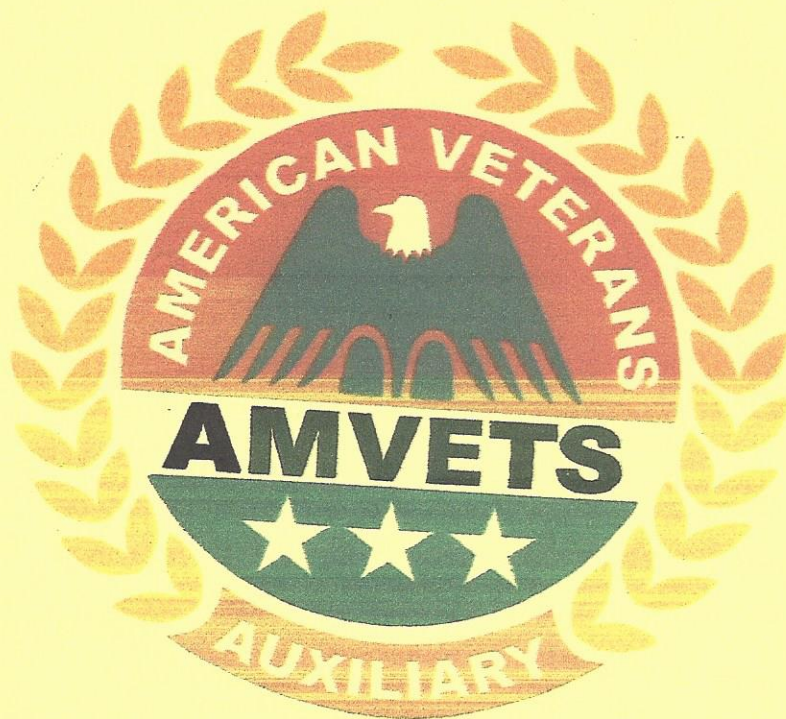


AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

SPRING 2017 BULLETINS



CANDACE E. CLEMENS
PRESIDENT



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY
Department of New York, Inc.

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY
SEC MEETING SCHEDULES HAVE
CHANGED:

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

STAND UP FOR VETERANS

3:00 P.M. CLEAN-UP

4:30 P.M. OFFICER'S MEETING

6:30 P.M. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

7:30 P.M. ROUND TABLE

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017

9:00 A.M. SEC MEETING



AMVETS *Ladies Auxiliary* *Department of New York, Inc.*

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters,

EXCITED about Spring SEC, I sure am! I'm looking forward to seeing you Thursday evening or early Friday morning to help with our "AMVETS Family Stand Up For Veterans" project. Preparations are being made now to accommodate about 25 vendors who will be giving services to our Veterans. Volunteers and donations are needed. Please see our website for more details. Monetary donations can be mailed to our Treasurer Shirley Sochia.

This year has been a whirlwind for me personally as your president. As a Department, we have experienced many new changes that I'm hoping will move us forward to the future as a top AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of N.Y. December brought us the unveiling of our new AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Dept. of N.Y. website. This continues to grow. The web address is nyamvetladiesaux.org

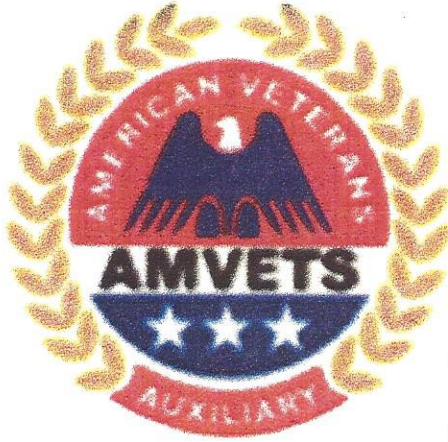
On this site you will find valuable forms and information about our Dept. of N.Y. Please spread the word and take a peek at the Depts. new look. Important, please notify Rose Mary Blachowski as well as myself to any officer changes so that the webmaster can update the website.

By the time this bulletin reaches you, our Dept. Officers will have had two phone conferences about Dept. business. Our local Presidents will have had at least one. These phone conferences are in attempt to open up communication across N.Y. state between SEC's and Conventions.

In March, I'll be attending NEC in Alexandria, Virginia. I will also be a part of 'Storm The Hill'. I am one of three people from N.Y. state who will be lobbying for Veterans legislation to be passed in the House and the Senate.

