

AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

HOTLINE, SEPTEMBER, 2023



“MAKING A DIFFERENCE BY VOLUNTEERING”

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Greetings Ladies,

As we begin a new reporting year, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and confidence in me by electing me as your President for the year 2023 – 2024.

We have just returned home from the National Convention and there is a lot of new information I will sharing with you at our October Conference. Also, we brought home several awards for the Department, local auxiliaries and individuals.

My theme is ***“Making a Difference by Volunteering.”***

My President’s Project is the **Disaster Relief Fund Program**. This Program has the possibility to help our AMVETS Families after a Government declared disaster.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our October State Executive Meeting (SEC October 27th – 29th, 2023.) There will be a School of Instruction, which is designed to ask any question you may have. Also, you will receive all updated information from your Service Officers.

Please remember, all of the Department Officers are here to assist you.

Thank you again and GOD Bless.

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Greetings Ladies,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 1st Vice President for the 2023-2024 year. It is truly my honor and privilege to serve.

The deadline to file your local auxiliary 990 with the IRS is **September 15, 2023**. You must file and send a copy to me for your auxiliary to remain in good standing.

Early bird renewal deadline is **November 4, 2023**, to the Executive Secretary.

Remember that annual member renewals must be done by **December 31st of each year**.

Yours in service,
Christina "Chrissy" Albright

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I would like to thank everyone for the confidence in electing me as your 2nd Vice President/ Child Welfare. The reports for Child Welfare should be for the benefit of children only up to the age of 18. Just a reminder that your service reports are due in my hand by September 23, 2023 to make it in the SEC book in October. Please if you should have any questions on Child Welfare reports, please give me a call. I am always happy to help.

Thank you let's make it a GREAT Year!

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Greetings Ladies:

Thank you to those Auxiliaries who have sent in reports. Community service reports must be in my hand BY September 23, 2023, to be included in the October SEC totals.

A great resource with deadline dates can be found at www.amvetsauxfl.org. Click on the Local's Information for pertinent dates.

I look forward to seeing you in October!

Yours in Service,
Wendy Luzader

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Greetings Ladies,

I hope this finds everyone doing well and looking forward to some cooler weather.

I am receiving reports from only a few auxiliaries. We are moving closer to the holidays, and this is the time of year that we all seem to be the busiest. I am excited to learn of all the projects and events everyone has scheduled. Please be sure to report your hard work. Be proud of all that you do!

When filling out your reports, please only count the new volunteers and report that number on the left of the form. When you fill in the names, place an "N" next to the new volunteer's name, and don't forget to give a brief description of the event/activity on the back of the form.

Please make sure that your reports are in my hand by **September 23, 2023**, so that they will be published in October SEC book.

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Greetings Ladies,

Our Fall SEC is fast approaching, and I look forward to seeing everyone, as always.

This is just a reminder that it's time to be working on your reports and remember they are **due (in my hands) by September 23, 2023**. Remember that each Auxiliary must turn in at least 1 (one) service report each year to stay in good standing, so let's make it a hospital report.

The National Project is **-St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital.**

November is St. Jude month, but fundraisers can be held year-round.

For more information on St. Jude please visit their website at – **www.stjude.org**

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Greetings Ladies,

February is Scholarship Month – I encourage you to start early coming up with inventive ways to raise scholarship funds and please apply for all available scholarships.

All available Scholarships are on the following websites:

- AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary (www.amvetsaux.org)
- AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of FL. (www.amvetsfl.org)
- AMVETS Service Foundation (3) \$1000.00 Scholarships: **"Joesph L. Kee Service Scholarship"** (See Service Foundation President Larry Arnett)
- AMVETS National Riders Scholarship – (national_riders_scholarship)

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

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing everyone at the October Conference.

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Welcome Ladies to another successful year! I'm excited to be your Treasurer again and will continue to do my very best for you, the members!

A reminder for everyone, if you are writing an Auxiliary check to the Quartermaster or any place else, please remember that **two (2) authorized signatures** are required.

We accept cash or checks only! If your personal or Auxiliary check is returned, please remember you will have to reimburse the Department via money order or cashier's check for the total of the original check plus the bank fee we are charged plus \$30.00 for the check being returned. So my advice is, "Before you write the check – check."

See everyone in October!

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Greetings to my Auxiliary Sisters,

It is a blessing to be part of the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary sisterhood. Your unwavering dedication and hard work is deeply appreciated. As a reminder, please send your Deceased Member Notifications as early as possible. This will allow me time to send my condolences to the family members on behalf of the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of Florida. Forms are located on the Department of Florida website amvetsauxfl.org/forms. Remember to send me 3 copies. The instructions are located at the bottom of the form.

