

AMVETS LADIES 'AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
MINUTES-JUNE CONVENTION 2023

Friday June 9th, 2023

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

Saturday June 10th, 2023

Kim Clarke, Convention Chair began the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with the introduction of Past National Presidents: Charlene Kee 2008-2009, , Evelyn Melvin 2016-2017, and Dee Baggett 2019-2021. Patty Piening 2009-2010

Kim Clarke, Convention Chair introduced the Past Department Presidents of Florida: Gloria Jasinski 1989-1991, Charlene Kee 1992-1995, Evelyn Melvin 1995-1996, Marylou Maslo 2008-2009, DonnaJeanne Merritt 2011-2013, Sherry Marecek 2017-2019.

The Department of Florida 78th President Deborah Beck was Introduced and was given the gavel by Kim Clarke the Convention Chair.

Meeting was called to order by Madam President, Deborah Beck at 8:45 a.m. and welcomed all our 78th Convention.

Presentation of Colors: by Sgt At Arms Toni Plemmons

Invocation: by Chaplain Wendy Luzader

Pledge of Allegiance: by Sgt At Arms Toni Plemmons

Preamble: read by 1st Vice President PNP Patty Piening

Aims & Purposes: read by 2nd Vice President Holly Burbach

Code of Ethics: ready by 3rd Vice President Christina Albright

Definition of Americanism: read by Americanism officer Dawn Stewart

Roll Call of Officers: by Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau

Reading of the Convention Rules: by Parliamentarian PNP/PDP Charlene Kee on Page 14.
Marylou Maslo is appointed as the Timekeeper.

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee moved for the approval of the Convention Rules, seconded by Karen Schooley, no Discussion, MOTION CARRIED

Madam President Debbie Beck asked all the 1st Timers to stand and be acknowledged, thanked them for being here at Convention, enjoy your time and learn while you are here.

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee took a personal privilege to say Thank you to Doe Seals for all her years of volunteering and appreciate everything she has done over the years with this Department of Florida Auxiliary. She has been with the department since 1993.

First Credentials Report by Credential Chair Ramona Mourhess on page 94-95, if any errors see Ramona Mourhess after the meeting as this is the first Credentials not the final. The numbers for credentials were from the close of registration on June 10, 2023. The total vote was 155 Registered, with a majority of 79 and 2/3 being 130.

Approval of Agenda by PNP/PDP Dee Baggett move to approve the agenda as printed seconded by PNP Patty Piening, no discussion, MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes of the February 2023 SEC were read by Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau. 2nd Vice President Holly Burbach moved for the approval of the minutes as read and published, seconded by Jerri Devoll, no discussion, MOTION CARRIED

Communications read by recording Secretary Robin Trudeau. Letters of intentions to run for the National Officers were read: Department of Pennsylvania announce the candidacy of Amy M Stopyra for the office of National President 2023-2024. Department of Ohio announce the candidacy of Cindy Rice for the office of National 1st Vice President. Department of New York announce the candidacy of Mary Lanphere for the office of National 2nd Vice President. Department of Kentucky announce the Candidacy of PNP Barbara K. Guth for the office of National Treasurer. Department of Indiana announce the Candidacy of Debra Gass for the office of National Americanism Officer. Department of Maryland announce the candidacy of Donna Tolland for the National Hospital Officer. Department of Kentucky announce the candidacy of Theresa Adkins for the National Scholarship Officer. Department of Michigan announce the candidacy PDP Allison Aldrich for the National Scholarship Officer. Department of New York announce the candidacy of Shirley Sochia for the National Chaplain. Thank you cards from AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary for the donation of \$200.00 to PAWS and \$200.00 to John Tracy Center.

Eboard Recommendation: read by Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau

PDP Sherry Marecek moved to set-up a Fund for \$1500.00 for Alt-Delegate to National Convention, seconded by 2nd Vice President Holly Burbach; no discussion, MOTION CARRIED

PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin moved to write a resolution to National to place Fisher House under Community Service instead of Americanism seconded by PNP/PDP Charlene Kee; discussion on floor by PDP Sherry Marecek that Fisher House is for families of our Veterans in the VA hospitals, that the National Manuel has this under Americanism, and we don't believe it belongs there. No further discussion MOTION CARRIED