To Our Madame Local Presidents:

YOU and your OFFICERS and your LOCAL MEMBERS are the backbone of our Dept. of N.Y. AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. We need YOUR strength, YOUR courage, and YOUR determination to grow and serve our



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February 2016

Spring 2017 Bulletin

Greetings Ladies,

I want to thank our Auxiliaries for getting their membership renewals turned in within a timely manner. Remember that membership is not only a focus during renewal time, but should be a focus all year long. Membership is every month, every event, every day. As our manual states "Membership equals Volunteers and Volunteers equals Service".

Our National 1st Vice President, Marvell Ruppel's National theme is "Building and Sustaining Membership". Within this line of thinking, membership should be in the forefront of your mind with all projects. Think outside the box. Make our Auxiliaries attractive places for strong and diverse to congregate and make a difference. If there are ladies at your Auxiliary events who are not members, inquire as to why. Always carry a membership application for both AMVETS and the Auxiliary in your purse.

There has been some confusion in regards to printing new membership cards for brand new members. Go to forms, highlight and click "new member template". Click your cursor into the "name" box, and type the new member's information. Then use your tab key to enter in the other required information. The program will automatically indicate what information should be entered. Once the information is entered, you are ready to print. Insert the pre-printed membership card form and print. Please note you will need to select "actual size" in the print option box for the card to print accurately.

I look forward to receiving your applications for my Officer's award, which will go to the auxiliary that submits the most photos reflecting their membership efforts.

Please if you have any questions about membership reach out to me. If you are having a program or function and you need an extra hand, or you would like to set up a membership table, please feel free to contact me and I will do all I can to assist you. To all the auxiliaries thank you for all that you do, I am so very proud of being a member of the AMVETS Department of N.Y. Ladies Auxiliary.

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary,

Laura Rose Bugaj

Laura Rose Bugaj, 1st Vice AMVETS Department of NY Ladies Auxiliary 2016-2017

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cc: Dept. President, 1st Vice, Secretary, Parliamentarian, NEC, Mentor



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2017 BULLETIN

CHILD WELFARE

Well the bitter cold winter is finally coming to an end. I hope we all can enjoy the beginning of a beautiful spring. As I said in my previous bulletins, the future of the world lies in the hands of our children. I hope your auxiliaries are promoting and doing projects that will benefit the children. There are unlimited projects providing for the wellbeing of children just waiting for you to open the door and become an active participant. Any project that involves only children is considered Child Welfare.

Our National 2nd Vice Barbara LaValley's theme for this year is "Our Future is Our Children". Please try to "involve the youth" in your projects that you do. The youth do not have to belong to AMVETS to help them. This not only helps them, but in the future it may also improve your membership.

Remember that John Tracy (JTC) is the National program for Child Welfare. It is the 75th anniversary of JTC. Their mission is to bring hope, guidance, and encouragement to families of infants and children with hearing loss. I hope you have made your donation to JTC. Donations of \$200 or more will be eligible for a special drawing at the June convention.

All final reports for child welfare are to be post marked by April 25th. Remember Bags for Babies is a project that is to be reported on Hospital not Child Welfare.

Donna Smith 2nd Vice President

Department of NY AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

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Department of New York

SPRING S.E.C., MARCH 2017
COMMUNITY SERVICE BULLETIN

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters,

I'm hoping everyone enjoyed their holidays and are looking forward to the Spring and warmer weather. March is Paws with a Cause Month, and our National 3rd Vice President Dee Baggett's theme this year is Reach Out, Make a Difference.

I am very happy with the projects that were reported in the fall and how our Auxiliaries are making a difference in their communities. Mid-year totals, including youth volunteer for Community Service are as follows:

Volunteers: 194 + 17 Youth's
Total Hours: 10,148

Number of Projects: 186
Total Evaluation: \$278,528.

I encourage any Auxiliary who did not file a report in the fall to submit a spring report. As a reminder, Spring reports are to be post marked no later than April 25th.

Remember my project is "What are we Doing to Keep our Seniors and Youth Safe". When submitting your projects, include any pictures, papers or news articles about your project.

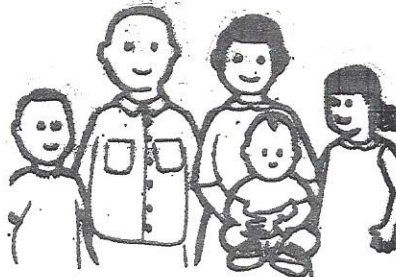
Please feel free to contact me with any questions, ideas or concerns you may have. You never know.....another Auxiliary might benefit from a question or concern you might be having. I look forward to seeing everyone in March.

