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Greetings to all my Auxiliary Sisters –

I'm wishing all a happy and safe holiday season followed by a healthy and prosperous 2018!

It's hard to believe another membership year-end is upon us. These next couple of weeks, try to get your members renewed who are "waiting". It is much easier to pay dues before December 31st than to re-establish eligibility and go through the application process again.

We are being honored with our National President, Marvell Ruppel, in attendance at our February SEC. Please be sure to come to her reception after our meeting on Friday night for a "meet & greet".

You all are working very hard at your Auxiliaries. Please be sure to report your work to the Department Service Officers. Looking at the stats that NEC/PDP Sheila Haywood reported to National for mid-year, Florida is off and running for another stellar year! Keep **"Reaching for the Stars"** – the end result is worth it.

My sincere thanks to all who have raised money for **Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches – Safety Harbor**. Please remember, if you donate to my project, donation checks should be sent to Jerri Devoll, Executive Secretary and earmarked as "President's Project."

Thanking you for all you do! Hope to see you in February!

Sherry Marecek



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Hi Ladies,

Wow, we have reached the end of the year. Deadline is vastly approaching for membership. The absolute deadline to the executive secretary is January 7th. Our fiscal year ends on December 31st. We need as many annual members as possible signed up. Be mindful to check your forms as to know the amount of copies that need to be sent in and to whom they must be sent.

My theme is **"Membership Means Success"**, let's not fade away!

Yours in Service,

Meltonia Presley -1st Vice President



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Happy Holidays all! I hope you are all enjoying your holiday season.

Reporting is going well so far. It would be great to be at 100% reporting. You all work hard through the year and should be recognized for the important work you do! Remember, as you are sending in your reports to count each volunteer only 1 time in each category and then put PR (previously reported) as they continue to do work in that specific category. Service reports are to be in my hand by January 10th to be included in the February book. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Please keep sending your reports, I love to hear about all the different projects you are doing. If you have any questions regarding child welfare, please do not hesitate to give me a call. We are all here to help!

Yours In Service,
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2nd Vice President

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Greetings Ladies,

I wish each and every one, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

February SEC is quickly approaching. In order for your Community Service Evaluations to appear in the SEC book, Local Reports **MUST be in my hands by January 10, 2018** and be on the **most current** Report Form **Revised 7/2017**. Thank you.

I would like to thank all the Auxiliaries who are sending their reports in regularly each month. Keep up the good work. To the Third Vice Presidents/Community Service Officers who haven't sent anything, please do not wait until the last minute, get them in while the projects are fresh in your mind so you're not forgetting to report something.

Again, as you're completing your report PLEASE, make sure you are using the most current Local Service Report – Revised 7/2017. Also, fill them out completely making sure your finished projects are dated and include the Chairman's name, address and phone number are either typed or legibly written. This is necessary in case I would need any type of clarification or just to let know you did a great job **"REACHING FOR THE STARS"**. **REMINDER, Community Service does not include hours you assist in or for your Post Home.** As a subordinate organization of AMVETS, it becomes our duty.

March is "PAWS" month, so schedule those fund raisers to help PAWS With A Cause, train service dogs for our veterans.

Ladies keep up the good work within your communities and keep those reports coming!!!PDP Sheila Haywood,



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Greeting Ladies,

I hope all my auxiliary sisters have had a safe, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas Season.

Local Treasurers please remember the following: It is your responsibility (as the Treasurer) to take care of the membership's money and to always have your books available at meetings for member to see if questions arise. Also, do not forget that it is your responsibility as local treasurer to give a monthly report at each meeting and providing copies to your local President and Secretary. It is also nice to have several copies available for members to read. Lastly two (2) signatures are required on ALL Auxiliary checks.

Before we know it, SEC will be here. Wishing you a safe and wonderful new year!

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Hello Ladies,

There are still too many auxiliaries that haven't reported yet in Americanism. Please ladies, you are all doing the work, get your reports in and get the credit that you deserve. Remember if we have 100% reported in Americanism, I will have a little something extra for every auxiliary in June.

Forecasts will be coming out at February SEC. Please share this information with your local auxiliary.

Don't forget your reports must be to me by January 10th in order to be in the book for February SEC!!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at February SEC!!! Thank you and keep your reports coming!!

