

AMVETS LADIES AUX

DEPT OF NEW YORK

FALL SEC MTG, SAT., OCT 8TH, 2022

Meeting called to order by President Susan Gardner @ 9am

Invocation given by Chaplain Tina Robert

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Sgt at Arms Victoria Keech

Preamble recited by 1st VP Linda George

Aims and Purposes read by Parliamentarian PDP Rosalee Waid

Code of Ethics read by 2nd VP Debi Feary

Definition of Americanism recited by Americanism Officer Mary Lou LaPoint

Role Call of Officers by PDP Mary Lanphere: PRESENT: President, Susan Gardner. 1st VP Linda George. 2nd VP Debi Feary. 3rd VP Janell Ashman. Secretary, PDP Mary Lanphere. Treasurer, PDP Shirley Sochia. Parliamentarian, PDP Rosalee Waid. Hospital, PDP Deborah Stondell. Americanism, MaryLou LaPoint. PRO/Historian, Valerie Harrington. Chaplain/Scholarship, Tina Robert. NEC, PDP Donna Smith. Sgt at Arms, Victoria Keech. Convention Chair/Liaison, PDP Mary Lanphere. VAVS Batavia, Jessica Winstel. VAVS Bath, Candace Clemens, (excused). VAVS Northport, Patricia Bianculi, (absent)

Roll Call of Auxiliaries: Present: 1, 4, 8, 14, 18, 72, 245, 262, 726, 897, 1174, 2000, 6472, 8113

Introduction of 1st time attendees, Tracilyn Wagner, (aux 6472)

Appointment of Timekeeper: Rosalie Basher (Aux 8113)

Introduction of PDPs: Cindy Queyor, Deborah Stondell, Donna Smith, Laura Bugaj, Shirley Sochia, Rosalee Waid, Mary Lanphere

Introduction of National Officers: Mary Lanphere, National 3rd VP, Laura Bugaj, National Americanism Officer.

Minutes of Previous mtg: Minutes were mailed to each Auxiliary. Motion to approve by PDP Deborah Stondell, 2nd by PDP Laura Bugaj, M/C

Treasurer's/Finance: M&T Bank is charging 12.50 per month for Dept acct. A motion is made by Shirley to close out the M&T acct and place money in a Community Bank. 2nd by Valerie Harrington (aux 4) M/C.

A motion by Shirley to give a stipend of 250.00 to VAVS Reps in the Fall, Spring, and June Convention. This is to be used to purchase items needed for Veterans at the VA Hospitals. Receipts must be provided beforehand, can be turned into Treasurer every 30 days. 2nd by Josephine Pearl (aux 18). Motion by Kate Greene (aux 2000) that VAVS Reps give an oral report at the Fall SEC, Spring SEC, and June Convention, to be eligible for stipends. If unable to attend in person, a written report is to be provided. 2nd by PDP Laura Bugaj (aux 14). M/C

Motion made by Valerie Harrington (aux 4), to pay bills, 2nd by Ashley Kubiak, (aux 14) M/C

PDP Donna Smith made a motion that an in house audit be done. 2nd by Jessica Winstel. M/C Audit will be done at Spring SEC. Madam President will appoint auditors.

Lottery Report- Thank you to Dept Officers PDPs and local Auxs that have turned in ticket stubs for November Lottery. Please return ticket stubs and money by Nov 1st. Special thank you to those who have reached out to sell extra tickets. Your support in this fundraiser is greatly appreciated.

Guest Speakers- Bob Giordano, President, Camp Serenity (Madam President's Project). 5013c. Part of the Wounded Warriors Outdoor Adventure. No affiliation to the Wounded Warriors Project. All volunteers that work at the camp. All donations go into the program. Used as a therapeutic release through hunting, fishing, and trips in the woods for wounded warriors, veterans, and their families.

Dept of NY Commander Emery Perry- Thanked the Auxiliary for all the work that is done. Requested a moment of silence for those who have lost their homes.

Reports of Officers/Committees-

President Susan Gardner- Pleased to see so many Auxiliaries at this SEC. Thank you to the Officers that attended meetings yesterday. Thank you to Vikki for beautiful job decorating the room. I feel we are going to have a great year.