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,

Deborah Stondell

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CC: President, 1st Vice, Secretary, Parliamentarian, NEC, Mentor



AMVETS *Ladies Auxiliary*
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AMERICANISM SPRING 2017



Karen Kemp, AMERICANISM Officer, Dept. of NY

Greetings Ladies,

Our year is quickly coming to a close. I hope we can get to the finish line with many, many projects completed. We did very well on our fall reports. 13 auxiliaries reported for a total evaluation of \$109,770.00 and a youth report for an evaluation of \$1,655.00.

How are you doing with ideas for your Patriotic Vest? If you have members of your auxiliary that like to sew, knit or any other creative way to make a vest you can enter. I was just recently asked if vests could be embroidered. The answer is yes. If you think of another way to create a vest and you're not sure if it will qualify, just ask, but most handmade creations are acceptable. Bring them to the State Convention in June to be judged. First Place will be sent to National to be judged at their convention in August.

Deadline for reports is no later than (post marked) April 25, 2017. Please remember to check your math, send three copies and include the totals from your fall report.

Most of you have probably gotten your information out to your local schools for the Flag coloring, Poster and Essay contests. You may need to remind those schools this spring that the deadlines are approaching. **The deadline to get your first place winners only, is no later than May 15, 2017 sent to me.** The National Theme this year is "Why is it important to vote?"

If you have any questions or concerns. please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest Regards,

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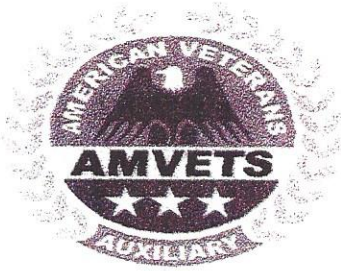


Patriotic Vest Contest

National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Patriotic Vest Contest this year. Our National Americanism Officer this year is Joan Sirek and her theme is "Patriotism and Love of Country"

A collection box must accompany the Vest entry to National. If you wish you may provide a collection box with donations collected at your post or auxiliary and count this as your donation to Freedom's Foundation. Your vest will be judged first at Department of NY AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Convention in June and the winner will be sent to National to be judged and displayed at the National Convention in August.

Vests should be able to be worn and created by sewing (patch work), crocheting or knitting.



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SPRING HOSPITAL REPORT 2017

To: All Local Hospital Officers

I hope that your 2017 Auxiliary year is off to a good start and finds you all working hard on your hospital projects. Your projects should include any activity that benefits a VA Hospital, community hospital, or medically staffed nursing home.

I was pleased with the mid-year reports. We had 15 Auxiliaries report a total of 115 projects, 151 volunteers with 8,634 hours for a total evaluation of \$201,813. We also had 2 Auxiliaries report youth volunteers. There were 12 young volunteers with 134 hours for a total evaluation of \$3,458. With total like this, I can't wait to receive your end of the year reports.

Just a few reminders about the end of the year reports:

- **Three copies of reports need to be sent to me (42 Campbell Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14216) postmarked no later than April 25th.**
- **Remember to include the totals from your mid-year report in your Annual Report. Also, please remember to round all totals to the nearest dollar.**
- **A mid-year report had to be sent in to be eligible to qualify for an award at convention, however, this does not mean you cannot send in an end-of-year report. All Hospital projects should be included in our Annual totals.**

This year my Chairman's Award will go to the Auxiliary that hosts the most unique event/fundraiser to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions concerning your Hospital Service Report. I am here to help you! I am look forward to seeing you at SEC

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary,

Debi Feary, Hospital Officer (716)874-2087 debifeary@roadrunner.com



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SPRING 2017 SCHOLARSHIP

Greeting Ladies,

Hopefully we are heading into some warmer weather. With that said it is time to make sure we really get back to business.

Please make sure you remind your students that the Rose Baldwin Scholarship has to be post marked by May 1st. Please visit the AMVETS website nyamvets.org, hit the News and Info tab and you will find the 2017 scholarship packets that are available. These applications should be brought into the schools for easier access for the students. Filling out the applications can be overwhelming. See if you can provide a night for helping the students fill out their application.

Please impress the importance of deadline dates. Applications after the deadline are not judged. All applications will be judged at the June Convention.

If anyone has problems obtaining these applications I will have copies available at the March SEC.

All Scholarship service reports are to be post marked by April 25th 2017 with 3 copies included. Check your math and have another person recheck calculations. Please remember that in order to be eligible for a department award the mid and final reports have to be filed on time. If you have any question please don't hesitate in contacting me.

See you all at the March SEC.

