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Greetings Ladies,

As we begin a new reporting year, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and confidence by electing me as your President for a second term.

We have just returned home from the National Convention and there is a lot of new information I will be sharing with you at our October Conference. Also, we brought home several awards for the Department, local auxiliaries and individuals.

My theme is **“Volunteering Makes a Difference.”**

My President’s Project is the **Ashley House**. It is a transitional home for Women Veterans transitioning into civilian life.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our October State Executive Meeting (SEC October 25 – 27, 2024.) There will be a School of Instruction, which is designed to ask, and answer any question you may have. Also, you will receive all updated information from your Service Officers.

Please remember, all of the Department Officers are here to assist you.

Thank you again and GOD Bless.



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Greetings Ladies,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 1st Vice President for the 2024-2025 year. It is truly my honor and privilege to serve.

The deadline to file your local auxiliary 990 for fiscal year 2023-2024 with the IRS is **September 15, 2024**. You must file and send a copy to me for your auxiliary to remain in good standing. If you file for an extension or use an accountant to file and expect there may be a delay in filing due to this, please contact me and let me know.

Early bird renewal deadline is **October 31, 2024**, to the Executive Secretary.

Remember that annual member renewals must be done by **December 31st of each year**. The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of Florida website has membership forms under the forms tab: www.amvetsauxfl.org. I encourage you to access these resources.

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters,

I want to thank you in electing me your 2nd Vice President/Child Welfare Officer. Our fall SEC will be held October 24 – 27th 2024, at the Rosen Hotel. Hope to see everyone there.

All service reports are due in my hands by September 23, 2024, to be in the book. Just a reminder that you need to submit at least one service report every year to be in good standing. When sending in your reports please use the most current up to date form from the website. (www.amvetsvetsauxfl.org). If you are not using the most current form the service report will be sent back to you with the correct form to fill out. When filling out the service reports please do not round up the milage, with .65 cents a mile there is going to be cents. One last thing if you are donating to one of your local charities, please make a copy of the check to send in with your report.

I am here to help in any way I can please if you have any questions, please contact me 352-278-6166. It's a new year, let's make it a GREAT one.

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Greetings Ladies:

Community Service is any activity or project that benefits either adult or both children and adults in your community. As auxiliary members, you have a range of opportunities to engage in, contributing to the welfare of all. Your efforts help make the Auxiliary well-known and acknowledged through these acts of kindness and outreach.

For more information, ideas, and projects, please refer to your National Manual, Section 8, and visit the National Auxiliary websites at www.amvetsaux.org and Department site at www.amvetsauxfl.org.

Here are some wonderful organizations within our local community to partner with –

- *Paws With A Cause (PAWS)*, an organization that trains service dogs for physically challenged, autistic children, seizure response and hearing-impaired individuals. As an auxiliary, we acknowledge *PAWS* during March
- *Ronald McDonald House* is an organization that provides shelter for the families of hospitalized children, meals, and educational programs. It also offers services such as peer support, sibling resources, and activities.
- *Special Olympics*, the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, provides year-around training and is always in need of volunteers to help with its local and state events.

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Welcome Ladies to another successful year! I'm excited to be your Treasurer again and will continue to do my very best for you, the members!

A reminder for everyone, if you are writing an Auxiliary check to the Quartermaster or any place else, please remember that **two (2) authorized signatures** are required.

We accept cash or checks only! If your personal or Auxiliary check is returned, please remember you will have to reimburse the Department via money order or cashier's check for the total of the original check plus the bank fee we are charged plus \$30.00 for the check being returned. So my advice is, "Before you write the check – check."

See everyone in October!

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Greetings Ladies,

I hope this finds everyone doing well and looking forward to some much needed cooler weather.

I have received reports from only a few auxiliaries. We are moving closer to the holidays, are you gearing up for the holidays? I am excited to learn of all the projects and events everyone has scheduled. Please be sure to report your hard work. Be proud of all that you do!

