

AMVETS LADIES' AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
MINUTES-JUNE CONVENTION 2024

Friday June 7th, 2024

There was no Business session as all Officers were expected to attend the Joint Meeting and the Memorial Services. With the Department Presidents reception to follow the Memorial Services.

Saturday June 8th,2024

Kim Clarke, Convention Chair began the meeting at 8:35 am with the introduction of Past National Presidents: PNP/PDP Charlene Kee 2008-2009, PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin 2016-2017, and PNP/PDP Dee Baggett 2019-2021.

Kim Clarke, Convention Chair introduced Past Department Presidents of Florida PDP Marylou Maslo 2008-2009, PDP DonnaJeanne Merritt 2011-2013, PDP Sherry Marecek 2017-2019, PDP Debbie Beck 2021-2023 , our Department President PNP Patty Piening 2023 to Present.

The Department of Florida Ladies Auxiliaries 79th President Patty Piening was introduced and was given the gavel by Kim Clarke the Convention Chair.

Meeting was called to order: by Madam President Patty Piening at 8:55 am and welcomed all to our 79th Convention.

Presentation of Colors: by Sgt at Claudia Thompson

Invocation: by Chaplain Faye Caldwell

Pledge of Allegiance: by Sgt at Arms Claudia Thompson

Preamble: by 1st Vice President Chrissy Albright

Aims and Purposes: by 2nd Vice President Sharon Sheldon

Code of Ethics: by 3rd Vice President Wendy Luzader

Definition of Americanism: by Americanism Officer Toni Plemmons

Roll Call of Officers: by Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau

Appoint Timekeeper: by Madam President Patty Piening will be Beverly Gardner Aux. #8

Reading of Convention Rules: by Parliamentarian PNP/PDP Charlene Kee, rules are on page 14.

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee, moved for the adoption of our Convention Rules, seconded by 1st Vice President Chrissy Albright, no discussion, MOTION CARRIED

First Credentials Reports: by Credential Chair Kathie Mannix on pages 104-105. This is the First Credentials not the final. The Total Vote was 157 registered with a majority vote of 78 and 2/3 being 105 as of June 8th, 2024. If you have any questions to see Kathie Mannix after the business meeting today.

Approval of Agenda: PNP/PDP Dee Baggett move to accept the agenda as published with changes, second by 1st Vice President Chrissy Albright, no discussion, MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes from the February 2024 SEC: read by Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau. **PNP/PDP Dee Baggett move the accept the February 2024 SEC minutes with correction of the name spelling. Seconded by PDP Debbie Beck, no discussion MOTION CARRIED**

Communications: by Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau. Letters of intentions to run for the National Officers read: Department of New York announce the candidacy of Mary Lanphere for National 1st Vice President. Department of New York announce of the candidacy of Laura Rose Bugaj for National 2nd Vice President. Department of Indiana announce the candidacy of Debra Gass for National 3rd Vice President. Department of Illinois announce the candidacy of Laurie Shea for the 3rd Vice President. Department of Michigan announce the candidacy of PDP Allison Aldrich for second term of National Scholarship Officer. Department of Kentucky announce the candidacy of Kathy Hays for National Sergeant at Arms. Department of Florida announces the candidacy of Sharon (Sherry) Marecek for National Hospital Officer. Thank you card to Auxiliary sisters, from our Department of Florida 3rd Vice President Wendy Luzader for her recent health issues.

Eboard Recommendation: Read by Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau. **PNP/PDP Dee Baggett move the Credentials Chair to mail all checks to the Executive Secretary as soon as pre-registration cut-off date has been reached. Must be postmarked within 5 days of cut-off date. Seconded by Jan Norcutt, no discussion MOTION CARRIED.**

GUEST SPEAKER Junior AMVETS Dept President David Baca announced his new officers and the new President Ronald Parkinson who announced his project will be the Ronald McDonald House.

Finance Report: by Treasurer PDP Sherry Marecek, time to get the budget approved for next year. Budget 2024-2025 starts on page 44 in book, please review the Income portion, INCOME, MEMBERSHIP, QUARTERMASTER AND REGISTRATION columns. Asked if anyone had questions, no questions were asked by membership.