Doris Allen, Scholarship Officer

AMVETS Ladies Aux. Dept. of NY

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**AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary
Department of New York**

**ROSE BALDWIN MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

GUIDELINES AND ELIGIBILITY

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary has established a Department Scholarship in memory of PDP Rose Baldwin-original founder of this Department Scholarship, to assist high school seniors in furthering their education and to recognize academic achievement and student potential goals. Applications will be judged during the Department Convention and announced during the President's Luncheon. The number of \$500 scholarships will be determined by funds available.

CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS

The application must be completed in full, and signed by both applicant and his/her sponsor.

Each auxiliary will submit only one application, signed by the local auxiliary President.

An official copy of his/her high school transcript, must accompany the application. The copy of a letter of acceptance on official school letterhead from an accredited college or university must accompany the application.

An essay of approximately 250 words, stating the applicant's goals and objectives for the future must accompany the application.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All applications must be postmarked no later than May 1st. Please make certain that all the required materials are included with the application form. All applications should be addressed to the Department Scholarship Officer. (2017 Dept. Scholarship Officer: Doris Allen, 1 Camel Ct., Malone, NY 12953)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Birth Date: _____ Graduation Date: _____

High School Now Attending: _____

School Counselor's Name: _____ Telephone _____

School(s) Accepted To: _____

List all activities in which you have participated in, including offices held and awards received. (Use separate sheet if needed)

List all hobbies or interests: (Use separate sheet if needed)

List all employment during the last two (2) years:

PARENT INFORMATION

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Number of brothers and sisters _____ Their Ages: _____



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Spring SEC 2017

Greetings Ladies,

Welcome to Spring SEC. I do hope spring is in the air with everyone thinking about the renewal of life and our commitment to each other. With this in mind think about how you perform as a treasurer and the true value of your position. Being open and transparent about finances helps keep your entire auxiliary moving forward and feeling connected. I have listed a few housekeeping reminders to help you stay on track:

- File your 990-E Postcard with two copies sent to the Department Secretary.
- Always two signature checks (you may want to consider a third signer as back up)
- Do regular audits
- Make all checks to Department made out to;
 - AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
- When making donations remember to put them on the proper form.
 - There is a separate form for Department and one for National
- Give a thorough financial report at each meeting to keep members updated and make the report available.

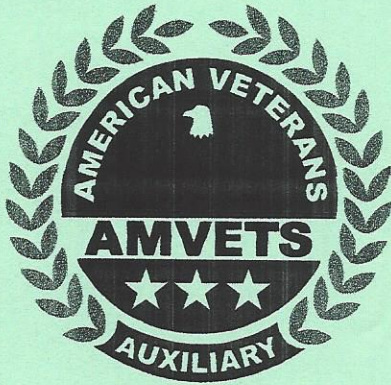
Also, remember to call an officer if you have any questions. You voted for us, please use us!!

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary,

Shirley M. Sochia

Shirley M. Sochia, Treasurer





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LOTTERY

Hello Ladies ~

I think we all know the importance of fundraising in any organization , and the AMVET Ladies Auxiliary Dept. of New York is no different. **YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY IMPORTANT!**

By now you all should have received tickets for the April 2017 lottery. If for some reason you don't have them (or can take a few more) **PLEASE** contact me! I will see that you get them ASAP.

As this is the major fundraiser for the year, as always, your participation is greatly appreciated.

The November 2016 lottery brought in a profit of \$1,800.00. Although this is great, we have the potential to make a lot more. **PLEASE, PLEASE** support the April lottery to the best of your ability. SEC is a great time to get rid of a few more tickets!

Any questions ~ feel free to contact me anytime.

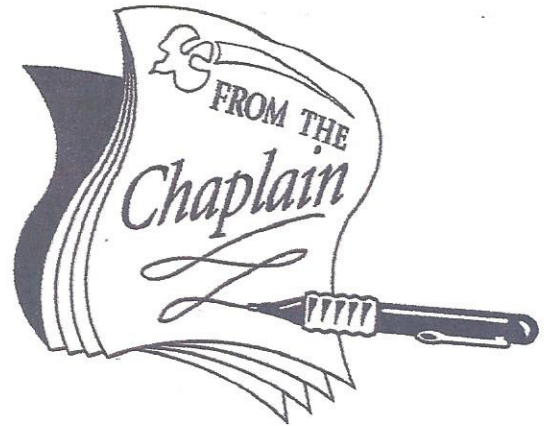
Debi Feary, Lottery Chairman

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2017 SPRING BULLETIN

Greetings Ladies,

It is with great sadness that some of our auxiliaries have lost members to our Lord. Please pray for those members.

I would also like to remind you to send in your Deceased Member Notification form as soon as you are notified of a member passing. Please do not hold these till the end of the year. It is important that I receive the form so that proper recognition can be given at the June Convention. These forms can be found on the National Ladies Auxiliary website. Please try to get the next of kin information so the Department will send sympathy cards in a timely manner.