Yours in Service,
Holly Burbach



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Greetings!

How quickly this year is passing! Do not permit time to pass without writing all your service reports for all the wonderful work your auxiliary is doing for your charities. Remember that your work goes unknown and evaluations are unrecorded unless those reports are written and submitted.

Local auxiliaries must have all eligible reports for the February SEC book in my hands by January 10. Please do not just send duplicates of previous work which just have been renumbered. The submitted reports are read thoroughly and compared to other submitted reports. Also, provide complete substantiation of activities, members involved, mileage, etc. Identify each project and the data involved in the service report your auxiliary submits.

I look forward to seeing everyone in February at SEC.

Yours in Service,
Linetta E. Shilling

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Greeting Sisters,

Hope you all are having a great year. SEC the dates are February 15th thru 18 Hope to see you all there.

February is our Scholarship Month please be planning on dinners, yard sales, bake sales, Bingo, etc. anything to make money, to help our future Stars.

Reminder to get those Reports done and have to me in my hands by January 10th, 2018 to be in the February SEC book.

I will be giving 2 awards for Scholarship at June Convention:

Report, Report, Report!!!!

Remember you are already doing the work why not get credit for it!

Yours in Service

Jan Northcutt



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Happy New Year Ladies,

I would like to thank the Auxiliary's that have been sending in the "Death Notifications" to me in a timely manner. Remember that when I receive them I send a sympathy card to the "Next of Kin" from the Department of Florida.

We have lost 35 of our sisters this year to date, so please remember their families in your Prayers.

It is very important that you use the 2017 form. Please complete the form and that you send (3) copies to me and (2) copies to the Executive Secretary.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

WE OWE EVERYTHING TO GOD

Yours in Service,
Becky Coupe



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I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

We need Pages at the February S.E.C. If any of ladies would like to Page at the February S.E.C., please contact me at the number above or when you arrive at the S.E.C.



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Greetings Ladies:

I want to thank the auxiliaries that sent their reports in time to the service officers for Mid-Year reporting. All totals were submitted to National and our totals will be included in the books at the March 2018 NEC meeting in Alexandria VA.

Our National President Marvell Ruppel will be attending our February 15-18, 2018 SEC. Madam President Ruppel's theme is (Never Forget.) Her project is Freedoms Foundation. Money raised will go to Lighting the Way to Freedom by replacing the antiquated outdoor lighting on campus. We will have a reception in Madam President Marecek's Suite after our Friday night Session has been recessed. This is a good opportunity to present Madam National President Ruppel with a love gift to show your appreciation of her hard work or just bring yourselves. I'm sure she would love to meet all the attending President's and SEC Women from Florida at her reception Friday night.

Please remember your deadlines. Local reports are to be in all Department Service Officers hands by January 10, 2018 for your totals to be listed in the February SEC Book. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the February 2018 SEC.

Yours in service,

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Greetings Ladies:

Wishing you all a glorious holiday season!

Now is the time to begin getting ready for our February SEC meeting, February 16 -18, 2018. Our National President will be in attendance so this meeting is the meeting to meet and great her and learn more about our National organization. She will be honored at a reception so be sure to come and meet and talk with her. You will benefit from meeting her and as always learn something by attending our February SEC.

Be sure to meet all of your deadlines for reporting. Remember your reporting year ends on April 30th so be ready to get all of your reports to your Department Services Officers so they can get them to our NEC, PDP Sheila Haywood by May 5th so she can get them to National by her deadline. REMEMBER a deadline is a deadline. We all have them so everyone needs to make those important deadlines.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the February SEC. Until then, have a wonderful end to 2017 and look forward to an even better 2018.



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Happy Holidays to All!

All Auxiliaries, Districts, SEC and Presidents Council must review your bylaws/guidelines every three (3) years in order to be revalidated. After they have been reviewed and read twice to your membership, they should be voted on at the meeting of the second reading. Afterwards, submit **three (3) copies of the bylaws and one (1) copy of the minutes** from where the membership approved them to the Department Parliamentarian for approval. **The minutes should state the changes in your bylaws.**

Be sure the bylaws are signed and dated by the Local/District Parliamentarian and President.