3RD Vice President Chrissy Albright moved that the letter for "Woman of the Year" award must be signed by the President or one of the Vice Presidents. (The entry form shall be signed by the President. This is to avoid 2 or more entries from a local). Seconded by Jerri Devoll; discussion on the floor by PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin, we have had 2 entries from the same local and you can only submit 1 entry per local, if you put your President in, the 1st Vice can sign the letter. Member on floor asked what if we don't want our President to know? PNP/PDP Dee Baggett answered, you cannot have 2 entries you will automatically be disqualified. No further discussion, MOTION CARRIED

PNP Patty Piening moved to change-no entry form for PNP Ruth K Nickerson Award & the correct number of renewals, to come from the Dept Exec. Secretary and the Dept. 1st Vice President shall be responsible for acquiring the winner. Seconded by PNP/PDP Dee Baggett; no discussion, MOTION CARRIED

PNP/PDP Dee Baggett moved Entry forms for Child Welfare, Community Service chairman Awards be changed to require total hours and total evaluation with NO service reports required. Judging will be done by timely and correct reports submitted. Seconded by PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin; discussion on the floor by PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin that they were in the awards meeting for over 6 hours, there was so much paperwork, which was wonderful, but if we can eliminate the reports, it would be so much easier. You still must send in your Service Reports to the correct Chairman. PNP/PDP Dee Baggett also noted they will be checked with the Department officers at the award judging. No further discussion MOTION CARRIED

Guest Visitor: Junior AMVETS President Natalie Rosado announced her new Officers. President David Baca, Sr. Vice President Joseph Comar, Jr. Vice President Jamel Wigfall, Secretary Ronald Parkinson, Treasure Jamal Landers, Sgt-at-Arms Makenzie Baca, Chaplain Jeremiah Rosado, PRO Jaden Parkinson and Zakhai Master, Parliamentarian JaNoah Master,

Guest Visitor: AMVETS Commander Eddie Bullock, Horace Johnson Executive Director and National 2nd Vice and AMVETS National Chaplin Milton Allen. Commander Bullock thanked Ladies Auxiliary for all we did, most complaints are AMVETS stepping up and the Auxiliary and Sons always come through and work for their Veterans the hardest. Horace Johnson said to

keep doing what we do best, it's working and thanked us for everything we do. National **Chaplin** Milton Allen said we are one BIG family and thank you for the invite to Florida the memorial Service last night was wonderful, always be your best.

Jerry Devoll moved that we raise the amount donated to Madam Presidents project by \$2,003.00 to make it a total of \$10,000.00. Seconded by 2nd Vice President Holly Burbach; no discussion, MOTION CARRIED

PNP Patty Piening moved that Check #5558 dated 6/22/2022 for the amount of \$34.72 be voided and a new check be issued to Wendy Luzader for the same amount. This was for the purchase of Dept. equipment. Seconded by Jerri Devoll; no discussion MOTION CARRIED

2ND Vice President Holly Burbach moved we round up our PAWS donation to \$35,000.00 in order to purchase a Service Dog to stay here in the state of Florida. Seconded by PNP Patty Piening; discussion on the floor from Doe Seals, do we have anyone in mind for this dog, Madam President response was no , Chrissy Albright is working on that. Chrissy Albright response was they are working with PAWS, no individual person at this time, will be at a later date. Currently we have \$22,383.00 in PAWS donations, need to equal up to \$35,000.00 the difference is \$12,617.00 no further discussion, MOTION CARRIED

3rd Vice President Chrissy Albright moved we dispose of the cash register, turned in by the Quartermaster, as it does not function properly. Seconded by PNP Patty Piening; no discussion MOTION CARRIED

Finance Report by Treasurer Jerri Devoll, she apologized to all officers and membership for her lapse in good judgement, the banker talked her into a different percentage on the CD's that she did not follow the MOTION passed in February 2023 SEC. All the money is accounted for. She thanked her committee 1st Vice Patty Piening, 2nd Vice Holly Burbach, 3rd Vice Chrissy Albright for all their help, wisdom, and appreciation to each of them.

Added Donations to National on page 34-38 for each category. Freedom's Foundation Aux. #14 \$1,000.00 and Aux. #893 \$100.00 Brings total to \$17,302.00. St. Jude's Children Research Hospital Aux. #14 \$1,000.00 and Aux.#893 \$250.00 total to \$26,485. 00. John Tracy Center Aux. #14 \$1,000.00, Aux. #35 \$75.00, and Aux. #42 \$300.00 total to \$19,929.45. President's Project Aux. #893 \$100.00 and motion on the floor \$2,003.00 total to \$10,000.00. Lake Nona Fisher House Aux. #893 \$100.00 total to \$16,980.00. State VA Nursing Home Aux. #893 \$100.00 total to \$1,075.00. Ronald McDonald House Aux. #14 \$1,000.00 and Aux. #178 \$125.00 total to \$10,175.00. PAWS Aux. # 14 \$1,000.00, Aux. #42 \$300.00, Aux. #178 \$25.00, Aux. #893 \$150.00, and MOTION on the floor \$12,617.00, The total donation to National is \$134,486.95.