When filling out your reports:

- 1) Count only the new volunteers and place an "N" so that I know it is their first time being reported.
- 2) Please do not put more than a month or two of projects per report and I want the hours and miles of each volunteer. I will not accept reports that only give a grand total of miles/hours and don't forget to give a brief description of the event/activity on the back of the form.
- 3) Also, if your auxiliary sends a check to a local charity, I want to see a photocopy of that check.

Reports must be in my hand by **September 23, 2024**, so that they will be published in October SEC book. Looking forward to seeing everyone at October SEC!

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I would like to thank those Auxiliaries that have sent in reports so far.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at SEC with all our sisters.

Here are a few tips when writing reports By the way you can type them out if you go to are web site WWW.AMVETSAUXFL.ORG

1. Be sure you are using the correct form, **The most up to date**, All forms are listed on the above web site.
 - 2 Check all math twice since there has been a change of .65 cents on mileage, please list whole amount **Do Not Round off anymore.**
 3. Send original report to me, **Only one copy**
 4. The biggest tip I can give you is if you have questions ask us. There are no stupid questions and if we don't know the answer, we will find it out for you.
- Don't forget AJRS are due in September too.

Keep up the good work!

Reports are due in MY HANDS September 28, 2024

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February is Scholarship Month. We've got Scholarship money to Award!!
Please look at Department website, www.amvetsauxfl.org to see the various Scholarships we have available to apply for from Local, Department and National Auxiliaries'.

Please be sure to have your Scholarship Reports to me by September 23, 2024 in order to be reported in the October Forecast.

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Greetings to my Auxiliary Sisters,

As your NEC, I had the honor and privilege of attending the National Convention in Springfield, Illinois.

At the October SEC I will be sharing the information I received at the Convention.

Remember, your service reports are **DUE** to the Service Officers **in their hands by September 28th to be included in our October Book**. Please do not forget to submit at least 1 report in any category to keep your Auxiliary in good standing.

I am looking forward to working with you all this year. If you need anything please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here for you.



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Ladies,

October's S.E.C will be here before we know it. Now is the time to get some Service Reports in. Check your due dates and remember, the Sept 23, 2024 due date for Service Reports that go in the October S.E.C book means, they need to be in the Service Officers HANDS by that date. Don't take a chance, send it out at least a week early. Better safe than sorry.

See you all soon, and don't forget Report, Report, Report!

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Thank you for re-electing me as your Department Chaplain. It is my honor to continue to pray for our Veterans and their families. Now, more than ever, it is important to reach out to those who are confined or have no one to make them feel special. A phone call, a card, a bag of snacks, or a small gift or plant can change a person's outlook on life.

Deceased member forms are available at www.AMVETSaux.org or www.AMVETSauxfl.org

Let us not forget the power of prayer- a day without prayer is a day without a blessing.

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Thank you all for your support as your Sergeant at Arms and I am looking forward to seeing you all at our October SEC.

I am looking for any ladies that would like to page for October's SEC. Also, I need 2 ladies to present our colors on Friday and retire the colors on Sunday. Please contact me by calling or texting or email. Thank you in advance.

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



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The Clock Is Now Ticking!

Congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed officers!

The Parliamentarian should chair the bylaws committee with at least three (3) committee members. The Committee members shall review your bylaws and ask the members during the meeting if there are any suggestions. Once the Parliamentarian is ready to approve the bylaws, they shall be read at one meeting, and the next meeting, they shall be read again and voted on at that same meeting. Remember to use the bylaws cover sheet and follow the instructions printed. A copy of the cover sheet can be printed from the Department website, www.amvetsauxfl.org.

Listed below are the auxiliaries that bylaws due before the 2025 Department Convention.

District #2	District #3	District #6	#1	#4	#12
#15	#17	#19	#23	#26	#29
#30	#33	#34	#44	#47	#60
#67	#86	#98	#113	#420 Now	#444
#447	#2000	#2006			



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Ladies:

We have begun another busy year as the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. I am sure that you are all at work helping our Veterans, Communities, and Children. PLEASE remember to report your volunteer work. I have already received donation checks and I hope that with that donation a service report was done and sent to the proper Department Officer for credit.

Do not send service reports to me as I will have to return them. I do not get them . . . they need to be sent to the proper Department Service Officer.

