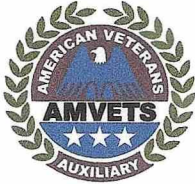




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## AMVETS LADIES' AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, INC.

Linda Marie George (Chickie) Fall SEC Letter

Friday, September 1, 2023

**President 2023-2024**

Greeting to Newly Elected National Officers Mary Lanphere-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Laura Bugaj-3<sup>rd</sup> Vice. Congratulations on the outcome of your best endeavors to promote the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary.

Welcome to all my AMVETS Ladies Officers and Auxiliary Sisters:

I would like to thank you again for your support and trust in electing me as your AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York President for the year 2023-2024.

With pleasure and regard with great respect. I will do this job the best of my proficiency.

I have an amazing group of candidates of officers who are here to help each and anyone that is in need.

As President it will be extremely important that all information received from the Department and National Auxiliary is past on to the proper officers. Please take the time to read all information you receive. If any questions whatsoever, please contact the Department officers or our training committee.

It has been a different, and unexpected beginning for my presidential year. I had the pleasure to go to the National Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania very informative. I had a very short stay there; I've had some pressing family matter to deal with. Thank you all for your prayers and loving support.

I am here to assist all of you. Just ask. I am really excited about coming to visit auxiliaries this year. Please let me know what your auxiliary is doing and when. If I am able, I just may come out and help at the events.

Together we are looking forward to a topnotch AMVET Ladies Auxiliary year. You and you and you as a team player will let it happen.

My President's Project is [K9SFORWARRIORS.ORG](http://K9SFORWARRIORS.ORG)

- K9s For Warriors is the nation's largest veteran service organization focused on providing highly trained Service Dogs to Warriors. K9s for Warriors provides high-quality service dogs to military Veterans through their three-week training program at one of their two facilities. Their training program focuses helping the individual and service dog build a bond to facilitate healing and recovery. Adults 18+ Veterans, all disabilities, individual's trauma survivors, sexual assault survivors, brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, and all mental health.

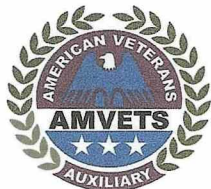
My President's Theme is "A Battle Worth Fighting For."

Linda M. George aka "Chickie" President

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



# AMVETS LADIES' AUXILIARY

## *Department of New York Inc.*

*To All 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents ~*

*As 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, I am here to help you with membership. My theme this year is BE THE SUNSHINE THAT MAKES YOUR AUXILIARY GROW! Keep in mind its always nice to get new members in our Auxiliary, but also important to keep the ones we have.*

*Now is the time for all local Auxiliaries to start collecting dues from your renewing members.*

*\*\*\*Remember ~ all Dues & Remittance forms (D & R's) along with a check made out to AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York (postmarked no later than 12/31/23) are to be mailed to:*

*Mary Lanphere, PDP*

*6310 Route 20*

*Portland, N.Y. 14769*

*Annual dues of \$25.00 are to be sent to the Department.  
\$325.00 A life membership form must accompany payment.*

*Life membership is*

*Rosters & membership cards will be available at the October SEC meeting. Each Auxiliary representative will be given them for your Auxiliary. If there is no one from your Auxiliary in attendance, they will be mailed to you.*

*It's ALWAYS a good time to look for new members! I would like to suggest that every member carry an Auxiliary application in their purse. You never know when you'll meet someone eligible & interested in joining. Applications, as well as all membership forms can be found on the website.  
[www.amvetsaux.org](http://www.amvetsaux.org)*

*If you have any questions about membership, please reach out to me!*

*Debi Feary, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice*

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**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY**  
*Department of New York, Inc.*

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Dear Local 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents and Auxiliary Sisters,

I hope this bulletin finds you and your Auxiliary well. Second Vice Presidents are responsible for Child Welfare programs. When your Auxiliary participates in a project where children are the ones that benefit, it is considered Child Welfare.

