

AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

HOTLINE, SEPTEMBER 2022



"DARE TO LEAP AND DISCOVER YOU CAN FLY"

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Greetings to my auxiliary sisters! Thank you for your vote of confidence in re-electing me as your Department President. I am looking forward to a productive and successful year.

My theme this year is "Dare to Leap and Discover you can Fly." My project is The Quantum Leap Farm in Odessa, Florida. They have equine therapy for veterans with PTSD as well as other adults and children. To learn more about them, visit their website at WWW.QuantumLeapFarm.org

When you donate or have a fundraiser, please be sure you fill out a service report for your auxiliary under community service. I look forward to hearing about all your fundraisers and the ideas you all come up with! Let's make this a great year!

I am looking forward to seeing you all in October.

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Greetings ladies,

I would like to thank everyone for re-electing me as your 2nd Vice President for the year 2021-2022. I look forward to working with each of you again this year.

April is John Tracy Center month. It's never too early to start planning your events!

If anyone has any questions about reports, please feel free to call me any time. Remember to round off your cents, and we only need one copy of reports. Reports must be **IN MY HANDS** by **September 25** to be included in the October SEC book.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again in October!

Yours in Service,
Holly Burbach

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Greetings Ladies,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 3rd Vice President for the 2022-2023 year. It is truly my honor and privilege to serve.

Please support Madam President's project for Quantum Leap Farm. Her project falls under community service, so I look forward to receiving your reports.

As a reminder, community service is any activity that benefits adults, or both children and adults, in the community. (Children only would be child welfare).

As a reminder, local service reports are due **in my hands** by September 25, 2022, to be in the October SEC book. Mid-year reports are due **in my hands** November 5, 2022.

Yours in service,
Christina "Chrissy" Albright

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Greetings Ladies,

I hope everyone is doing well. It was so nice seeing everyone at the June Convention. Thank you so much for electing me as your Americanism Officer again for 2022-2023.

I look forward to seeing what new projects each Auxiliary comes up with this year. Try to think outside of the box on ways that we can help our Veterans. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Just a reminder that your reports are due **in my hands** no later than September 25, 2022, to be in the October SEC book.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the October SEC.

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Greetings to my Auxiliary sisters

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me as your hospital officer.

Reports are coming in, but a lot of auxiliaries not heard from, it is not too late to get them in. Service reports due in my hands by no later than September 25, 2022.

Please remember those who that are confined to a hospital or facility. A quick card, sharing thanks could be sent to facility directors to be expressed to all. The patients, residents and don't forget the staff. I'm sure it would mean a lot.

Please take time to get those reports in. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, or e-mail me.

Thank you for your kindness as well.

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“Leap Into The Future Through Education”

Scholarships provide support for students to help pay for a college degree. These funds enable students to obtain education they may not have access to otherwise. Scholarships go further than being a financial aid for many students. They reward deserving students with the ability to afford higher education.

All available Scholarships are on the following websites:

- * AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Dept of FL (www.amvetauxfl.org)
- * AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary (www.amvetsaux.org)
- * . AMVETS Department of FL (www.amvetsfl.org)
- * AMVETS Service Foundation (3) \$1,000 Scholarships: “Joseph L. Kee Service Scholarship
(See Service Foundation President Larry Arnett)
- *AMVETS National and Service Foundation (www.amvets.org)

There are so many opportunities for you through our organizations – so avail yourselves of these great benefits. Good Luck to you all.

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Thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me as your Treasurer for the 2022-2023 year. I will do my best and look forward to serving.

As you know the Treasurer has a big job making sure that the Auxiliary’s money is spent in the proper way. You must make sure that your Auxiliary has procedures in place so that there is an accounting of all funds.

Just a couple of quick reminders, **ALL** checks **MUST** have two (2) authorized signatures and all funds are to be voted on by your membership before a disbursement is made and that way it will also be recorded in your meeting’s minutes. It is not up to just the Treasurer to disburse funds, you are working with the Auxiliary’s funds.

We have a great October SEC coming up looking forward to seeing you and visiting with you. Bring your questions and get them answered.

Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. Mother Teresa

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Amid our busy days, please try to remember to slow down, be in the moment and take in every precious memory, be kind to yourself and others...not only is it good for your health, but it restores your inner being and your daily walk with God.