Treasurer PDP Sherry Marecek move to accept the Income portion of the 2024-2025 budget, seconded by Beverly Gardner, no discussion, MOTION CARRIED.

The next three pages of the budget are Expenses, the following items have been added which were approved this year. We have added the Alternate Delegate to go to National Convention also the Alternate NEC woman to go to the National NEC meeting. Advised all Officers that they have a budget to use it, or it may get lowered.

Treasurer PDP Sherry Marecek move to accept the Expense portion of the 2024-2025 Budget, seconded by PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin, no discussion, MOTION CARRIED.

As you have noticed on the roll call, several Auxiliaries are not in good standing due to not sending in a service report. Her suggestion is when the check for a donation is written, at that time write a service report, then you will not forget to do a service report and you know you have sent in a service report and will be in good standing. She thanked her committee, 1st Vice President Chrissy Albright, 2nd Vice President Sharon Sheldon and 3rd Vice President Wendy Luzader.

Audit Committee Report: by 1st Vice President Chrissy Albright the committee met on Thursday June 6th, 2024. All the books are in good order for savings and checking with no discrepancies. She thanked her committee 2nd Vice President Sharon Sheldon and 3rd Vice President Wendy Luzader.

Introduction of 1st Timers: by Gaveliers President PNP/PDP Dee Baggett with 29 First Timers from Aux.# 0001 Tamalyn Fuller, Aux. #8 Danelle Miller, Aux. #15 Peggy Conner, Michelle Johnson, Cass Abraham and Bobbi-Jo Gould, Aux. #26 Diane Wingate, Aux. #33 Diana Cardenas-Wells and Shannon McNamara, Aux. #35 Christine Osborne, Aux. #42 Pam Tatti, Aux. #44 Kimberly Busler and Donna Oliveri, Aux. #50 Kay Copeland, Aux. #88 Chrissy Alderman-Carr, Aux. #200 Tammy Lembke and Elma Yates, Aux. #292 Samantha Ray, Aux. #312 Patti Thomas, Aux. #444 Jodi Smith, Cheanay Pitchett and Jennifer Foster, Aux. #911 Deborah Ebert, Aux. #1992 Maribel Matias, Melisa Matias, Alice Gohlke, Michelle VonHartman and Carol Stir, Aux. #2415 Maria Strite.

Department Officers Reports:

President: by Patty Piening, her report is on Page 15 please read it at your leisure, please read all the Officers reports as there is imported information in there. This past year has been amazing working with the PNP's and PDP's, officers, and members. All you ladies make the Department. Do not be afraid to approach any of the officers, that is what we are here for. Discussed whoever is going to National Convention please see her after business meeting to give her your shirt size for T-shirt Day at National Convention. Thanked each one of membership for making a difference by Volunteer. Auxiliary #8 has donated \$800.00 to Madam Presidents Project.

1st Vice President: by Chrissy Albright, her report is on page 16 and Score cards are on page 17-21. Renew to Life Membership will re-open on September 1st, 2024. As the new members are great but please try to reach out to the ones that have not renewed, retention is very important also. 990's for the fiscal year 2023-2024 are due to 1st Vice President Chrissy Albright due by 9/15/2024, unless you have extensions requested from IRS. Please attend the Honors and Awards later today. Chrissy thanked Madam President for allowing her to serve and to have a successful Convention.

2nd Vice President: by Sharon Sheldon, her report is on page 22-24 please read it at your leisure. Sharon wanted to say awesome job in Child Welfare, thank you to all the Auxiliaries who sent in Service Reports. Over the past year it is noted that we keep repeating the same bad habits. Once you have a new volunteer on a service report for a project you count her as a volunteer. On your next service report for a project in the same service category, she then becomes a PR (previously reported volunteer) she then is on any further reports for the rest of the year as a PR. Only new volunteers are counted. Please make sure all reports are legible, if they are not legible it will be returned to you to redo. Please do not wait till the end of the year to report and turn them in all at once. All reports should include what was being done and what each volunteer did in that project and who benefited from it benefiting. She has enjoyed talking with some Auxiliaries over the past year. Also wanted to mention just a couple of Auxiliaries #444 and #550 for reports being in on time and filled out properly. Wishing everyone a great convention and thanked Madam President for her guidance and leadership and to have a successful Convention.

