

AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
HOTLINE, DECEMBER 2022



“DARE TO LEAP AND DISCOVER YOU CAN FLY”

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Greetings to my Auxiliary Sisters,

I hope this letter finds you all well. I have just a couple of reminders for you all.

Remember, renewals are due no later than December 31st. If you do not renew, you will have to come in as a new member.

When SUBMITTING service reports, please be sure you SUBMIT them TO the appropriate service officer by the due date! You do the work so please be sure you get the credit for it.

Also, we have a new Credentials Chair, so when filling out your pre-registration make sure that it is going TO the correct person.

All this information is available in everyone's hotline and can be found on then auxiliary website ; amvetsauxfl.org. If you need any help from any of the officers, please do not hesitate to contact any of us; we are here to help. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in February!

Wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season!

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Hello Ladies,

As we prepare for Christmas and bring in the New Year, we need to ensure our Auxiliary members have renewed their Membership for 2023. Our membership year always runs from January 1st through December 31st. Therefore, **ALL renewals must be submitted to your local auxiliaries by December 31st, 2022.** It is important to process your renewals immediately and send them to the Department Executive Secretary **POST-MARKED No later** than January 07th, 2023. Otherwise, any renewals must show their eligibility and go through the process of a New Member.

Wishing everyone a safe and blessed Holiday Season!

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Season's Greetings ladies,

As we come to the end of another year, I would like to wish everybody a very happy and safe holiday season.

Thank you to all the Auxiliaries that have reported so far. Remember that each Auxiliary must turn in at least 1 (one) service report each year to stay in good standing. Don't forget that April is John Tracey Center month. If anyone has any questions about reports, please feel free to call me any time. Reports must be **IN MY HANDS** by **January 10th** to be included in the February SEC book.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in February!

Yours in Service,
Holly Burbach

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THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE!

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Greetings Ladies,

Thank you to those auxiliaries who have been sending their reports. Keep up the good work! You may reach out to me at any time for assistance with completing your reports. Please remember to use the most updated report form from the Department website and only send one copy.

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

March is PAWS month so please consider working to donate to this wonderful cause. Also, it is never too early to think about working towards awards.

As a reminder, local service reports are due **in my hands** by January 10, 2023, to be in the February SEC book.

I look forward to seeing everyone at February SEC.

Yours in service,
Christina "Chrissy" Albright

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. Can't believe that we are at the midway point of our auxiliary year.

A reminder, **ALL** checks **MUST** have two (2) authorized signatures.

When you are spending the Auxiliary's money make sure that it is brought up in a meeting and voted on, so that it is in the minutes and you as the treasurer have a paper trail, if something was to come up. The decision to disburse funds is not only the Treasurer responsibility; you are working with the Auxiliary's funds.

The Treasurer has a big job keeping track of the Auxiliary's money. You should make sure that your Auxiliary has procedures in place so that there is an accounting of all funds.

Looking forward to seeing you and visiting with you at the February meeting.

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Happy Holidays to my Auxiliary sisters.

Reports are coming in, but I still have not heard from many of you, it is not too late to get them in. Service reports due **in my hands** by no later than **January 10, 2023**. 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 to each of them during this holiday season. Let's not forget those who that are confined to a hospital or facility. 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 and have a blessed day.

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Greetings Ladies,

Reminders

- February is scholarship month.

All available scholarships are on the following websites:

- 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)

Please Note: Scholarship Applications for 2022 Career, 2022 National, 2022 College and 2022 Checklist have been updated and will be posted to the **website soon**. Also, **National Headquarters will be putting a notice on the Auxiliary Facebook page once they have been completed**. **However, I do have PDF's of 2022 updated revisions for each of the above applications, that I can share as needed.**

Please let me know I can be reached either by phone or email which are listed above.

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“DARE TO LEAP AND DISCOVER YOU CAN FLY”

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Greetings to my fellow Auxiliary sisters! My warmest wishes for you this holiday season, and may you be abundantly blessed as we prepare for a new beginning in 2023.

Life is busy and full of ups and downs. Holidays bring an added stress to many as we all have lost loved ones in our lives. Please take the time to slow down, take a deep breath and remember the happy times and memories made with those loved ones. Remember He is the reason for this season, and He rejoices in our happy times and embraces us in our sad times.

Please check on our Veterans as this season is especially difficult for them. Let's make sure we acknowledge and honor their service by reaching out in many ways.

Thank you for promptly submitting Deceased Member Notifications. I have several ladies that have called and requested these forms be mailed to them. If you do not have access to a computer and/or printer, just give me a call or text and I'll be happy to send forms to you.

Looking forward to our February SEC and seeing you there!

Yours In Service,
Wendy

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Greetings Everyone!