Our National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Mary Lanphere, has chosen the theme "Impact the Future of a Child." She is stressing the importance of going out into the community and supporting programs that impact children in a positive way and bringing out that special talent that every child has. In addition, the National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary's Child Welfare Project is John Tracy Center (JTC). John Tracy Center is the leading diagnostic and education center for young children with hearing loss. All Auxiliary donations to John Tracy Center should be recorded on your Child Welfare service reports.

As Department of New York 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, my theme this year is "Get Children Moving!" Unfortunately, many of our Nation's children are not outside playing for a variety of reasons. Some do not have access to a safe outdoor space. Others may have family income restraints that limit their participation in organized sports and others may have disabilities that are currently limiting access to an inclusive play environment. However, play is important to children's development. In January 2007, the American Academy of Pediatrics published findings on the importance of play stating, "Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength. Play is important to healthy brain development. It is through play that children at a very early age engage and interact in the world around them." I would like to encourage your Auxiliary to participate in a project that gets children moving!

Some things to note:

- All donations should be included on your service reports.
- All checks for John Tracy Center should be payable to "AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Dept. of NY" and in the memo line write JTC and your Auxiliary number. These should be sent to our Department Secretary, Mary Lanphere, and the amount should be included on your Child Welfare service report.
- All mid-year service reports (3 copies) are due to me by October 25, 2023. Please send a service report even if you have not held any projects yet. You may write "Nothing to report at this time" or include your planning meeting.
- To be eligible for an award at State Convention, both mid-year and end-of-year service reports are required.

Please reach out to me with any questions you may have. I will do my best to get you a prompt answer. I am only a call, text, or email away.

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,

*Janell Ashman*

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**AMVETS LADIES' AUXILIARY**  
**Department of New York, Inc.**

**FALL BULLETIN 2023**

9/6/2023

Greetings to Newly Elected National Officers Mary Lanphere-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Laura Bugaj-3<sup>rd</sup> Vice.

Dear Madame President, Auxiliary Sisters:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President this year.

As Community Service Chairperson I'm here to help your Auxiliary with any questions you may have concerning service reports and filling them out. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time if you have any questions or if there's anything I can help you with.

Please remember:

First service reports are due May 1 to October 1, 2023

Second service report due May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024

Please keep the National Community Service Program which is PAWS WITH A CAUSE IN MIND when planning your future projects. Remember also, The Definition of a Community Service project is, "any activity that benefits adults or both adults and children."

I wish you all a successful year ahead, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

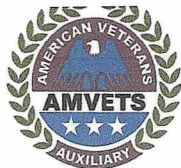
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CC: President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, NEC, Parliamentarian and Mentor.





AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, INC

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Greetings Madam President and Auxiliary Sisters,

The Sergeant at Arms duties are not limited to being the custodian of the colors. Information on your duties and responsibilities can be found in the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary National Constitution and By Laws, as well as the Auxiliary National Manual. I have a limited number of tri-folded brochures, which summarizes your responsibilities, which will be distributed at the Fall SEC 2023. If your Auxiliary is unable to attend, you will be missed; I will mail the brochure to you after SEC.

A few of your duties will include setting up for meetings and passing out written information or reports to the members. It also involves, keeping our members informed of our official uniforms; you can find updated information on uniforms at [www.amvetsaux.org](http://www.amvetsaux.org) under the "This and That" Tab.

Of course flag etiquette is of paramount importance and information on this topic can be found on the Internet. Just type in flag etiquette and a multitude of places will appear. Please be mind full, if you are at an outdoors event and the National Anthem is being played you are to stop, turn towards the flag (or the sound of the music if the flag isn't in sight), hand salute until the music stops. The respect is shown during the hoisting or lowering of the flag or when it passes in parade or review.

The following are just a few key reminders concerning our American Flag:

- In the United States, **no other flag should** be placed above the American flag or, if they are placed on the same level, **to the right of the American flag.**
- The flag should **never touch anything beneath it**, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.
- Hold the American Flag **higher** than any other and point the eagle forward like it is flying but outward when placed in its stand.
- The American Flag is **never dipped** to any person or thing
- When the flag is worn out or no longer fit for display it should be retired in a dignified way.

The American flag is a symbol of freedom and liberty to which Americans recite the pledge of allegiance.

