.M.** AMVETS/Auxiliary/Sons Joint Convention Chair Meeting
- 4:00 P.M.** Scrapbook Judging
- 5:00 P.M.** Presidents Council
- 5:00 P.M.** SEC Council
- 6:30 P.M.** Joint Opening Session
- 8:00 P.M.** Joint Memorial Service

**FOLLOWED BY DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION IN PRESIDENT'S SUITE**

**Saturday, June 11, 2022**

- 7:30 A.M.-9:30 A.M.** Registration Open
- 3:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M.** Registration Open
- 7:30A.M.** Quartermaster Open (Closed during business sessions)
  
- 8:15 A.M.** **Official Opening of the 76th AMVETSLadies Auxiliary Convention**
- 11:45 A.M.** Gaveliers Meeting & Luncheon (**President's Suite**)
- 1:00 P.M.** Honors and Awards Ceremony
- 2:30 P.M.** Quartermaster Audit
- 2:30 P.M.** Local Officers Training/ Orientation with Department Officers

**6:00 P.M. Reception Cocktail Hour**  
**7:00 P.M. Banquet**

**Sunday, June 12, 2022**

**8:15 A.M.** All Raffle Drawings  
**8:30 A.M.** General Business Session - President Debbie Beck

**POST CONVENTION MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT**  
**ALL NEWLY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS MUST ATTEND**

**HOSPITALITY SUITE**

Thursday, June 9, 2022 5:00 P.M.- 12:00 A.M.

Friday, June 10, 2022 12:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.  
8:30P.M.-12:00 A.M.

Saturday, June 11, 2022 4:00 P.M.- 12:00 A.M.