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

"Bring love wherever you go. Shine light wherever it's dark. Leave blessings wherever you've been. Be kind wherever you are."

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!

I want to thank everyone for once again placing their trust in me to be able to conduct the duties of Sgt-At-Arms. It was great seeing so many of the ladies at June Convention. Good job representing your local Auxiliary!

Please remember to respect our colors, our Officers, the member that currently holds the floor, and each other. A little respect goes a long way!

I want to thank the ladies that assisted me all last year at SEC and June Convention, you are greatly appreciated. I will need ladies to be Pages at our upcoming SEC and Convention as well as color bearers, if you would like to be involved, please contact me. It is a good way to get your feet wet!

Also, we always need candy for our meetings, think about your local auxiliary donating a bag of chocolates like tootsie rolls, kisses, or a favorite of theirs (remember it must be individually wrapped)... it helps keep our Froggy fat and happy!

`Til we meet again, stay safe! I can't wait to see everyone at October SEC!

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Welcome back Ladies to a new year of doing good things for our veterans, communities and our great Organization!

As you all know, new Service Officers were elected at our June Convention. They are **Holly Burbach** (Child Welfare), **Christina Albright** (Community Service), **Dawn Stewart** (Americanism), **Patricia Johnson** (Hospital), and **Karen Schooley** (Scholarship). All service reports should be sent to the appropriate Officer.

To prevent delays in entering your evaluation totals, please mail to the correct Officer. Their addresses and phone numbers can be found on our website, amvetsauxfl.org, under the "Officers" tab. Contact information is also located at the top of their reports.

A new "Standing Rule" was added to Department Bylaws at the June Convention, It reads, "**In order for an Auxiliary to remain in good standing, all revalidated Auxiliaries shall submit a minimum of one (1) service report to Department per year.**"

The reporting year is May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023. **Reports for the October SEC are due to Department Service Officers (in hands) by September 25, 2022.** Let's take care of your Auxiliary staying in good standing and get your reports in!

I have just returned from National Convention and will have a detailed report in the October SEC book.

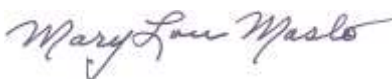
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Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone is as excited as I am to start a new year of reporting. I want you all to try hard to report in all five service categories. It is not that hard. Just Report, Report, Report! Let's all get into the October S.E.C book. The deadline is Sept. 25, 2022.

Yours in Service,



Alt.N.E.C, P.D.P Mary Lou Maslo

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Welcome to another year! I look forward to seeing everyone at the October SEC. The Department Bylaws are approved. You can purchase a copy from Quartermaster. Thank you for agreeing to all the recommendations!

Madam President Debbie Beck attended the National Convention and will report all the changes approved in the Constitution, Manual, and the National Bylaws at our October S.E.C. Meeting. Thank you, NEC/PDP Sherry Marecek, for emailing me the changes.

Listed below are bylaws that are due before the 2023 Department Convention. Your auxiliary will not be in good standing if they are not submitted.

A bylaws cover sheet with instruction can be printed from our auxiliary website, listed under forms, (www.amvetsauxfl.org). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

BYLAWS DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2023!

:Auxiliary #2	Auxiliary #8	Auxiliary #9	Auxiliary #13	Auxiliary #35
Auxiliary #81	Auxiliary #231	Auxiliary #893	Auxiliary #1208	Auxiliary #1939
Auxiliary #7467	President Council Guidelines		S.E.C. Council Guidelines	

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Ladies:

We are off and running since our June Convention. I am currently waiting for renewal cards and rosters from National Headquarters. As soon as I receive them, I can begin processing renewals. Remember if you want to be an "early bird" you need to have your renewals in my hand by November 5, 2022. In addition, if your ladies do not renew by December 31st they MUST requalify for membership, just as if they were joining for the first time. You might want to remind everyone how important it is to renew their membership prior to December 31st as changes in their life may affect their being able to "rejoin".

I would ask everyone to check their email status. When I sent out the minutes from the June Convention, I received more than several "blocked" messages back. I would appreciate it if you would pass the word.

As a reminder, if anyone is interested in receiving emails from the Department of Florida that they provide me with their name and email address.