1st VP- Linda "Chickie" George- Theme for this year, "Watching our members blossom a new beginning and growth after the pandemic." Would like every member carry an application, and get one new member this year. Reminder about membership renewals. Membership year runs Jan1st -Dec 31st. All renewals to be mailed to Dept Secretary. Annual dues 25.00/member. Life membership 325.00. Auxiliaries may chose to charge an additional amount to be retained at their Local Auxiliary. I move that my Chairman's Award will be the Auxiliary who most uniquely works with a sister Auxiliary to promote membership. 2nd by Rosalie Basher (aux 8113) M/C Membership Committee met. Thank you to committee members Vikki Keech, Joyce Turner, Dawn Flavin, Barbara Chapman, Brenda Foster. Recommendations/reminders. Have membership applications on hand. Be sure they are completely filled out, and legible. Copy of membership application to be sent to Dept Secretary with the new membership. Review duties of Local Officers to old and new members, reminding them of their responsibilities. Be sure to always use up to date forms.

2nd VP Debi Feary- I am here to assist with any questions you have regarding Child Welfare. Definition of Child Welfare is, Any activity or program that benefits ONLY children. National 2nd VP Cindy Rice, has chosen as her theme, "Children live what they learn, inspire a child." The National Program is John Tracy Center for hearing impaired children. All monetary donations to John Tracy should go through the Dept of NY. Mail to Dept Secretary. Checks to be made out to AMVETS Ladies Aux., Dept of NY. There is a poster and essay contest for children titled AADAA Program, (AMVETS Against Drug & Alcohol Abuse). Further information can be found on the National website.

My theme this year is "The future of the world is in the classroom." I make a motion that my Chairman's Award is "Adopt a Class". The award goes to the Auxiliary that has the most innovative project to benefit a classroom. 2nd by PDP Deborah Stondell. M/C Reminder that mid year reports are due/postmarked by Oct 25th.

3rd VP Janell Ashman- Local Auxiliaries have until Oct 25th to submit mid year reports. Send me 3 copies of your report. Round off dollar amts to the nearest dollar. DO NOT use service report forms for each project. Service report forms are used for the totals of your projects. A simple narrative for each project should be listed in the "List projects and Activities in detail" section. If you need assistance, please contact me.

I would like to encourage you to submit mid year reports, even if your auxiliary has not completed any projects for Community Service yet. Simply submit a Service Report for mid year stating, NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME." This will allow your auxiliary to be eligible for awards at the June Convention.

Community Service Projects are those that benefit adults, or, adults and children. Please volunteer to strengthen your community. Be mindful we are members of a larger community within our region, state, country and world. Our National 3rd VP, Mary Lanphere has chosen the theme, "Working together for a Stronger America." The National Community Service Program is PAWS With A Cause. It is a wonderful program that custom trains service dogs for those with disabilities. Donations is to be sent to Dept Secretary, donation should also be included on your service report.

As Dept 3rd VP, my theme this year "Build a Better Community By Ending Hunger Today." I move that my Chairman's Award to be given to the Local Auxiliary that has "the most creative project benefitting a local food bank or food pantry." 2nd by Tina Robert. M/C Food insecurity continues to be a major problem within our communities. Food insecurity can strike anyone. We can work with our communities to ease the struggles of those facing hunger by supporting food banks and food pantries. Since the AMVETS family comes to Binghamton several times a year, I would also like for us to also help the greater Binghamton community. I have spoken with members of AMVETS, Sons, and Riders, and they support this idea. I am currently working with Binghamton AMVET, Ed Ashman to coordinate donations. To further this effort, I move that each Auxiliary bring in items and/or monetary donations to the Spring SEC to donate to the local Broome County CHOW food pantry. 2nd by Chris Tamburlin (aux 72). M/C Thank you to the following that served on my Community Service committee: Brenda Foster, Josephine Pearl, Chrissy Tamburlin, Maria Pelletier, Debi Feary, Cindy Queyor, Donna Smith, Doris Allen, Ashley Kubiak, Tracilyn Wagner.

Sgt at Arms Vikki Keech- Thank you Madam President for appointing me as the Dept Sgt at Arms. I would like to congratulate all the newly elected Officers for the year 2022-23. I have provided information in the back of the room regarding the Flag, and what it represents. Also information about Auxiliary uniform. No jeans or open toed shoes.

I will need volunteers for Pages, and for Color Guard for the Dept Convention in June. Anyone who would like to assist me at the Spring SEC, it would be much appreciated.

