



AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Department of Florida

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Greetings to my auxiliary sisters! I hope this finds you all well and are enjoying this holiday season.

As you know my theme this year is **“When you can be anything, be kind.”**

I am hoping at the February SEC you will be able to help with my project; **Guardian Angels for Special Populations**. I will have a donation box at the February SEC. Here are just a few of the items they could use:

Flushable wipes, toilet paper, copy paper, paper products, trash bags (32 gallon)
Magic markers, sharpies, glue/glue sticks, paints, canvases, silk flowers
Bottled water, ziplock bags, plasticware

When you donate, please be sure you fill out a service report for your auxiliary under community service.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in February.

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Greetings Ladies,

The membership year for 2021 is quickly coming to an end. This is a critical time of year when we need to finish up with our renewals and get them mailed in. Remember, the cutoff date for renewals is DECEMBER 31st. They need to be in the mail and postmarked no later than JANUARY 7th, 2022 to our Executive Secretary, Donnajeanne Hackler-Merritt. Please, adhere to this deadline!!

Also, if some of your members have not renewed by the above deadline date, she **must** reconfirm her qualification /eligibility. Then on the Dues & Remittance Form you would put “RJ” (rejoin) in the type of membership.

As a local Membership Chairman, you should try and reach out to your members who you haven't seen in a while. Call them; tell them you're calling to check in on them. This shows they're important to the auxiliary and they just might start coming to meetings and volunteer.

In closing, I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Greetings ladies,

We made it through another year, and I would like to wish everybody a very happy and safe holiday season.

Thank you to all the Auxiliaries that have reported so far. Keep them coming! 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!

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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 round off your totals to a whole dollar amount.

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, 2022, to be in the February SEC book.

I look forward to seeing everyone at February SEC.



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Season's Greetings Auxiliary Sisters,

I hope that you are doing well during the holiday season.

This is a busy time of the year for AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. This can be a very difficult time of the year for Veterans and families in our communities and we are busy doing projects to help ease the burden of those in need. Please remember to report your projects on your service report form and give a brief description of what you did on the back of the report.

When reporting on your volunteers, please only put new volunteers on the space on the left side of the report. When you write the names on the right side, please put an "N" beside the name of the new volunteers.

Reminder that the reports are to be in my hand by January 10, 2022 in order to be in the February SEC book. If you have any questions or problems, please feel free to contact me.

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Reports are coming in, but a lot of auxiliaries not heard from, it is not too late to get them in. Service reports due to department officers January 10, 2022. Remember they must be in hand by that date.

As we share the holiday season with loved ones, please remember those who do not have that luxury and are confined to a hospital or facility. A quick card sharing thanks could be sent to facility directors to be expressed to all. The patients, residents and don't forget the staff. I'm sure it would mean a lot.

Of course take time to get those reports in and for your kindness as well.

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."
William James, Psychologist and Philosopher



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Greetings Ladies,

It was a pleasure meeting so many of you at the SEC. I would like to thank you for all the great work you are doing, I have received a lot of service reports so keep them coming! I would like to remind you to please round off on your reports, we only want whole numbers not cents. If I have not had the pleasure of meeting you, please come say hello.

A few reminders and important dates to remember:

- AMVETS Department Ladies Auxiliary scholarship application must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2022 to be entered for judging at the June convention. www.amvetsauxfl.org
- The updated AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary scholarship application forms are available on the website: www.amvetsaux.org/scholarships
- When applying for scholarships, please make sure to use the correct form, fill it in completely, and to submit all supporting documents as requested, so as not to be disqualified for improperly completing the forms. You may reach out to me at any time for assistance obtaining applications or completing the forms.
- I will have Joseph L Kee scholarship applications on hand at the February convention.
- **January 10 - Service Reports Deadline** * *Please note that reports must be in my hand by this date to be printed in the February SEC report.*

Please feel free to reach out to me for any questions or comments.

Keep up the good work!

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December 2021

Hello Ladies,

I can hardly believe we are near the end of 2021. Sure hope 2022 treats us all better and things start getting back to normal. I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season.

Just a friendly reminder when writing Auxiliary checks remember two authorized signatures are required on all checks. This protects you and your local Auxiliary's money.

I am so looking forward to seeing my Auxiliary sisters at our upcoming midwinter SEC in February at the Rosen. I hope all our AMVETS family has a wonderful holiday season. Until we meet again keep safe.

Merry Christmas to all!

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Greetings all!

It was so good to see everyone at October SEC! I observed more ladies showing their respect to our Flag as they entered/exited the meeting. Thank you!

I enjoyed serving everyone to the best of my ability and I hope to continue to improve. I did not collect any `donations` from cell phones ringing or ladies talking. `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.