I hope all is well with everyone and I look forward to seeing you in October at our SEC meeting.

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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. This also includes all signed Motions slip.

I look forward to seeing you all at the October SEC.

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Hello Ladies! I want to thank Madam President for placing her trust in me to be your Junior Amvets Coordinator. I'm looking forward to meeting those of you I have not met at our Convention this October.

Please put our new Juniors Department email in your contacts! Juniorsdeptofflorida@gmail.com

This email was set up for all things Juniors, so please use it going forward if you have any questions, concerns, or want more information about how to get Juniors started at your post.

Our Juniors do not attend October SEC, but it's not too late to start planning for February! We will need names emailed of all Juniors attending February SEC by November 15th.

Happy Fall and I look forward to seeing you in October!

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AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary
Department of Florida

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“Dare to Leap and Discover you can Fly”

Hello sisters:

Congratulations Madam President Beck on your election as our Department of Florida Auxiliary President, I know you will do a fantastic job. Thank you also for appointing me to serve as your Honors and Awards Department Chairman for the incoming year, I always enjoy doing this job.

Congratulations to all the new officers and chairmen as well. Let's get busy and promote your program. Remind the locals to keep track of everything they are doing so they can file and put in for our Department awards this year.

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. Please remember to continue keeping up with your service reports and turn them in.

Looking forward to our School of instructions training and seeing each of you at our SEC in October.

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters –

Thank you, Madam President, for appointing me as your Convention Chairman. I have some big shoes to fill but know with guidance and assistance from all of our Sisters we should do just fine.

We will be selling 50/50's throughout the weekend, and please be sure to sign-out 50-50's for Winter SEC after our meeting on Sunday. I would like to thank the Auxiliaries that donated baskets for raffle and all proceeds will go to our Convention Fund.

I wish all a productive and successful Fall Convention!

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Greetings, Ladies:

October SEC is fast approaching.. Time to check with your members to find out which ones plan to attend.

The most important message is to remind everyone that the cost for **SEC's registration is now \$15.00 with late arrivals and on-site registration cost will be \$20.00. June Convention cost has increased to \$20.00 with late fee and on-site registration cost to be \$25.00.** The price of everything for everyone has gone up drastically – including the auxiliary. So plan early to save money.

Pr-registration **MUST** be received no later than **Saturday, October 8, 2022.** Please mail to name and address listed above. The updated 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. 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 in October. Lots of great information in store for you on Saturday afternoon at the School of Instruction. See you soon!

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters!
I hope this finds everyone doing well.

I would like to thank Madam President Beck for giving me the appointment again this year as PRO. I'm hoping that we have local auxiliary scrapbooks this year. If you have any questions regarding the scrapbook please notify me

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Hello Ladies,

I find it hard to believe, that the summer is almost over and our next SEC is just around the corner. I am looking forward to our next SEC at The Rosen, from October 28 through the 30th. As always, I look forward to seeing everyone again.

I have been going through various companies' web sites and catalogs for new items for everyone. I have made several orders for new items to have for sale at our next SEC and some of the items will be our usual items on hand, like the Uniform Shirts, our 3-piece package of the National Manual, National Constitution and the National By Laws. These will be available as hard copies and also NEW, on a FLASH DRIVE. I am trying to get more new tote bags, long sleeve denim blouses as requested and hopefully other new items that you will find of interest. I am very excited about new orders and I hope that you enjoy what is purchased.

As always, if you are interested in placing orders ahead of time you can go to the website www.mvetsauxfl.org for reviewing items that are left. You can also call me at number above or email me at my email address above. I promise I will return your calls! Unfortunately, it's slim right now due to past sales and when I get the new items, it takes a bit of time to take photos and time to get to the webmaster to post. New items will be added to the site when the process is completed. Please don't forget, that all items when ordered have to be paid in full, which includes shipping before I can send the items to you. Also, if you find items you want prior to the SEC Conference's please let me know and I will put your order together and bring to the Conference's so you don't have to pay for shipping.

Also, if you are interested in helping at the table's, PLEASE feel free to call me. I can always use help, especially on Saturday morning and lunch time. The hours are limited due to our Conference, so your whole time during the conference is not needed. If you can help for an hour or two, it would be appreciated! So please call me or stop at the table and introduce yourself.