Proposed Budget for 2023-2024 changes from the Convention book are changed as follows, Under Income, Dept. 50/50 from \$1,500.00 to \$1,600.00, Dept. Raffle from \$1,000.00 to \$1,100.00, Dept. Registration from \$3,500.00 to \$3,600.00 now the total Convention Income is \$6,800.00. Under Membership, Annual from \$110,500.00 to \$111,000.00, LIFE from \$15,325.00

to \$15,825.00 now the total for Membership is \$127,945.00. Under Registration -Department February SEC from \$1,950.00 to \$2,050.00 and October SEC from \$1,950.00 to \$2,050.00 now total Registration -Department is \$4,100.00. Bring the Total Income \$152,595.00. Under National Convention to add a line" National Convention Alt. Delegate" for \$1,500.00 brings the Total NATIONAL CONVENTION to \$4,000.00. This brings it to \$152,595.00 for a balanced budget.

Jerri Devoll moved to accept the proposed budget 2023-2024 as just edited and approve 2023-2024 budget as read, seconded by 2nd Vice President Holly Burbach, no discussion, MOTION CARRIED

Audit Committee Report by 1st Vice Patty Piening the committee met yesterday everything is correct and in order, she thanked 2nd Vice Holly Burbach and 3rd Vice Chrissy Albright.

Introduction of 1st Timers by Gaveliers President PDP Sherry Marecek, Aux. #4 Carol Porter and Jordy Lynn, Aux. #19 Laure Turner, Aux. #26 Kathy Gould, Aux. #32 Shelly Bradley, Patty Snelling and Caitlyn Akins, Aux. #33 Nancy Altruda, Aux. #35 Sharon Henson, Aux. #42 Susan Thornton and Teri Jones, Aux. #44 Shelly Thompson, Aux. #50 Michelle Wells, Michele Mobilo and Heather Herrera, Aux. #67 Barbara Rafferty, Aux. #78 Sarita Fairveau, Aux. #88 Cathy Hall, Aux. #98 Melody William, Aux. #312 Karen Bivins and Louise Rofougar, Aux. #422 Deanna Bazar, Deanna Bazar and Leslie Stephens, Aux. #444 Dawn LaShouds and April Carroll, Aux. #1992 Rebecca Schmitt, Rose Way and Lisa Leno, Aux. #2298 Becky Cochran, Dianne Macklin and Mary Munzel, Aux. #2415 Jennifer Lesmeister and Lori Marino, National Hospital Officer Laurie Shea.

Guest speaker, National Hospital Officer Laurie Shea announced she will be running for National 3 Vice President.

Department Officers Reports:

President: Debbie Beck report is on page 15. She thanked all her members and officers without them she wouldn't be where she is today. She was very happy to see so many here at the Convention, training at 1 p.m. today and Honors and Awards at 2:30 p.m. will be a great time as Evelyn McElvin always knows how to have fun. She thanked the Gaveliers and Aux. #1992 for a wonderful reception last night and for seeing so many of you there.

1st Vice President: PNP Patty Piening report is on pages 16-19 please read at your leisure. She let everyone know her new email address effective immediately is papiening@tampabay.rr.com. She thanked all the membership chairmen, as membership has increased by 415 members since last year. Your local Auxiliary 990s are do on or before September 15, 2023, to the Department 1st Vice President. Some of the Auxiliaries are getting an "error code 3000". What you need to do is on the profile page, top right side click on edit then on organization or preparer, then you should be able to fill out your 990. Make sure you scroll down until you see the little blue print button and click on it for your completed 990 form. Been approached a few different times

regarding how to surrender a local auxiliary charter she read the National Bylaws 'ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5: In the event of the surrender, cancellation or forfeiture of an Auxiliary Charter, all money, official records, and property shall be surrendered to the Department to be held in trust for a period of not longer than three (3) years with notification to national headquarters. However, in case such Auxiliary is reinstated or reactivated within the period of three (3) years, such money, papers, records, etc. shall be delivered to such reorganized Auxiliary in connection with the Charter. A reactivated Auxiliary may have the privilege of reopening the Charter for a period of no longer than six (6) months. At the end of said three (3) years, if the Auxiliary remains inactive, all properties of said defunct Auxiliary shall become permanent possession of the Department. She thanked Madam President for her leadership and guidance these past two years and wished her a productive and harmonist Convention.

