

## **Candace Clemens**

My name is Candace Clemens. I am the new AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York Hospital Chairman for the year 2017-2018.

I am married to William, Sons of AMVETS Dept. of N.Y. State Past Commander. I have three children, Kristen Keenan, Michelle Rauluk and SSG. Shawn Clemens. My grandchildren include Carly (17), Parker (13), Gavin (17) and Alexis (19). We are proud Gold Star parents, as our son Shawn was killed in Afghanistan January 29, 2004 in Afghanistan.

*In the local Auxiliaries, I have held the appointed office of Americanism for six years, Chaplain/ Scholarship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice. and President of Aux # 726 for two years..*

*At the State level I have held the office of PRO/Historian, Sgt. At Arms, Chaplain/Scholarship, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice president, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Department President (2016-2017). I am your VAVS Rep. for the Bath VA and I am in my 2<sup>nd</sup> three year term as VAVS Executive Committee Secretary.*

*I am also on the National Hospital Committee and am looking forward to hearing what great things we have done at the National level across the USA for hospitals.*

*Besides AMVETS Aux, I am also a member of Post 892 American Legion Aux, American Gold Star Mothers , The Southern Tier Military Support Group, and Delta Kappa Gamma ( an honorary education society).*

*I retired from teaching July 2011 after teaching over 35 years. For fun, I like to camp with my family, volunteer, and read. I am Vice President of the Catt/ Allegany BOCES School Board and have just been elected to my second three year term..*

*I encourage you to please volunteer in some way with your local hospital and Veteran's Hospitals this year.*

I am looking forward to working with all of you and your auxiliary in the upcoming year. Let's make this the best year ever for Hospital patients and Veterans at the VA's. . I am here for you and your Auxiliary. Please call or email me with any questions or problems that I may be able to help with at the Dept. level.