

*Fall SEC 2025*  
*October 3 & 4, 2025*

*AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary*  
*Department of New York*

*Double Tree by Hilton*  
*Binghamton, New York*

**Fall SEC 2025**

**AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York**

**Doubletree Hotel in Binghamton, New York**

**Short Agenda\***

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025**

**9:00 am- 12:00pm Department Officers' Training** (Department Officers and Mentors only)

**12:00pm- 2:00 pm Lunch**

**2:00pm- 4:00 pm Committee Meetings** (open to all Auxiliary members, Department Service Officers and Chairmen are required to attend)

**4:00pm- 4:30pm Department Officers Debrief meeting** (Department Officers only)

**7:00pm Round Table/Membership Training** (open to all Auxiliary members)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025**

**8:00am Cavaliers' Breakfast** (Cavaliers only)

**9:00 am Auxiliary Business Session** *immediately following joint opening*

\*A more detailed agenda will be available during Fall SEC. Times are subject to change.

## Mid- Year Service Reports Due 10/25/2025

### **Reminders**

- Mid- Year must be submitted to be considered for awards
  - Evaluation of hours is \$30/ hour
  - Evaluation of miles is \$.65/ mile
- All numbers should be rounded to the nearest whole dollar
- Use the most updated form from the National Website

### **Mail 2 copies to;**

- *Child Welfare*- Dawn Flavin- 116 Ogden St., Ogdensburg, NY 13669
- *Community Service*- Michelle Hayes Gardner, 268 Picketville Rd., Parishville, NY 13672
- *Scholarship*-Linda "Chickie" George, PDP- 221 McFadden Rd, Lisbon, NY 16358
  - *Americanism*- Mary Robert- 812 County Route 29, Canton, NY 13617
  - *Hospital*- Donna Smith, PDP- 177 Cty Rte 42, Ft. Covington, NY 12937

### **All Department and National Donations**

*Mail to Department Treasurer Sharon Heinemann*

- Make checks payable to AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department if NY
  - Mail to 5828 Broadway, Apt 711, Lancaster, NY 14043

# DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK DONATIONS

## **\*DEPT PRESIDENT (Janell Ashman) PROJECT**

**Valor Veteran Food Bank**

**AUX #** \_\_\_\_\_ **CK #** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMT #**  
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## **\*PDP ROSE BALDWIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**AUX #** \_\_\_\_\_ **CK #** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMT #**  
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## **\*FOUNDING FORWARD YOUTH SEMINAR**

**(helps finance a student from New York to attend)**

**AUX #** \_\_\_\_\_ **CK #** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMT #**  
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Dept donations can be put on 1 check.

Send by May 1, 2026 to:

Sharon Heinemann

5828 Broadway, Apt 711, Lancaster, NY 14043



## DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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## AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

Greetings Local Auxiliary Presidents and Auxiliary Sisters,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Department President this year. I am here to assist your Auxiliary in any way that I can. I look forward to visiting local Auxiliaries, so please let me know of any events your Auxiliary may be having or if you would like me to come visit. I would love the chance to meet new faces and celebrate your Auxiliary.

I would like to invite all local members to attend the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York meetings for Fall SEC in Binghamton, NY. A lot of NEW information is shared at these meetings, and there are quite a few changes this year. The dates of the Fall SEC meeting will be October 3-4, 2025. If you are able to join a committee, those meetings will be held on Friday, October 3, 2025 and a Round-Table Training will be held Friday night. Our Auxiliary business meeting will be on Saturday October 4, 2025. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your fellow Auxiliary sisters from across the state, ask questions, discuss topics that are concerning or challenging, share success stories, find solutions, and make suggestions to the general body.

Please share any information received from the Department Officers with your Auxiliary. The most up-to-date information can also be found on our website at <http://www.nyamvetladiesaux.org> and the National Auxiliary website at <https://amvetsaux.org>.

