



Sherry Marecek, President

**AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary – Department of Florida
102 Diogenes Street
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As our 2018/2019 year comes to an end, please be sure to apply for awards and show us how you “kept reaching” throughout the year. Each of you has worked so hard; why not reap some recognition for it? Also, another unforgettable Awards Ceremony has been planned by our Awards Chairman, PNP Evelyn McElvin. You sure don’t want to miss that!

All Auxiliaries are going through nominations and elections at this time. Remember, this shouldn’t be a popularity contest but rather – who is going to do the best job for you as an Auxiliary. Don’t forget revalidations are due to the Executive Secretary **no later** than May 19, 2019. Just a reminder, on the revalidation form, all positions with an asterisk next to it needs to have a name. These are mandatory positions for revalidations.

Speaking of revalidations, filing your 990 is part of the revalidation process. Since our fiscal year ends May 31, you can file beginning June 1. It only takes a couple of minutes, so don’t wait. File it and forget it until next year!

June Convention is for celebrating and honoring our members for the hard work done throughout the year. Please try to come! Our Convention Chair, PDP Mary Lou Maslo, has been working diligently to make our banquet “Fun with Family”. After all, we are AMVET FAMILY!

I have thoroughly enjoyed representing you as your President these past two years. I’ve been blessed to have a great slate of Officers and you, the membership, have been awesome! Therefore, as I would like to continue representing you in some capacity, I am asking for your support as I seek the office of NEC for the 2019/2020 year.

Hoping to see you all in June! Please travel safely!

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I can't believe we are approaching the end of another year. The forecast is now at your local auxiliary and I know that you are doing all you can to ensure that membership stays on the road to success. You all have successfully boosted your membership and now it is award time. Great Job!

Please help with making sure after your local election that all paperwork is accurate on the updated forms and copies are sent to the proper persons. This will help with roll call and contact information.

All service reports are due to service officers May 5th to be in the convention book.

I would like to personally thank each one of you for all of the support that has been shown and I ask for your continued support as I DARE TO DREAM while continuing to climb the chairs of President of this great organization named AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in June

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It's hard to believe the end of another year is approaching soon. Thank you all for the reports you have been sending. You are all doing awesome work at your locals.

There are still just a few things I would like to remind you when reporting. Please only send 1 copy of your report; we do not need duplicates. Remember to be specific on the back of the report as to what you did as far as hours, miles and materials used. Also, you can only count as a volunteer 1 time in each category. Please, if you are not sure call your department officers, we are here for you. Also, service reports are due in my hand no later than May 5th to be in the convention book.

If you would like to send a gift for Madam President at her reception in June, you can send a check to me (at the above address) made out to Sherry Marecek.

Lastly, you received your forecast in February, be sure to apply for any and all awards! You worked hard this year and deserve to be recognized. I am looking forward to seeing you all in June.

PNP Patty Piening, 3rd Vice President
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Our Department Convention and Awards Program are just around the corner. Therefore, as your Auxiliaries are completing your projects and completing the Local Service Report, make sure they are placed on the most current Report form, Revised 7/1/2018. All Community Service Reports must be in my hands on or before May 5, 2019. Also, regarding my personal award for Community Service, donation checks for monies raised for PAWS, during the month of March ONLY, must be received by our Executive Secretary, Jerri Devoll on or before May 5, 2019. This is all very important when you are applying for Community Service Awards. With this being said, here is a list of Department awards to apply for that requires an Entry Form:

- PDP Bertha M. Alexander Memorial - Community Service Award (Individual)
- PNP Charlene D. Kee – Ronald McDonald House (Auxiliary)
- Community Service Chairman Award: (Individual)

All award entries must be sent to PNP Evelyn McElvin, Honors & Awards Chairman by due date published in the Forecast.

National Awards being offered for Community Service will be published in the National Digest.

Ladies, keep up the good work within your communities and keep "**Reaching for the Stars**".

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Our year is rapidly coming to a close please read your Forecast for important deadline dates. Convention will be here before we know it and we have a lot to accomplish before then. We have local elections rapidly approaching in May. Remember to notify your bank of change of officers and bring with you the revalidation form along with a copy of you minutes stating the new officers. You will need to fill out new signature cards, make sure you have the proper officers as signors on your bank account. This shall be done as soon as possible as your new officers take office June 1, 2019. This is the same day your 990's should be filed for your local. Make sure to mail 2 copies of your 990 to Dept. Headquarters prior to June Convention.

I would like to thank all my Auxiliary sisters for their continued support and would like to ask you for your continued support as I run for re-election in June as your Dept. Treasurer once again.