To insure proper recognition for our deceased members at the Memorial Service at the June Convention, I will need representatives from each Auxiliary, Sons, AMVETS and Riders to bring the flowers to the altar. Please discuss this at your meeting and with the other AMVET organizations as I would like to have these representatives all in place prior to convention. I will greatly appreciate anyone who can help me by volunteering in-making the Memorial Service run smoothly.

Please remember to pray for our troops and their families. Thank you and God Bless.

See you all at the March SEC.

Doris Allen, Chaplain

AMVETS Ladies Dept. of NY

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AMVETS AUXILIARY

Department of New York



Auxiliary Sisters:

Welcome to the Spring, 2017, SEC. I hope you have all had a happy and blessed Christmas and enjoyed the wonderful New York State winter. Auxiliary 8, in Malone, New York, had a very busy time with both the Children's Christmas Party and the Adult Christmas Party. Santa and Mrs. Claus entertained over 75 children at our party.

As Sergeant-at-Arms, I am responsible for the custody of the Department colors. Our flag, as you will notice, is in perfect condition, and is displayed in a place of honor, to the right of the speaker. However, when a flag is so worn that it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning it in a dignified manner. Most American Legion Posts conduct a dignified flag burning ceremony, most often on Flag Day, June 14. Please contact your local American Legion Halls to inquire about the availability of this service should you so need.

On your table is an article entitled, Did You Ever Wonder Why Our Flag is Folded in a Triangle? I hope you enjoy it and pass it on to your local auxiliary.

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary recognizes the official uniform as an A-Line forest green dress, an A-line forest green skirt or tailored forest green slacks. The Dress shall have a jewel neckline. A White or gold blouse may be worn with either the skirt or slacks. The dress and skirt should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee and no longer than 4 inches below the knee. Black shoes with a closed heel and toe are part of the uniform and the heel should be no higher than 2 inches. A Black handbag, white gloves, and official Ladies Auxiliary hat are also part of the uniform. Pearl earrings and single strand necklace or Auxiliary necklace and earrings will be acceptable. The jewelry is available from the Quartermaster. White shoes and purse may be worn from April until Labor Day.

Please remember that if you are interested and wish to receive a door prize, please bring a small wrapped gift to the June Convention. This should be a little something to exchange, perhaps from the dollar store.

If I can be of any assistance to you or your auxiliary, please feel free to contact me anytime. I remain,

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,

Cindy Queyor
Sergeant-at-Arms

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AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York, Inc.

2017 SPRING

Dear Department President Candy, Department and Local Officers and Guests:

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES are a set of rules for conduct at meetings, that allows everyone to be heard and to make decisions without confusion. Because it's a time- tested method of conducting business at your meetings, it is important that everyone know the basic rules. Please be reminded that the Auxiliaries that have ByLaw revisions for this year are as follows: #14, #48, #72, #219, #72 and 8113.

We should all know that the Order of Business is: Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Reading of Preamble and hopefully have the Code of Ethics read, Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Correspondence, Officers Reports, Unfinished Business, New Business, Presentation of Bills, Prayer, Flag Salute and Motion to close.

The method used by members to express themselves is in the form of Motions. A Motion is a proposal that the entire membership act or a stand on an issue. Individual members can: Call to order, second the Motion, debate the Motion (on the question) and vote on the Motion. Motions are presented by:

- 1.) Obtaining the floor
 - a.) Wait until the last speaker has finished
 - b.) Rise and address Madam President
 - c.) Wait until Madam President recognizes you
- 2.) Make your Motion: Speak in a clear and concise manner. (Remember your Secretary is taking notes) Always state a motion affirmatively. Say "I move that we..." rather than "I move that we do not..." Avoid personalities and stay on your subject.
- 3.) Another member will second your Motion or Madam President will call for a second. If there is no second your Motion is lost.
4. Madam President will say "It has been moved and seconded that we..." By doing this, she is placing your Motion before the membership for consideration and action. The membership either debates your Motion, or may move directly to vote. Once your Motion is presented to the membership by Madam President, you cannot change it without consent of the members.

Parliamentary Procedure is the best way to get things done at your meetings. But, it will only work if you use it properly.