3rd Vice President: by Wendy Luzader, her report is on page 25. Thank you to Department Americanism officer Toni Plemmons for her help. The stat report for Community Service is inserted in your Convention Book. The reports on pages 26 & 27 are incorrect. She had a few issues with shaky hands & processing after her recent stroke and apologizes. Community Service is our largest service reporting projects with this year evaluation of \$975,203! Ladies, you work so extremely hard and put your hearts into all you do for our Veterans, our community, and children. Please stay on top of your reports. There are many additional unreported due to forgetting a project or not taking the time to write your report after a project.

Few suggestions, have your SEC review your reports before submitting them, some reports reviewed by SEC's are more likely to be calculated correctly. Use the updated form on www.amvetsauxfl.org. Number your reports consecutively on the top, this assists us in knowing if we may be missing a report due to a skip in the #'s or if we need to contact you. Please only send in 1(one) copy of your report. Use Ink not pencil. When you enter the total volunteers only count the New not the PR's. On the back of the form, tell your story of what you did in detail. Taking care of your Post or your members is NOT reportable. Hours of evaluation changed from 20 to 30 and mileage evaluations changed from .50 to .65. Please complete your service reports in a timely manner, if not after each project, certainly once a month. We all have deadlines including the service office. Thank you to Aux. #81 and #44 for outstanding reporting on the forms that were sent in. Personal Note-she suffered two strokes in the last 6 weeks and thanked all for their thoughts, concerns, support through this challenging time, all your prayers are blessings and are helping me get through this. Thank you! Wished Madam President a successful Convention.

NEC:BY PDP Debbie Beck, her report is on page 56 please read at your leisure. She is happy to report that we had five reporting services with \$2,053,442 in total reporting!!! Be proud of yourselves. As the other officers have said, please send in your reports monthly, do not wait until the last minute, as the Department Officers need time to review, and they have deadlines too! Also, there will be an updated service report as the amounts for hours have changed from \$20.00 to \$30.00 and mileage .50 to .65. This has gone into effect on May 1, 2024. If anyone is Attending the National Convention, please see her for the pre-registration form and check for \$40.00 by the end of Sundays meeting. If you register and do not attend, we will cash your check. If you do attend, we will give you your check back. She was proud to announce our own PDP Sherry Marecek is running for the office of National Hospital Chair in Springfield Ill this August. Wished Madam President a successful Convention.

Alt. NEC: by PDP Marylou Maslo's report is on page 57, please read it at your leisure. Please remember to get your Service Reports in and you need at least one report to stay in good standing. Thanked Madam President and wished her successful Convention.

Parliamentarian: PNP/PDP Charlene Kee announced that the Bylaw Committee met on Friday June 7th and had a total of 9 guests. They had new Election Rules that we have already been doing and just needed to be typed into the Election Rules. Recommended that the Madam President add a Caucus to her agenda. Mentioned that any delegate can run for office, and you can even nominate yourself. Also, we do training for the new officers in July. She thanked the committee members for their dedication, time and knowledge to PNP/PDP Dee Baggett, NEC/PDP Debbie Beck, PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin, PDP Sherry Marecek and Karen Schooley. Report is on page 59, the following are not in good standing due to bylaws not submitted Aux. #7, Aux. #16. Auxiliary #178 will be turning in their Charter. Auxiliary #17, #45 and #312 bylaws are in good standing. SECOND READING-BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION 6/8/2024. Second and final reading of bylaws with a vote at June 2024 Department Convention.

(PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SECOND READING OF BYLAWS) Also all the Motions, seconded and MOTION CARRIED are on the attached SECOND READING.

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee move to accept Second reading of the Bylaws second by Beverly Gardner Aux #8, no discussion MOTION CARRIED. This will go to the National Parliamentarian for approval once it is approved in Department, she will then print out the new bylaws. She thanked Madam President for the appointed position as Parliamentarian it has been an honor.