The flag's 13 alternating red and white stripes represent the 13 original colonies. Its 50 white stars on a blue field represent the 50 states.

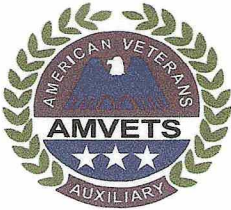
The colors on the flag each have a meaning:

Red: valor and bravery – White: purity and innocence – Blue: vigilance, perseverance, and justice

Any questions or concerns, please, don't hesitate to contact me. Emails are preferred because then (hopefully) I can understand your issue and resolve it quickly.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Pearl, Sergeant at Arms  
AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of N.Y  
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cc: Department President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Secretary, Parliamentarian, NEC, & Mentor



# *AMVETS LADIES' AUXILIARY*

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,

*Auxiliary Sisters:*

*As you know I attended the National AMVETS Convention this past week. We had a great week of fun, learning and championship with our AMVETS Family. I am proud and honored to announce that Laura Bagaj was elected to National 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice and Mary Lanphere to National Second Vice. We had the most delegation with 22 auxiliary ladies in attendance. Excellent showing and thank you ladies for attending and supporting our candidates.*

*Your newly elected/appointed 2023 - 2024 National Officers for AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary are as follows.*

*National President Amy Stopyra (PA)  
National 1st Vice President Cynthia Rice (OH)  
National 2nd Vice President Mary Lanphere (NY)  
National 3rd Vice President Laura Bagaj (NY)  
National Treasurer Barbara Guth (KY)  
National Americanism Officer Debra Gass (IN)  
National Scholarship Officer Allison Aldrich (MI)  
National Hospital Donna Tolland (MD)  
National Chaplin Laurie Shea (IL)  
National Sergeant-at-Arms Mary McKinnon (MD)  
National Immediate Past President Karin Simmons (AK)  
National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis (MA)  
National Junior AMVETS Coordinator Denise Speigle (OH)  
National Honors and Awards Chairman PNP Leslie Wunderte (AK)  
National Scrapbook Chair Paulette Joy (AK)  
National Training Chair PNP Linda McGriff (TX)  
National VAVS Representative Marie Rorrio (MA)  
2024 National Convention Chairman Debbie Dant (IL)  
National President's Scrapbook Janet Buterbaugh (PA)*

*Each officer will report on what their counterparts project and theme will be.*

*I am passing some information to you so that you may share it with your auxiliaries.*

*As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 on your service report we will be raising the volunteer hourly evaluation from \$25 to \$30. Also increase the mileage from \$.50 to \$.65 to be in compliance with the IRS standard miles.*

*I will send out copies of the changes in the By-Laws, Constitutions and Manual to each auxiliary.*

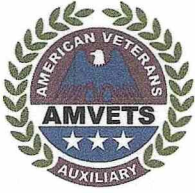
*Another change was in the membership. If you are a new member and want a lifetime membership you may do so if it is at the time you are signing up for the auxiliary. If you are an existing annual member and want a lifetime membership you can only apply during the month of September to December. A moratorium on lifetime membership will be starting January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 through August 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 and every year following.*

*If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. If I don't have an immediate answer, I will contact whoever does. Hope to see you all at the SEC October 6-8<sup>th</sup>.*

*Please look for up coming info from our fantastic liaison/convention/secretary Mary Lanphere.*

*Yours in the AMVETS Auxiliary  
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# AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

## DEPT. of NEW YORK

### 2023 Fall Bulletin

Madame President, Officers, Local Presidents, members and guests,

Congratulations on being appointed to Local Parliamentarian. As Parliamentarian it is your responsibility to be familiar with your local, Department and National Constitution and By-laws. You will act as an advisor to your president and guide her to conduct her affairs in accordance to parliamentary procedure, ensuring that all members are heard.

**REMEMBER-** The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary National Constitution governs all levels of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. The By-laws apply only to the level of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary for which it is written.

As per AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of NY By-laws Article VI, Section 2, all local Auxiliaries By-laws and Standing Rules are to be reviewed by Department President and Department Parliamentarian every 3 years. As such By-laws and Standing Rules are due for the following local Auxiliaries; Aux 1, Aux 38, Aux 76, Aux 219, Aux 262, Aux 265, Aux 282, and Aux 8113.