- 1.) Allow motions that are in order.
- 2.) Have members obtain the floor properly
- 3.) Speak clearly and concisely.
- 4.) Obey the rules of debate. **MOST IMPORTANTLY, BE COURTEOUS**

If you have any questions, please call me at 716-665-8604 or my email is rosaleewaid@msn.com. My home address is: 6348 Baker Road, Ashville, NY 14710

Yours in **AMVETS** Ladies Auxiliary,
Rosalee Waid
Parliamentarian



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**SPRING BULLETIN 2017
NEC**

Greetings To All Aux Sisters,

Thank you for the great work being done across the State benefitting our Veterans and the Community. Its with much pride that I send reports to National on the various activities being accomplished to help others by this Dept.

Spring is around the corner, and now it really gets busy. Finalizing totals of evaluations, sending service reports in, and attending Spring SEC and Dept Convention. Officers need your year end report by April 25th, 2017. Be sure to double check totals.

I will be attending Spring NEC in Alexandria, Va, in the beginning of March. I hope to bring back new ideas and info from the National Officers and other Auxiliaries from around the Country.

National Headquarters experienced some unfortunate problems after the Inaugural Parade. Registration/permit was sent in before the Presidential election. Our National Officers marched on behalf of the AMVETS family. But there were those who decided to make threatening calls to Headquarters, and damage vehicles in the parking lot. That's why it is so important to teach our children the difference between right and wrong, peaceful protest and violence. If you are proud of your Veteran, then teach others why putting their life on the line was so important.

Hope to see you all at Spring SEC

Mary A Lanphere PDP, NEC

Cc: Pres,Sec,Mentor,Parl,File



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York, Inc.

Spring 2017 PRO/Historian Bulletin

Greetings to Department President Clemens, my fellow Department Officers, PRO/Historians and my Auxiliary Sisters,

I hope all of you had a joyful holiday season and are ready to start the New Year off with a bang. Now that the local (Public Relations Officer) PRO/Historians have become acquainted with your duties, I hope you are preparing your scrapbooks, and are considering submitting this for both Department and National awards.

I realized as I was preparing this bulletin that the Auxiliary Manual is still not available; however, I will provide you with printed information at the SEC in March with regard to having your scrapbook submission ready for our Department awards. If your auxiliary is not attending SEC, I will mail this information to your local PRO/Historian or Local President if you do not have a PRO/Historian on your local auxiliary officers list.

The most important part of your office is to keep your auxiliary activities in the news, which will help to make your fundraisers more profitable. These contacts will include your local newspaper, radio stations, local television stations, Penny Saver papers and other local free newspaper offerings. Most, if not all, of these venues will place your announcements at no cost. Always try to include photographs about your fundraising events. Remember to post your activities in the **Empire AMVET** quarterly, and if you are ambitious, you may be able to promote your local Post and/or Auxiliary activities in the *American Veteran* magazine. Pay attention to all publishing deadlines, and be sure to get your information into these venues in plenty of time for your fundraising events to make them successful. Getting your auxiliary noticed locally will also promote membership--an important plus.

Here is the information for reaching the Empire AMVET Editor:

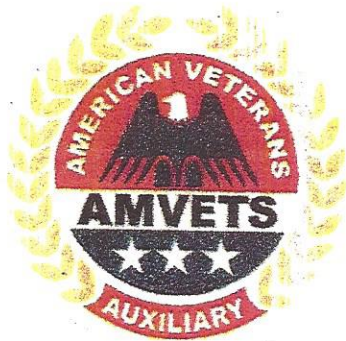
Philip M. Levy, 115 Smithtown Blvd., Apt 9 Nesconset, NY 11767 Home Phone (631) 619-6188 Cell Phone (631) 804-3788 phililevy55@gmail.com.

I am asking for help as your Department PRO/Historian to create President Clemens' History Book. If Madam President is invited to visit your local auxiliary, please take photos and send them to me, identifying the individuals in the photos, and providing me with information about the visit and the event(s) taking place during her visit.

National History and Scrapbook Chairman, Mary Lou Mazlo, submitted information on page 13 of the **Fall 2016 National Lines**, which is available on the AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary website. I have made copies of this page which I will have available at SEC. I look forward to hearing from you if you have any questions for me. I can be reached at home at 716-487-1689, cell 716-485-3040, or e-mail at krb0811@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ballard, 114 Francis Street, Jamestown, NY 14701-6412
cc: President, 1st Vice, Secretary, NEC, Parliamentarian, mentor, file



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York, Inc.

TO: ALL LOCAL 1ST VICE PRESIDENTS, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
FROM: Rose Mary Blachowski, Department Secretary
RE: MEMBERSHIP DEADLINES AND PROCESSING
DATE: 2017 SPRING BULLETIN

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

Fill in **your local officer NAME, ADDRESS and PHONE#** in case the Department may need to contact you.