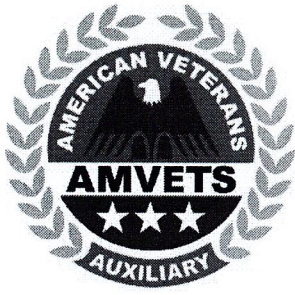
My theme this year is "HEROES SHOULDN'T GO HUNGRY" and my project is VALOR FOOD BANK PANTRY FOR VETERANS. This 100% volunteer organization provides food to Veterans and their families in the Western New York area at no cost. They have 0% overhead, and every dollar collected is used for Veterans! I would like to challenge each Auxiliary member to bring \$1, or more, to each local meeting to support VALOR. This is an easy, and inexpensive, way to help raise money at the local level for this important organization.

Should you need to reach me, it is best to email me as I am a first grade teacher and cannot answer my phone during the day. I may also be reached by text message, or if you prefer to call, please leave a voicemail. I will do my best to respond to you in a timely manner.

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,

*Janell Ashman*

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# AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

## Department of New York

Hello Ladies,

As I step into my new role as Convention Chair Lady/Liaison, there are some important dates that I wanted to pass along with you for our 2025 – 2026 Auxiliary year.

### **Fall SEC**

Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4

Nightly Rate: \$139.00

### **Spring SEC**

Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21

Nightly Rate: \$139.00

### **June Convention**

Thursday, June 4; Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6

Reservations made by Housing Form.

Nightly Rate for Guest Room: \$139.00 (Meal Packages will be available for additional cost.)

If you have any questions, please let me know or contact the hotel, they have been great to work with and can help you make a reservation over the phone for either/both of the SEC's, if that is an easier option for you. As far as convention goes, the hotel staff and I cannot stress enough to fill out your housing forms correctly and on time. Also, please remember to list the Post/Aux. number that you would like to sit with for the luncheon and the dinner, please keep in mind that this will be the same for both. If there is nothing listed in the box it will be up to me to place you at the table of my choice. I'm sure the AMVETS have this information as well but please make sure to pass it along, it's always good to have a reminder. The hotel knows us pretty well so if you book under AMVETS they usually know that it is tax-exempt status, but they may have new staff or may have a policy change between now and check-in day, so it is always a great idea to have a copy of your AMVETS/Aux tax exempt form with you upon check-in.

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,

Ashley Kubiak

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AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, INC  
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT – FALL 2025 BULLETIN

Greeting Madam President, National Officers, Executive Board Members, Auxiliary Sisters,

As the First Vice President of your local Auxiliary, you are responsible for membership and keeping accurate membership records. It is your responsibility to have a membership report at each meeting. This report will include any new members, renewals received, life members, and the total membership of your Auxiliary. Keep up to-date with any changes by reading all National and Department Bulletins and periodically check both the Department website ([nyamvetssladiesaux.org](http://nyamvetssladiesaux.org)) and the National website ([www.amvetsaux.org](http://www.amvetsaux.org)).

You should become familiar with the duties of the President and be prepared to chair a meeting if the need occurs.

Membership is "key" to our continuous growth, and you hold that "key" by actively seeking new members. Encourage your members to try to bring a guest to one of your meetings, or one of your social events. While new members are most welcomed, and as stated above, they are the key to our continued growth; it is just as critical to retain our current members. Not only are they a wonderful source of friendship and knowledge but they have a shared sense of pride in the history of your Auxiliary. Lets remember to celebrate their past achievements and include them while planning for your current events. My Theme this year is "Membership is Key to your Auxiliary's Continued Growth."

Membership runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>. This is the time to actively begin contacting your members for renewals. Please take a moment to ensure all the information on the Dues Remittance Forms has been fully and properly completed, timely mailed, and includes full payment. These forms are available on the National website, and they are fillable, so if possible, please type the information. If you handwrite your forms, please, print them legible. The membership cards are issued based on this information. Your forms are reviewed and if there are any questions this could delay the process, resulting in increased possibility of missing the filing due date.