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And so another year is coming to an end! Please get your reports in to get the credit you deserve and don't forget to apply for the awards!

End of year reports must be **in my hands by May 5th**

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at June Convention!!! Thank you and keep your reports coming!!

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Time is running short! Submit all your auxiliary's service reports asap. The reports must be in my hands by May 5, 2019. Please call or email me if you have any questions. Great work to all auxiliaries who have sent their reports thus far.

Gather your information and data to apply for one or more of the Department of Florida Awards. Writing up the accomplishments of your auxiliary or one of your members can be very motivating. Apply for as many awards as possible because your auxiliary and members deserve recognition!

Do not forget about the James Parke Scholarship. Applications given to people who volunteer at veterans' clinics or hospitals and plan to or are furthering their education can open up their chances of being awarded monies to help finance that education.

My intent is to run for Americanism Officer at the June Convention for 2019-2020. I will continue the hard work, dedication and caring as Americanism Officer as I have demonstrated in my previous service for the Department of Florida as well as at the Local level. Thank you for your support.

I look forward to seeing everyone at June Convention!

Scholarship Officer – Sharon Sheldon
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Hello everyone, Spring has sprung and with it our final countdown to year end. It is a busy time of the year. Get your reports in early don't wait until the last minute. As a reminder to local scholarship officers, when giving out scholarships please make a copy of the check to send in with your reports.

Reminder, your officer reports need to me in my hands by May 5, 2019 for the year.

Also all Scholarship applications need to be in my hands by May 15 2019

Thank you ladies you are doing a Great job.

One last thing AMVETS NATIONAL Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship can be found by going to www.amvetsaux.org for application and information.

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Time is certainly flying by so fast...June will be here before we know it and I'm sure everyone is excited and looking forward to our Convention!

Please ensure you send your Deceased Member notifications as soon as possible so we can include our departed in the Joint Memorial Session held at the June convention.

A special Thank You to Peggy Milnes for serving as Chaplain Pro Tem at our February SEC!

"She who kneels before God can stand before anyone." Romans 8:37

As always, yours in service ~

~ FREEDOM ISN'T FREE, THANK A VETERAN! ~

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Yes it's that time of the year again. Let's get to work and get those reports in. By now every auxiliary have had to do some type of volunteer work! So, Report! Report! Report! Our officer's are here to help you if you need assistance. **REMEMBER, reporting is a never ending cycle because we start our new year in reporting May 1st every year and ending April 30th.**

All 2018-2019 reports must in all five Service Officer's hands by May 5, 2019 no exceptions.

AMVETS 75th National Convention
Aug. 21-24, 2019

The Galt House
140 North Fourth St.
Louisville, KY 40202
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Can't wait to see you all soon.

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Convention time is fast approaching; hard to believe. NOW is the time to get ready for Convention.

Report, report, report! You are doing the work so let us all know about it. Your work is important and supports our AMVETS in their mission. You play a big part in working for our Veterans and your communities. Be proud of what you do. Fill out your reports and get them in ON TIME. I am going to list your service officers again so if you have a question you can get in touch with them.

Child Welfare – Debbie Beck – 239-826-4741
Community Service – PNP Patty Piening – 513-218-3234
Americanism – Holly Burbach- 941-786-8210
Hospital – Linetta Shilling – 814-414-8799
Scholarship – Sharon Sheldon - 352-278-6166

or call your NEC Woman, PDP Sheila Haywood at 772-216-2940 or call me. We are all here to help you. In addition, don't forget to apply to awards. You work hard and you deserve to be recognized. These awards are given to recognize that hard work . . . a huge pat on the back and a thank you for all you do. So apply BOTH for Department and National Awards.

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I look forward to seeing each and every one of you in June. Stay positive and strong and keep on working for our Veterans, Communities and Children. Remember without you there would be no Ladies Auxiliary.

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The End of the Year is quickly approaching! Please notice above that I have a new address and telephone number. Don't forget when submitting your bylaws to please send to my new address.

Please note the following changes to our Department Bylaws:

Annual Dues to Department will be \$24.00 (National \$15.00 and Department \$9.00)
Honorary Dues to Department will be \$15.00 (National \$10.00 and Department \$5.00)
Life membership: \$350.00 (\$225.00 to National and \$125.00 to Department)

Standing Rules #6 that states: If an Auxiliary member is a member of the AMVETS Riders or Sacketts, she shall register with the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary prior to registering with the Riders or Sacketts at all SEC's and Department Convention with an (a) added to say that a Rider or Sackett uniform shall not be worn on the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary floor.