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Thank you, all electing me as your Sergeant-At-Arms. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the October SEC.

I am also looking for ladies that would like to Page for our October SEC. I need 2 ladies to present our Colors on Friday and retire them on Sunday at the end of our SEC meeting. If anyone of you ladies are interested to Page at our October SEC you can either reach me by phone by calling or texting me or by email. Thanks in advance on any ladies who are willing to help step up. It's appreciated very much.

Remember to pick up your Auxiliary sign(s) and place it in front of you SEC officer.

Yours in Service,

Claudia Thompson

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Greetings,

Welcome to a new year of reporting! Here are important dates to remember . Local auxiliaries need to have their reports to the Department Service Officers **in their hands by September 23rd to be in the October book. Mid-year reports are due in their hands by November 5th.**

Please reach out to your Department Officers or myself if you have any questions or concerns. I attended the National Convention in Pittsburgh and I will have more to share in my October report.

Looking forward to seeing you all in October!

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Hello Ladies,

Hope everyone had a prosperous summer. Now it's time to get some reports in. I would like all Auxiliaries to be in the October S.E.C book. I know you all have been busy, please let's show it by getting your reports in. The deadline to be in the October S.E.C book is September 23rd, 2023. I am available to help anyone, just give me a call.

Yours in Service,



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Congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed officers! The first thing on your agenda is to read your bylaws on all levels about your position. Remember the AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary Constitution and Manual.

I attended the national convention, and some changes were approved in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Manual. The changes will be included in our Department Delegate's report at the Fall SEC Meeting. All SEC Women are responsible for reporting this information to their local.

Below are the auxiliaries whose bylaws are due to me by May 15, 2024. Print the bylaws cover sheet from the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of Florida website (amvetsauxfl.org) and follow the directions on the cover sheet.

#7	#14	#16	#21	#32	#45	#50	#88
#178	#292	#312	#422	#777	#911	#1992	#1999

If there's ever a question regarding parliamentarian procedures or bylaws, call or email me.

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September, 2023

Ladies:

It is hard to believe that summer is over and our October SEC is fast approaching. It is renewal time once again. Early birds are due by November 4, 2023. Remember dues must be renewed by December 31, 2023.

Great News! The website has been updated and I hope that everyone takes a look and move through it. Please note that ALL forms are now fillable. Fill them in, save the filled in form, and print it off. When you go back to the form it will be blank so don't forget to save it (download it to your computer). I would request that if anyone has any suggestions for the website that they get in touch with Madam President or me and we will check out the suggestions. This is the membership website and we, as officers, want it to be workable for every one of our members. Take a look. We plan to continuously update it throughout the year.

Please remember to make your Dues Remittance Forms legible and please fill them in completely. Thank you so much.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Orlando at our October SEC, October 27-29, 2023.

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When speaking on floor, state your name, auxiliary and what you are reporting. Please forward what you have reported to me so I can accurately report in the minutes. When I am doing Roll Call, no one can answer roll call for you and you can only be excused by Madam President. If you have missed roll call, when you come in, go the MIC, state your name and auxiliary to be acknowledged on roll call. Also, we will have updated Motion Slips on the floor in October SEC.

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Our Juniors are in full swing back to school. We pray they have a blessed year full of learning and service.

For our Posts with Juniors here are some important deadlines:

Mid-Year Reports (June 1-November 30) will be due on December 15. Please keep up with reports throughout the next few months so you're not scrambling to do them last minute.

February SEC is 2/16-2/18, 2024. Mark your calendars! We would love to see more Juniors attending! If you need help getting your Juniors to SEC reach out now. We have grant applications through our Juniors Committee. Some new and exciting activities are in the works for Junior AMVETS during SEC and Convention. We will be taking the Juniors to an Escape Room in February and a Work Trip in June as "We Play Together, Now Let's Work Together".

Please reach out if you have any questions regarding our Junior AMVETS!

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Hope all had a great Summer and are preparing for Fall! I'm looking forward to another year as your Convention Chairwoman.

Please support our joint fundraising by purchasing 50/50 tickets or donating a raffle item. If you can sell some 50/50's prior to the Fall SEC, please email, call or text me and I'll be happy to send you some.

Thank you -

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Greetings Ladies,

I am excited to be your new PRO! Please email/send me photos if Madame President visits your post for the History Book. Attach the date the photo was taken, name of auxiliary and the event. Feel free to reach out to me about your local scrapbooks. We'd love to increase the entries for Dept. of FL and at National. Refer to page 58 in our manual for judging requirements.

Looking forward to amazing scrapbooks this year!

Yours in Service,
Theresa "Nikki" Anderson

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Hello Ladies,

Our next SEC at The Rosen, from October 27th through the 29th is rapidly approaching! I would like to thank Madame President Piening for appointing me as your Quartermaster.