Right now, I can receive new members only. Please do not send me any renewals until the end September. Early birds are due by October 31, 2024, and to me no later than November 4, 2024. Again, ladies I would ask you to make sure your Dues Forms are legible. If I cannot read the forms, they will be returned to you. The Dues Form is on our website and is fillable; please use it.

I hope that at least 1 person from each Auxiliary plans on attending our October SEC so that you can be brought up to date on everything that is happening. See you all soon.

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Greeting Ladies:

Hope this letter finds you all well...

If anyone has any correspondence, please mail to me at the address listed above, or hand deliver to me at the SEC's or Convention so I may read it on the floor.

All Motions must be written out on Motion Slip by the one making the motion, at that time, that same person needs to put who seconded that motions name on the Motion Slip, then have Madam President and Parliamentarian sign it and return to me ASAP, this is VERY important to be recorded in the minutes.

Please remember, SEC and Convention is your time to speak, if you would like to ask a question, if you would like more information, something clarified, etc....this is the time to do it!

If you need to be excused from SEC or Convention, please notify Madam President as she is the ONLY one that can excuse you from SEC or Convention.

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Hello ladies, I want to thank Ma'am President for appointing me as your Credential Chair this 24/25 year. I am excited for this opportunity.

October SEC is fast approaching. Time to check with your members to find out who plan to attend. Please remember Guidelines for Credentials have not changed:

Pre-registration MUST be received no later than **Tuesday, October 1, 2024**. Please mail to the name and address listed above. Please Pre-register as the on-site as gone up to \$25.00. The updated pre-registration form can be located in the back of this Hotline.

Please review the pre-registration page carefully when listing those who are attending and remember when you are filling out the pre-registration form to list the individual only once at the highest position she holds-not all the positions she may hold. If both the SEC and Alt SEC are attending, please list the Alt. SEC as a delegate. If you are writing, please use pens and print clearly so I can read it.

If there are any members who are attending for the first time, please check the box next to their name, so that they may be recognized as "FIRST TIMERS" during the meeting.

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

Looking forward to seeing many of you in October. Wishing all a great SEC

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Hi ladies, I am your new Convention Chair. I hope you all had a great summer and are ready for Fall! I'm looking forward to a great year!

Please support our joint fundraising by purchasing 50/50 tickets (Gold, Green and White ticket packs) or donating items for raffles (baskets, liquor bottles, quilts, etc.). Winners will be called if not present and anyone can purchase tickets to support.

Ticket packs are available to sign out and sell throughout the year. Please let me know if you would like to take some home to sell. I have a sign out sheet.

Thank you in advance for all you do!

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“Volunteering”

Hello Sisters:

Convention is over and time to start up again. Please complete all your paper work and reporting forms you will need to apply for this year’s awards. Look for our 2024 Department Forecast at our February Mid-Year SEC meeting. This package will contain all the important information you will need and want for convention. Remember SEC women you must sign for this package to take home and share with your local auxiliary.

There have been some updates on some of the awards so please read them carefully. If you have questions, please contact me. Remember in order to apply for any award, your auxiliary (must) send in at least one service report.

We still need to put on our thinking caps and try hard to come up with new and different ways of volunteering, serving our Veterans and our communities.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at SEC in October and come attend our annual Local School of Instructions training.



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Greetings Ladies,

I am excited for this new opportunity and look forward to working with all of you!

I can’t wait to see everyone’s input for Madam President’s scrapbook this year and hope to influence more local auxiliaries to enter their scrapbooks at the Department AND National levels. Let’s Do This.

Cheers to an amazing year!



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I remind you, filing a grievance on another Auxiliary member is a very serious matter. Personality conflicts are no reason to file a grievance. We're all big girls and need to put our Big Girl panties on!

Before you even start the process, be sure to read the National Constitution, Article XII entirely and understand it. Also, keep our Code of Ethics and Aims & Purposes close at hand.

I'm always available to answer any questions you may have if indeed your Auxiliary does decide to file a grievance.