DATE must be filled in. Department files are set up by auxiliary number. The **DATE** is the best reference to finding the forms or other information when questions arise.

The form(s) must be **READABLE**: PLEASE fill in the form on the computer. All forms used by local auxiliaries can be found on amvetsaux.org – click on FORMS: type in information and PRIENT.

ANY FORM MISSING ABOVE INFORMATION WILL BE RETURNED TO SENDER.
Dept. SR #18 will be applied. Thus delaying processing to National – note deadlines.

DEADLINE DATES:

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: MUST BE PAID TO THE LOCAL AUXILIARY BEFORE OR ON DEC. 31ST. **AND SENT TO THE DEPT. SECRETARY RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 10th:** This deadline enables the Dept. Secretary to meet her National deadlines.

Membership **renewals** received after Jan. 10th will be sent back to the local auxiliary with a request for a **current COPY** of the New Member Application. The member has lost continuous membership and is a **NEW MEMBER**.

NEW MEMBERS

The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31. New Members dues should be sent to the Dept. Secretary as soon as possible after paying their dues. Please send a COPY of the New Member Application with the D & R. The original application should be **kept on file** by the local auxiliary.

I am always happy to assist local officers in any way you feel I can be helpful. Do not hesitate to e-mail erbski@aol.com or call 716-681-2156.

Thank you for helping me and the Department in its obligation of processing your membership and all the other related forms on to AMVETS National Auxiliary Headquarters.

NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENT DUES

ANNUAL DUES

National \$13.00 plus Department \$10.00 = \$23.00 per New and Renewal.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS & RENEW TO LIFE

Department \$100.00 plus National \$200.00 = \$300.00

HONORARY MEMBER

National \$5.00

MEMBER-AT LARGE

National \$10.00 + Dept. \$10.00 = \$20.00

DONATIONS

Now is the time to start thinking about your local donations to Department and National programs. Both National and Department donation forms are included in this Spring Bulletin for your convenience.

AMVETS LADIES AUX. DEPT. NY

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

AUXILIARY	NEW	RENEW	RENEW TO LIFE	LIFE	TOTAL
1	10	56		27	93
4	9	79	1	51	140
8	5	25		16	46
11	1	8		8	17
13	1	4		21	26
14	1	21		23	45
18	6	57		19	82
19	4	15		20	39
38		31		2	33
45	3	12		29	44
48	4	24		12	40
72	4	19		12	35
219	2	26		6	34
245	21	71	1	15	108
262	1	24		4	29
265	4	48	1	3	56
282					0
726	2	24		17	43
897	3	49		17	69
1013		11			11
1997	4	36		12	52
2000					0
6472	3	12	1	8	24
8113		36		5	41
TOTAL COUNT	88	688	4	327	1107

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**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**

**2017
DEPARTMENT NY PROGRAM DONATIONS
(Deadline June 01, 2017)**

From: AMVETS Ladies Aux. # _____ Date _____

Sent By _____

Office Held _____

Rose Baldwin, PDP Memorial Scholarship \$ _____

**Dept. President's Project 2017 \$ _____
Women Veterans at Bath VA**

**TOTAL Check enclosed \$ _____
Payable to: AMVETS Ladies Aux. Dept. NY**

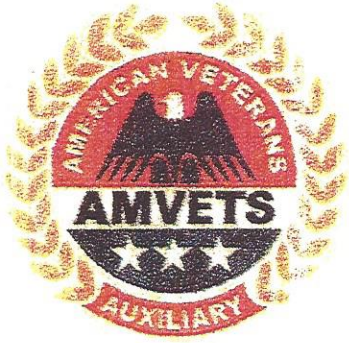
**Send check and 2 copies of form to: Rose Mary Blachowski, Dept. Secy.
AMVETS Ladies Aux. Dept. NY
1171 Penora St., Lancaster, NY 14043**

DEPARTMENT DONATION TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR NATIONAL PROGRAM DONATIONS

DATE

Department:												
Check Number	Check Date	Check Amount	Dept. or Local Auxiliary	Freedom's Foundation	James Parke Scholarship	John Tracy Clinic	National President's Project	National Scholarship	PAWS with a Cause	St. Jude Hospital		
Totals:												
Grand Total:												



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York, Inc.

The Women's Wellness Program was very impressed with the Bags for Babies donations especially when told it was all AMVETS auxiliaries in NYS that participated with donations. Jill, manager of the homeless female veterans with children program just could not say enough thank yours.

There are many Volunteer Opportunities at the "Buffalo VA Hospital". Here is just a short list where volunteers are needed: Adult Day Health Care Program, Canteen Service, Emergency Room, Women's Wellness Clinic, providing computer assistance, grounds support and much more. Call 716/682/8667 if you are interested in volunteering.

