

**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
MINUTES-JUNE CONVENTION 2022**

Friday June 10th 2022

There was no Business session as all Officers and members were expected to attend the Joint Meeting and the Memorial Service. With the Department President's reception to followed the Memorial Service.

Saturday June 11, 2022

PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin Convention Chair began the meeting at 8:20 am with the introduction of Past National Presidents: Charlene Kee 2008-2009, Patty Piening 2009-2010. 2nd Vice President Holly Burbach introduced Evelyn McElvin 2016-2017.

PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin introduced the Past Department Presidents of Florida: Gloria Jasinski 1989-1999, Marylou Maslo 2008-2009, DonnaJeanne Hakler-Merritt 2011-2013, and Sherry Marecek 2016-2017.

The Department of Florida 76th President: Deborah Beck 2021 was introduced and was given the gavel by PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin, Convention Chair.

Meeting was called to order by Madam President, Deborah Beck at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed all to our 76th Convention, hope all have a good and productive weekend, hope to see all at the School of Instruction.

Presentation of Colors: by Sgt. At Arms Toni Plemmons

Invocation: by Chaplain Wendy Luzader

Pledge of Allegiance: by Sgt. At Arms Toni Plemmons

Preamble: read by 1st Vice President PNP Patty Piening

Aims & Purposes: read by 2nd Vice President Holly Burbach

Code of Ethics: read by 3rd Vice President Christina Albright

Definition of Americanism: read by American Officer Dawn Stewart

Madam President Deborah Beck along with Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau presented Auxiliary 2415 with their Charter, Officially an Auxiliary of the State of Florida.

Roll Call of Officers by Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau

Approval of Agenda by 2nd Vice President Holly Burbach moved to approve the agenda as printed seconded by 3rd Vice President Christina Albright, no discussion MOTION CARRIED

Reading of the Convention Rules: by Parliamentarian PNP/PDP Charlene Kee on Page 15.
PNP/PDP Charlene Kee moved for the approval of the Convention Rules, seconded by PDP Gloria Jasinski, no discussion, MOTION CARRIED

Minutes of the February 2022 SEC were read by Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau. **Robin Trudeau moved for the approval of the minutes as read and published, seconded by Beverly Gardner Auxiliary 8, no discussion MOTION CARRIED.**

Guest Speaker John Dexter Tombs AMVETS Post 4 talked of the importance of students at a High School in Tampa Florida ROTC to students with Career Plans in the Military with continuing their education.

First Credentials Report by Credential Chair Doe Seals on page 87-88, if any errors please see Doe Seals after the meeting as this is the First Credentials not the final. The numbers for credentials were from the close of Registration on June 11th, 2022. The Total vote was 154 Registered, 152 Votes with a majority of 78 and 2/3 being 103.

Communications : by Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau. Letters of Intentions to run for the National Officers were read: Department of Alaska announced the candidacy of Karin Simmons for the Office of National President. Department of Pennsylvania announced the candidacy of Amy M Stopyra for the Office of National First Vice President. Department of Ohio announced the candidacy of Cindy Rice for the Office of National 2nd Vice President. Department of New York announced the candidacy of Mary Lanphere for the Office of National 3rd Vice President. Department of North Dakota announced the candidacy of Alice Delzer for a second year as National Chaplain. Department of New York announced the candidacy of Laura Rose Bugaj for the

Office of National Americanism Officer. Department of Illinois announced the candidacy of Laurie Shea for the Office of National Hospital Chairman. Thank you cards from AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary for the donation of \$200.00 to Freedom Foundation, \$200.00 donation to Paws and \$250.00 to Freedom Foundation Pins.

Eboard Recommendation: read by Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee move to add a new standing Rule: In order for an Auxiliary to remain in good standing, all revalidated auxiliaries shall submit a minimum of one (1) Service Report to the Department per year, seconded by Marylou Maslo; no discussion, MOTION CARRIED.

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee move to unsuspend Standing Rule #1 for the position of Ways and Means and The Department President shall appoint a Ways and Means Chairman, seconded by PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin; no discussion MOTION CARRIED.

NEC/PDP Sherry Marecek moved the Department will pay Pre-Registration if funds are available, to National Convention for members who plan to attend. Completed Registration form, with payment, to be returned to NEC Woman. Members shall attend all Business Sessions upon their arrival or checks will be deposited into Department account, seconded by PNP Patty Piening; no discussion MOTION CARRIED.