Please feel free to call, text or email me at said information listed above. I promise I will return your calls! If you are looking for items you want prior to the Convention, please let me know and I will put your order together and bring to the Conference so you don't have to pay for shipping costs. The items I always have on hand are various pins, Dept. Hats, Local Hats (Green Hats) and District Hats. If you want something specific, contact me and I'll see what I can do.

If you are thinking about helping out, please call me to arrange date and times. The hours vary and are limited due to our scheduling of the SEC. I can always use help, especially on Saturday morning and lunch time. 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 and looking forward to seeing you at our next SEC.

Yours In Service,
Toni Fox

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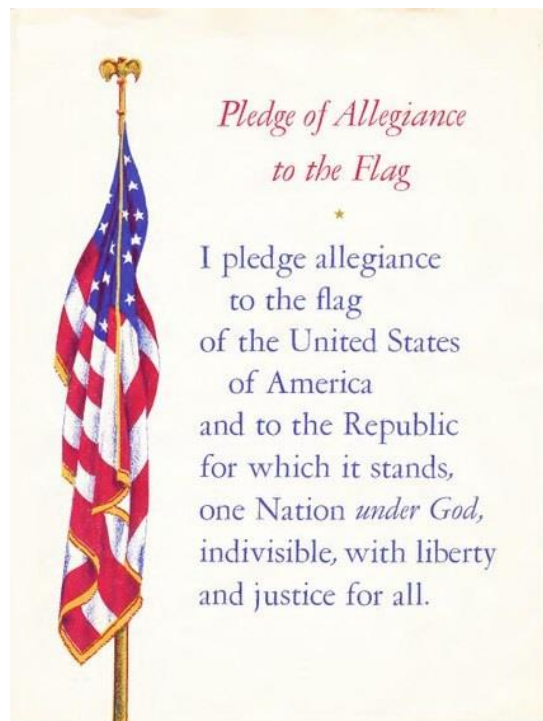
Hello Ladies,

Here it is Fall already.

I am looking for donations of any kind for Grab Bags. They can be "Gag or Gift". That will be put into sealed lunch bags. Please contact me by email or text, by September 30th. So, I will know what to expect for the bags. The items will be sealed. I will also need to know who and from please. So, let's have lots of fun and support.

Looking forward to seeing you at Fall SEC. Thank you

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AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Department of Florida
October 2023 S.E.C. Meeting Rosen Centre Hotel,
Orlando, Florida October 27 – October 29, 2023
(Note: Agenda is subject to change at the President's discretion)

Thursday, October 26, 2023

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

Friday, October 27, 2023

- 9:00 A.M. By-Laws Committee Meeting (Parliamentarian and Appointed Members) **Salon**
- 11:00 A.M. AMVETS/Auxiliary/Sons Joint Elected Officers Meeting
- 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Quartermaster Hours **Ballroom**
- 12:00 Noon - 4:00 P.M. Registration Hours **Desk**
- 12:00 Noon - 5:30 P.M. Hospitality Suite
- 1:00 P.M. Convention Advisory Committee Meeting **Salon**
Honors and Awards Committee Meeting (**immediately following**)
- 3:00 P.M. Elected Officers Board Meeting (Appointed Officers & PDP's welcomed) **Salon**
Service Officers Meeting with PDP/ NEC Beck (**immediately following**)
- 4:30 P.M. AMVETS/Auxiliary/Sons Joint Convention Chair Meeting
- 6:30 P.M. Joint Opening Session
Auxiliary Preliminary Business Meeting Session - President Patty Piening
(**Immediately following Joint Opening Meeting**) **Ballroom**
Department Officers to meet with PNP/PDP Charlene Kee, Trainer, immediately after
Preliminary Business session **Ballroom**

Saturday, October 28, 2023

- 7:30 A.M.-9:30 A.M. Registration **Desk**
- 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 Patty Piening **Ballroom**
- 1:00 P.M. Americanism Officer (Joint w/AMVETS)
- 1:00 P.M. AADAA (Joint w/AMVETS)
- 1:30 P.M. School of Instruction –PDP **Ballroom**
(Please bring your Manual and Bylaws)
- 3:00 P.M. S.E.C. Council (Immediately following School of Instruction) **Ballroom**
- 3:00 P.M. President's Council (Immediately following School of Instruction) **Salon**

Sunday, October 29, 2023

- 8:15 A.M. All raffle Drawings
- 8:30 A.M. General Business Session - President Patty Piening **Ballroom**

AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
OCTOBER 2023 S.E.C. PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE NOTE NEW COST

Pre-Registration Fee: 15.00

On-site Fee: 20.00

Deadline: Oct. 7, 2023

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
(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

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