AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA 72nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL – ORLANDO, FLORIDA

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017 - OFFICIAL CONVENTION OPENING SESSION

Convention Chairman, PDP Dee Bagget called meeting to order at 8:15am. She introduced PNP Charlene Kee and the PDP's in attendance according to their year(s) of Presidency: Gloria Jasinski, Evelyn McElvin (also our current National President), Mary Lou Maslo. At this time, 1st VP Sherry Marecek introduced Dee Baggett who then continued introductions of Donnajeanne Hakler, Karen Powers and Trudy Wood.

She then introduced Department President, Sheila Haywood. Hospital Officer, Holly Burbach presented a wood carved plaque to Madam President from her Department Officers and PDP Bagget then turned the gavel over to Madam President Haywood for her "to use wisely and well".

President Sheila Haywood welcomed all to the annual Convention. She asked for Presentation of Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance by Sgt. at Arms Claudia Thompson.

Invocation by Chaplain Pro Tem Rebecca Coupe. The Preamble was read by 1st VP Sherry Marecek.

Aims and Purposes was read by 2nd VP Meltonia Presley. Code of Ethics by 3rd VP Barbara Branch.

Definition of Americanism by Americanism Officer Debbie Beck.

Roll Call by Recording Secretary Pro Tem by Susan Leverone.

Reading of first Credential Report was given by Credentials Chair Doe Seals. She said this was as of 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning. There were 164 Total Registered for 158 Votes.

Madam President Haywood left the room and 1st VP Sherry Marecek welcomed the Jr. Amvets. Jon Hyatt, outgoing President, introduced their new officers:

President Kelaiah Dixon Martin Sr. V.P. Tia Campbell Jr. V.P. Jovan Rosado Secretary Aaron Hinton Treasurer Natalie Rosado Sgt. at Arms Amiyali Chappell Chaplain Madison Martin Pro Kayla Taylor Parliamentarian Danielle Pate

Jr. Amvets of the Year is Jeffrey Gray from #26

Debra Pate Pro Tem Jr. Coordinator announced the National Jr. Amvets Officers:

Danielle Pate, Jovan Rosado and Jonathan Hyatt and (inaudible).

1st VP Sherry Marecek entertained a motion for approval of the Agenda. Motion by Trudy Wood to accept the motion and seconded by Evelyn McElvin. Motion carried.

Parliamentarian PNP PDP Charlene Kee read the Convention Rules. The rules are on Page 14. Motion by PNP PDP Charlene Kee to accept the Convention Rules as read. Seconded by PDP Dee Baggett. Motion carried.

PDP Evelyn McElvin was appointed as time keeper.

Motions of the 2017 February SEC meeting were read by Susan Leverone, Recording Secretary Pro-Tem. She then moved to accept minutes as printed, distributed and read. Seconded by 1st VP Sherry Marecek. Motion carried.

E-Board Recommendations were read by Susan Leverone, Recording Secretary Pro-Tem and are as follows:

Recommendation # 1

The Finance Committee would like to recommend that the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Department of Florida pay the registration for auxiliary members attending the 2017 AMVETS National Auxiliary Conventions with the following stipulations:

- 1. Registration will be paid for members that attend the meeting on Saturday of the National Convention which is when elections are held.
- A Completed Convention registration form with check shall be signed and returned to the NEC Woman no later than the close of the 2017 AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Department of Florida Convention. Members also shall include the date you will be arriving at the Convention.
- 3. If a member is not in attendance on the floor at Saturday elections, your check shall be deposited immediately following National Convention.

The Registration Cost: \$40.00 (Pre-registration received in National HQ by July 1st) I so move. Second by PDP Donnajeanne Hakler.

Recommendation # 2

The Finance Committee recommends that the Department purchase a full page color ad for our National Officer Dee Baggett (Second Vice) for the National Convention Book (\$100.00). I so move. Seconded by PDP Karen Powers. Motion was carried.

Recommendation # 3

The Finance Committee recommends that the Department suspend the position of Ways & Means as the Chairman is not even making enough to cover cost of the hotel nights. We would also like to recommend that we try having the Districts take turns (according to numerical order) bringing an item/items to raffle for Department. We would like PDP Baggett to explain how Ohio does it. We would like to add this as a standing rule. I so move. Seconded by 1st VP Sherry Marecek

PDP Baggett explained that Ohio rotates among the Districts and that they bring raffle item to the meeting, put them in paper bags and raffle them off at the back of the room. The Districts are only asked to do this every couple of years.PDP Evelyn McElvin asked for clarification to confirm that the Districts are only asked every couple of years.PDP Baggett explained that the Districts would choose what and how much they would donate.

District XVI President volunteered to begin the rotation.

Recommendation #4

The Finance Committee recommends that we pay the webmaster quarterly instead of a year in advance.

Rationale: We do not think it is good business for example when we let go our other

Webmaster we had to pay double that year. If for some reason the webmaster ends up ill again, we could end up in the same position. Just good business sense to pay quarterly.

July (July, August, September) October (Oct, November, December), January (January, February, March), April (April, May, June).