NEC/PDP Sherry Marecek moved to increase Department Pre-Registration to \$15.00 each October and February SEC's (\$20.00 on-site) and \$20.00 for June Convention (\$25.00 on-site), seconded by PDP Donnajeanne Hakler-Merritt; discussion was Doe Seals asked also if they are late on registration not only onsite will it be \$20 on site? Confirmed yes, will also be effective this October 2022 SEC, no other discussion MOTION CARRIED

1st Vice PNP Patty Piening moved that each Auxiliary may only submit one (1) entry per Award. Reason being, it is not fair to the other Auxiliaries that you submit 2 people for the same award, second by 3rd Vice Christina Albright, no discussion MOTION CARRIED

GUEST Jr, AMVETS President Natalie Rosado announced her new Officers, SR Vice: David Baca, JR Vice: Joseph Comar, Secretary: Jamel Wigfall, Treasurer: Ronald Parkinson, Sgt at Arms Jeremiah Reodo, Chaplain: Makenzie Baca, PRO: JaNoah Master, Parliamentarian: Jaden Parkinson. Also, that the Department Sons of AMVETS, donated \$1,575 for uniforms for the Department

Junior. If there is anything the Juniors can do to help to please let her know. Have a great convention.

Finance Report: Acting as Treasurer Officer, PDP Sherry Marecek moved to dispose of the existing Chaplain's rolling tote, which is unusable & purchase of a new rolling tote. Funds will be remitted from this year's Chaplain's budget, with any additional funds needed from this year's Hospital Officer's budget be remitted before June 30th, 2022. Seconded by 3rd Vice Christine Albright, no discussion MOTION CARRIED. This was from the Finance Committee.

Acting as Treasurer Officer, NEC/ PDP Sherry Marecek, would like to thank Jerri Devoll, 1st Vice PNP Patty Piening, 2nd Vice Holly Burbach, guest Parliamentarian PNP/PDP Charlene Kee and Madam President Deborah Beck for helping with the Finance Report Committee.

Discussed the budget with changes on page 31, changes made under Convention Income 50/50 change \$2,000.00 to \$1,500.00. Auxiliary Convention fund, scratch that and right "Raffles". Registration changes from \$3,000.00 to \$3,500.00 total income remain the same \$6,500.00. Under Total Membership Income, Quartermaster Income change from \$13,000.00 to \$13,750.00. Below registration, in parenthesis put SEC October/February, total has changed from \$3,200.00 to \$3,900.00. Talking Cup, delete that completely. Total Income \$143,460.00. Under Convention Expense, Convention Book, change from \$1,500.00 to \$2,500.00. Department Awards, change from \$100.00 to \$200.00, now the Convention Expense Total is \$14,780.00. Next Page 32, under Headquarters, Printed SEC October/February book, change \$1,500.00 to \$1,800.00. Add a line item, "Printing /Other"- total \$250.00, total Headquarters Expense will be \$5,950.00.

National Convention Pre-Registration, changed from \$1,500.00 to \$1,000.00 that still covers 25 Delegates.

Under Officers, Awards Chairman change \$100.00 to \$200.00, TOTAL OFFICERS \$12,425.00. Total Expense \$143,460 same as Income, budget is balanced.

NEC/PDP Sherry Marecek move to accept the budget as just edited & approve 2022-2023 Budget as read, seconded by 3rd Vice Chrissy Albright, no discussion, MOTION CARRIED.

Madam President thanked NEC/PDP Sherry Marecek for stepping to help with Treasurer Report as PDP Karen Powers was unable to attend Convention this weekend.

Audit Committee: NEC/PDP Sherry Marecek, PNP/PDP Charlene Kee, PDP Donnajeanne Hakler-Merritt and Gerald Jane Devoll have checked the Treasurer book with the Executive Secretary book, and it all is in perfect order.

Guest: AMVETS National 1st Vice Commander, Donald McLean wished a very successful convention, also he's a candidate for AMVETS National Commander, we are all family, AMVETS, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders and you all do a fabulous job here in Florida; doing your programs, we are all here for the same reason, wishing you a successful Convention.