2nd Vice President: Holly Burbach report is on pages 20-22 please read it soon. She then thanked all the Auxiliaries that have sent in reports this year. As you all know this is her last Convention it has been an honor & privilege serving as a Dept. officer for the last 8 years. She thanked all for their support and friendship along the way. Please do not send any more reports to her. She wished Madam President a very successful Convention and an honor to work with her.

3rd Vice President: Chrissy Albright report is on pages 23-25 please read it as soon as possible. Thanked for an outstanding year together we combined \$776,323 in evaluation for Community Service. Please attend the awards ceremony at 2:30 p.m. to cheer on the locals. The drawing for Ronald McDonald 2023-2024 will be Miami and Fisher House will be James Haley in Tampa. She also extended her appreciation for all the texts, emails, and calls she received for the passing of her dad.

NEC: PDP Sherry Marecek reports on pages 39-43. Turn to page 40 & 41, this is spreadsheet that has every auxiliary and every program evaluation numbers from the Service officers. Turn to your neighbor and say congratulations, because all of you, the Department of Florida turned in \$2,014,655.00 Total Evaluation to National!!! She applauded all for the hard work you did this past year. Envelopes were passed around for the National Patrons Page, thanked for donating as this helps off-set expenses at National. Per the Standing Rule #4 which states, "The Department will pay pre-registration to the National Convention for members who plan to attend. A completed registration form with payment must be returned to NEC woman by the deadline. Members shall attend all business sessions upon their arrival or checks will be deposited into Department's Account." With that being said if you are planning to attend National convention in August 2023, which is being held in Pittsburgh, PA. please see her for a registration form, complete it and attach check or cash for \$40.00 and return to her by adjournment on Sunday June 11th, 2023. The following items are in her written report but are important dates and times pertaining to National Convention that need to be remembered: If your Local is applying for National Awards, entries must be received by National Headquarters, IN HAND, by July 28th if mailing. If hand delivered, must be delivered no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday August 21st,

2023. If you have a student applying for a National Scholarship, applications are to be mailed to headquarters, Attention Scholarship Officer, and MUST be postmarked no later than July 1st, 2023. Also, please remember to follow all directions given on applications. If you have any questions, see her after we recess from the meeting. Wished Madam President great success in her future endeavors and she really enjoyed working with her.

Alt. NEC: PDP Marylou Maslo report is on Page 44. Wanted to remind all that Sherry Marecek and herself are here for everyone but not only them all officers are here help them. Also, a deadline is a deadline, no exception. Thanked Madam President for an honor to have worked with her.

Parliamentarian: PNP/PDP Charlene Kee stated the Bylaws Committee met on Friday June 9th, 2023, with 9 members. This year they accomplished updating a set of model bylaws for locals to review or use when submitting their bylaws. A copy is in the SEC Envelopes to take back to your locals. The Bylaws committee has one recommendation. The first reading was at the February SEC meeting: The recommendation is in her Parliamentarian report on page 45.

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee moved to eliminate ARTICLE VIII Officers (e) the position of Ways and Means Officer, seconded by PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin, no discussion MOTION CARRIED.

She thanked her Bylaws Committee members for their support this year, 1st Vice President Patty Piening, 2nd Vice President Holly Burbach, NEC/PDP Sherry Marecek, PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin, PNP/PDP Dee Baggett, PDP Gloria Jasinski-Immediate Past Parliamentarian and our Madam President Debbie Beck, Ex-Officio. PNP/PDP Charlene Kee report is on page 45 to read it. Everyone should have a copy of the updated Standing Rules dated 5/8/2023. A list of all Auxiliaries with the date when your Bylaws are due by is in the SEC packet. To Madam President is has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Parliamentarian for the past two years and sharing a Suite with her. Thank you for the appointment.

Chaplain: Wendy Luzader report is on page 46. Thanked everyone for submitting their deceased member notifications we may send our condolences to their families. The Department and National Chaplain send cards to the next of Kin. Ladies, please attend the Memorial Service on Friday night after the joint opening, your presence brings comfort to those who have lost loved ones. Thanked Madam President for her support given to her as Chaplain.