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Greetings,

Hope everyone has been having a wonderful summer. Now it is time to start getting ready for the October S.E.C.

I just want to remind you all how important it is to read the Discipline Section Article XII in your National Ladies Auxiliary Constitution. Please familiarize yourself with it. Also don't forget to read the Code of Ethics at your meeting.



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Hello Ladies,

Since our June Convention, the summer is just flying by it seems. I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and I know that I am looking forward to our next SEC in October. Let's get jazzed up about it happening!

I hope that with all the new comers that have joined the Ladies Auxiliaries throughout the great state of Florida, that you attend our conferences and please take some time and stop over to say hello and introduce yourself to me at our sales tables.

I am always interested, to have volunteers help me with the sales for the weekend. I am open on Friday from 12-4 but I am usually there by 10 am to set up the tables. Then on Saturday I am open from 7:30 until our meeting starts. Then I usually reopen from noon until 1 Pm or when our session starts again. After that, I am closed until our next SEC, in February 2025.



**DEPARTMENT of FLORIDA, AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY
OCTOBER SEC MEETING
ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL – ORLANDO, FLORIDA
October 24-27, 2024**

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

THURSDAY, October 24, 2024

3:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting (Appointed members)	Salon
4:00 pm	Pre-Con Meeting (Designated Officers only) (AMVETS Commander, Auxiliary President, Sons of AMVETS Commander, Auxiliary 1 st Vice President, AMVETS Executive Director, AMVETS Finance Officer, Auxiliary Treasurer, SOA Finance Officer, AMVETS Provost Marshall, Auxiliary Sgt at Arms, AMVETS and SOA Convention Chairs).	Salon
4:30 pm	Audit Committee Meeting (Appointed members)	Salon
5:00 pm-12:00 am	HOSPITALITY SUITE (SOA)	TBA

FRIDAY, October 25, 2024

9:00 am	By-Laws Committee Meeting	Salon
11:00 am	Joint Elected Officers Meeting	Salon
12 Noon-4:00 pm.	Quartermaster	Ballroom
12 Noon-4:00 pm	Registration Open	Desk
1:00 pm	Convention Advisory Committee Meeting Honors and Awards Committee Meeting (immediately following)	Salon
3:00 pm	Elected Officers Board Meeting w/ Appointed Officers (PDPs are welcomed) Service Officers Meeting (Immediately following) with NEC/PDP Beck	Salon
4:30 pm	2024-2025 Joint Convention Chair Committee Meeting	Salon
6:30 pm	Joint Opening Session	Ballroom

**AUXILIARY Preliminary Business Meeting Opening Session
(Immediately following Joint Opening Meeting)**

Ballroom

Recess until Saturday 8:30am

Hospitality Room (SOA)	12 noon – 6:00pm 8:30pm – 12 midnight	TBA
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SATURDAY, October 26, 2024

7:30 am – 9:30 am	Registration	Desk
7:30 am	Quartermaster Open (Closed during business session) (Reopens until 30 minutes after morning recess and one (1) hour after the afternoon recess).	Ballroom
8:30 am	Official Business Session	Ballroom
11:45 am	Gavelier’s Meeting & Luncheon	President’s Suite
1:00 pm	Americanism Department Chair (Joint with AMVETS)	Salon
1:00 pm	AMVETS AADAA Joint Meeting (AMVETS Against Drug & Alcohol Abuse)	Salon
1:00 pm	School of Instruction – (Please bring your Department By-Laws & Manuals)	Ballroom
2:00 pm	VAVS (Joint with AMVETS)	Salon
3:00 pm	SEC Council Meeting (Immediately following School of Instruction)	Ballroom
3:00 pm	President’s Council Meeting (Immediately following School of Instruction)	Ballroom
4:00 pm – 12 Midnight	Hospitality Room (SOA)	TBA

SUNDAY, October 27, 2024

8:15 am	Raffle Drawings	Ballroom
8:30 am	Official Business Session Call to Order Invocation Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call of Officers	Ballroom

Continuation of Reports

Officers Reports (cont.)

Unfinished Business
New Business
Announcements
Benediction
Retirement of Colors
Adjournment



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