We also feel that if the hosting and the name domain are in the of The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of Florida that the bill should be sent directly to the Department of Florida for us to pay and should not be part of the fee we pay to the webmaster. I so move.

2nd Treasurer PDP Karen Powers. Motion carried.

Recommendation #5

The Finance Committee recommends that we donate \$500.00 (Five Hundred and 00/100) to the JR AMVETS for the expenses at National. I so Move. 2nd by Americanism Officer Debbie Beck. Motion carried.

Recommendation #6

The Finance Committee recommends that we sign up for the bank check scanner at \$15.00 a month (\$180.00 year) to make depositing checks easier and do away with the mileage of the Exec. Secretary (currently a 43 mile round trip to the bank. I so move. 2nd by 2nd VP Meltonia Presley.

Recommendation #7

The Convention Committee recommends that the floor revisit a motion made in October to have the Joint Convention Committee Funds, after expenses, be split 3 ways. I so Move. 2nd by PDP Dolores "Dee" Baggett. Motion carried.

Recommendation #8

The Convention Committee recommends that the check for \$1,196.12 that the Auxiliary received from the AMVETS for a 3 way split of the Joint Convention Committee for the year 2015-2016 be kept as the Convention Chair had met the auxiliary goal of fundraising on our floor. The money to be earmarked "Auxiliary National Convention 2018" I so move. 2nd PDP Dolores "Dee" Baggett.

<u>Finance Report – PDP Karen Powers, Treasurer.</u> Her report is on pages 27 -31. There is a printing error on the bottom of Page 29. The last line item is barely visible but it should say Department Website \$600.00. She thanked Finance Committee 1st VP Sherry, 2nd VP Meltonia and 3rd VP Barbara Branch for serving the last few years. They have been awesome. All Officer's voucher need to be turned in today. It has been a pleasure to serve under President Haywood, she has done an awesome job.

<u>Audit Committee Report – 1VP Sherry Marecek</u>. She was pleased to announce that the books of both the Treasurer and Exec Secretary are in order and balanced. Two (2) checks that were 1 year old were voided that came to the amount of \$311.02.

President Haywood asked 1st VP Sherry to come forward to present the Charter to Auxiliary 69 Lake Wales, Florida that she formed. Sherry said she wasn't the only one but 3rd VP Barbara Branch also were to form. The

Charter dated the 11th of May, 2017. Barbara Branch welcomed the new auxiliary to the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and read a letter of welcome from National President Evelyn McElvin.

Presentation of 1st Timers. PDP Donnajeanne Hakler welcomed the 1st timers and the PDP's as they escorted the 1st timers. There were 31 in attendance who signed the register sheets: Aux. #2- Pamela Williams, Aux. #4-Carie Shaffer, Aux.#9-Darlene Wills, Aux. #16-Lauren Jolly, Aux.#21-Mary Ellen Colvin, Diane Thompson. Aux.#33-Crystal Stanford, Aux.#35-Mary Hafner, Aux.#69-Lavetta Hanes, Aux.#42-Nancy Embree, Aux.#44-Andrea Munro, Theresa Light, Aux.#50-Melinda Maner, Aux.#81-Cindy Maners, Cheri Fountaine, Donna Stovall, Aux.#86-Carey Williams, Gail Flakes, Aux.#88-Debbie Robins, Lynn Dowling Aux.#422-Wysteria Wilbert, Aux.#444-Josephine Fergerson, Aux.#550-Ruth August, Carla Shurey, Pat Young, Aux.#1992-Jodi Blanchard, Aux.#2000-Cins Rough Surface, Aux.#2006-Angelena Rose, Aux.#2298-Wiolet J. Tremaine, Diane Duller Coates, Carolyn Dianne Mauldin.

OFFICERS REPORTS

<u>President Sheila Haywood</u>. Her report is on page 16. She thanked all the elected and appointed officers for all their hard work, they really did an outstanding job and she enjoyed working with each and every one of them. She asked all the PDP's to stand and thanked them for all their guidance and support; they have so much knowledge to share and they are the Trustees of this organization. She is also so proud of the green hats and without them this organization would not exist. She gave a special thanks to PDP Gloria Jasinski and the other PDP's for making her what she is today. One of her favorite charities is Child Welfare and that's because she believes we all have that inner child that we need to keep in touch with.

<u>Parliamentarian/PNP Charlene Kee</u>. She had the 2nd Reading of the Bylaw changes which are on pages 54 -63.

- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article III Membership & Dues (d.1).** 2nd by Evelyn McElvin. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article III Membership & Dues (d.2**). 2nd by Meltonia Presley. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article III Membership & Dues (d.3)** and **Article IV Honorary Membership.** 2nd Barbara Branch and Donnajeanne Hackler. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept Article V Official Uniform added (b) Article VI Executive Board, Article VIII Officers (e), (g) & (L). 2nd by Debbie Beck.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article IX Duties of Officers and Chairs (a), (b) took out (c); SECTION 1 President (b).** 2nd by Holly Burbach. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article IX Duties of Officers and Chairs President (i).** 2nd by Sherry Marecek. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article IX Duties of Officers and Chairs Section 1 President (b).** 2nd by Holly Burbach. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article IX Duties of Officers and Chairs Section 1 President (i).** 2nd by Sherry Marecek. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept Article IX Duties of Officers and Chairs Section 1 President (9); Section 2 First Vice President (c); Section 3; Section 4; Section 5; Section 7 Executive Secretary (i) (p). 2nd by Rebecca Coupe. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept Article IX Duties of Officers and Chairs Section 7 (g); Section 8 (1); Section 11; Section 12 (c). 2nd by Carole Ahmad. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article IX Duties of Officers and Chairs Section 13 (a).** 2nd by Karen Powers. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee3, move to accept **Article IX Duties of Officers and Chairs Section 13 (g), (k); Section 14 (a).** 2nd by Sherry Marecek. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article IX Duties of Officers and Chairs Section 18, Section 19 (1) and (4).** 2nd by Be4cky Coupe. Motion carried.

- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article IX Duties of Officers and Chairs Section 15, Section 16 (b).** 2nd by Meltonia Presley. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Section 18 and Section 19 (1) & (4).** 2nd by Becky Coupe. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept Section 19, (6), Article X National Convention Delegate (e), Article XII Presidents Counsel (e). 2nd by Barbara Branch. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article XV Local Auxiliary (d), (1), (f), (g), (1); Article XVI Districts (f) (g).** 2nd by Carol Ahmad. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article XVII Department Convention (c), (e), (f), (h).** 2nd by Carole Ahmad. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article XVII Department Convention (j).** 2nd by Meltonia Presley. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article XVIII Allowances (c).** 2nd by Karen Powers. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article XVII Allowances (d).** 2nd by Sherry Marecek. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article XVIII Allowances (i).** 2nd by Karen Powers. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article XVIII (j).** 2nd by Meltonia Presley. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article XVIII (k).** 2nd by Dee Baggett. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept **Article XVIII Allowances (n).** 2nd by Karen Powers. Motion carried.
- I, Charlene Kee, move to accept Article XVIII Allowances (o); Article XIX Communications (b), (c); Article XXI Other Organizations (b). 2nd by Evelyn McElvin. Motion carried.

Parliamentarian Kee thanked all the members of the By Laws Committee for all their hard work throughout the year working on these changes.

President Haywood thanked PDP Evelyn McElvin for being our timekeeper and presented National President McElvin with a gift from the ice bucket challenge we held with her in February, 2017.

1st VP Sherry Marecek. Her report is on pages 17-20. She thanked all our auxiliaries for their great job in membership. Our state percentage this year is 98%, of this 31 auxiliaries increased their membership by 100% or more. These Auxiliaries are: #1, #17, #19, #26, #29, #30, #34, #35, #42, #45, #50, #67, #81, #86, #88, #92, #100, #292, #422, #444, #893, #911., #1208, #1219, #1292, #1939, #1999, #2000, #2006, #2298, and #9987. She had certificates for all those Auxiliaries in their packets. Auxiliaries #30, #1219 and #1999 renewed all members from last year and she asked a representative to come up and get their certificates. She asked all members to come to the Honors & Awards Ceremony this afternoon. Orientation immediately following.

2nd VP Meltonia Presley. Her report is on pages 21-23. She thanked everyone for their hard work and getting their reports turned in. She encouraged everyone to come back this afternoon for the Honors & Awards Ceremony and Local Officers Training at 2:30. She is here to assist in any way pertaining to Child Welfare for now. She said she must stay in her lane.

She thanked Madam President for a super two years working with her.

<u>3rd VP Barbara Branch</u>. Her report is on pages 24-26. Please read it at your leisure. She thanked all for a very busy year in Community Service. She enjoyed reading all the reports. She gave a special thank you for the gift of life blood drive. There are certificates in the envelopes for all auxiliaries that had a blood drive. Please don't forget to attend the Local Officers Training this afternoon.

NEC Donnajeanne Hakler. Her report is on pages 49-52 and request that you read it at your leisure. The NEC spoke on the following: The Department of Florida would like to send a resolution to National for the August Convention regarding transfers. Hat requirements be accepted by the end of Convention. 3. If you are attending either the Banquet or Virginia Night at National Convention, tickets are \$60 for the Banquet and \$30 for the Virginia Night Fertie Brand makes the reservations. Information is in the packets to apply for National

Awards. She has tickets in the back for the 50/50 at National. There are Freedoms Foundation tickets in the back if you want to go. She is passing around the Patrons Page for National, \$1.00 per name and it will appear in the National Convention Book. She reminded all to attend Orientation and Honors & Awards this afternoon.

<u>Election Rules</u> – Parliamentarian/PNP Charlene Kee read the Election Rules on page 114. She moved to accept the Election Rules as read. 2nd by Pat Zaykowski. Motion was carried.