I pray for everyone to stay healthy and safe during this challenging winter and the holiday season. Looking forward to seeing everyone in February. May we all have a Peaceful and Merry Christmas with a wonderful New Year to follow!

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Wishing each of you the happiest holiday season. May you be blessed during this time and as we go into 2022, may we each feel His love and graciousness.

Please extend prayers and comfort to those in your lives. We never know what another person is going through and sometimes just a kind word and a hug will mean the world to them.

Please check on our Veterans as this season is especially hard on them. It's the least we can do to acknowledge and honor their service!

Thank you for promptly sending notices of an Auxiliary Sister's passing. I'm sure their families certainly appreciate a sympathy card or thinking of you card from our Department.

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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.

Just a reminder, service reports from the Local Auxiliaries are due to the proper Service Officer by **January 10, 2022 (in their hands)** in order for totals to appear in February SEC Book.

To prevent delays in entering your evaluation totals, please mail your reports to the correct Service Officer. Their addresses can be found on our website, amvetsauxfl.org, under the "Officers" tab.

Our reporting year is May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022. Reports with dates prior to the reporting year (i.e. December 2020, February 2021) are not reportable and therefore, will not be included in the Total Evaluations. It's much easier to complete your service report immediately after a project has been completed rather than try to remember 3 or 4 months later.

See you soon!

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December 2021

Greetings Ladies,

We are ending 2021 and looking forward to 2022, as we say good bye to the old we look forward to the New Year and what it will bring us.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the February SEC, the officers and chairmen have so much to share with you.

It is very important to meet the deadlines for getting your reports in to the respective Service Officer so that they can meet their deadlines also.

"Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work."

William Arthur Ward, Author, Educator, Motivational Speaker

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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 bylaws and submit to me no later than May 15, 2022.** 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.

The Department Bylaws Committee will be recommending changes to our bylaws at the February SEC Meeting and they will be voted on at the 2022 Department Convention.
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

District II (2)	District III (3)	District VI (6)	Auxiliary #1	Auxiliary #4
Auxiliary #12	Auxiliary #17	Auxiliary #23	Auxiliary #26	Auxiliary #44
Auxiliary #47	Auxiliary #60	Auxiliary #86	Auxiliary #92	Auxiliary #98
Auxiliary #113	Auxiliary #444	Auxiliary #447	Auxiliary #2000	

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December, 2021

Greetings Ladies:

NOTE: Renewals are due to be paid by December 31, 2021. Time is short so I would encourage all our members to renew NOW. Renewals are due and must be postmarked by January 7, 2022. If you receive membership after December 31, 2021, the member is considered a "rejoin" and must meet qualifications to be an Auxiliary member.

Ladies, please make sure that the Dues Remittance Forms are legible and make sure that you send all forms that are necessary when sending in the Dues Remittance Forms; such as Life Member Forms or Honorary Member Forms.

Be sure and go to our website to get any information you may need for your Auxiliary as well as all of the forms you need. The website is amvetsauxfl.org.

I wish everyone a very Merry Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you all in February, 2022 at our SEC meeting.

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Season Greetings Ladies

Hope this holiday season finds you all well....

I did "survive" my first SEC October minutes!! It was a challenge but learning more and more about this great organization! Please read them, if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the minutes, they can be addressed at the February SEC 2022.

My hope for the February SEC that most or all local Auxiliaries have done their 990's and have been revalidated to make the Roll Call a little smoother.

Again, when doing Roll Call, please speak loud and clearly so I can accurately record your presence. The only person that can excuse a President or SEC woman is the Department Madam President. Remember no one can answer your 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.

Remember to take time for yourselves in this busy season! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!

I am looking forward to seeing you all in February SEC 2022.

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Can you believe we are approaching our February SEC! Plans are underway for the 76th AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department Convention. This year's convention will be held, June 23-26, 2022, at the Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Florida.

The Convention Committee will have 50\50 tickets for \$3.00 a book. Please have all tickets turned in no later than Friday, if you checked out books. We will also have a silent auction. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please bring them to me immediately following the Friday joint meeting. Thank you in advance for your support.

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When you can be anything, be kind!

Hello Sisters:

Wishing that everyone had a blessed and safe holiday. It's now time to get back to volunteering. Continue to get your service reports into the Department officers for the Honors and Awards annual program.

We still need to put on our thinking caps and try hard to come up with new and different ways of volunteering, serving our Veterans and our communities.

Please look for the Forecast at the February SEC, share and work together to prepare your awards and make sure everyone has all the convention information they need.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in February.

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Ladies,

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Holiday season. Our February S.E.C. will be here before you know it. Don't wait till the last minute, get ready now.

Thanks again for not putting me to work and remember to be kind, be kind, be kind.

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Greetings,

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a great New Year, to come for us all!