First Timers: by NEC/PDP Sherry Marecek are; Leslie Long Aux. 444, Pamela Gibson Aux. 19, Kimberly Falana Aux. 1, April Galestio Aux. 312, Tammy Berger Aux. 893, Lenora Sheppard Aux. 444, Lori Barton Aux. 200, Sheila Mcfadden Aux. 4, Suzan Himmers Aux. 35, Mariann Sullivan Aux. 447, Veronica Reardon Aux. 1992, Tara Newhouse Aux. 2006, Monica Gilardi Aux. 1992, Michele Teyssier Aux. 1992, Michele Ousley Aux. 81, Heather Varner Aux. 88, Jamie Rounney Aux. 88, Judy Cooley Aux. 7, Theresa Anderson Aux. 2415, Christine Shaw Aux. 2415, Annette Norris Aux. 2415, Maura Amaral Aux. 2415, Deborah Meredith Aux. 44, Lisa Martin Lafave Aux. 44, Joy Money Aux. 7, Gerri Holbrook Aux. 7, Brandi Higgins Aux. 60.

Department Officers Reports:

President: Deborah Beck report is on page 16, please read it at your leisure. It's been an honor to serve as your President this past year. We have done some awesome work this year. She thanked all the auxiliaries who donated a total of \$11,929.00 to her project. It will go a long way! At this time, she presented a certificate to the Auxiliary who donated the largest amount of money to her project and that is Auxiliary 81 with \$5,100.00. Thank you very much! Also, thanked all the Department Officers, PNPs, PDP's and members of this Organization. You're the ones that make us who we are, Thank you all! She also thanked everyone for her reception last night wonderful celebration and our generosity.

1st Vice President: PNP Patty Piening report is on page 11, read at your leisure as there is important information within the article and those of other Department Officers. Regarding the Hotline Article, she noticed the incorrect date of the Auxiliary 990's is due after the hotline was already mailed. She did not want to elaborate on her book report since she will be going over Membership eligibility guidelines and the 990's with handouts at the School of Instruction. Also, in the SEC envelopes, a copy for her handouts will be included.

2nd Vice President: Holly Burbach's report is on page 21-23 please read at your leisure. Another year has come and gone. First and foremost, she wants to thank all the Auxiliaries that have sent in reports this year. She hoped you all applied for the Awards because you all deserve them. Please make sure to come to this afternoon's School of Instruction and then Honors and Award Ceremony. It will be informative, and fun filled afternoon. She then thanked Madam President and hoped she has a wonderful and productive Convention.

3rd Vice President: Christina Albright report is on Page 24-26, thanked all the Auxiliaries who sent in reports for Community Service including those who supported Madam President's Project. She is very proud of the excellent work you all have done. Cumulatively, your local Auxiliaries raised \$538,439.00 including both adult and youth volunteer for Community Service. She encouraged all to attend the Awards Ceremony to take time to celebrate all your achievements. Thanked Madam President for allowing her to serve this past year and wished her a productive convention. Also, at this time she also draws the Ronald McDonald / Fisher House 2022-2023 Department to designate, Fisher House will be North Florida South Georgia Veteran Fisher house in Gainesville Florida. Ronald McDonald house designation will be Tallahassee, Florida.

NEC: PDP Sherry Marecek thanked all who donated to the National Patrons Page. The money is used to bring down the cost of the convention. Passed out the Pre-Registration for National Convention needs to be passed backed to her by end of Sunday Business Meeting, her report is on page 48-50, excellent job out of 58 Auxiliaries, 70% reported! Really great job and Total Evaluation raised is \$ 1.26 million dollars. All National Reports need to be post marked no later than July 22nd and if hand delivering no later than 10 a.m. on August 25th. If it is for National Scholarship Report to National headquarters post marked no later than July 1st.

Alt NEC: Gerald Jane Devoll report is on page 51 read at your leisure. She also invited all members to the training this afternoon and the Awards Ceremony.

Parliamentarian: PNP/PDP Charlene Kee stated that the Bylaws committee met with 7 guests, with recommendations from the Bylaws Committee.

Parliamentarian PNP/PDP Charlene Kee moved for the approval of Article IX-Duties of Officers and Chairs, Section 1, President, Sectional 2, First Vice President, Section 5, The Americanism, Hospital, and Scholarship Officers, Section 7, Executive Secretary, and Section 10 the Chaplain. Seconded by NEC /PDP Sherry Marecek, no discussion MOTION CARRIED

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee Parliamentarian moved for the approval of Article X-National Convention Delegate (e). Seconded Karen Schooley, President of Auxiliary #8, no discussion MOTION CARRIED

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee, Parliamentarian moved for the approval of Article XII-President Council (a), and (c). Seconded by Americanism Officer Dawn Stewart, no discussion MOTION CARRIED.