PRO/Historian Valerie Harrington- Any pictures you have taken at special occasions at your Auxiliary would be appreciated. I would like a picture of your Post, auxiliary Officers and appointees with names and positions. This will fit in with my theme for our 2022-23 scrapbook. My theme, "Small Towns With Big Deeds." If your Auxiliary has a website, on facebook, please send me a link to it, as I can get posts from there also.

I have provided directions for doing Local Scrapbooks at this meeting. If you need info, I can email you a copy if you provide your address.

Chaplain/Scholarship Tina Robert- Remember those deployed . Be sure to use updated Deceased Member Forms. Keep a copy in your Local's records, one with the secretary, and one with the local Chaplain. Forms can be found on the National Auxiliary website. Send me 3 copies of the deceased notification form. Please fill in the next of kin information on the form, so I can send a sympathy card. Send deceased member forms in a timely manner.

Let's get the information about scholarships out to seniors. Let the schools know there is help out there through AMVETS. The Rose Baldwin Memorial Scholarship application can be found on our Dept Aux website. Before submitting the applications, please review it thoroughly with more than one set of eyes. It is sad when an application gets disqualified for the smallest detail. Mid year reports are due by Oct 25th. Be sure to double check your service report for totals, signatures, information. Nothing to report? Send a service report anyway that says, "Nothing to report at this time." Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Scholarship Committee- thank you to Jessica Winstel (aux 6472), and Josephine Pearl (aux 18) for serving on this committee. **My Theme- "Pebble to Bricks."** I move that my Chairman's Award goes to the Auxiliary that develops the most effective program for checking scholarship applications." 2nd by PDP Deborah Stondell. M/C I would like to see the number of applications doubled this year. When reviewing the Rose Baldwin Scholarship application, it does not specify that the applicant has to be a relative of the AMVET family. It lists AMVET Ladies Aux sponsor only. Except one line that says, relationship to Sponsor. After much discussion at the membership mtg.... I Tina Robert, move to remove the line on the application that says "relationship to sponsor", 2nd by Mary Robert. M/C

Parliamentarian/ByLaws PDP Rosalee Waid- Following Auxiliaries have ByLaws due for review: 14, 48, 72, 245, 726, 1013, 1997, 6472. Note: National Auxiliary ByLaws supercedes Robert Rules of Order. ByLaws need to be completed before June Convention. This is also part of your Auxiliary Revalidation form that has to be completed.

Rosalee gave synopsis of attending the fundraiser for Saratoga War Horse that she attended in place of Madam President Queyor. Beautiful event, and sat with Tom Asher, who gave AMVETS a plus when speaking. Approximately 25,000.00 donated to Saratoga War Horse.

ByLaws Committee- Recommendations: (1) **Motion to change milage from .40 cents/mi to .50/mi.** 2nd by PDP Laura Bugaj M/C (2) **Change Alternate Delegate to give report on National Convention to Delegate to National Convention will give report.** 2nd by PDP Laura Bugaj M/C (3) **Motion to removed donation to Amerasian Child, until another charity can be found and approved,** 2nd by PDP Deborah Stondell, M/C (4) **Officers training at Fall SEC be changed to Friday morning instead of Thursday evening. ½ room rate when arriving Thursday evening.** 2nd by PDP Cindy Queyor M/C

Hospital Officer PDP Deborah Stondell- I hope this finds everyone well and working together. Please remember our hospitalized veterans. The National Program for Hospital is St Jude Research Hospital. Donations to be sent to Dept Secretary for processing to National. Checks to be made out to AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Dept of New York.

Mid Year reports are due to me, postmarked no later than Oct 25th. This should include activities and projects that benefits a VA Hospital, Community Hospital, or medically staffed nursing home. Do not hesitate to call if you have a question or concern. I am here to help. REMINDER: to be eligible for an

award, you must submit a mid year, and end of year report. Send a service report even if you have not had any activity in this period. Send a service report that states, "Nothing to report at this time." I, Deborah Stondell move to have my Chairman's Award, given to the Local Auxiliary who has the most unusual or imaginative ways for raising funds for St Jude Hospital. Monetary donations will not be included in determining the winner. 2nd by Tina Robert. M/C

Americanism- Mary Lou LaPoint, The packet for the AMVETS Flag, Poster and Essay Americanism contest has been received and will be sent out to each Auxiliary. They can be found on the website also. Every Auxiliary is encouraged to participate. Winners will be judged by Department, winners will be announced at the Dept June Convention. My theme this year is: "Show Our Servicemen and Women We Care." I move that my Chairman's Award goes to the Auxiliary that has the most innovative way to raise money, to show how we care for our service personnel. 2nd by Ashley Kubiak (aux 14). M/C Thank you to those who served on my Americanism Committee, and for your ideas.

