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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

My project is Transplant Patient Assistant fund. This is a Community service project to assist persons on the journey of continuing life. My theme this year is "Dare to Dream while on your journey."

I want to thank those Auxiliaries that have donated to my project thus far, if you have not already made a donation please consider donating to my project.

I encourage all members to attend all SEC's and June Convention this year. In attending the meetings whether you are a veteran or if this is your first meeting; you will learn something and be able to take information back. We will have a School of Instruction that will be hosted by the PDP's of the Department. This is a great time to get your questions answered.

All local and District Presidents when you send your Presidents reports to the Executive Secretary please add me to the email.

The National President Dee Baggett will be arriving on Friday, February 14th. There will be a reception for her in my suite.

There are a few changes in process: please visit the website for updated information or forms that you may need. If you have questions please ask. We are here for you!

I am looking forward to all of us working together because, "We are Family"!!!
See you soon!

Meltonia Presley, President

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Greetings Ladies!

I would first like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. It is renewal season, time to remind our members what we are here for and to get there renewals in. Dues must be renewed by December 31st. All renewals are due to our executive secretary on or before January 7, 2020 to remain a member in good standing. If you need any membership help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to seeing you all in February!

Yours In Service,



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Greetings Ladies,

February State Executive Meeting is quickly approaching. In order for your Child Welfare Evaluations to appear in the S.E.C. book, all Local Reports **MUST be in my hands on or before January 11th, 2020** and be on the **most current** local report form. I thank you ahead of time for adhering to this deadline date.

A big Thank you, to all the Auxiliaries who have submitted their 2nd Vice Presidents reports in regularly each month. Keep up the good work!

April is John Tracy Clinic month. Hopefully you have already set a date to hold a fundraiser for JTC, if not it's never too late to do so.

When completing your Child Welfare Service Report Forms, remember to make sure they are typed or legibly written and completely filled out. You've listed all of the Chairman's information and each volunteer's actual hours and miles, with full details of the completed project; date, time, place, who and or what has benefitted from this project. Also, ensure you have done all your math calculations for the total Evaluation amount.

Remember, what you do will make a difference in a child's life.



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Hello Ladies,

Thank you to all the Auxiliaries that have reported so far. Keep up the great work ladies!! Don't forget, March is coming up, plan you "Paws" event now!

Local service reports must be **in my hands** by **January 11th** in order to be in the book for Feb. SEC!!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at Feb. SEC!!! Thank you and keep your reports coming!!

Yours in Service,



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Holiday Greetings to my Auxiliary Sisters,

I hope all of you are enjoying this holiday season and will have an blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Hard to believe 2019 is already coming to a close with our Midwinter SEC rapidly approaching. Speaking of SEC kindly note there was a change in the dates. The **new dates are February 14-16, 2020**. Please try to attend since Our Own Florida girl National President Dee Baggett will be there. We want to make every effort to have a good showing at her reception Friday night.

On Saturday we will be having a School of Instruction chaired by PNP Charlene Kee. Please remember this training is for ALL Members holding a position or not. Please bring your National Manual and Dept By-Laws, if you don't have one our Quartermaster will have them for sale at the back of our meeting room.

I would like to remind you your local checks should have two signatures on them. Do not allow anyone to tell you any different. You should never write a check unless it is approved. It protects both you and your local that other members are aware of the checks written. It is also best to have checks written put in your minutes of the meeting. You, as the Treasurer, are ultimately responsible for keeping the memberships money safe and to always have your books with you and available at all meetings for members to see especially when questions come up.

Also make sure when giving your local report you have written copies for your Local President and

Secretary, you should also have copies available for membership to view and follow along. This helps resolve many questions before they are asked because they can follow what you are talking about. Most importantly keep up the good work and thank you for volunteering for your local.

May God watch over you and yours this holiday season and you all have a blessed, safe and enjoyable Christmas. See you next year.



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Greetings!

How quickly this year is passing! Do not permit time to pass without writing all your service reports for all the wonderful work your auxiliary is doing for your charities. Remember that your work goes unknown and evaluations are unrecorded unless those reports are written and submitted. Also, begin reviewing the honors and awards. Begin listing your auxiliary's accomplishments and proof of all the caring and hard work throughout the year now to help in the composition of your honors and awards submissions.

Local auxiliaries must have all eligible reports for the February SEC book in my hands by January 11. Please do not just send duplicates of previous work which just have been renumbered. The submitted reports are read thoroughly and compared to other submitted reports. Also, provide complete substantiation of activities, members involved, mileage, etc. Identify each project and the data involved in the service report your auxiliary submits.

Remember that our Madam National President Dee Baggett's project is Freedom Foundation. Let us all show our support by contributing to her project.

I look forward to seeing everyone in February at SEC.