The following Auxiliaries bylaws are due before the 2018 Department Convention:

District IV	Auxiliary #7	Auxiliary #21	Auxiliary #32	Auxiliary #44
Auxiliary #45	Auxiliary #50	*Auxiliary #69	Auxiliary #88	Auxiliary #100

Auxiliary #292	Auxiliary #301	Auxiliary #312	Auxiliary #292	Auxiliary #447
Auxiliary #550	Auxiliary #893	Auxiliary #911	*Auxiliary #941	Auxiliary #1292
Auxiliary #1992	Auxiliary #1999	Auxiliary #2298		

***(New Auxiliaries-Bylaws are due now)**



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Ladies, Watch your deadlines!! We have a very important deadline coming up. Be sure you read this hotline in its entirety. It is packed full of very important dates and information that you need to know from the Officers and Chairmen.

Membership deadline: All annual members must be paid by December 31st and all annual membership must be in my hands on January 7, 2018. Do not get mad at me when you do not allow for the time it takes to get the membership to Headquarters. If the members do not want to reestablish their eligibility and fill out all the paperwork, make sure you let them know it has to be in your hands on or before December 31, otherwise they will have to reestablish their eligibility papers and fill out an application as a new member.

Ladies I don't know how to let you know that all forms must be sent into Headquarters in **duplicate**. There are just too many of you not paying attention to instructions. To the ladies that have no trouble following instructions I thank you for paying attention to detail. All form sent in **must have 2 copies**.

I will NOT send membership to someone that calls/or sends a note and says they are helping with membership or whatever reason, unless I have a Revalidation form on file, I will continue to send to the person on file in Department. So if your cards get lost and do not come back to me at Headquarters there will be a \$10.00 replacement fee per card. This is in our Bylaws.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Looking forward to seeing you in February.

Jerri Devoll

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Greetings Ladies:

As the February 2018 S.E.C. is rapidly approaching, I have a few reminders to help make the roll call go smoothly.

Roll Call: When answering roll call, please respond with your room number or “Present” if you are not staying at this hotel.

Reports: If you are giving an oral report that is not in S.E.C. agenda, please make sure that the Recording Secretary gets a written copy of your report.

Motion Sheets: Motion sheets will be placed on each table. Please fill out completely and turn in to Madam President and/or the Parliamentarian before the end of session.



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Greetings:

Our Juniors have volunteered many hours of their time to help veterans and their communities as well as send monetary donations to multiple approved non-profit organizations.

Department of Florida Junior President Kelaiah Martin-Dixon has chosen “The Spring” as her project. She has been working on collecting monies to send to “The Spring”. For those that may not know about “The Spring”, it is a home in Tampa for abused women and children. If you can help, please contact me.

We also continue to support the Ronald McDonald Houses in our State. We thank everyone for all their past support and we hope we can rely on the continued support to all who could possibly help our Juniors’ out by collecting toiletries at your local Auxiliaries and bringing them to the SEC. Please notify me if you are able to help so I can coordinate getting your donations from you.

Reminder that Junior Mid-Year reports and annual memberships are due and must be post marked by December 31st.

Merry Christmas and Blessings for a happy, healthy New Year!

See you at our February SEC meeting.

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Greetings Ladies,

Hope everyone had a great Holiday season. Ladies please support the raffles for convention, make sure and buy your 50/50 tickets. The June banquet will have beach theme this year. Casual beach wear only (no swimsuits please). Please plan on attending, it should be a blast. More information will be given at February's SEC.

Yours in Service,



Convention Chairman/PDP Mary Lou Maslo



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Greetings, Ladies:

The Holiday Season is upon us and I know we will all be very busy – so please don't forget to send in your pre-registration for the February SEC.

Pre-registration MUST be received no later than January 31, 2018. Cost: \$10.00. If paying at SEC or after the deadline date – cost will be \$15.00. Membership card must be presented at time of registration. Please mail pre-registration to name and address listed above.

Wishing one and all very blessed and Happy Holidays.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the February SEC.

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BE A STAR- MARDI GRAS STYLE

Please look for our annual FORECAST coming out at our February SEC 2018. Please share this information with all your members.

Continue to work hard and report, take plenty of pictures and get your information in the paper as well. Remember to send in your service reports to our Service Officers that everything will be on file and recorded.

GET READY , SET , GO the run is on APPLY for Department awards this year !