Chaplain: Faye Caldwell report is on page 53-55 please take time to read it. When submitting forms, be sure to use the latest published on the website. Keep in mind there is a cutoff date to be listed in the June Memorial Service but will be listed in the following year Honor Roll. Wished Madam President a successful Convention and her kindness and had been in honor to serve as her Chaplin.

Reading of the Election Rules by Parliamentarian PNP/PDP Charlene Kee is on page 103 but as the Bylaws committee recommendation we have added additional rules, copies have been delivered to all members, it is dated June 2024. PNP/PDP Charlene Kee read the new Election Rules to be voted on. (THIS IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR REVIEW)

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee move for the adoption of our Election Rules, June 2024, seconded by Patty Razor Aux.#1, no discussion, MOTION CARRIED.

1st Nomination of Officers: Madam President Patty Piening opened the nominations, and the following nomination took place:

- President-PNP Patty Piening nominated by Karen Schooley
- 1st Vice President Chrissy Albright nominated by PDP Marylou Maslo
- 2nd Vice President Sharon Sheldon nominated by PDP Donnajeanne Merrit
- Treasurer PDP Sharon (Sherry) Marecek nominated by PDP Marylou Maslo
- Chaplin Faye Caldwell nominated by Faye Caldwell
- Sgt-at-Arms Claudia Thompson nominated by Sharon King
- Americanism Chairman Toni Plemmons nominated by PDP Debbie Beck
- Hospital Chairman Karen Schooley nominated by PDP Marylou Maslo
- Scholarship Chairman Kim Clarke nominated by PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin

NOMINATION CLOSED TILL SUNDAY BUSINESS MEETING JUNE 9TH,2024.

Americanism Officer: by Toni Plemmons, her report is on page 28 please read it at your leisure. Reporting evaluation is \$345,000! Thank you for your support, patience, understanding and for reporting. But I thank you most for all your hard work! Please do not list 4 to 6 months of work on one page, I do not get enough info on each event, and it takes too long to sort it out. Please check your math. Thanked all for allowing her the honor of serving with and for you, she asked for support in seeking a second year! Wished Madam President a great Convention.

Hospital Officer: Patty Johnson report is on page 31. Thanked everyone for all their reporting. Evaluation on hospital is \$247,013, please when you send in your reports, please tell your story of your event or action on the back of form. Thank everyone for 2 years of serving. Wished Madam President a successful Convention.

Announcements:

School of Instruction 1:00 pm

Caucus 2:00-2:30

Honors/Awards 2:30

Gaveliers are selling tickets.

Benediction: by Faye Caldwell

Respect to the Colors: by Sgt-at-Arms Claudia Thompson

Recess until Sunday June 9th, 2024.

Sunday June 9th, 2024, Business Session

Baskets Raffle drawing prior to meeting.

Gavaliers Lotto board won by Madam President Patty Piening

Saturday 50/50 was \$157.00 to Elma Yates and Sunday 50/50 was \$211.00 to PDP Debbie Beck

Call to order by Madam President Patty Piening at 8:40 am

Innovation: by Chaplain Faye Caldwell

Pledge of Allegiance: by Sgt-at Arms Claudia Thompson

Special Guest, AMVETS RIDERS 1st Vice Bob Olivera to give a present to Madam President on behalf of AMVETS RIDER PRESIDENT James Merritt.

Madam President Patty Piening has announced her project raised just under \$40,000.

PDP Sherry Marecek move for the Auxiliary to donate \$6,920.00 from the Department Treasury to the AMVETS Service Foundation to make Madam Presidents Project (Disaster Relief Fund) an even \$40,000 donation, seconded by PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin, no discussion MOTION CARRIED.

Roll Call: by Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau

Continued Officers Reports.

Scholarship Officer: Karen Schooley's report is on page 34 read it at your leisure. She is grateful for serving as your Scholarship Officer for the past two years, it has been an incredible privilege to work alongside all of you and reflect on our Scholarship program's success. Deadline for National Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship is July 1st, 2024, forms on the National and Department website. Wished Madam President a successful Convention.

Sgt-at-Arms: Claudia Thompson report is on page 58 read it at your leisure and wanted to thank her helpers Anna Elkins Aux.#88, Danniell Miller Aux.#8, and Tajuana McKenzie Aux.#4.