Training- PDP Shirley Sochia, It was decided to break up the state, and have trainers cover certain areas. This would cut down on costs for travel expenses. NYC/Long Island will be covered by PDP Deborah Stondell, phone # 631-965-0379. North County- PDP Shirley Sochia, PDP Cindy Queyor. Western NY area, PDPs Mary Lanphere, Rosalee Waid, Laura Bugaj.

NEC- PDP Donna Smith, The National Convention in New Orleans was a time of learning , Challenges, and fun. I have forwarded all corresponding bulletins from the National Officers to the Dept Officers. They will be introducing the newly elected National Officers and their projects for 2022-23. The following thank you cards and awards were passed out: 2nd VP- Child Welfare, John Tracy Center. Auxs 4,8,14,18,48,72,245,265,726,897,1997. 3rd VP Community Service, PAWS With A Cause,..... 4,8,14,18,48,72,245,265,726,897,1997,8113. Aux 8 Runner up, Aux 8 PNP Linda McGriff Award, Blood Donations, Aux 18, (86 units)..... Scholarship- 8,18,265,726 PNP Carol King Award Runner Up, Aux 18..... Hospital, St Jude, 4,8,14,18,48,72,245,265,726,897,1997. Runner Up PNP Brenda Kilgore Award, Aux 8.... Parke Scholarship- 8,14,18,265,726,1997..... Americanism- Freedoms Foundation, 8,14,18,72,245,265,726,897,1997, PNP Patty Piening Award, Aux 8..... Scrapbook Awards- PNP Beverly Box, Local Scrapbook, Aux 18, PNP Marvell Ruppel Local cover, Aux 262. DEPT NY Awards/Donations, PAWS, JTC, St Jude, Parke Scholarship, PNP Charlene Kee Award, (25.00), for outstanding work in Scholarship, Freedoms Foundation..... Youth Volunteers, 8 (6), 14 (7), 18(3), 48(13), 265(9), 726(2), 897(7), 1997(8).

Congratulations to Dept NY Ladies that were elected to National Offices, PDP Mary Lanphere to National 3rd VP, and PDP Laura Bugaj to National Americanism Officer.

VAVS- Batavia, Jessica Winstel,..... Bath, Candace Clemens..... Northport- no report

Secretary/Conv Chair PD Mary Lanphere- membership cards to be passed out to Auxiliaries present. The rest will be mailed out. Please check the rosters to be sure all info is correct. Any change of address or name, use the form, DO NOT send me the rosters with the changes. Any questions, please call me. It was noted that we have many members that are Life members, but on the MAL list. With approval of the Executive Board, a letter will be sent to see if they would like to become active and join an Auxiliary near them.

Spring SEC March 17th-18th 2023. Room rate 130.00/night. Dept of NY Convention 8-9-10. Housing forms will be available at Spring SEC.

Raffles, PDP Laura Bugaj, Board Game raised 371.00, winners, Carol & Rich Rossi. Handmade blanket by PDP Laura Bugaj, 155.00 raised, winner Lenny (post 88).

New Business- Discussion about Spring SEC fundraiser for Fri and Sat. **Motion by PDP Mary Lanphere to have 2 flash raffles, one for each day. 2nd by PDP Deborah Stondell. M/C PDP Mary Lanphere will donate one of the prizes.... Debi Feary made motion that the 2nd drawing would be 10 of the Dept Aux's Spring raffle tickets, 2nd by PDP Laura Bugaj, M/C**

Announcements- Deborah Stondell PDP, her President's Project was, America's Vet Dogs. A total of 12,000.00 was donated to the charity.

Post # 8 has a Veteran that is turning 100 yrs old. Wes Reynolds. Cards may be sent to the Post for him.

Benediction by Chaplain Tina Robert

Flag Salute by Sgt at Arms Vikki Keech

Motion to Close Mtg- by PDP Deborah Stondell, 2nd by Barbara Chapman, M/C 1:07pm

50/50- TracyLyne Wagner (aux 6472) 84.00 to winner, 84.00 to Dept.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A Lanphere PDP