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee Parliamentarian moved for the approval of ARTICLE XVII-Department Convention (h), and Article XXII Electronic Meetings. Seconded by NEC Sherry Marecek, no discussion MOTION CARRIED

Please see the attachment of the actual wording of each bylaw change.

Chaplain: Wendy Luzader report is on page 43 followed by the Honor Roll of Deceased Members is on pages 44-46, noting 76 Auxiliary members have passed. Our deceased members should be loved and remembered. Your presence at the Memorial Service is a blessing to their family and friends attending. Thanked Madam President and it was an honor to be part of her Department Officers and wished her a very successful convention.

Americanism Officer: Dawn Stewart's report is on page 27 read at your leisure. She thanked all the auxiliaries for their hard work they did and was impressed by the many creative projects they did. Challenged Auxiliaries to really reach out and find new and exciting projects to be a part of. There are so many organizations that do so many things to help our veterans and let's reach out to them to show we can help. Please continue to send reports to the Department Officers as soon as you have completed your project or fundraisers. Waiting to fill them out and send them in can cause you to forget and not get your evaluations correct.

Hospital Officer: Peg Milnes report is on page 37-39 read at your leisure. Thanked you all for this experience as your hospital Officer. We have all pulled together to overcome some difficult times. As always members have found innovative way to service in spite of restrictions. Please continue your good work and innovative methods. She wished all a successful convention.

Executive Secretary Report: PDP Donnajeanne Hakler-Merritt's report is on page 56 please take your time to read it. In your envelopes you will find your Membership Roster, all of you current members that need to renew by December 31,2022 and all your Life members. Either in late August or early September you will be receiving information from me that comes from National

regarding your renewing members. There will be cards included that you could use to remind your members about their membership due. Early Birds are due to her on or before October 31, 2022, and renewals are due by December 31st. Remember, a member renews on January 1st or later they are Rejoin's not Renewals. Follow the instructions on each form that you send to her, also all forms must be fully filled out.

Recording Secretary: Robin Trudeau thanked Madam President for the opportunity, and this was an honor this past year to serve as Recording Secretary. When doing Roll Call please speak loud and clear so I can accurately record your presence. The only person that can excuse a President or Local SEC Woman is the Department President. Remember no one can answer roll call for you! An Alternate SEC Woman may answer roll call if the Local SEC is not present, and they must be listed on the Revalidation Form for your Auxiliary. If you have any reports, correspondence and or acknowledgements that you have read on the floor please forward to her as this helps when she is doing the minutes for all meetings to record respectfully. Wished Madam President a productive Convention. Also, at this time I would like to Thank Kim Clarke Aux. 81, Patricia Johnson Aux. 81 and Kathie Mannix Aux. 81 for all their help with Madam Presidents' reception last night, could not have done this without all their help. Thank you again!

Grievance Chairman: PDP Marylou Maslo thanked everyone for no grievances in the first half of the year and then the second half she did get phone calls and feedback of suggestions she made. It made her feel so good that she actual talked some auxiliary members out of a grievance and they were able to talk things out. That was a wonderful feeling. She thanked Madam President for the appointment.

Appeals Chairman: PDP Gloria Jasinski, has advised this has been a wonderful year, no appeals, everyone must be behaving. Thanked Madam President.

Bushnell Cemetery: Rep Claudia Thompson report is on page 61, She attended the Memorial Service and they are still looking for donations for our monuments. She said if you would like to donate go to the Bushnell Website. She thanked Madam President for her appointment.

President Council: Dawn Stewart at President Council announced she will be the President, Vice Chair is Linetta Schilling, Secretary April Higgins, Chaplain Tina Bond. Each Auxiliary discussed different ideas.

Parliamentarian PNP/PDP Charlene Kee read the Election Rules, also moved for the approval of the Election Rules as read, seconded by 2nd Vice President Holly Burbach, no discussion MOTION CARRIED.