Executive Secretary: PDP Donnajeanne Merritt's report is on page 65, please read it contains important information in it. It is now too late to renew/rejoin. If they come in as new members and must requalify for membership in the Ladies Auxiliary. Please do not send in new members, you can begin to send them in during the last part of July. Their membership will be good through December 31, 2025. I cannot take renewals until late August and then I can't do anything with the renewals until I receive the renewal cards from National which would be after National Convention in August. During the past year there have been some issues of auxiliaries not wanting to sign transfer forms for members who want to leave their current auxiliary. There is absolutely no reason not to sign a transfer form for a member. Why would you want someone in your Auxiliary who does not want to be there! We will be updating the website after the Convention, and it should be completely updated in July. Please be sure to visit our website amvetsauxfl.org as it has a lot of information. All forms that you need are also on the website and are fillable. Thank you all for your hard work this year which has led the Department of Florida to another successful year. Thanked Madam President for her confidence in her to serve as her Executive Secretary. Wished her a very productive and heartwarming convention.

Recording Secretary: Robin Trudeau's report is on page 66, read at your leisure. If you have any Correspondence please email, mail or hand deliver to me at SEC's or Convention. Please remember, SEC and Convention is your time to speak, if you would like to ask a question, if you like more information, something clarified, etc... this is the time to do it!! If you have made a motion, please fill out motion slips and have them signed by Madam President and the Parliamentarian asap and return to me, this is VERY important to be recording in the minutes. Thanked Madam President for her Leadership and wished her a productive Convention.

Gaveliers: PNP/PDP Dee Baggett welcomed and very happy to announce they had 29 First timers and hope they return and if they have any questions, they can ask any of the department officers, not to be shy. Gaveliers also do the perfect attendance awards, to qualify you must attend all meetings including Friday, Saturday and Sunday Business meeting and President/SEC Council meeting. This starts on June 1st, so you must attend all June, October, and February's meetings to receive a Perfect Attendance award. At this time, the PDP's passed out the awards for Perfect Attendance. New officers upcoming year, President PNP/PDP Dee Baggett, 1st Vice PDP Sherry Marecek, Chaplain PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin and Treasure PNP/PDP Charlene Kee.

Quartermaster: Toni Fox's report is on page 73 please read it at your leisure. It was a very busy weekend, as usual, which she likes and would like to thank everyone who stopped by to say hello or who purchased items. Also, a big thank you to those that reach out to me in between the SEC's and Convention inquiring about things they would like to see or order. It has been a pleasure being your Quartermaster and as always, a thank you to all of you for your support. It has been fun, already preparing for our next SEC in October, (providing I am still the Quartermaster. For Friday's sales, we brought in \$2,211, Saturday sales \$985.00 for a total of \$3,196.00. An audit was completed on Saturday afternoon, and all is in order. Unfortunately, she had no volunteers this weekend. Thank you for the appointment, Madam President wishing you a successful Convention.

Convention Chair: Kim Clarke hoped everyone had a productive weekend with all the meetings and training. Her report is on page 67. She raised a total of \$457.00 in 50/50 raffles and \$456.00 in basket raffles. Thank you to Aux. #292, Aux. #113, and Aux. #81 for all the donation baskets also a thank you to Auxiliary #81 ladies, Carol Della Ventura, Luisa Wile and Michele Ousley for helping with selling 50/50's all weekend, could not have done it without these ladies. If you can please sign out a book of 25, 50/50 raffle tickets to take with you to sell at your Post and bring back to the Fall SEC. Thanked Madam President, it has been an honor to serve as your Convention Chair and I wish you success in the upcoming year. Wished everyone a safe trip home and look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall SEC.

Honors and Awards: PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin report is on page 68. Congratulations to all the winners at the Honors Award yesterday. Thank you to all that helped with the voting and special thank you to PNP/PDP Dee Baggett. Please remember to check with your Department Service Office for your final numbers as this is very important when comes to awards to make sure they are all correct. The forecast will be coming out soon and remember to Share, Share, Share a lot of good information. Thanked Madam President for her appointment.