Americanism Officer: Dawn Stewart report is on page 49-52. She thanked everyone for all their hard work this year and submitting your reports by the deadline. Total Evaluation is \$700,661. All your phone calls, emails, and questions were so appreciated. She was happy to get to know you all. Please keep up your hard work, you are truly making a big difference for our Veterans. Thanked Madam President for a great year.

Hospital Officer: Patty Johnson report is on page 52-54 please read it. She took a moment to emphasize the significance of reporting our activities and projects, such as parties, events, bingo, and games. While it may seem like a mundane task, reporting these activities plays a

crucial role in several aspects. Just a few reasons why it is important. 1. Transparency and Accountability: Reporting our activities ensures transparency within our community or organization. By documenting and sharing the details of parties, events, games, or any other projects, we promote openness and accountability. It allows others to understand what transpired and encourages trust among participants. 2) Record -keeping and documentation: reporting services as a valuable means of record-keeping. It creates a documented history of our activities and projects, providing a reference for future analysis, decision making, or even for celebratory purposes. Moreover, Proper documentation can be essential for legal or regulatory compliance, especially in organization where reporting is mandatory. 3) Knowledge sharing and learning: Sharing reports on our activities and projects foster knowledge sharing and learning opportunities. Others can benefit from our experiences, successes, and challenges, it enables individuals and teams to learn from each other, gain insights, and improve future endeavors. Moreover, documented reports can serve as valuable references for similar projects in the future. 4) evaluation and improvement: reporting allows us to evaluate the success and impact of our activities. By Collecting data and feedback, we can assess the effectiveness of our initiatives, identify areas for improvement, and make informed decisions. Regular reporting helps us measure our progress and adjust our strategies, accordingly, ensuring continuous growth and development. 5) Recognition and Promotion: reporting our activities and projects can lead to well-deserved recognition. By sharing our achievements and outcomes, we not only celebrate our collective efforts but also inspire others to engage in similar endeavors. Furthermore, well documented reports can be used for promotional purposes, showcasing the positive impact of our activities to stakeholders, sponsors, or the wider community. In conclusion, reporting our activities and projects, be it parties, events, bingo, games, or any other endeavor, is vital for transparency, accountability, record-keeping, knowledge sharing evaluation, improvement, recognition, and promotion. It allows us to create a documented history, learn from our experiences, and make informed decisions for the future. So, let's embrace the practice of reporting and contribute to the growth and success of our community or organization. Thank you for your attention, and I look forward to your continued support.

Scholarship Officer: Karen Schooley report is on page 55. Thanked all auxiliaries for their hard work and dedication for Scholarships. The end of year total evaluations was \$118,113.00. So be proud of what we all accomplished this year was simply amazing and very much appreciated. Scholarship winners: \$2,882.50 to Aux. #81 Delaney Kate Viars, granddaughter of Candice Freese and \$2,882.50 to Aux. #88 Sarah Reinhart's daughter of Paul Reinhart, SOA. The Deadline for the AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship is to be postmarked no later than July 1st, 2023. You may obtain applications from national AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary website www.amvetsaux.org. Thanked Madam President to serve as a dept. officer this year and has been an honor.

Sergeant At Arms: Toni Plemmons report is on Page 58 please read at your leisure. Candy has been plentiful this past year due to donations from various Auxiliaries, thank you for making this part of my duties easier. Thanked Madam President for allowing her to serve as the Sgt. at Arms it has been an honor.

Executive Secretary: DonnaJeanne Merritt report is on page 59, read it sooner than later. On the Score Card in book page 17-19, please mark the renewals down as they were left out in error Aux. #777, 94 members with 98.9%, Aux. #893, 92 members with 89.1% and Aux. 911, 145 members with 112.4%. Dues Remittance forms must be legible or will need a send back, A lot of time is wasted between Dept. and National attempting to read the forms. Then the members get upset if their card comes to them wrong. If we cannot read what is sent and a replacement card is wanted it will cost \$10.00 for a replacement card. It is really important to send legible Due Remittance forms, they MUST be complete. The full date of birth needs to be included. DO NOT leave off the birth year. If your member has a middle initial for new members, PLEASE use it. We have members with the same names and at some point, it might be important to figure out which member is being referred to. REVALIDATION FORMS; please fill them out completely including email addresses. DO NOT USE the Post address, phone number and email address. From experience if those are used and or any other officer needs to get in touch with you the probability is that you won't get any message or mail. Please put the officers 'email addresses on the forms. MEMBERSHIP: DO NOT HOLD MEMBERSHIP, send in the Dues Forms as soon as possible. By holding membership your members may get upset at you and then at the Executive Secretary because they paid their dues and don't have a card. Remember that life membership cards, life replacement cards and new Honorary member cards will come from National. If you hold membership especially for those members, it makes the wait time even longer. WEBSITE: the website has all the forms that the local auxiliaries need so why do we continue to make copies for them at meetings during the year? We all need to encourage everyone to use the website as it has information about the programs, the officers, upcoming events, instructions, forms, etc. The website address is Amvetsauxfl.org. Thanked Madam President for her appointment and working with her the past 2 years. She would like the phone calls to still come daily like they have.