1st Nomination of Officers: Madam President Deborah Beck opened the nominations, and the following nominations took place:

President - Deborah Beck	nominated by PDP Sherry Marecek
1 st Vice President- PNP Patty Piening	nominated by Karen Schooling
2 nd Vice President- Holly Burbach	nominated by Lisa Nichols
2 nd Vice President-Sharon Sheldon	nominated by PDP DonnaJeanne Hakler-Merritt
3 rd Vice President-Christina Albright	nominated by PNP/PDP Charlene Kee
Treasurer- Gerald Jane Devoll	nominated by PNP/PDP Charlene Kee
Chaplain-Wendy Luzader	nominated by NEC/PDP Sherry Marecek
Sgt -at-Arms- Tony Plemmons	nominated by Wendy Luzader
Americanism Chairman-Dawn Stewart	nominated by Peggy Milnes
Hospital Chairman-Patricia Johnson	nominated by Robin Trudeau
Scholarship Chairman-Karen Schooley	nominated by PNP Patty Piening
NEC Woman- PDP Sherry Marecek	NO ELECTION THIS YEAR
Alt. NEC Woman-Gerald Jane Devoll	NO ELECTION THIS YEAR

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Officers Training 1:00 p.m. to follow with Honors /Awards Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.

Honors and Awards Ceremony-2:30 pm

Banquet this evening, Cocktail Hour at 6:00 pm and Banquet to follow at 7:00 PM

Benediction: by Chaplain Wendy Luzader

Respect to the Colors: by Sgt-at-Arms Toni Plemmons

Recessed until Sunday June 12th, 2022

Sunday June 12, 2022 Business Session

Raffle drawing prior to meeting

Friday 50/50

Saturday 50/50

Sunday 50/50

Call to Order by Madam President Deborah Beck at 8:30 a.m.

Innovation by Chaplain Wendy Luzader

Pledge of Allegiance by Sgt-at Arms Toni Plemmons

Roll Call by Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau

Continued Officers Report

Gaveliers NEC/ PDP Sherry Marecek wanted to thank everyone for purchasing tickets lottery drawing raised \$420.00 reported they had 28 first timers that is almost a record. Gaveliers met, elected new officers, all the same. Thanked Madam President for the luncheon.

Quartermaster Report: Toni Fox report is on page 58. She would like to thank Madam President for the honor of being your Quartermaster for her second year and all the Ladies Auxiliary members. It has been fun, busy and she is already preparing things and looking forward to our next SEC in October. Friday sales in \$2,897.00, Saturday sales \$705.00 for the total of \$3,602.00. She would like to thank Shirley Deacy Aux. 81 who volunteered to help this weekend and assisted with an Audit.

Convention Chair: Acting As Convention Chair PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin, thanked PDP Mary Lou Maslo for all her help. She advised that she was filling in for PDP Meltonia Presley who is sick and still in hospital, she asked everyone to please keep her in your prayers. She announced that the Convention Committee (AMVETS, Auxiliary, Sons) met with the hotel regarding the Convention and Banquet needs. There were two fundraiser baskets, and one was donated by Auxiliary

1992 and Donna Chapparo. The banquet tickets cost was \$25.00. However, the meal actually cost \$45.00, and she thanked everyone for all their support. Evelyn announced that the Honors and Awards was held Saturday afternoon.

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA CONVENTION AWARD WINNERS JUNE 2022

PDP DORIS A. MILLER MEMORIAL CHILD WELFARE SERVICE AWARD:

Winner Fran McGurk Auxiliary #26

CHILD WELFARE SERVICE CHAIRMAN AWARD:

Winner Fran McGurk Auxiliary #26

PDP LUCILLE T. HENSON AWARD (John Tracey Clinic) (individual):

No winner

PDP CAROLYN SPENCER MEMORIAL JOHN TRACEY CENTER AWARD (auxiliary):

Winner Auxiliary 1992

PDP GLORIA JASINSKI AWARD (Paws With a Cause) (auxiliary):

Winner Auxiliary #9

PNP CHARLENE D. KEE AWARD (Ronald McDonald) (auxiliary):

Winner Auxiliary #1992

COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN AWARD (individual):

Winner Ann Casey Auxiliary #8

PDP BERTHA M. ALEXANDER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD (individual):

Winner PNP Patty Piening Auxiliary #8

PDP MARYLOU MASLO FISHER HOUSE AWARD: (auxiliary)

Winner Auxiliary #550 - money donated \$1,750.00

PDP MELTONIA PRESLEY ADVENT HEALTH TRANSPLANT PATIENT ASSISTANCE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: (auxiliary)

