

AMVETS LADIES' AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
STANDING RULES – REVISED October 2024

National Meetings

1. The National Executive Committee Woman (NEC) and the Department Delegate or Alternate will receive complete airfare including shuttle service back and forth to the airport or \$.50 per mile round trip and up to 6 nights not to exceed actual costs for attending the National Convention. Department Delegate will give a written report in the Fall Bulletin. (Same)
2. Registration fees for the National Executive Committee Woman (NEC) and the Department Delegate to be paid by the Department at the pre-registration rate for the National Convention. (Same)
3. Outgoing Department President, no matter what position she holds, will accept any National Award at the National Convention. If she is unable to attend, she will ask the NEC Officer to accept the awards. (Previously #23)
4. The Department President and the NEC Woman, who represent the Department at the NEC Meeting will receive reimbursement for travel, 2 nights lodging, registration fees for the NEC Meeting if they attend the meetings. Reimbursement shall not to exceed actual expense. (Previously 12)
5. When the Department Officer is running for a National Office, the Department will allow up to \$200.00 to help fund her campaign, in addition to a full-page color ad. (Previously 22)

Department Meetings

6. All elected and appointed officers of the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Department of New York, will receive half the double room rate for 2 nights \$.50 per mile round trip actual mileage from home to hotel site for SEC meetings. Reimbursement not to exceed actual expenses incurred. Any Officer receiving monetary compensation from any alternate sources with the AMVETS Family Organization must deduct funds from the Department Compensation Request. VAVS Officers shall receive a stipend of \$150.00, as they are only required to attend the SEC meeting. Three individuals to a room shall receive one-third the room rate for 2 nights, provided that the Officer attends all scheduled SEC meetings, trainings for the locals and committee meetings that they are appointed. Barring extenuating circumstances, such as illness, is at the digression of the Department Officers. (Previously 3)

7. All elected and appointed Officers, except President, shall be reimbursed for Department Convention at half of the rate of a double room for 3 days and \$.50 a mile per actual mileage. Reimbursement not to exceed actual expenses incurred. Three (3) Officers to a room shall receive one-third the room rate for 3 nights, provided that the Officers attend all scheduled convention meetings, trainings for locals and committee meetings that they are appointed. (Previously 4)
8. The Department Convention registration fees for Department Officers and Past Department Presidents will be waived. (Previously 5)
9. All Department of New York's National Donations are to be made at the Spring SEC Meeting. A donation to Fold of Honor will also be made at this time. (Previously 7 and 20)
10. The Department President shall appoint an audit committee consisting of at least 3 members to conduct an audit annually at Spring SEC. Audit committee shall not include Department Treasurer. (New)
11. In the event of a state of emergency, the Local President may call for a special meeting. If there is a vote, it must be handled by mail or email. (Previously 28)
12. On opening day of the convention, our Officers will wear uniforms and our body can wear red shirts (Previously 29)

Other Meetings

13. The Department may sponsor 2 delegates to the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Adult Americanism Seminar, preferably the President and the Immediate Past Department President. The Seminar fee is to be paid by the Department. The Delegates shall be reimbursed \$.50 a mile round trip and tolls for travel. (Previously 8)
14. Department President or her appointed Officer or PDP may make a business visit to each local Auxiliary yearly if finances allow. Expenses to be paid from the Department Treasury. (Previously 9)
15. Each local Auxiliary is recommended to have a Department Training every 2 years. All Department Officers are required to attend Officers Training once a year to be held every Friday morning prior to Fall SEC at half of the rate of a double room for Thursday evening. Three (3) Officers to a room shall receive one-third the room rate. (Previously 21 & 26)

16. If a member is on the Training Committee and not an officer, she shall be reimbursed half of the rate of a double room for Thursday night. (Previously 27)

Expenses

17. All bills shall be on the voucher system. No checks will be written for bills submitted at times other than meetings, unless approved by the Department President prior to checks being written. Proper documentation for such bills shall be attached to the voucher. The Executive Secretary shall approve Department President Bills. Reimbursement not to exceed actual expenses incurred. Expenses incurred must be addressed before or at the next Department Meeting or they will not be reimbursed. (Previously 6)
18. The Department will give a one-time stipend of \$50.00 and a copy of the National By-aws and Standing Rules to a new Auxiliary to help them get started. (Previously 10)
19. All donations to Department shall be to existing accounts. Their expendable use shall be under the authority of the Department through motions, By-Laws or Standing Rules and shall be good for the whole Department. Special interest accounts shall not be created. (Previously 11 and 24)
20. Upon the death of a Department Commander or Spouse, a Department President or Spouse, a Past Department President or a Past Department Commander, a \$50.00 donation will be made in their memory to a charity at the discretion of the family. (Previously 13)
21. Upon the death of an Officer's mother, father, spouse or child, a mass card will be sent, or the Department will make a \$25.00 donation to a charity. (Previously 14)
- 19 Of the \$100.00 received by the Department for Life Membership, \$75.00 should be transferred to the Department Savings Account and \$25.00 shall stay in the General Fund. (Previously 15)
- 20 The Department President shall be reimbursed for the following expenses, travel, invited or as necessary to visit Auxiliaries, travel can be airfare or mileage, hotel, if not otherwise reimbursed for any of these expenses. During the reign of Presidency, there will be a fixed budget of \$2000.00 for her expenses throughout the year. Any expense over the \$2000.00 will be paid by the President. This will not include her expenses to the National Convention or NEC. Any remaining funds at the end of Department Convention will be donated to her project. (Previously 16)

- 21 The Department will assess a fee of \$25.00 when a check or any other document is sent to Department incorrectly. (Previously 17)
- 22 If funds allow as of Department Convention, Department Auxiliary may sponsor a student(s) to attend the following years Spirit of America youth leadership conference, from the donations made to Spirit of America Youth Leadership conference donations. (Previously 31)

Miscellaneous

- 23 A properly completed copy of the New Member Application must accompany the Dues and Remittance (D&R) form for all new members, signed by the Membership Officer of the AMVETS Post. If the signature is not legible, please print the name underneath. (Previously 18)
- 24 The Department **Executive** Secretary will mandate the return of the Charter from any local Auxiliary who has no membership on January 31. (Previously 19)
- 25 All Motions must go forward and not backwards.
- 26 No alcoholic beverages shall be allowed on the convention floor while the Bible is open. (Previously 30)