State Executive Committee Women, I hope you had the opportunity to share with your members, the Bylaw changes from National and the recommendations from the Department Bylaws Committee that will be read for the last time during the Department Convention.

The following Auxiliaries bylaws and guidelines are due no later than May 5, 2019:

District III	District VI	President Council Guidelines	Auxiliary #4
Auxiliary #14	Auxiliary #47	Auxiliary #67	Auxiliary #92
Auxiliary #98	Auxiliary #113	Auxiliary #422	Auxiliary #444
Auxiliary #1208	Auxiliary #1219	Auxiliary #2000	Auxiliary #9987

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Please make sure that both pages of your Revalidation form are complete; they are due to me on or before May 19, 2019. If you do not have it in to me by the deadline your Auxiliary will be seated at the convention in June as guests.

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Get your 990's in to me as soon as you file them and you know you can start filing on June 1.

The changeover due to the increase in dues and to the new forms has been a little rocky, but it is getting better. Three of the biggest reasons for me to send D&R's back is that the check does not have two signatures, the form is not filled out correctly or it is the incorrect form. All forms are on the Department's website at amvetsauxfl.org. Thank you to all of you that is using the new forms.

All forms must be sent into Headquarters in **duplicate**. There are several of you not paying attention to instructions and I will not make your extra copies for you. Thank you to all of you are doing a great job.

The **recap information box** must be filled in for that D&R; do not total pages on the first page if you have more than one page. The total does not mean the amount of your check; it is the total of members you are sending in on that D&R do not forget to enter the date at the top of the box.

Membership deadline for closing the 2019 year is May 31; after that all members will be considered new members and will be entered as such.

Looking forward to seeing you in June

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The minutes from the February SEC are out. If you did not get a copy you can go onto our website and get them. The website is amvetsauxfl.org. Check out the website as there is all sorts of information and forms that are available to you.

It is time to start getting ready for Convention and by reading the minutes from the February SEC you will be informed as to some of what is going to happen at the June Convention. Always be prepared.

I know that I am repeating myself but please remember to speak clearly when answering roll call so that you will be marked present if you are there. We want the roll call to be accurate so don't be afraid to speak up.

When you wish to speak on any subject please remember to go to the microphone so that you can be heard . . . even if you think you have a loud voice the meeting room is large and not everyone will be able to hear you. The microphone won't bite you. If you have a question on any subject don't be afraid to ask it.

Remember the only person that can excuse a President or SEC woman is Madam (Department) President. The Alternate SEC may answer roll call if the SEC woman is not present BUT she must be listed on the revalidation form for your Auxiliary. No one can answer roll call for their President.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in June.

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Department of Florida Junior President Jovan Rosado has chosen to continue "The Spring" as his project. For those that may not know about The Spring, is a home in Tampa for abused women and children. 50/50 tickets will be sold in June for his project. Please support him.

We also continue to support the Ronald McDonald Houses in our State, Shriners in Tampa and St Jude's. We thank everyone for all their past support, and hope we will have continued support to all who can by collecting toiletries, card fronts and pull tabs at your local Auxiliaries and bringing them to the SEC.

Junior Coordinators; our Juniors have volunteered many hours of their time to help veterans and their communities. **Year-end reports must be post marked by June 15th.** If you need help with the reports, please let me know. National has updated all the reports and we must use them, or your Juniors will be disqualified for any National awards. I will have a training session in June but if you need help before then please call or email me.

I will need a count on how many Juniors will be attending the June SEC by May 11th so I can purchase banquet tickets and reserve their tables. Remember Junior Coordinators, you are needed to help Friday night and Saturday at the SEC. Agenda will be coming out in May.

See you at our June SEC meeting and if you need any help or are interested in starting a new Junior Unit please reach out to me!

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It has been a pleasure being your quartermaster and I look forward to seeing everyone at the June Convention. Due to popular demand we will have more "bling" shirts and more red shirts available. Please remember that inventory is available all year. If you or your auxiliary are interested in ordering current inventory or would like to place a special order, please send me an email. Thank you for your support!

*****Remember Everyone Deployed – RED Shirt Friday*****

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June 2019 Convention is fast approaching.. Time to check with your members to find out which ones plan to attend.

Pre-registration MUST be received no later than **May 25, 2019**. Cost: \$15.00. If paying after pre-registration date or on-site – **cost will be \$20.00**. Please mail to name and address listed above.