Yours in Service,



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Greetings Ladies,

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. This is sure a busy time of year with everyone doing projects and getting ready for Christmas. I have had a lot of reports coming in, thank you ladies.

November was the month for St. Jude's Hospital this is such a worthy cause it helps not only the children but also keeps the family together at no cost to them in their time of need.

Please be sure to get your service reports into my hands by **January 11, 2020** in order to see your progress in the book for SEC in February (Feb.13 – Feb 15).

Let's keep helping hands for Hospital. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe New Years, looking forward to seeing everyone at SEC..

Yours in Service



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Greetings Ladies,

As a reminder, the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of Florida Scholarship application form is available online. You may access the application on the website: www.amvetsauxfl.org. The AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary scholarship application forms are available on the website: www.amvetsaux.org/scholarships.

The Joseph L Kee Jr. Service Award is offered by the AMVETS Department of Florida Service Foundation. Please reach out to me if you need a copy of the application form.

When applying for scholarships, *please make sure to use the correct form, fill it in completely, and to submit all supporting documents as requested*, so as not to be disqualified for improperly completing the forms. You may reach out to me at any time for assistance obtaining applications or completing the forms.

Thank you for continuing to submit your reports timely and completely!

As a reminder, local service reports are due **in my hands** January 11, 2020 in order to be included in the February SEC book.

I wish you all a blessed and safe Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.
I look forward to seeing everyone at February SEC.

Yours in service,



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Hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday Season this year. It is always a hectic time, lots of projects to accomplish and people to help.

But what a great time to review our Membership and check on anyone we may not have heard from or seen. A great time to now look at our lists and reach out to those we have missed. It is also a perfect time to involve our less mobile members and ask them to reach out to other members, check in with them find any ways we may assist them.

We are all in this together and there are times we all need someone to reach out to us. Keep up all the good works that you do, and know that we are all blessed Please remember our loved ones that have left us with good memories and deeds.

Yours in service and prayer



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Looking forward to seeing all my wonderful Auxiliary sisters. I am in need of any ladies wanting to page in February, 2 ladies to present the colors on Friday and retire the colors on Sunday and page the weekend Please contact me by cell or email if interested. Thank you

Remember to pick up your Auxiliary sign and place it in front of your SEC officer.

See you in February

Yours in Service,



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Let me begin by wishing you and your families a most healthy, happy Holiday Season.!

Reporting to National for mid-year has been completed and Florida turned in \$483,936 Total Evaluation. Please continue to do the good work and be sure to turn in your Service Reports. Deadline to Department Service Officers for your report totals to appear in the SEC Book is **in their hands January 11, 2020.**

We will be honored to have **OUR** National President, Dee Baggett, with us at February SEC. There will be a reception for her and if you would like to bring her a "Love Gift" showing your support, please feel free to do so.



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Hi Ladies,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Please keep in mind I will be in charge of the school of instructions in June 2020. If you're having problems understanding anything during the year with reporting please let me know and I will work on covering it at the June training.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our June meeting. I will not be at our February meeting I will be enjoying snow country. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 772-216-2940.

Yours in service,



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As we begin a new year remember how important it is for you to read your Constitution, Local and Department Bylaws. I promise you there will be something to learn each time you do so. I know it

is easier to pick up the phone and call someone to get an answer you need, however you need to read and find the answer for yourself. You will be amazed how you will never forget that answer again or where you found it. The Manual is another good source for information. But, as always I am here to help if needed.

All local Bylaws shall be approved by the Department President and Parliamentarian. Bylaws shall be studied for revision every three year. Don't forget to include the bylaws cover sheet when mailing bylaws and complete the information at the top of form which includes the person sending the bylaws, address, telephone number and e-mail address. The bylaws cover sheet can always be printed from our website listed under forms and includes instructions of sending: (1) one copy of your minutes and three (3) copies of bylaws signed by the President and Parliamentarian. Also, minutes should always include the actual motion and approval of any bylaws changes.

The following Auxiliaries bylaws/Guidelines are due no later than May 5, 2020:

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| Gaveliers (PDP'S) | Auxiliary #8 | Auxiliary #9 | Auxiliary #13 |
| Auxiliary #16 | Auxiliary #19 | Auxiliary #29 | Auxiliary #30 |
| Auxiliary #33 | Auxiliary #35 | Auxiliary #42 | Auxiliary #81 |
| Auxiliary #178 | Auxiliary #231 | Auxiliary #7467 | As of December 9, 2019 |

See you in 2020!



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Membership is coming in really well, we had a total of 1,095 Early Birds!!! We hope you got to have some fun encouraging your members to be an Early Bird. There were three or four Auxiliaries that missed the deadline by a hair. As I write this article we have a total of 3,626 members for the 2020 membership year; 1,550 annual members, 1,490 Life members, and 586 new members. Keep those memberships coming!!!