Mid-year totals have been forwarded to, and received by, the respective National Service Officer. A detailed stat sheet will be included with my book report for the February SEC. However a brief synopsis is, as of October 31, 2022, there were 37 Auxiliaries reporting with a Total Evaluation (all service areas combined) of \$464,253.

Besides submitting Revalidations, 990's, and Bylaws, **every Auxiliary must submit at least one (1) service report per year to be in good standing with the Department of Florida.** Each Department Service Officer will be contacting the 22 Auxiliaries who have not submitted any reports to assist in getting this requirement done.

Just a reminder, service reports from the Local Auxiliaries are due to respective Service Officer (in their hands) by January 10, 2023 in order for totals to appear in February SEC Book.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you as your NEC Woman for the past four (4) years and I have strived to do my very best for you as your representative to National.

Hoping to see everyone soon!



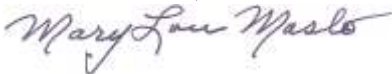
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Greetings Ladies,

Hope all is well with you and yours. This is just a friendly reminder that it's time to work on those reports for the February S.E.C Book. Remember I have a challenge out to all Auxiliary's to have at least one report in all categories. Watch your deadline's, they are given for a reason. With that being said let's get to reporting ladies. Report, Report, Report!

Yours in Service,



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As the year ends and the New Year begins, **if your auxiliary is listed below, don't forget to review your by-laws and submit to me no later than May 15, 2023.** The bylaws committee must meet, chaired by the Parliamentarian and review for recommendations if any to the auxiliary. If there are no changes, make sure the President and Parliamentarian, sign and date a new last page of the bylaws. There should also be a space for the Department Parliamentarian and President to sign once approved. If there are changes to the bylaws, it must be read at one meeting and read again at the next meeting and voted on for approval at that same meeting.

Make sure you include the bylaws cover sheet that can be found on our website, (www.amvetsauxfl.org), listed under forms. The cover sheet gives instructions to include one (1) copy of the minutes approving the bylaws and three (3) copies of the bylaws. Always remember that your bylaws are not approved until they are returned to your auxiliary.

BYLAWS DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2023!

Auxiliary #2	Auxiliary #8	Auxiliary #9	Auxiliary #13	Auxiliary #81
Auxiliary #231	Auxiliary #1208	Auxiliary #1939	Auxiliary #7467	President Council Guidelines

SEC Women, please don't forget to remind your auxiliary about **Standing Rule #5:**

"In order for an Auxiliary to remain in good standing, all revalidated auxiliaries shall submit a minimum of one (1) service report to the Department per year."

Happy Holidays!

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Ladies:

We are heavy into renewal time. Remember that if your members have not renewed their membership by December 31, 2022 they must come in as a “rejoin” and must re-qualify for membership status. Please encourage them to RENEW NOW!

As a reminder, I must have all membership in my hands the first part of January. I must have final figures in to National and renewals must be postmarked by January 7, 2023. There will be no exceptions.

Ladies, when filling out your Dues Remittance Forms be sure to make it legible, include zip codes and be sure and write out the city. The addresses must be complete. Remember for annual members you need to send the Department \$24.00, for Honorary members send \$15.00, and for Life members send \$350.00. Please be sure and check your math and have two signatures on all checks.

We are in the process of updating the website and I would encourage everyone to use our website. The website is Amvertsauxfl.org.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in February at SEC.

Donnajeanne

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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 Motion slip.

Happy Holidays to you and yours!!

Look forward to seeing you all at the February 2023 SEC.

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Greetings Ladies,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and now preparation is under way for our next Holiday, which is always a busy time of year. I am already preparing for our next SEC in February 2023. I have already placed several orders for new items and even ordered items we have had in the past as I had numerous requests for them.

As always, I continue to ask for volunteers to assist in working at our tables. If you are interested and have some free time to assist, please feel free to call me at the above number or email me. Please do leave a message if I don't answer, other wise my phone may say it's "Spam" or if listed as unknown number and I usually block those numbers then.

I am interested in your opinions, thoughts and concerns for items that are being sold. Any and all suggestions are welcome, so don't hesitate in voicing them.

If you're interested in placing an order, check out our website at www.amvetsauxfl.org to see what may be available. But also call me to confirm what items I still have in stock as the website is a constant work in progress and the items do change after each SEC & Convention. Also, all orders have to be prepaid in advanced before orders can be sent, including the shipping charges in advance.

Madam President Beck thank you again for this appointment this year, I wish you and everyone a constructive and productive SEC.

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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, either by email or phone.

Looking forward to seeing you at SEC meeting.

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I hope this greeting finds you all well during this busy season. Sometimes we get so busy we forget to slow down and enjoy this time with family and friends. I hope you take the time to do that!