Jr. Amvets: Sarah Baca's report is on page 69. They had 15 juniors in attendance at the Convention. Thank you to Post 26 & 30 for bringing our amazing Junior Rockers! They had a blast at the banquet. The winner for the 50/50 was Squadron son Tim Elias from AMVETS Post 50, he won \$405.00 and thank you to all who donated. Their Grand total for the Juniors President's project is \$4,036 going to Mission 22! Our outgoing President David Baca wants to thank you for all your help raising money for his project.

He is also excited to welcome Ronald Parkinson as the new Junior AMVETS Department President, he is excited to get started with his new position. Thanked Madam President and all department officers for an awesome year. Madam President Patty Piening gave the newly elected Jr's President Ronald Parkinson \$50.00 to start his program.

Ways and Means: Donna Chaparro's report is on page 76 please read at your leisure. Thank you to Aux. #4, Aux. #2000, PNP/PDP Charlene Kee and any other Auxiliaries that has donated baskets and items for the Ways and Means. Thanked her helpers Dawn Stewart, Kathy Connelly, and April Higgins. Today's totals, Window \$75.00, Grab bags \$150.00, Baskets \$470.00 and Grill Package \$510.00 for a total of \$1,205.00 given to Executive Secretary. Thanked Madam President for her appointment as her Ways and Means Chairman, has been a lot of fun and an adventure.

Grievance Chairman: PDP Sherry Marecek report is on page 71. She received several interesting phone calls this year from Locals asking questions about filing grievances. All issues must have been taken care of locally and all parties satisfied or accepted the decisions as she has no knowledge of an Appeal being put into motion. Reminder, filing a grievance is very serious matter, Personality conflicts are no reason to file a grievance on anyone. Before you start a process, be sure to read the Code of Ethics and Aims & Purposes close at hand. Thanked Madam President for her appointment.

Appeals Chair: PDP Marylou Maslo we had one official call all year with zero appeals her report is on 72. Thanked Madam President for a great year and best to in upcoming year.

Bushnell Cemetery Rep: Claudia Thompson is on page 75, they are still in need of help to provide funds for their project. Please visit Veterans Cemetery when you get a chance, Thanked Madam President for her Appointment.

Presidents Council: Anna Elkins reported in their meeting, they went around the table introduced themselves and discussed what each auxiliary was doing and shared new ideas. Elections were held: New President Nikki Anderson Aux. #2415, 1st Vice President Minnie DeMoura Aux. #444, Secretary April Higgins Aux. #777, and Chaplain Viola Jones Aux. #30.

SEC Council: Leslie Long's meeting was held with 24 SEC woman and 8 guest. They discussed do not send service reports to Department Officers prior to 7/30/2024 due to officers training. Make sure reports are sent to the correct department officer. The new reporting form has new rates of \$30.00 per hour and .65 per mile. Use updated report forms that are dated 5/2024. Next SEC Council meeting will be held Saturday during Octboer SEC. Election were held President Chair Leslie Long Aux.#444, 1st Vice President Beverly Gardner Aux. #8, Chaplain Margaret Johnson Aux. #1992, and Secretary Elke Bergsten Aux. #26.

Discussion on the Floor by PNP/PDP Dee Baggett, you have advised the floor to not hold service reports but now you are saying to hold them? 3rd Vice President Wendy Luzader advise to send

them at any time, Madam President Patty Piening advised, that this is correct to NOT hold service reports to send them at any time to the Department Service Officers.

District Presidents Report: District VI President Kathie Mannix introduced new incoming President April Higgins Aux. #777

Local Presidents Reports: Local Presidents have reported on events that have happened at their Post and upcoming events. Local Presidents that did speak on the floor, Auxiliary #1,2,4,8,9,23,26,30,32,33,35,42,44,50,93,78,81,86,292,447,777,893,1992,2000,2006 and 2415.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Announcements:

Congratulations to the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Woman of the Year is Arlene Spencer Auxiliary #444 and AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary of the Year is Auxiliary 44!

Parliamentarian: PNP/PDP Charlene Kee if you are an Elected or Appointed by the Madam President we will be having training July 12-14 in Wildwood, please stay after today's business meeting to get more information. If you are no longer an Elected or Appointed officer, please forward your Policy and Procedure and any equipment you have to the new incoming officer.