1st NOMINATIONS

POSITION NOMINATED BY

President Sherry Marecek Pat Zaykowski

1st **VP** Meltonia Presley Evelyn McElvin

2nd VP Barbara Branch Jan Northcutt

3rd VP Debbie Beck Dee Baggett Treasurer **Karen Powers** Charlene Kee Chaplain Becky Coupe Karen Powers Sgt.-At-Arms Claudia Thompson **Karen Powers** Americanism Chairman Holly Burbach Meltonia Presley Diane Rook **Hospital Chairman** Linetta Shilling

Scholarship Chairman Janet Northcutt Marylou Maslo

Lorraine Capua Dee Baggett

NEC Woman Sheila Haywood Gloria Jasinski

Alt. NEC Woman Donnajeanne Hakler Evelyn McElvin

President Haywood announced Honors & Awards at 1:30 and Training at 3:00. The meeting tomorrow morning will be 8:00 AM Raffles and Business Meeting at 8:15 AM.

Benediction by Becky Coupe-Pro Tem and respect to the colors was led by Sgt. At Arms Claudia Thompson. Meeting recessed until 8:15 AM Sunday.

<u>HONORS & AWARDS</u> were presented on Saturday afternoon, June 17th at the Awards Program – winners are as follows:

Membership Achievement Awards (certificates) Achieving 100% total membership count based on previous year: Aux. #'s 1, 17, 19, 26, 29, 30, 34, 35,42, 45, 50, 67,81,86, 88, 92, 100, 292, 422, 444, 893, 911, 1208, 1219, 1292, 1939, 1999, 2000, 2006, 2298, and 9987.

100% Membership Renewals – renewing all members of previous year: Aux. #'s 30, 1219, and 1999.

Three Largest Auxiliaries: Largest is Aux. 1992 with 498. Second is Aux. 312 with 289. Third is Aux. 550 with 274.

PDP Trudy Wood Largest Numerical Increase in Membership: Aux. 292 with increase of 24.

PNP Ruth K. Nickerson Memorial Membership Award (Chairman or Membership Processor) Largest number of renewals: Josi Kosmala – Aux. 1992

PDP Doris A. Miller Memorial Child Welfare Service Award (individual): Amber Taylor – Aux. 1992

Child Welfare Service Chairman Award (individual): Fran McGurk – Aux. 26

PDP Lucille T. Hanson Award (John Tracy) (individual): Amber Taylor – Aux. 1992

PDP Carylon Spencer Memorial John Tracy Clinic Award (Auxiliary): Aux. 1992 for \$2,500

PDP Gloria Jasinski Award (Paws With A Cause) (Auxiliary): Aux. 1999 with 33.33% per member

PNP Charlene D. Kee Award (Ronald McDonald) (Auxiliary): Aux. 1992 with \$6,283

Community Service Chairman Award (Individual): Theresa DeFocy – Aux. 14

PDP Bertha M. Alexander Memorial Community Service Award (Individual): Theresa DeFocy – Aux. 14

PDP Mary Lou Maslo Fisher House Award (Auxiliary): Auxiliary 444 with \$1,647

PDP Dorothy Johns Americanism Chairman Award (Individual): Carol McKenzie – Aux. 8

PDP Donnajeanne Hakler Americanism Award (Show & Tell) (Auxiliary): Aux. 1992

Freedoms Foundation Award (Auxiliary – largest donation): Aux. 1992 with \$3,500

Freedoms Foundation Award (Auxiliary – largest donation per member): Aux. 81 with 7.06%

PDP Delia J. Ray Hospital Award (Auxiliary): Aux. 81 with 680 hours

PDP Linda Best Gfell Memorial Award – St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (Auxiliary): Aux. 8 with 27.50%

PDP Nora McPherson Memorial Scholarship Award (Auxiliary): Aux. 81 with \$27.15/member

PDP Ruthia R. Hester Memorial Award (Individual): PDP Karen Powers –Aux. 78 and Jerri Devoll – Aux. 35

PDP Evelyn R. McElvin "Green Hat Award" (Individual): Diane Trout – Aux. 26 and Josi Kosmala – Aux. 1992

PDP Virginia "Ginny" Martin Memorial Local Good Samaritan Award (Auxiliary): Aux. 1992

PDP Joanne Henson Memorial Service Award (Auxiliary): Aux. 8

PDP Estrella Young Honorary Member of the Year Award (Individual): Diane Dean – Aux. 88

PDP Dolores "Dee" Bagget Largest Number of Volunteers Award (Auxiliary): Aux. 1992 with 231

The following awards were presented at the Banquet Saturday night:

PDP Louis O'Donnell Memorial "Woman of the Year" Award: Theresa DeFocy -Aux. 14

Auxiliary of the Year Service Award: Aux. 8

Sunday, June 18, 2017

President Haywood reconvened the meeting at 8:15 AM. Sgt. At Arms Claudia Thompson opened the bible and lit the candles, followed by the Invocation by Chaplain Pro Tem Becky Coupe. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt. At Arms Claudia Thompson.

Roll call by Recording Secretary Pro Tem Susan Leverone.

Communications. A letter read by Susan Leverone from Michael DiYesco, President & CEO of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge thanking the Amvets Ladies Auxiliary Department of Florida for their generosity. "Almost half of this year's Americanism Project fundraising goal was met from Florida alone. Your dedication is more than I can express in this letter."