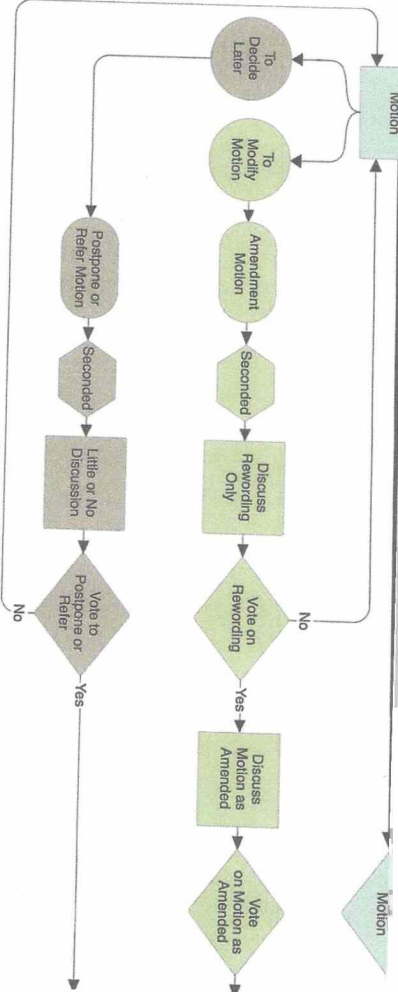
Included in this bulletin is a flow chart for processing motions as well as amendments to assist your local Auxiliaries with the functionality of your meetings.

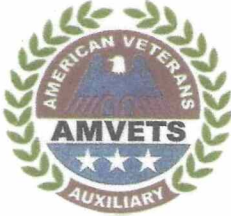
If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me and I will be happy to help you.

Your's in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary,

Laura Rose Bugaj, PDP  
AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary  
Department of NY Parliamentarian  
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## AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

*Department of New York, Inc.*

Dear Madam President, Department and Local Officers, Members and Guests:

Congratulations Mary, Laura and all Department and Local Officers!

Thank you, Madam President, for appointing me as the Americanism Officer for the years 2023 to 2024, I am honored.

Americanism, in our manual, is defined: "AMERICANISM, is the unflinching love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.

We had Pearl Harbor in 1945, Korean War from 1950–53, Vietnam War in 1954–1975, Persian Gulf War 1990-1991, Iraq War 2000 - 2011 and then Afghanistan. Too many of us forget the sacrifices of our men and women who continue to serve in uniform and die on foreign battlefields. Not only should we remember their sacrifices, but we should also be proud of their courage.

I have spoken to John Turner, AMVET AMERICANISM officer, and since the AMERICANISM PROGRAM is being revamped by National, information will be brought to SEC.

If you have any questions, please call me at 716-665-8604 or my email is [rosaleewaid@msn.com](mailto:rosaleewaid@msn.com). My address is 17 High Acres Drive, Bemus Point, NY 14712.

Thank You! **GOD BLESS AMERICA!!**

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary,

Rosalee Waid

AMERICANISM OFFICER



AMVET LADIES AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, INC.

AUGUST 2023

FALL BULLETIN 2023~~HOSPITAL

Dear Hospital Officers, Local Presidents, & Auxiliary Members

I hope this bulletin finds all Auxiliary members well.

Please remember our hospitalized Veterans, our main focus, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, our National Program.

Mid-year reports should be mailed to me no later than October 25, 2023, and should include three copies. The reports should include any activities or projects that benefit a VA Hospital, Community Hospital, a Medically Staffed Nursing Home, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. It is important to remember to be considered a Hospital Project it must be at a Medically Staffed Facility.

To be eligible for an award at the June Convention, you must submit a mid-year report and end of year Hospital Report. If you have nothing to report, send a report with "Nothing to Report at this Time" written on it.

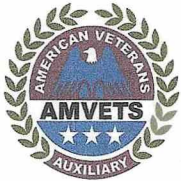
My theme this year is.....Don't forget our Veterans should benefit from our helping hands.

I wish each Auxiliary a successful and rewarding year.