Final Credentials Chair: Kathie Mannix's report is on page 74. She thanked April Higgins from Aux. #777 and Ginger Downs from Auxiliary #23 for all their help this weekend. Please remember to pre-register and print your name so your name tag has correct spelling. 166 pre-registered, 35 on-site registration, 29 First times and 21 no shows. Turned in \$3,585.00.

The Final Credentials begins on pages 108-109. There was a total of 135 votes, with the majority of 69 votes and 2/3 being 90. The Auxiliary are as follows(votes) Auxiliary #1,3 votes, #2,0 votes, #4,6 votes, #7,1vote, #8,6 votes, #9,2 votes,#12,0 votes,# 13, 0 votes, #14, 0 votes, #15,0 votes, #16, 0 votes, #17,0 votes, #19,0 votes, #21,0 votes, #23,1 vote, #26, 10 votes, #29,0 votes, #30,8 votes, #32, 3 votes, #33, 5 votes, #34,0 votes, #35,2 votes, #42,0 votes, #44,4 votes, #45,0 votes, #47,0 votes, #50,3 votes, #60,1 votes, #67,2 votes, #78,4 votes, #81,11 votes, #86,1 votes, #88, 5 votes, #92,0 votes, #98,2 votes, #113,0 votes, #178,0 votes, #200, 0 votes, #231, 0 votes, #292,3 votes, #312,2 votes, #420, 0 votes, #422, 3 votes, #444, 9 votes, #447,2 votes, #550, 1 vote, #777, 2 votes, #893,1 votes, #911, 0 votes, #1208, 0 votes, #1292, 0 votes, #1939, 0 votes, #1992, 19 votes, #2000, 2 votes, #2001, 0 votes, #2006, 6 votes, #2298,0 votes, #2415, 5 votes, #7467,0 votes.

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee moved to open final round of nominations, second by Tamera Berger, no discussion, MOTION CARRIED.

Elections: The election took place, and your newly elected 2024-2025 Officers are:

President-PNP Patty Piening

1st Vice President Chrissy Albright

2nd Vice President Sharon Sheldon

3rd Vice President Wendy Luzader

Treasurer-PDP Sharon (Sherry) Marecek

Chaplain -Flavia (Faye) Caldwell

Sgt-at-Arms- Claudia Thompson

Americanism Chairman-Toni Plemmons

Hospital Chairman-Karen Schooley

Scholarship Chairman-Kimberly Clarke

PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin motion to Elect PNP/PDP Charlene Kee as the Alternate Delegate, no discussion MOTION CARRIED.

In Second year term NEC Woman-PDP Debbie Beck

In Second year term Alt. NEC PDP Marylou Maslo

The installation of Officers took place immediately after the election. The installing Officer was PNP/PDP Charlene Kee. After the installation, the incoming President asked that all newly elected officers please stay after the close of Convention.

Benediction: by Chaplain Faye Caldwell

Retirement of Colors: by Sgt-at-Arms Claudia Thompson

Adjournment

Post Convention meeting, Madam President PNP Patty Piening announced the Appointed Officers asked approval of Eboard, which was given as follows for 2024-2025.

Appeals Board Chairman: PDP Marylou Maslo

Honors & Awards Chairman: PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin

Convention Chairman: Nikki Anderson

Credentials Chairman: April Higgins

Executive Secretary: PNP DonnaJeanne Merritt

Grievance Chairman: PDP Sherry Maracek

Junior AMVETS Coordinator: Sarah Baca

P.R.O: Tara Dean

Parliamentarian: PNP/PDP Charlene Kee

Quartermaster: Toni Fox

Recording Secretary: Robin Trudeau

Training Officer: PNP/PDP Charlene Kee

Bushnell Cemetery Rep: Claudia Thompson

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee passed out information for Department Officers Training in Wildwood, Florida June 12-14. She advised everyone to bring their Manual, SEC and Convention Books from Oct. 2023, Feb. 2024, and June 2024.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robin Trudeau

Recording Secretary

June 2024