President Haywood awarded her personal awards for St Jude's Focus program Aux 35 certificate for being first to send money in to the Focus program and 3rd place with a donation of \$546.00, 2nd place to Aux 2006 with a donation of \$600.00 and 1st place to Aux 1992 with a donation of \$1000.00. Congratulations to all the winners. Thank you to all that donated it is really appreciated. In the last two years we lacked 300.00 in collecting 6000.00 for them.

<u>Chaplain's Report</u>. Chaplain Pro Tem Becky Coupe said Pat Orr is immobile and would appreciate our prayers. Her report is on Page 45.

<u>Hospital Officer Holly Burbach.</u> Her report is on pages 39-41 in the book. Please read it at your leisure. She thanked all the ladies and auxiliaries who helped with the diaper bags and who help deliver them. She has thank you letters from Pensacola VA, Gainesville VA, Lake City VA, West Palm Beach VA and Miami VA. Also a thank you card from two women at the Miami VA. She thinks they work there. Her award goes to Auxiliary #60 for the most hours in Hospital work.

<u>Americanism Officer Debbie Beck.</u> Her report is on pages 36-38 in the book. Please read at your leisure. There is information at the back of the room on the Freedoms Foundation Conference. Please don't forget to attend the Honors & Awards and training this afternoon.

<u>Scholarship Officer Linetta Shilling.</u> Her report is on page 42 there is a correction in her report should be 27 volunteers for Aux 1992. She thanked everyone for their hard work. She recognized 2 Auxiliaries, Auxiliary 8 for the largest donation to Department of FL Scholarship and Auxiliary 1992 for the largest number of Scholarship reports. She thanked Madam President for allowing Auxiliary 1992 to host her reception last night. Because she is a proud Grandmother, she announced that her Grandson won Jr. AMVET of the year last night.

<u>Sgt. At Arms Claudia Thompson</u>. Her report is on page 48. Please read it at your leisure. She thanked her pages, Peg Morgan, Darlene and Diane Linnell for all their help this year. She also stated that no one must like chocolate because the Pages have only collected \$16.00. She then passed the hat to "Save the Frog".

<u>Bushnell Cemetery Representative Claudia Thompson</u>. Her report is on Page 75. Please read it when you get a chance.

<u>Executive Secretary Jerri Devoll.</u> Her report is on page 64. She apologized to Eartha Melton, VAVS Rep for her report not being in the book. Please note, she will not be processing memberships during June and July for the new fiscal year. Cards from National will not be sent out until after National Convention. 990's are due September 15 and need to be sent to Headquarters. Please send 2 copies. Thanked Madam President for the PDP Ruthia Hester award.

Recording Secretary Susan Leverone, Pro Tem. She stated she is having problems with the tape recorder and she will do the best she can. When answering roll call, please speak up and speak clearly.

GAVELIERS President PDP Donnajeanne Hakler stated that the PDP's met in the President's suite at lunch and they had 8 PDP's there. At this time they have no recommendations. They had their elections and Karen Powers is the new President, First Vice President is Donnajeanne Hakler, Trudy Wood is Chaplain, Charlene Kee is the Treasurer and Dottie Johns will be Secretary. She stated that the Gaveliers would like to thank Linetta Shilling and Aux 1992 for hosting the reception. She asked all the PDP's to help pass out the Perfect Attendance awards to the Local SEC's and Local Presidents. SEC's 1 Dottie Johns, 14 Theresa Defocy, 32 Barbara Foster, 35 Jerri Devoll, 42 Natalie Cartagena, 44 Rebecca Coupe,50 Ramona Mourhess, 60 Charlene Martin, 67 Jan Northcutt, 81 Tonia Blauvelt, 86 Kerri Brown, 92 Edie Seely, 292 Mari Mills, 312 Elizabeth Labossiere, 444 Darlene Linnell, 2006 Claudia Thompson. President's 4 Cynthia Foreman, 8 Patricia Zaykowski, 9 Mary McCarthy, 12 Beverly Munoz, 15 Terry Stickney, 17 Earth Melton, 23 Ginger Downs, 26 Christine Albright, 30 Meltonia Presley, 32, Lorraine Capua, 312 Linda Milo, 422 Wendy Luzader, 1992 Linetta Shilling, 2006 Judith Cassidy. Holly Burbach and (inaudible) awards will be given later.

3rd VP Barbara Branch did the <u>drawings for Fisher House and Ronald McDonald House</u>. Donations for 2017/2018 year will go to Tampa Fisher House and Ft. Lauderdale Ronald McDonald House.

<u>Quartermaster Wendy Luzader</u>. Her report is on Page 66. She has placed cards with her contact info on the back table, this is also on the Dept. Website. Email any order requests and she'll contact you regarding any questions or cost including shipping. Payment must be received before your order is given to our supplier. Phone orders are not accepted.

Total sales: Friday, \$1,932, Saturday, \$1,507 for a total of \$3,439. She thanked the ladies who graciously offered their assistance.

<u>Convention Chair Dolores "Dee" Baggett</u>. Her report is on Page 69. She thanked everyone for all their help this year and a special thank you to Holly Burbach for chairing the hospitality room of the joint committee. She said the pull tabs went over well and turned in \$400 from them. She will report in October on the joint committee funds. She hoped everyone enjoyed their dinner.