Thank you, looking forward to seeing you at the next SEC in October.

Yours In Service,

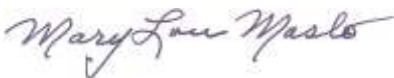
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Hello Ladies,

An exciting year lies ahead of us and I know we are all going to get along with each other. A reminder just in case; Discipline problems refer to the AMVETS Auxiliary National Constitution Article XII- Discipline.

Yours in Service,



P.D.P Mary Lou Maslo

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COME ONE - COME ALL!!!

FIRST SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION FOR 2022-2023

Saturday, October 29, 2022

1:30 p.m.

Bring your Bylaws, Manuals and ALL questions!!!

Hosted by your Past Department Presidents

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!!!



OCTOBER S.E.C.

OCTOBER 28, 29, 30, 2022



Pre-registration deadline is

October 8, 2022

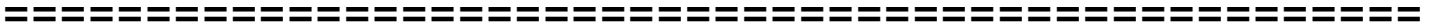
Pre-registration is now \$15.00

Mail to:

Doe Seals

3434 Osage Drive

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On-site registration will be \$20.00

Pre-registration form available in this Hotline



**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
OCTOBER S.E.C. MEETING
ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL, ORLANDO, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 27-30, 2022**

(NOTE: AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE PRESIDENT'S DISCRETION)

Thursday, October 27, 2022

- 3:00 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting (Treasurer and Appointed Members) **TBD**
- 4:00 P.M. Pre-Con Meeting (Designated Officers only) **TBD**
- 4:30 P.M. Audit Committee Meeting (Appointed Members) **TBD**
- 5:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M. Hospitality Suite **TBD**

Friday, October 28, 2022

- 9:00 A.M. Bylaws Committee Meeting (Parliamentarian and Appointed Members) **TBD**

- 11:00 A.M. AMVETS/Auxiliary /Sons Joint Elected Officers Meeting **TBD**
- 12 Noon - 4:00 P.M. Quartermaster Hours**
- 12 Noon - 4:00 P.M. Registration Hours**
- 12 Noon - 5:30 P.M. Hospitality Suite TBD**
- 1:00 P.M. Convention Advisory Committee Meeting **TBD**
 - Honors and Awards Committee Meeting (**immediately following**)
 - Service Officers Meeting, Alt. NEC with NEC/PDP Marecek (**following Honors and Awards**)
- 3:00 P.M. Elected Officers Board Meeting with Appointed Officers **TBD**
(PDP's are welcome to attend)
- 4:30 P.M. 2022-2023 AMVETS/Auxiliary/Sons Joint Convention Chair Meeting **TBD**

- 6:30 P.M. Joint Opening Session TBD**
Auxiliary Preliminary Business Meeting Session - President Debbie Beck TBD
(Immediately following Joint Opening Meeting)

Saturday, October 29, 2022

- 7:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. Registration
- 7:30 A.M. Quartermaster Open
- 8:30 A.M. Official Business Session - President Debbie Beck
- 11:45 A.M. Gaveliers Meeting & Luncheon (**President's Suite**)
- 1:00 P.M. Americanism Officer Meeting (Joint with AMVETS)
- 1:00 P.M. AADAA Committee (Joint with AMVETS)
- 1:00 P.M. VAVS Meeting (Joint with AMVETS)
- 1:30 P.M. School of Instruction
(Please bring your Department Bylaws & Manual)
- 3:00 P.M. S.E.C. Council (Immediately following School of Instruction)
- 3:00 P.M. President's Council (Immediately following School of Instruction)

Sunday, October 30, 2022

- 8:15 A.M. All raffle Drawings
- 8:30 A.M. Official Business Session - President Debbie Beck

AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
OCTOBER 2022 S.E.C. PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE NOTE NEW COST

Pre-Registration Fee: 15.00

On-site Fee: 20.00

Deadline: October 8, 2022

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

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Mail to: DOE SEALS

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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
(No Registration fee for Department Officers & PDP'S/PNP's)

Local President

SEC

Alt. SEC

District President

Honorary Member/Guest (NO VOTE):

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

7/2022