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[Local Grievance](#)

A Grievance is a complaint over something believed to be wrong or unfair. If anyone has a discipline problem, please refer to AMVETS National Constitution Article XII, Discipline. You may purchase a copy from our Quartermaster. I strongly suggest that you read the entire article. The Grievance Procedures are to be followed on both the Department and Local levels.

Let's continue to work together and look forward to a successful year with NO Grievances!

Happy Holidays!



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**DEPARTMENT TRAINING
FOR ALL MEMBERS**

Saturday, February 17, 2018

SEC Women please bring your package of forms you received at our Fall SEC Meeting. We will be reviewing the forms and information pertaining to the Department Convention. There will also be time for any concerns or questions.

Service Reports
Bylaws (Delegates, Nomination and Election of Officers)
Revalidation Form
Honors & Awards
Convention Events
990's

Happy Holidays!



AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Department of Florida
February 2018 S.E.C. Meeting
Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Florida
February 15 – 18, 2018

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

Thursday, February 15, 2018

- 3:00 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting (Treasurer and Appointed Members) **President's Suite**
- 4:00 P.M. Pre-Con Meeting (Designated Officers only) **Salon 14**
- 4:30 P.M. Audit Committee Meeting (Appointed Members) **President's Suite**
- 5:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M. Hospitality Suite (Sponsored by Joint Convention Committee) **Suite 235**

Friday, February 16, 2018

- 9:00 A.M. By-Laws Committee Meeting (Parliamentarian and Appointed Members) **Salon 11**
- 11:00 A.M. AMVETS/Auxiliary/Sons Joint Elected Officers Meeting **Salon 14**
- 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Quartermaster Hours **Grand Ballroom B**
- 12:00 Noon - 4:00 P.M. Registration Hours **Desk 1**
- 12:00 Noon - 5:30 P.M. Hospitality **Suite 235**
- 1:00 P.M. Convention Advisory Committee Meeting **Salon 11**
- Honors and Awards Committee Meeting (**immediately following**)
- 3:00 P.M. Elected Officers Board Meeting w/ Appointed Officers (PDP's welcomed) **Salon 11**
- Service Officers Meeting with PDP/ NEC Haywood (**immediately following**)
- 4:30 P.M. AMVETS/Auxiliary/Sons Joint Convention Chair Meeting **Salon 13**
- 6:30 P.M. **Joint Opening Session Grand Ballroom A**

Auxiliary Preliminary Business Meeting Session Grand Ballroom B

(Immediately following Joint Opening Meeting)

National President's Reception - President Marecek's Suite

(Immediately following Preliminary Business Meeting Session)

Saturday, February 17, 2018

7:30 A.M.-9:30 A.M. Registration **Desk 1**

7:30 A.M. Quartermaster Open (closed during business sessions) reopen until thirty (30) minutes after morning recess and one (1) hour after the afternoon recess).

8:30 A.M. Business Session - President Sherry Marecek **Grand Ballroom B**

11:45 A.M. Gaveliers Meeting & Luncheon **President's Suite**

1:00 P.M. Americanism Officer (Joint w/AMVETS) **Salon 10**

1:00 P.M. AADAA (Joint w/AMVETS) **Salon 10**

1:00 A.M. VAVS (Joint with AMVETS) **Salon 14**

1:30 P.M. School of Instruction – Chair PDP Dolores “Dee” Baggett **Grand Ballroom B**

(Please bring your Manual and Bylaws)

3:00 P.M. S.E.C. Council (Immediately following School of Instruction) **Grand Ballroom B**

3:00 P.M. President's Council (Immediately following School of Instruction) **Grand Ballroom B**

Sunday, February 18, 2018

8:15 A.M. All raffle Drawings

8:30 A.M. General Business Session - President Sherry Marecek **Grand Ballroom B**



**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 2018 SEC PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

Pre-Registration Fee: 10.00

On-site Fee: 15.00

Deadline: January 31, 2018

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

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Auxiliary #: _____ Location of Post: _____ Total Registering: _____

Name of Person Submitting: _____ Telephone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please print and only list Officers /PDP's and members attending the meeting

(Registration is paid for Department Officers & PDP'S)

President **SEC** **Alt. SEC** **District President**

Member(s)

Honorary Member/Guest (NO VOTE):

Mark an asterisk (*) beside members attending for the first time

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DECEMBER 2017 HOTLINE