Recording Secretary: Robin Trudeau report is on Page 60 please read at your leisure. When speaking on the floor, state your name and speak into the Mic so it can be reported correctly in the minutes. Most of you are writing down what you want to say on the floor, don't take that paper home with you, give it to her so she can report in the minutes what you have said as it is always important what you're asking. Thanked Madam President for her appointment, the last 2 years of her guidance, wishing you the best.

Reading Election of Rules: read by Parliamentarian PNP/PDP Charlene Kee on page 93 in Convention Book.

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee moved that the approval of the Election Rules, seconded by Sherry Marecek, no discussion MOTION CARRIED

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

President-PNP Patty Piening	nominated by Karen Schooley
1 st Vice President -Chrissy Albright	nominated by PNP/PDP Charlene Kee
2 nd Vice President- Sharon Sheldon	nominated by DonnaJeanne Merritt
2 nd Vice President -Jerry Devoll	nominated by Susan Hinnners
3 rd Vice President -Wendy Luzader	nominated by PDP Sherry Marecek
Treasurer- PDP- Sharon Marecek	nominated by PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin
Chaplain -Faith Caldwell	nominated by Holly Burbach
Sgt-AT-Arms -Claudia Thompson	nominated by Wendy Luzader
Americanism Chairman- Toni Plemmons	nominated by PNP/PDP Dee Baggett
Hospital Chairman- Patty Johnson	nominated by Robin Trudeau
Hospital Chairman- Jan Northcutt	nominated by Chrissy Albright
Scholarship Chairman -Karen Schooley	nominated by Doe Seals
NEC Woman -Deborah Beck (2023-2025)	nominated by PDP Sharon Marecek
Alt. NEC Woman -PDP Marylou Maslo	nominated by DonnaJeanne Merritt
Alt. Delegate-PNP/PDP Charlene Kee	

NOMINATION CLOSED TILL SUNDAY JUNE 11,2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Convention Chair Kim Clarke announce 50/50 Winners.

Friday \$130 to John Krokenberger Post #

Saturday \$166.00 to Michelle Von Hartman Aux. #1992

Officers Training at 1:15 p.m. to follow with Honors/Awards Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.

Banquet this evening, Cocktail Hour at 6:00 pm and Banquet to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Benediction: by Chaplain Wendy Luzader

Respect to the Colors: by Sgt-at-Arms Toni Plemmons

Recessed until Sunday June 11th, 2023.

Sunday June 11, 2023, Business Session

Raffle drawings prior to meeting

Sunday 50/50

Call to order by Madam President Deborah Beck at 8:35 a.m.

Innovation: by Chaplain Wendy Luzader

Pledge of Allegiance: by Sgt-at Arms Toni Plemmons

Roll Call: by Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau

Madam President gave a Certificate of Appreciation to DonnaJeanne Merrit and Certificate of Support Guidance to Susan Leverone.

Continued Officers Reports.

Gaveliers NEC: by Sherry Marecek wanted to thank Madam President for allowing us to use your Suite for our Gaveliers meeting. They have no recommendations. Election of Officers President PNP/PDP Dee Baggett, 1st Vice PDP Sherry Marecek, Secretary DonnaJeanne Merritt, Treasurer Charlene Kee, Chaplin PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin, Raffle person Marylou Maslo, thanked everyone for purchasing Gaveliers Tickets, they raised \$425.00 which will be used for Auxiliary Needs.