Winner No entries

PDP DONNAJEANNE HAKLER AMERICANISM AWARD (auxiliary)

Winner Auxiliary #1992

FREEDOM FOUNDATION AWARD (auxiliary)

Winner Auxiliary 1992 -donation of \$5,000.00

PNP DOLORES "DEE" BAGGETT 2ND PLACE AWARD FREEDOMS FOUNDATION (auxiliary)

Winner Auxiliary 550 -donation \$1,400.00

FREEDOMS FOUNDATION (auxiliary)

Winner Auxiliary #1992-\$11.21 per membership

PNP DOLORES "DEE" BAGGETT

Winner Auxiliary #14 -\$10.63 per membership

PDP DELIA J. RAY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AWARD (auxiliary):

Winner Auxiliary #81

PDP LINDA BEST GFELL MEMORIAL AWARD-ST JUDES CHILDREN RESEARCH HOSPITAL (auxiliary)

Winner Auxiliary #26-\$10.50 per membership

PDP SHERRY MARECEK HOSPITAL AWARD (auxiliary)

Winner Auxiliary # 8- \$2.94 per membership

PDP NORA MCPHERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARHIP AWARD

Winner Auxiliary #30 \$22.19 per membership

PNP ANNE E. HALL MEMORIAL SCRAPBOOK AWARD (auxiliary)

Winner No entries

PDP RUTHIA R. HESTER MEMORIAL AWARD (individual)

Winner Auxiliary #81 Robin Trudeau

PNP EVELYN R. McELVIN "GREEN HAT AWARD" (individual)

Winner Auxiliary 26 -Jenny Griffith

PDP JOANNE HENSON MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD (auxiliary)

Winner Auxiliary # 88

PDP ESTRELLA YOUND HONORARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD (individual)

Winner Auxiliary #88 Pat Meaks

PDP LOUISE O'DONNELL MEMORIAL AUXILIARY #1 "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" (individual)

Winner Auxiliary 1992 Maria Groves

AUXILIARY OF THE YEAR SERVICE AWARD (auxiliary)

Winner Auxiliary #88

Honors and Awards: PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin wanted to thank all who helped her.

PNP Patty Piening passed out Certificates for Achievement of Membership with 100% to the Auxiliaries. Top 3 Auxiliaries (total membership) are Auxiliary 1992, 302, 312.

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee Department Training will be June 9-11th.

Ways and Means: District 2 was the one to do the Ways and Means baskets for this weekend and thanked all the Auxiliaries who brought something for the Baskets, due to District 2 having a hard time with members. Joint Convention basket total turned in \$1,111.00, this money is used to help with the banquet. This goes to the AMVETS Department. Ways and Means turned in \$230.00 on Saturday, \$300.00 on Sunday, \$ 50.00 Check received from District 2, total turned in \$580.00. Thanked all who purchased tickets.

Madam President announced the Woman of the Year; Maria Groves Auxiliary 1992 and Auxiliary of the Year; Auxiliary #88, congratulated them.

Jr. AMVETS Co-Ordinator: acting as Jr. AMVETS Coordinator Sarah Baca, the Jr's had their first Department Meeting since February 2020. 12 Jr's were in attendance, 6 from Post 26 and 6 from Post 30. New officers were installed on the AMVETS floor by PNC Joseph Piening. The 50/50 for the Juniors President Project, Corso's for Heroes raised \$610.00! John Dexter Tombs from Post 4 was the winner, and he donated his winnings back.

District Presidents Reports:

Ginger Downs, Auxiliary 26 District VI, thanked all her auxiliary for always helping, Welcomed new incoming District VI President Kathie Mannix Auxiliary 81.

PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin spoke for District 2 President and wanted to thank everyone who helped and supported.

Dawn Stewart is the new incoming President for District 3. Thanked everyone that voted for her.

Local President Reports:

Auxiliaries #1, report not in book, continue to support John Tracy Clinic, #4 Dawn Stewart thanked all her members for all their hard work, #8 report is on page 65, #26 Holly Burbach welcomed new President Chrissy Albright, #30 page 67, #32 thanked all the new officers, #35 Gerald Jane Devoll thank you for reestablishing their auxiliary new President Susan Hiners, #44 report on page 68, #50 Dawn Bergener special thank you to Sandra Bower is moving out of state, #60 April Higgins had memorial for Charlene Martin #78 page 65, #81 report on page 70, #86 report on 71, #88 thanked everyone for Auxiliary of the year!! Report on page 72, #292 thanked her Auxiliary, #422 report on 73, #444 thanked her Officers, #447 thank you Madam President for her inspiration "be kind" report on page 74, #777 report on page 75, #1992 page 76, #2006 Auxiliary working hard, incoming President Judy Cattrell, #2415 Nikki Anderson Newly Chartered Auxiliary.