I would like to thank President Beck again, for appointing me as the Quartermaster, it is with pleasure that I serve in this position and am able to serve all of you wonderful women. I try to have new items at each SEC and have more new items coming in for our February 2022 SEC. I have taken recommendations for particular items requested, so please be sure to stop over and check it all out.

Also, if you are interested in helping at the table's, PLEASE feel free to call me. I really appreciate the volunteers that helped me at our last SEC and have received names of others that are willing to assist in February, THANK YOU and looking forward to seeing you there. Please feel free to stop at our tables and introduce yourself.

Have a safe and happy Holidays!

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I would again like to thank Madam President Beck for the appointment as PRO. I need your help making an amazing scrapbook for our Madam President, so she will have memories of her year. If the Madam President visits your auxiliary, please take photos and forward them to me. I know together we can make great memories for our president in the coming year. Thank you all in advance.

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Greetings:

I hope everyone is having a healthy good year so far.

I am excited to say that our Juniors will be attending the February SEC. They will be holding their nominations and elections for the new Department officers. Please make sure your Juniors are dressed in their Junior AMVETS blue colored shirts, black pants/skirts, no holes, and black closed toed shoes. In support of our Juniors, here is a tentative schedule for our Juniors for the February SEC.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022

6:30 PM Joint Opening Session – **Ballroom D (let's meet at 6:15 to get seating)**
Juniors to be in their blue shirts, covers and dark pants. No holes in pants and no sandals.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022 –Salon TBA on Saturday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

7:30 – 8:30 AM **Breakfast**
8:45 AM - 1 PM **Salon TBA Nominations and elections** (also walking the floors between 9:30 and 10 AM)

Our Juniors have volunteered many hours of their time to help veterans and their communities. Therefore, I am reminding the Coordinators that Junior Mid-Year reports and annual memberships are due and must be post marked by **December 31st**. Also, Coordinators, a friendly reminder that you are to be with our Juniors during their meetings.

Juniors will be selling 50/50 tickets on the 2nd floor. For safety of our younger Juniors. All Juniors under 10 years old will not be roaming the floors to sell tickets. They will be on the 2nd floor from 1-3.

Parents/guardians please make sure to pick up your child at 3 so they can be safe in your care.

Merry Christmas and Blessings for a happy, healthy New Year!

See you at our February SEC meeting and if you need any help please reach out to us!



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Greetings, Ladies:

Holidays are fast approaching and I'm sure registration is not at the top of your list – but please remember, Pre-registration for the February 2022 S.E.C. **MUST** be received no later than **January 22, 2022**. Cost: is \$10.00. If paying at SEC or after the deadline date – cost will be \$15.00. Please remember your membership card when registering. It helps to speed things up at the Credentials Desk. The pre-registration form can be found within this Hot Line.

Please mail pre-registration to the name and **address listed above**. The Postal Service recommends, that you allow at least 5 to 7 days to be received. So, let's get those registrations in plenty of time to arrive before the deadline date.

Thank you, Ladies. Wising one and all Happy Holidays and a healthy and prosperous New Year. See you in February.



WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY

HOLIDAY AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR

SEE YOU ALL IN FEBRUARY 2022

AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 2022 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-Registration Fee: 10.00

On-site Fee: 15.00

Deadline: January 22, 2022

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
(Registration is paid for Department Officers & PDP's/PNP's)

Local President

SEC

Alt. SEC

District President

PLEASE PRINT BELOW MEMBERS ATTENDING

Honorary Member/Guest (NO VOTE):

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

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Department of Florida
February S.E.C. Meeting
Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Florida
February 17-20, 2021

(Note: Agenda is subject to change at the President's discretion)

Thursday, February 17, 2022

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

Friday, February 18, 2022

- 9:00 A.M. By-Laws Committee Meeting (Parliamentarian and Appointed Members)
- 11:00 A.M. AMVETS/Auxiliary/Sons Joint Elected Officers Meeting
- 11:00 A.M. 4:00 P.M. Quartermaster Hours
- 12:00 Noon - 4:00 P.M. Registration Hours
- 12:00 Noon - 5:30 P.M. Hospitality Suite
- 1:00 P.M. Convention Advisory Committee Meeting
Honors and Awards Committee Meeting (**immediately following**)
- 3:00 P.M. Elected & Appointed Officers Board Meeting (PDP's welcomed)
Service Officers Meeting with NEC/PDP Marecek (**immediately following**)
- 4:30 P.M. AMVETS/Auxiliary/Sons Joint Convention Chair Meeting
- 6:30 P.M. Joint Opening Session
Auxiliary Preliminary Business Meeting Session - President Debbie Beck
(**Immediately following Joint Opening Meeting**)

Saturday, February 19, 2022

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

Sunday, February 20, 2022

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