Quartermaster: by Toni Fox report is on page 61. Thanked Madam President for appointing her as Quartermaster and to for all the Ladies Auxiliary members for continuing your support. She said it has been fun, busy as always and she is already preparing for our next SEC in October 2023. She also thanked Marci Oliveri Aux. #44 for helping with Audit, Arlene Spencer, Leslie Long, Minnie Demoura, and Lenor Sheppard all from Aux. # 444. Friday's sales \$3,037.00 Saturday \$586.00 for a total of \$3,623.00. Also, the new Registered was used this weekend, still getting used to it but thank you all for your patience.

Convention Chair: Kim Clarke hoped everyone enjoyed themselves at the banquet and congratulations to all the winners. Monies raised on the 50/50 totaled \$531.00 and other Raffles \$822.00. Thank you to Aux. # 312, 7467, 444 and 81 for their donation it helped so much, a Special Thank you to 50/50 sellers Susan Leverone, Carol Ann DellaVentura, Michele Ousley and Angie Kidwell. Thanked Madam President for the appointment and guidance has been an honor.

Honors and Awards: Evelyn McElvin report is on page 63. She thanked everyone for participating in the Derby Horses and Derby Hat contest. The awards committee met and was happy to see how many auxiliaries really paid attention to directions and everyone did a great job. Announced the Woman of Year Rita Hawkins Aux. 44 and Auxiliary of the year was Aux.88. She looks forward to next year for the honors and awards keep up the good work. All honors and award winners are attached.

Department Officers Training: PNP/PDP Charlene Kee asked to turn to page 45 for all the newly elected and appointed officers to stay after the installation today to get more information on training, the Officers Training will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Wildwood FL July 7-9, 2023.

Ways & Means: Donna Chapparo apologizes for her report that did not make it to the book. Thanked Madam President for her appointment as Ways and Means chairman it has been pleasure this past year. She thanked Faye Caldwell for stepping up and assisting her this past year to raise the money. Thanks to her Local Aux. #1992 she could not have done it without the team effort and support. To everyone that bought bottles for the Wagon of Cheer and the special person, who did not want to be mentioned for the Donated Wagon, they raised \$680.00. Wished Madam President a productive, successful, and enjoyable convention.

Jr. Amvets: Madam President Debbie Beck spoke on Sarah Baca behalf Jr.'s received a school of instruction of reporting hours and programs. Congratulations to all the newly installed officers.

Grievance Chairman: PDP Marylou Maslo report is on page 55. She had a great year, total of 9 phone calls, and out of the 9 calls, most were talked out and no grievance and settled in house, it was a great year. Thank you, Madam President for the appointed position it was a great year.

Appeals Chairman: PDP Gloria Jasinski if you have a grievance do not send to National it will come back to department, if you don't like what happened at Local send to your Dept President.

Bushnell Cemetery Rep: Claudia Thompson report is on Page 66 also in that report is the meaning of leaving a coin on a military headstone to pay their respect. Memorial Day was a good turnout, cemetery was full, very nice day, thank you for a wonderful year.

Presidents Council: Dawn Stewart announced 18 ladies attended, new officers, President Anna Elkins, 1st Vice President Veronica Reardon, Secretary Arlene Spencer, Chaplain Ardy Kiser.

SEC Council: Holly Burbach announced they had 23 SEC women, 8 alternate and 4 guest attend meeting. Elections were held President Leslie Long, 1st Vice President Beverly Gardner, Secretary Claudia Thompson, and Chaplain Judy Cotrell.

Districts Presidents Reports: District VI Kathie Mannix report did not make it to the book, but they are still meeting every other month, and all is going well.

Local Presidents Reports: all Local Presidents have reported on events that have happened at their Post and upcoming events. Local President that did speak on the floor. Aux. #4, 9,23,26 report on page 22, 30 report on page 73, 32, 35, 44 acknowledge Woman of the Year, 50,60 report on page 75,78,81 report on page 76, 88 report on page 77, 292, 312,444,447,893,1992 report on page 80,2006, 2298, 2415. They all thanked Madam President for a great year.

Unfinished Business: Madam President called on Auxiliary 550 and thanked them for a generous donation of \$10,000 to Post 81 for Hurricane Damage.

PNP Patty Piening had certificate for the 3 largest Auxiliaries, Aux. #1992 for 435 members, Aux. #2006 for 326 members and Aux. # 550 for 239 members.

PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin has awards from last year and would like permission to mail them out. Also, a check and plaque for the Advent Health Center, also please note the Meltonia Presley Award, Auxiliary 30 will be taking that over.