Honors & Awards Chair PDP Dolores "Dee" Baggett. Report is on page 71. She congratulated all the winners and thanked the Auxiliaries that applied for awards; 12 Auxiliaries applied and 5 Auxiliaries only applied for 1 award. More Auxiliaries need to apply. She announced the Woman of Year, Theresa Defocy from Auxiliary 14. Auxiliary of the Year went to Auxiliary 8. They were both announced at the banquet by Madam President. The theme this year was "Courage to care - Be a Super Hero", we had a lot of Super Heroes around yesterday but you are also Super Heroes. I hope you enjoyed the program yesterday. Freedoms Foundation wanted to be here to award the Awards to the winners, but he is a Father and wanted to make sure he is home for his children. She thanked Madam President for the appointment and look forward to working with everyone again.

Parliamentarian/PNP Charlene Kee. Her Report is on Page 53. At the October meeting the Auxiliaries that need to update their bylaws will be listed in the October book. Look at your bylaws to see when they were signed by me, Charlene Kee, add 3 years and that is when your bylaws are due. There is a bylaws cover sheet, please use this as a check off sheet. Each Auxiliary should have a Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian should be someone that the President enjoys working with. Sometimes the Parliamentarian should be seen and not heard during meetings. Please remember to bring you membership cards to this meeting. Nominations in your Auxiliary are held in April and/or May, with elections in May. New officers take office June 1. Each local will receive a hard copy of the Dept. Bylaws at the October SEC. Asked for questions, there were none. She told Madam President that she has done a great job this year.

<u>Training Chair PNP Charlene Kee</u>. She spoke on the Officers Training on July 7-9, 2017 at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Belleview/Ocala. Training begins at 4 PM on Friday. Everyone is to share a room, but if you want your own room, you will have to pay \$42.50 the difference. The trainers will be PDP Donnajeanne Hakler, PDP Gloria Jasinski, PDP Karen Powers and PDP Dee Baggett.

<u>Ways & Means Mary McCarthy</u> reported that \$469 was raised this weekend. \$205 on the raffle and \$264 for the 50/50.

<u>JR Amvets Coordinator Pro Tem Debra Pate</u> reported there are 15 JR's in attendance this week-end of which 5 are National Officers. Their 50/50 raised \$685. The winner was from Post 60 which left the Jr's with \$342.50.

<u>Grievance Committee and Appeals Committee</u>. Dorothy Johns was excused so Gloria Jasinski reported that there were no grievances or appeals.

PRO Jillanna Lynch was excused but her report is on Page 67.

Fisher House Representative Darlene Linnell. Her report is on Page 73.

VAVS Rep Bay Pines Jan Northcutt. Her report is on Page 74.

<u>VAVS Orlando Rep Eartha Melton</u> reported that the Lake Nona Fisher House will open in October.

SEC Council Claudia Thompson, President, reported there was 34 in attendance. Election were held as Claudia is President, Vice President is Theresa Defocy, Aux. #14

<u>Presidents' Council</u> Holly Burbach reported there were 20 Local Presidents and one guest at the meeting. Elections were held and President is Ho9lly Burbach, VP Becky Coupe, Secretary Meltonia Presley and Chaplain Peggy Milnes. \$3 was raised in fines.

<u>District President Reports</u>: District II Eartha Melton. Her report is on Page 76. District VI Debbie Beck. Her report didn't make the book but all the auxiliaries in the District worked very hard this year. District XVI Wendy Luzader. Her report is on Page 79. District III. President not in attendance but her report is on Page 77.

Local President Reports: The following Auxiliaries had reports in the book: Auxiliaries 1, 8, 16, 17, 26, 30, 32, 44, 50, 60, 67, 78, 81, 86, 88, 422, 911, 1992, 2000, 2006, 7467. Auxiliaries not having report in the book are as follows: 2, 4, 7, 9,12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 29, 33, 34, 35, 42, 45, 47, 69, 92, 98, 100, 113, 178, 231, 292, 301, 312, 444, 447, 550, 893, 941, 1208, 1219, 1292, 1339, 1999, 2001, 2298, 9987.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Awards Chairman PDP Dee Baggett requested that anyone that had an entry in awards to please pick them up at the back of the room otherwise they will be disposed of.

Sgt At Arms Claudia Thompson stated that the "Frog" would not croak, they raised 119.00 for him.

PDP Mary Lou Maslo_said as National History/Scrapbook Chairman, she is very embarrassed that Florida will not have an entry at National. She encouraged them to work on a scrapbook for next year.

PDP Dee Baggett asked for a point of personal privilege, as National Third Vice, I want you to know that your PAWS thank you notes have been passed out. You do not have to wait until October. Freedoms Foundation brochures are in the back of the room. I am the hostess of that and it is only \$326.00. You come in on Thursday and leave on Sunday and the cost includes all your meals and room. There is a lot that is going on, see me after the meeting if you would like more information. She thanked everyone that helped her this week end.

Scholarship Officer Linetta Shilling announced the Recipients of the Dept. Scholarship in the amount of \$900 each. They are: Dalton Robert Hancock, Brandon, FL going to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Morgan Lynn Bennett, Hobe Sound, FL going to Indian River State College; Baylee Layne Tramel, Mount Dora, FL going to Tallahassee Community College and McKenna Hargis, Mt. Dora, Fl going to University of South Florida.