The Homeless Veterans Program (off site at 1280 Main St., Buffalo upstairs from the St, Vincent DePaul Center) always has needs for **new** socks, **new** under garments-all sizes, **new** seasonal clothing for veterans in need, personal care items, and small/basic apartment appliances. Please call 716/881/5855 before making purchases.

Here are some very simple but very appreciative items for the veterans: phone cards, rolls of quarters for newspapers, gift cards to Walmart, Target, Tops and Wegman's. Also stamps and stationery, Birthday cards, diabetic socks, large nail clippers, please check sizes prior to buying sweatpants, sweatshirts, t-shirts and men's and women's undergarments, and personal hygiene items. Always call 716/862/8672 before making purchases to make sure what items are needed.

Rose Mary Blachowski, VAWS

Western New York Health Care System

"The Best Way to Find Yourself is to Lose Yourself in the Service of Others."

Mahatma Gandhi



*AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary
Department of New York, Inc.*

February 2017

VAVS REPORT

**James Peters Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Bronx, NY**

I hope this Bulletin finds everyone well and that you all had a happy and healthy holiday season.

AMVETS Post 38 is coming along nicely. Although we are still waiting on Con Edison to approve our new boiler, we are hopeful, we will have heat soon.

The Auxiliary has been very busy for the past six months. This past summer, the Ladies Auxiliary held a "Tally Ho" under our backyard tent. Our Auxiliary BINGO, which is held twice month, continues to be successful.

Once again, the Auxiliary donated ten Thanksgiving baskets to VA families in need. In addition, the Auxiliary also made baby baskets for the VA Hospital to be given to the VA Veteran Moms at the Medical Center.

At Christmas time, we donated clothing and toys to the children and food gift cards to the families to our two adopted VA families. They were very excited to receive these gifts. Further, the Auxiliary held a toy drive and donated our collection of toys to local family who's husband has been deployed and would not be home for the holidays.

During the first week of December, the Auxiliary held its Annual Tree Light Ceremony at the VA Hospital. Eggnog and cookies were distributed to everyone coming and going in the lobby. We attended the Annual Volunteer Lunch held at the VA Hospital as well as attended a VAVS meeting where were informed that, Jean Cooney, Chief Director of Voluntary Services would be retiring after 30+ years on December 23. We also were informed that the VA will be opening soon a new kidney center and there is already 4 patients on a waiting list.

God Bless all our volunteers and veterans and God Bless America.

Yours in AMVETS,

Fannie Sclafani – VAVS Representative
3014 Baisley Avenue
Bronx, NY 10461
718.792.3796





AMVETS
Dept. of New
York
Family



ATTENTION AMVETS FAMILY

Our “Stand Up For Veterans” at the Spring SEC is approaching fast. We need your help collecting the following:

NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE!

1. Clothing- sizes lg,xl,2xl,3xl- pants shirts, sweatshirts
2. Socks, gloves hats
3. Blankets
4. Freebies from all recruiters and /or ROTC- hats, shirts, bags etc.
5. Hygiene items including toothbrushes/ paste non-alcohol items please, reading glasses(cheaters)
6. Wrapped snack cakes, breakfast bars, pastry, Slim Jims, etc.

Items need to be at the Binghamton Double Tree Hilton by Thursday, March 23rd for sorting.

Questions? Please contact :

Candace Clemens
716 372-9268

candveclemens@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Veterans Helping Veterans



MARCH 24, 2017

STAND UP FOR

VETERANS!

“Stand Up”

The AMVETS Family is hosting a “Stand Up” For Veterans in Binghamton at Spring SEC. This will be held for the unemployed, homeless and disadvantaged veterans and their families. At this “Stand Up” vendors will provide a variety of services and resources for the veterans and families. We would like to invite you to volunteer with us providing assistance with set up, tear down, registration and other needs. We will have people in two shifts. The morning shift will start at 8:00 and last until 12:30 and the afternoon shift will start at 12:30 and end when clean- up is completed. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering for the “Stand Up by March 1, 2017. You are welcome to stay for the entire event. If you choose to set up that will be late Thursday PM. (more details to follow if interested).

**Double Tree by
Hilton Binghamton
225 Water Street
Binghamton, N.Y.
13901**

**Don't miss this
opportunity to help
our veterans Friday,
March 24th from
9:00- 3:00.**

**Donations are
greatly needed.**

**Be a hero for a day!
Help other heroes!**

**Give back and help
renew a veteran's
spirit with your
smile.**

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