Please review the pre-registration page carefully when listing those who are attending and remember when you are filling out the pre-registration form to list the individual only once at the highest position she holds – not all the positions she may hold. Also when registering, please list the INCOMING Local President, and/or S.E.C. - not last year's ---and **don't forget --- when using an auxiliary check – two signatures are required.**

You will need your membership card when registering at the Credentials desk. - so put it in your purse before you leave home.

Thank you, Ladies. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the June Convention Lots of fun in store for you on Saturday afternoon.

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There were quite a few changes to the Discipline Policy in the National Constitution – Article XII, at the National Convention. This **NEW** section needs to be followed! Most of the changes are just cleaning up the language and being more concise on what is required. Please always make sure you have up to date information. This is available on National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary website. (amvetsaux.org)

I would like to challenge all members to read over this section and send in all suggested changes to the Department of Florida for review, and we will send them on to National if changes are needed. At the last SEC we discussed the First Vice President **NOT** being on the Appeals committee and why. If you have questions or suggestions, please give me a call.

On a personal note – Thank you to all my auxiliary sisters for all the caring words and cards sent to me on the death of my sister.

AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
74th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL – ORLANDO, FLORIDA
June 13 – 16, 2019

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

Thursday, June 13, 2019

3:00 P.M.	Finance Committee Meeting
4:00 P.M.	Pre-con Meeting (Designated officers only) <i>AMVETS Commander, Auxiliary President, AMVETS Executive Director, AMVETS Finance Officer, Auxiliary Treasurer, AMVETS Provost Marshall, Auxiliary Convention Chair and Auxiliary Sgt-At-Arms</i>
4:30 P.M.	Audit Committee Meeting
5:30 P.M.	Honors & Awards Judging (1 st Vice, All Service Officers, Current & Past Awards Chairman are required to attend)

Friday, June 14, 2019

12 Noon – 4:00 P.M.	Registration Open
11:00 AM–4:00 PM	Quartermaster Open
9:00 A.M.	By-Laws Committee Meeting
10:00 A.M.	Scholarship Judging
11:00 A.M.	Joint Elected Officers Meeting <i>Department Commander and President (AMVETS/Auxiliary Elected Officers, AMVETS Executive Director, Sons of AMVETS and Jr. AMVETS Coordinators)</i>
1:00 P.M.	Convention Advisory Committee Meeting Honors and Awards Committee Meeting (immediately following)
PRIOR to 3:00 P.M.	Local Scrapbook Deadline
3:00 P.M.	Elected Officers Meeting with Appointed Officers (PDP's are welcome to attend) Service Officers Meeting with NEC/PDP Sheila Haywood (immediately following)
3:30 P.M.	AMVETS/Auxiliary/Sons Joint Convention Chair
4:00 P.M.	Scrapbook Judging
5:00 P.M.	President's Council Meeting
5:00 P.M.	SEC Council Meeting
6:30 P.M.	Joint Opening Session
8:00 P.M.	Joint Memorial Service

**FOLLOWED BY DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION
 IN PRESIDENT'S SUITE**

7:30 – 9:30 A.M.	Registration Open
3:00 – 4:00 P.M.	Registration Open
7:30 AM	Quartermaster Open (Closed during business sessions)
2:30 P.M.	Quartermaster Audit
8:15 A.M.	Official Opening of 74th AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Convention
11:45 A.M.	Gaveliers Meeting
1:00 P.M.	Honors and Awards Ceremony
2:30 P.M.	Local Officer's Training/Orientation, with Department Officers
6:00 P.M.	Reception Cocktail Hour
7:00 P.M.	Banquet

7:30 – 8:30 A.M.	Registration
8:15 A.M.	All Raffle Drawings
8:30 A.M.	General Business Session

ALL NEWLY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS MUST ATTEND

Thursday, June 13, 2019	5:00pm – 12:00am
Friday, June 14, 2019	12:00pm - 6:00pm 8:30pm – 12:00am
Saturday, June 15, 2019	4:00pm – 12:00am

AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
JUNE 2019 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-Registration Fee: 15.00 On-site Fee: 20.00 Deadline: May 25, 2019

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AMVETS LADIES AUX., DEPT. OF FLORIDA Mail to: Doe Seals ,
6735 54th Avenue N. Lot 19, St. Petersburg, FL 33709
Telephone #: (727) 327-5296 E-mail: doesseals2@gmail.com

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

Delegate(s) If you have more Delegates or Alternate Delegates than spaces provided,
please copy this form before submitting

Honorary Member/Guest (NO VOTE):

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

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APRIL 2019 HOTLINE