For our Posts with Juniors here are some important deadlines:

Mid-Year Reports (June 1-November 30) must be postmarked to myself no later than 12/26, so we can meet the National deadline of 12/31. If there is nothing to report, please still submit a report saying such.

Juniors Membership Forms should be submitted by 12/31, fees are covered by Department.

As of now we have not had any other posts reach out to us stating their Juniors would be attending SEC in February. If you have Juniors planning on attending, please email the Department Juniors email above and we will send you the parent consent form directly.

Please reach out if you have any questions regarding our Amvet Juniors!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!

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Good morning Auxiliary Sisters,

I hope all enjoyed Thanksgiving as so many of us have so much to be grateful for.

We are awaiting word from Rosen as to Menu and Cost for our June Shimmer Me Timbers Gala. We hope to have before February SEC.

50/50 Tickets out for sale and if you know anyone seeking any please let me know. Also seeking assistance with obtaining a couple raffle items for our table.

Merry Christmas to Y'all,

Kim Clarke
Convention Chair

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Ramona Mourhess, Credentials Chairman

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ATTENTION – as you can see from the heading, this report is NOT coming from Doe Seals. Unfortunately, Doe is having visual impairment issues and I have been asked to fill in as Credentials Chairman for February SEC and June Convention. I'm so honored and proud to be asked, but of course, I have trained by the best!

February SEC is fast approaching.. Time to check with your members to find out who plan to attend. Please remember Guidelines for Credentials have not changed:

- Pre-registration **MUST** be received no later than **Saturday, January 21, 2023**. Please mail to name and address listed above. The updated pre-registration form can be located in the back of this Hot Line. Allow plenty of time to get to North Carolina.
- 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 February. Wishing all Happy Holidays!

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Dare To Leap and Discover You Can Fly!

Hello Sisters:

Convention is right around the corner. Please complete all your paper work and forms that are needed for convention. Look for our 2023 Department Forecast at our February Mid-Year SEC meeting. This package will contain all the important information you will need and want for convention. Remember SEC women you must sign for this package to take home and share with your local auxiliary.

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. Remember to apply for all the awards to be received at convention.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at convention.

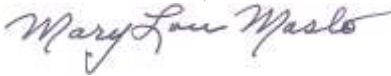
Evelyn McElvin, Awards Chairman

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Hello Ladies,

I hope that everyone is doing well and getting along with one another. Just in case you do have an issue arise in the future, you should all familiarize yourself with the grievance process, if you haven't already done so. It can be found in the National Constitution Article XII. Also please remember problems should always be kept within the confines of your Auxiliary.

Yours in Service,



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Greetings Ladies:

I seriously cannot believe that this year is actually almost over.

I am planning to have a Booze Wagon Raffle. A collapsible wagon filled with Booze for our June Convention. So ,I am requesting that all auxiliaries to please bring some your favorite bottle to put in the wagon. The bottles will be collected at the February SEC. But I also would appreciate if your Auxiliary/District could help with basket for the February SEC. I would really appreciate it.

The money raised for these raffles, helps us keep our costs down. So, any help is appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February SEC. It's right around the corner.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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Greetings all!

It was great to see everyone at October SEC!

I greatly enjoy serving everyone to the best of my ability and I hope to continue to improve! Thank you for approving the purchase of new microphones, it will certainly make my job easier!

Please ask your auxiliary to donate a bag of candy as I am sure `Froggy` will be very hungry by February SEC! Thank you to all who donated towards the candy fund and to all that brought candy to me! We all benefit from this!

Thank you to the ladies that assisted me in October, if you are interested in helping with presenting our Colors or with being a Page, please contact me.

The holidays are fast approaching, and I wish everyone the best. I pray for everyone to stay healthy and safe during this challenging winter and the holiday season. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in February. May we all have a truly blessed and merry Christmas, may the New Year be good to everyone!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

SEE YOU IN FEBRUARY, 2023

February SEC, February 17, 18 & 19, 2023

Rosen Center, Orlando, Florida



**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
FEBRUARY S.E.C. MEETING
ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL, ORLANDO, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 16-19, 2023**

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

Thursday, February 16, 2023

- 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, February 17, 2023

- 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, February 18, 2023

- 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. AMVETS AADAA Joint Meeting (AMVETS Against Drug & Alcohol Abuse)
- 1:00 P.M. VAVS Meeting (Joint with AMVETS)
- 1:00 P.M. Mingle & Chat with the Department Officers**
- 2:00 P.M. S.E.C. Council (Immediately following Chat with the Officers)
- 2:00 P.M. President's Council (Immediately following Chat with the Officers)

Sunday, February 19, 2023

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

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

PLEASE NOTE NEW COST

Pre-Registration Fee: 15.00

On-site Fee: 20.00

Deadline: January 21, 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

12/2022