SEC Council: Ardith Kaiser announced at their meeting of the following new Officers: Chair: Holly Burbach, Vice: Sharon Sheldon, Secretary: Claudia Thompson, Chaplain: Judy Cattrell. She was thankful for her position.

Unfinished Business: none currently

New Business: Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau, again mentioned that all reports read on the floor and motion slips to please return to her today. They are important when transcribing the minutes.

Final Credential Report: Doe Seals there was 177 Pre-Registered, 23 on site and 24 no show, turning in \$2,755. Hoped Madam President enjoyed her convention as we all did.

The Final Credentials begins on page 90. There is a total of 137 votes, with the majority being 69 and 2/3 being 91. The Auxiliaries are as follows (votes) Auxiliary#1, 2 votes, #2, 1 vote, #4, 8 votes, #7, 1 vote, #8, 8 votes, #9, 2 votes, #26, 10 votes, #30, 5 votes, #32, 6 votes, #33, 2 votes, #44, 9 votes, # 50, 4 votes, # 60, 4 votes, #67, 2 votes, #81, 14 votes, #86, 8 votes, #88, 7 votes, #312, 1 vote, #422, 3 votes, #444, 6 votes, #893, 3 votes, #1992, 9 votes, #2006, 5 votes, #2415, 5 votes, #7467, 5 votes, #0000 single, 8 votes.

Final Nominations: There were no new nominations made.

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee moved to open nomination, seconded by PDP Sherry Marecek, no discussion MOTION CARRIED.

Election: The election took place, and your new elected 2022-2023 Officers are:

President - Deborah Beck

1st Vice President- PNP Patty Piening

2nd Vice President- Holly Burbach

3rd Vice President-Christina Albright

Treasurer- Gerald Jane Devoll

Chaplain-Wendy Luzader

Sgt-at-Arms- Tony Plemmons

Americanism Chairman-Dawn Stewart

Hospital Chairman-Patricia Johnson

Scholarship Chairman-Karen Schooley

NEC/PDP Woman- PDP Sherry Marecek NO ELECTION THIS YEAR

Alt. NEC Woman-Gerald Jane Devoll NO ELECTION THIS YEAR

Alt. NEC Women Gerald Jane Devoll announced that she resigned from the position of Alt. NEC

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee moved to approve the resignation of Gerald Jane Devoll for Alt NEC, seconded by PDP Sherry Marecek, no discussion MOTION CARRIED

The Installation of Officers took place immediately after the election. The Installing Officer was NEC/PDP Sherry Marecek. After the installation the incoming President asked that all newly elected officers please stay after the close of Convention.

Benediction by Chaplain Wendy Luzader

Retirement of Colors by Sgt at Arms Toni Plemmons

Adjournment

Post-Convention Meeting, Madam President Deborah Beck announced her Appointed Officers and asked approval of EBoard , which was giving as follows:

Appeals Board Chairman Gloria Jasinski
Awards Chairman PNP/PDP Evelyn McElvin
Convention Chairman Kim Clarke
Credentials Chairman Doe Seals
Executive Secretary PDP Donnajeanne Hakler-Merritt
Grievance Chairman Marylou Maslo
Junior AMVETS Coordinator Sarah Baca
P.R.O. Carolyn Bain
Parliamentarian PNP/PDP Charlene Kee
Quartermaster Toni Fox
Recording Secretary Robin Trudeau
Training Officer (2023-2024) PNP/PDP Charlene Kee
Ways & Means Chairman Donna Chapparo
Bushnell Cemetery Claudia Thompson
S.E.C Council Chairman Holly Burbach
President Council Dawn Stewart

**PDP Sherry Marecek moved for PDP Mary Lou Maslo to be elected Alt. NEC, no discussion,
MOTION CARRIED**

PNP/PDP Charlene Kee passed out information for Department Officers training in Wildwood Florida. She advised them to bring their Bylaws, Manual, and Procedure Manual.

Respectfully submitted:

Robin Trudeau, Recording Secretary