Madam President again congratulated Theresa DeFocy for being selected Woman of the Year and Auxiliary 8 for being the Auxiliary of the Year.

NEW BUSINESS.

Recording Secretary Pro Team Susan Leverone moved that Eileen Brown of Auxiliary #7467 be appointed Deputy VAVS Rep. for Bay Pines Hospital, 2nd by Meltonia Presley. The motion was carried.

Final Credential Report Doe Seals. Her report is on Page 70. There were 204 Pre-registrations (including Dept. Officers); 22 on-site & late registrations; 38 No Shows. Total amount turned in: \$3,180. She thanked her helpers on the Credential Desk Ramona Moorehess, Chrisey Albright and Kathi Mannix for all their hard work.

Final Nominations:

President-no new nominations

1st Vice Pres.-no new nominations

2nd Vice Pres-no new nominations

3rd Vice Pres-no new nominations

Treasurer-no new nominations

Chaplain-no new nominations

Sgt At Arms-no new nominations

Americanism Officer-no new nominations

Hospital Officer-no new nominations

Scholarship Officer-Jan Northcutt and Lorraine Capua. After voting Jan Northcutt was declared the winner

NEC WOMAN-no new nominations

Alt. NEC WOMAN-no new nominations

Election: The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Dept. of Florida election took place on Sunday, June 18, 2017. The following are the newly elected Dept. Officers for 2017-2018.

President **Sherry Marecek** 1st V.P. Meltonia Presley 2nd V.P. Barbara Branch 3rd V.P. Debbie Beck Treasurer Karen Powers Chaplain **Becky Coupe** Sgt.-At Arms Claudia Thompson Americanism Chairman Holly Burbach **Hospital Chairman** Linetta Shilling Scholarship Chairman Jan Northcutt **NEC Woman** Sheila Haywood Alt. NEC Woman Donnajeanne Hackler

Installation of Dept. Officers for 2017/2018 was conducted by PDP Mary Lou Maslo.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Pro Tem Rebeca Coupe. Dept. & local Colors were retired led by Sgt. At Arms Claudia Thompson. Meeting Adjourned.

Afterwards, the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post Convention Meeting was held by President-Elect Sherry Marecek. She announced the newly appointed officers (with approval of the E-Board). They are as follows:

Parliamentarian PNP Charlene Kee
Executive Secretary Jerri Devoll
Recording Secretary Susan Leverone
Quartermaster Wendy Luzader
PRO Carole Ahmad
Jr. AMVET Coordinator Fran McGurk

Convention Chair PDP Mary Lou Maslo Honors and Awards Evelyn McElvin Credentials Chair Doe Seals

Grievance Chair

Appeals Chair

Bushnell Rep

Fisher House Rep

Dept. Officers Trainer

PDP Dee Baggett

PDP Gloria Jasinski

Claudia Thompson

Darlene Linnell

PNP Charlene Kee

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Leverone

Recording Secretary (Pro-Tem)

Susan P. Leverone

Sheila Haywood

President

DEPARTMENT	OFFICERS

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<u>Number</u>			1352	P	
President	Sheila Haywood		1200 -		
1 ST VICE PRESIDENT	Sharon Marecek		1309	<u>r</u>	
2 ND VICE PRESIDENT	Meltonia Presley		834	P	
3 RD VICE PRESIDENT	Barbara Branch	_	1408		
Treasurer	PDP Karen Powers		15/5	<u> </u>	
AMERICANISM OFFICER	Debbie Beck		1617	<u>P</u>	
HOSPITAL OFFICER	Holly Burbach		345	<u> </u>	
SCHOLARSHIP OFFICER	Linetta Shilling		1109	<u> </u>	
CHAPLAIN	Rebecca Coupe – Pro Tem	-	400	P	
SGT AT ARMS	CLAUDIA THOMPSON		3/2	P	
N.E.C.	PDP Donnajeanne Hakler		704	P	
ALT. N.E.C.	PDP Mary Lou Maslo	_	401	-	
PARLIAMENTARIAN	PNP CHARLENE KEE		1360	P	
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	Jerri Devoll		13/9	- P	
RECORDING SECRETARY	Susan Leverone – Pro Tem		1619		
Quartermaster	Wendy Luzader		355	F	
P.R.O.	Jillanna Lynch	E	<u>E</u> .	E	
Jr. Amvets Coordinator	Debra Pate – Pro Tem		<u> </u>	T	
	COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL CHAIRMEN		1213	0	
Convention Chairman	PDP Dolores "Dee" Baggett		2510		
Awards Chairman	PDP Dolores "Dee" Baggett		23/3	-	
Ways and Means	Mary McCarthy		804	-1	
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Appeals Board Chairman	PDP GLORIA JASINSKI		001		
President Council Chairman *	HOLLY BURBACH	_	345	<u>P</u>	
S.E.C. COUNCIL CHAIRMAN *	CLAUDIA THOMPSON		3/2	P	
Representatives					
BUSHNELL CEMETERY REPRESENTATIVE	CLAUDIA THOMPSON		312	P	
FISHER HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE	Darlene Linnell		442		
JAMES HALEY VAVS REPRESENTATIVE	Tamara Waring		E	E	
BAY PINES VAVS REPRESENTATIVE	Janet Northcutt		321	P	
ORLANDO VAVS REPRESENTATIVE	Eartha Melton		905		