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee Moved for PNP/PDP to mail the trophies and deliver the checks and plaque to Advent Health, seconded by PNP Patty Piening, no discussion MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

Convention Chair Kim Clarke advised the cost of meals for the banquet was \$25.00 for 250 people but we ended up having 336 people, so we went over budget.

Convention Chair Kim Clarke moved to donate an additional \$525.00 to Department of Florida AMVETS to help offset the cost of the banquet, seconded by PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin, no discussion MOTION CARRIED.

Charlene Kee mentioned with all the motions that were passed on the floor to please return them to the recording secretary Robin Trudeau.

Final Credentials Report: Ramona Mourhess report is on page 67, she thanked all that helped her this weekend. 219 members registered, 19 No shows and 34 first timers, turning over \$4,005.00.

The Final Credentials begins on page 98-99. There is a total of 165 votes, with the majority 84 votes and 2/3 being 110. The Auxiliaries are as follows (votes) Auxiliary #1,0 votes, #2, 1 vote, #4, 13 votes, #7, 0 votes, #8, 7 votes, #9, 5 votes, #12, 0 votes, #13, 0 votes, #14, 0 votes, #15, 1 votes, #16, 0 votes, #17, 0 votes, #19, 1 vote, #21, 0 votes, #23, 1 votes, #26, 9 votes, #29, 0 votes, #30, 7 votes, #32, 5 votes, #33, 2 votes, #34, 0 votes, #35,3 votes, #42, 2 votes, #44, 6 votes, #45, 0 votes, #47, 0 votes, #50, 7 votes, #60, 2 votes, #67, 4 votes, #78, 5 votes, #81, 15 votes, #86, 3 votes, #88, 6 votes, #92, 0 votes, #98, 2 votes, #113, 1 vote, #178, 0 votes, #200, 0 votes, #231, 0 votes, #292, 1 vote, #312, 2 votes, #422, 8 votes, # 444, 11 votes, #447, 2 votes, #550, 1 vote, #777, 1 vote, #893, 1 vote, #911, 0 votes, #1208, 0 votes, #1292, 0 votes, #1939, 0

votes, #1992, 14 votes, #1999, 0 votes, #2000, 0 votes, #2001, 0 votes, #2006, 3 votes, #2298, 4 votes, # 2415, 7 votes, #7467, 2 votes.

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee moved to open nomination, seconded by 2nd Vice President Holly Burbach, no discussion MOTION CARRIED

New nominations for Sgt-at-Arms Angie Kidwell, no other new nominations at this time.

Elections: The election took place, and your new elected 2023-2024 Officers are:

President- PNP Patty Piening

1st Vice President-Christine Albright

2nd Vice President-Sharon Sheldon

3rd Vice President-Wendy Luzader

Treasurer- PDP Sharon Marecek

Chaplain -Flavia (Faye) Caldwell

Sgt-at-Arms- Claudia Thompson

Americanism Chairman-Toni Plemmons

Hospital Chairman-Patricia Johnson

Scholarship-Karen Schooley

NEC Woman 2023-2025 – PDP Deborah Beck

Alt NEC Woman 2023-2025 -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 Wendy Luzader

Retirement of Colors by Sgt-at-Arms Toni Plemmons

Adjournment

Post -Convention meeting, Madam President PNP Patty Piening announced her Appointed Officers asked approval of Eboard, which was given as follows for 2023-2024:

Appeals Board Chairman: PNP/PDP Dee Baggett

Awards Chairman: PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin

Convention Chair: Kim Clarke

Credentials Chairman: Kathie Mannix

Executive Secretary: DonnaJeanne Merritt

Grievance Chairman: PDP Sharon Marecek

Junior AMVETS Coordinator: Sarah Baca

P.R.O.: Nikki Anderson

Parliamentarian: PNP/PDP Charlene Kee

Quartermaster: Toni Fox

Recording Secretary: Robin Trudeau

Training Officer: PNP/PDP Charlene Kee

Ways & Means Chairman: Donna Chapparo

Bushnell Cemetery Rep: Claudia Thompson

Fisher House Rep: Eartha Melton

S.E.C Council Chairman: Leslie Long

President Council Chairman: Anna Elkins

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee passed out information for Department Officers Training in Wildwood Florida on June 7-9th 2023. She advised everyone to bring your Manual, SEC and Convention books from Oct,2022, Feb 2022 and June 2023.

Respectfully submitted:

Robin Trudeau, Recording Secretary

June 2023