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

Respectfully

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VAVS Northport Representative

Greeting Madam President and Auxiliary Sisters,

At the time of this writing, Northport VAMC was still limiting visitation for occasional volunteers, but the good news is there is a possibility that the facility will be opening up to occasional volunteers in September. They are accepting donations and their "Wish List" is periodically updated. But, basically there is a continual need for clothing and personal hygiene items.

There is a list of regular scheduled volunteers. The vetting process is subject to change, contacting the hospital voluntary service directly will expedite the process and ensure you have the most current information and up to date application forms. But it does involve a medical screening for tuberculosis, verifying you are current in your influenza (in season), and COVID 19 (first and second) vaccinations. Additionally, a security background check, fingerprinting, and a passing a short self-study written exam.

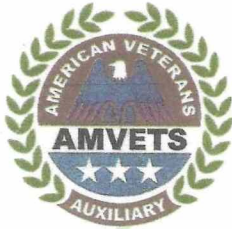
More good news the Veterans Clothing Room located on the grounds of the VAMC Northport has re-opened. The article of clothing, books, and small housewares are available free of charge to all veterans. The room is open Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. They have begun to accept donations.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Pearl, VAVS Representative Northport

cc: Candice Clemens VAVS Co-ordinator

cc: Department President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Secretary, Parliamentarian, NEC



# AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

*Department of New York, Inc.*

September, 2023

Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

Hurrah! Things are starting to open up at the Bath VA. Volunteers are now allowed in patient care areas. One exception is that a mask must still be worn on the CLC'S. They have also opened up off station trips for the Veterans.

The VA has held multiple food safety courses for you to attend if your Auxiliary or Post wants to host Veterans or come on station to feed them. Someone must attend a food safety course for this to happen.

Just a reminder to all that the Bath VA is now part of the VA Finger Lakes Healthcare system. This includes the Bath, Canandaigua and Rochester locations

In the next week or so I will be meeting with Voluntary Services to complete my mandatory Annual Joint Review. Hopefully, you will be hearing the results in my Fall SEC report. I will be setting my goals for our AMVETS Auxiliaries to work toward during 2013-2024. I'm hoping that more Auxiliaries will step up this year since regulations have opened up.

I have received permission to take the Student Veterans and Military Aligned Students from St. Bonaventure University to help with BINGO at the VA again. I have done this several times in the past before COVID. They are our AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary's occasional volunteers. Both the students and our CLC Veteran patients benefit from this experience. The conversation and friendship that occurs during these visits is just wonderful.

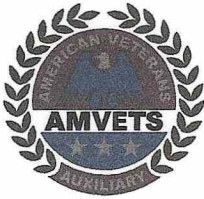
**Items needed at the Bath VA include the following :** Ceramics for the Veterans to paint, acrylic paints, plastic models and model paints, adult coloring books, body wash, K Cups, and Walmart or Amazon Gift cards. Thank you for anything you can donate.

If your Auxiliary has any questions as to how they can donate or volunteer at the Bath VA please contact me at [candyeclemens@gmail.com](mailto:candyeclemens@gmail.com) I'll be very happy to answer any of your questions. Remember your Auxiliary doesn't need to live close to a VA to help out. An Auxiliary could choose a different VA Hospital to help out each month if distance is a problem. Monetary donations are always needed for events for the Veterans.

Your AMVETS Auxiliary Sister,

Candy Clemens PDP, VAVS Chairman/VAVS Bath





## AMVETS LADIES' AUXILIARY

Department of New York, Inc.

29 August 2023

Hello, first I'd like to extend congratulations to the newly nominated State Officers. I know that you will make us proud.

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer, time is certainly going by fast and with that said we should be thinking of our scrapbooks. Please refer to the Check-Off List for the History and Scrapbook Mandatory Criteria. There are two different sets: 1 for the Department Book and 1 for the Local Auxiliary Scrapbook.

Please forward any pictures that could be used in the Department Presidents scrapbook to me, it would be greatly appreciated.

If I can help or answer any questions, feel free to email or call me. Thank you for your time.

My contact information is below:

Sincerely,

Dawn Flavin

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