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DEPUTY VAVS *	Pat underwood		$\frac{A}{\hat{A}}$
DEPUTY VAVS *	Cynthia foreman		310 P
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RUBY COKER DANIEL	(Mal) 1978-1979	Inactive	1 0 /
Trudy Wood	(Aux. #9) 1978-1979 (ME)	Т	INACTIVE INACTIVE
RUTH CITTY	(Aux. #50) 1980-1981	INACTIVE	INACTIVE INACTIVE
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Gloria Jasinski	(Aux. #9) 1989-1991	E	E E
DOROTHY JOHNS	(Aux. #1) 1988-1989	E	1360 P
CHARLENE KEE	(Aux. #30) 1993-1995		402 1
EVELYN McELVIN	(Aux. #30) 1995-1996	Inactiv	Inactiv Inactiv
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BOBBIE McRoberts	(Aux. #1992) 2004-2006	Inactive	INACTIVE INACTIVE
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Mary Lou Maslo	(Aux. #8) 2008-2009		401 0
Dolores Baggett	(Aux. #1992) 2009-2011		2313 P
Donnajeanne Hakler	(Aux # 8) 2011-2013		704 1
Karen Powers	(Aux #78) 2013-2015		1315 +
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DISTRICT III	JANET NORTHCUTT		32)
DISTRICT IV	Monica Turner		4 4
DISTRICT VI	ДЕВВІЕ ВЕСК		16/1 -
DISTRICT XVI	SHARON SHELDON		447
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0002 Edgewater	SUE BICE		210 P
0004 TAMPA	Cynthia Foreman		A A
0007 CHIPLEY	DELIA BELL		813 D
0008 St. Petersburg	GAIL R. HALEY		1765 P
0009 Odessa	Patricia Lansing		A A
0012 PENSACOLA	Debra Mengel		A A
0013 DELAND	Paula Heinrich		1803 P
0014 HOBE SOUND	Linda Maston		1/11
0015 FORT PIERCE	Terry Stickney		

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0016 Hudson	Sandra Maxson		$-\frac{507}{306}$	
0017 Sanford	Eartha Melton		<u>900</u> †	
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0019 Orange Lake	Bonnie Tolbert		<u> </u>	7
0021 Sebring	DIANE THOMPSON		<u>512</u> +	
0023 Naples	Ginger Downs		P T.	
0026 Valrico	CHRISTINE ALBRIGHT		P P	
0029 Destin	Jeanine Charcas		A A	<i>+</i>
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0032 Lakeland	Barbara Foster		1104 t	
0033 ST CLOUD	Linda Smidt		A A	-
0034 Palm Bay	Helen Fenocchi		A	7
0035 Crestview	SUZANNE SCANLAN	Е	E E	
0042 CHIEFLAND	JANICE DELOACH		A A	7
0044 Brandon	REBECCA COUPE		403 7)
0045 St. Augustine	Debby Bisogno		A	7
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0081 N. Fort Myers	Margaret Milnes	-	1608	P
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0088 Bronson	Debbie Robbins 7	33 P		
0092 Jensen Beach	Linda Powell	A A		
0098 HOLIDAY	Lynda Leonard	A		
0100 DAYTONA BEACH	Debra Reed	A		
0113 Bunnell	CYD WEEKS	F A		
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0292 Pensacola	Julia Rutherford	A		
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0312 North Port	ELIZABETH LABOSSIERE	A		
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0911 PORT ORANGE	JEAN KOSSOW	1 A		
0941 Palmetto	Patricia Chapel	1 A		
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1219 TAMPA	Erika Martin	1 1		
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	0086	KEYSTONE HEIGHTS	Deborah Ellingham		140	P
	0088	Bronson	Lynn Dowling		1120	P
	0092	JENSEN BEACH	EDITH SEELY		1110	P
	0098	HOLIDAY	Mary Lou Groylon		A	A
	0100	DAYTONA BEACH	Pamela Hall		A	A
	0113	BUNNELL	Dana Whitting		A	A
	0178	DEFUNIAK SPRINGS	LORYANNE BARTON		A	A
	0231	FOUNTAIN	Lola Teeter		701	P
	0292	PENSACOLA	MARI MILLS		1406	P
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	0312	NORTH PORT	MARGARET SOUSA Soul		A	P
	0422	FANNING SPRINGS	TONI L. PLEMMONS		342	P
	0444	WILLISTON	DARLENE LINNELL		442	P
	0447	Inglis	Bertha Cassidy		1116	P
	0550	ZEPHYRHILLS	CINDY SEYMOUR		734	P
	0893	ROCKLEDGE	CECILIA H. HENDERSON		443	A
	0911	PORT ORANGE	Patsy Cheverier		A	A
	0941	PALMETTO	Meshia Richardson		A	A
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