Now, December 31, 2019 will be here before we know it. After December 31 you will use the RJ - Rejoin code for members that did not pay in 2019, you will not use R - for renew Annual, all other members will be coded as N - New Member (if they were a member before 2019, they are not rejoins). Membership for annual members must be in my hands on or before January 7.

One more time, I am repeating myself, **THROW AWAY ALL YOUR OLD FORMS DELETE THEM FROM YOUR COMPUTER AND DESTROY THE CD THAT YOU WERE GIVEN LAST YEAR....** I am

sending work back to the chairman that sends it to Headquarters, get the CD from your SEC, it is not her personal property, the CD was made to help all the chairmen. It is not fair that the majority of you follow instructions and use the proper forms, but a few of you believe you are above the rest, well you are going to continue to get your work back until you decide that it is easier to do it on the current form and do it only once. If we are working toward a deadline, you will still get it back and miss the deadline. Do NOT modify any of the forms. You can also go on the website and download them from there. www.amvetsauxfl.org.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the February S.E.C.



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December, 2019

Greetings Ladies:

It is hard to believe that the holidays are upon us. Our February 2020 SEC will be here before we know it so start making your plans now to attend.

The minutes from the October SEC, 2019 are out. If you did not get a copy you can go onto our website and get them. Please read the so that you will be informed as to what happened at the October SEC. The website is **amvetsauxfl.org**. Be sure and check out the website as there is all sorts of information and forms that are available to you.

Again, if you are going to answer roll call, please be ready so roll call will move as quickly as possible. Please speak clearly so that I can accurately record those who are present. Be sure to be on time so that you will be present when your name is called.

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 Orlando, in February, 2020.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of you!!

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Greetings Ladies,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. It is a pleasure to serve as your quartermaster and I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the February S.E.C.

Inventory is available throughout the year so if you or your auxiliary need to purchase hats, pins, patches, or shirts please feel free to send me an email. I live in the country and don't have the best cell phone reception.

Yours in Service,

Natalie Cartagena



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Greetings everyone

Please remember to take pictures if Madam President Presley visits your post home. I would like your help in making this year a success, we are seeking support from all local auxiliary PRO's.

I would appreciate if you can send me a copy of the pictures and or newspaper articles you may have of Madam President Presley during her visits.

I will be passing out information regarding the criteria for the Dept. Scrapbook award as well as for the National Local scrapbook award. Please follow the instructions and criteria as stated.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.



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Greetings:

I hope everyone is having a good year so far.

In support our Juniors, here is a tentative schedule for our Juniors for the February SEC.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020

6:30 PM Joint Opening Session – **Ballroom D (let's meet at 6:15 to get seating)**
Juniors to be in their blue shirts, covers and dark pants. No holes in pants and no sandals.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020 –Salon 18 on Saturday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

7:30 – 8:30 AM **Breakfast**

8:45 AM - 1 PM **Salon 18** (also walking the floors between 9 and 10 AM)

Our Juniors have volunteered many hours of their time to help veterans and their communities. Therefore, I am reminding the Coordinators that Junior Mid-Year reports and annual memberships are due and must be post marked by **December 31st**. Also, Coordinators, a friendly reminder that you are to be with our Juniors during their meetings.

Juniors will be selling 50/50 tickets on the 2nd floor. For safety of our younger Juniors. All Juniors under 10 years old will not be roaming the floors to sell tickets. They will be on the 2nd floor from 1-3.

Parents/guardians please make sure to pick up your child at 3 so they can be safe in your care.

Merry Christmas and Blessings for a happy, healthy New Year!

See you at our February SEC meeting and if you need any help please reach out to us!

Yours in Service



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Greetings Ladies,

I hope you all have a Happy Holiday Season. I wish I could tell you something definite about the banquet in June, but I can't. My understanding right now is that the hotel will not let us out of our contract for it, So.. As of now we will have a banquet. But this is subject to change. Please stay tuned and support us when the time comes.

I am always looking for donations for the raffles in the back of the room, so please keep me in mind. As always sell the 50/50 tickets, please.

Yours in Service,



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Greetings, Ladies:

The February 2020 S.E.C. Is fast approaching – following the hectic holiday season

Pre-registration for the February S.E.C. **MUST** be received no later than **January 25, 2020**. Cost: \$10.00. If paying at SEC or after the deadline date – cost will be \$15.00. By sending in your pre-registration form in a timely manner, you will be guaranteed a book and save a \$5.00 late fee. Please remember your membership card when registering. It helps to speed things up at the Credentials Desk. The pre-registration form can be found within this Hot Line and can also be found by going to: amvetsauxfl.org – go to Upcoming Events – you will see the February 2020 SEC Pre-Registration form.

Please mail pre-registration to name and address listed above.

Wishing one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. See you in February!



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“Dare to Dream while on your Journey”

I look forward to the excitement at convention as our members are rewarded for their hard work during the year. During our February SEC the Dept. Forecast will be passed out for each auxiliary to share this material with all your members.

Continue to work hard and report, take plenty of pictures and get your information in the paper as well. Remember to send in your service reports to our Service Officers so that everything will be on file and recorded.

We have two new Americanism Awards for Freedoms Foundation given by PDP Dee Baggett who is now serving as our National President.

Looking forward to receiving many more entry forms this year as you “Dare to Dream while on your Journey”.

GET READY, SET, GO, the run is on APPLY for Department awards this year!



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Hi Ladies,

Just a big thank you for getting along and working together. If anyone has any questions on grievances, please feel free to call me. Happy Holidays to all.

Yours in service,



**DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA, AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY
FEBRUARY SEC MEETING
ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL – ORLANDO, FLORIDA
February 13-16, 2020**

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

THURSDAY, February 13, 2020

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| 4:00P.M. | Pre-Con Meeting (Designated Officers only) | Salon |
| 4:30 P.M. | Finance/Audit Committee Meeting | President's Suite |
| 6:30 PM | By-Laws Committee Meeting | |

FRIDAY, February 14, 2020

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| 12 Noon-4:00 P.M. | Quartermaster | Grand Ballroom |
| 12 Noon-4:00 P.M. | Registration Open | First Floor – Desk |
| 11:00A.M. | Joint Elected Officers Meeting | Salon |
| 1:00 P.M. | Convention Advisory Committee Meeting | Salon |
| | Honors and Awards Committee meeting (immediately following) | |
| 3:00 P.M. | Elected Officers Board Meeting w/Appointed Officers | Salon |
| | Service Officers meeting immediately following with PDP/NEC Marececk | |
| 4:30 P.M. | 2019-2020 Joint Convention Chair Committee Meeting | Salon |
| 6:30 P.M. | Joint Opening Session | Grand Ballroom |

Auxiliary Preliminary Business Opening Session **Grand Ballroom**
(Immediately following Joint Opening Meeting)

FRIDAY, February 14, 2020 - Preliminary Business Meeting **Grand Ballroom**
Recess until Saturday 8:30A.M.
National President' Reception in Department President's Suite

SATURDAY, February 15, 2020

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| 7:30 A.M. – 9:30A.M. | Registration | Desk |
| 7:30 A.M. | Quartermaster Open | Grand Ballroom |
| 8:30 A.M. | Official Business Session | Grand Ballroom |
| 11:45A.M. | Gavelier's Meeting & Lunch | President's Suite |
| 1:00P.M. | Americanism Judging (Joint with AMVETS) | Salon |
| 1:00P.M. | AADA Judging (Joint with AMVETS) | Salon |
| 1:00P.M. | VAVS Committee (Joint with AMVETS) | Salon |
| 1:30P.M. | School of Instruction – PNP Charlene Kee Chairman (Please bring your National & Department By-Laws & Manuals) | Grand Ballroom |
| 4:00P.M. | SEC Council Meeting (Immediately following School of Instruction) | Grand Ballroom |
| 4:00P.M. | President's Council Meeting (Immediately following School of Instruction) | Salon |
| 7:00 P.M. | Horse Races to Benefit the Jr. AMVETS | Salon 15 & 16 |

SUNDAY, February 16, 2020

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| 8:15A.M. | Raffle Drawings | Grand Ballroom |
| 8:30A.M. | Official Business Session | Grand Ballroom |
| | Continuation of Reports | |
| | Unfinished Business | |
| | New Business | |
| | Announcements | |
| | Benediction | |
| | Retirement of Colors | |
| | Adjournment | |

SAVE THE DATE!!

A celebration evening with dinner

And entertainment honoring

National President Dee Baggett

Will be held April 18, 2020

At Post #1992 in Mt Dora

Details will be shared at February SEC and on website.

Everyone is invited!!



As we gather to celebrate the holidays with friends and family, President Presley and the Officers and Chairmen of the Department of Florida would like to say thank you for all you do for our Veterans and supporting our programs and wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year.

**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
FEBRUARY S.E.C. 2020 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

Pre-Registration Fee: 10.00 On-site Fee: 15.00 Deadline: January 25, 2020

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AMVETS LADIES AUX., DEPT. OF FLORIDA **Mail to: Doe Seals**
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PLEASE PRINT

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| 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)

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| <u>Local President</u> | <u>SEC</u> | <u>Alt. SEC</u> | <u>District President</u> |
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Honorary Member/Guest (NO VOTE):

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

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of FL
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Hotline December 2019



“Dare to Dream While On Your Journey”