Please note: All Membership Forms, and payment of dues are sent to:

- **Cindy Queyor, PDP, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 478, Malone, N.Y. 12953.**
- **Life Membership is \$450.00 for the Department; this includes the National and Department portions.**
- **Annual and Honorary dues are \$25.00 to the Department; this includes the National and Department portions.**
- **Checks are made payable to AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York.**

I am here to assist you in your membership activities. Please reach out to me if you have any questions, preferably by email. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary,

Josephine Pearl, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Present 631-455-3435 [jpeez8048@yahoo.com](mailto:jpeez8048@yahoo.com)



## AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

28 June 2025

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Newly Elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents.

I was recently elected the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president for the Department of New York, at the June Convention. My name is Dawn Flavin. I'm retired after working 43 years at our local hospital in the Environmental Services Department, as the Evening Supervisor. My husband Bob Flavin and I live in Ogdensburg, New York. We are both Life Members of AMVETS in the North Country. I'm a life member at the Malone AMVETS Post 8 Auxiliary while Bob is a life member at Colton AMVETS Post 262. Prior to joining the Malone and Colton AMVETS we were both life members at our local Post #19 in Ogdensburg, New York. While I was a life member at the Ogdensburg AMVETS, I held the positions of Treasurer and Secretary for several years. Due to the unfortunate closure of the Post, we both transferred. Working my way up the Chairs at the Department of New York Level I started as Pro Historian then Sergeant at Arms and I was elected to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the State of New York.

As 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, I oversee Child Welfare projects and reports. Please try to find projects for your auxiliary to be successful in that focuses on children. Even if it is a day at a local park with a picnic lunch or an afternoon at the beach, for less fortunate children in your hometown. The possibilities are numerous so let your imaginations run wild and have fun. Remember to follow up with your Service Reports and get the credit your auxiliary is due. Service Reports have two deadlines the first Mid-Term are due by October 25<sup>th</sup> and Year End due by April 25<sup>th</sup>. Send one original and two copies, a total of three to me. If you don't have anything to report in October, send a form stating nothing to report. This way you are eligible for an award in June, if you do a Year End Report. This way your auxiliary may get an award for your hard work. This year's National Project for Child Welfare is John Tracy Center. All contributions go to help provide services for young children with hearing loss. Remember that every little bit helps, and no project is too small. The National AMVETS has a Poster Contest for (K-2 Grade Category I), (3-5 Grade Category II) and Essay or Poem (6-8 Grade Category III). (9-12 Grade Category IV). This is the Ted Leszkiewicz AMVETS Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse (AADAA) Program Contests.

Thank you for your time and good luck.

Sincerely,

Dawn M. Flavin

My contact information is below:

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**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY**  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

August 2025

**FALL BULLETIN—2025**

Auxiliary Sisters

I hope everyone's summer has been relaxing yet productive. It seems like fall is just around the corner.

I would like to give a few helpful hints for the mid-year reports.

- Have them post marked no later than 10/25/25
- 65 cents per mile and \$30 per hour
- Please type the reports or make sure they are legible
- Mail them to me at 268 Picketville Road, Parishville, NY 13672  
(I only need one copy—stamps are very costly)
- Email them to me at [michelle@jttlaheyinsurance.com](mailto:michelle@jttlaheyinsurance.com)  
If you hear nothing from me once it is sent, please email me or send me a text. I will always respond that I have received it.
- If your Auxiliary has not held a function, still send the report but, state "Nothing At This Time"
- If you do not send a mid-year report you will not qualify for awards at Convention.

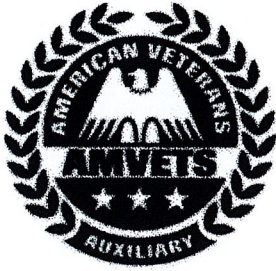
My theme this year is.....Community Service is not a must however, it is a way to brighten the lives of others.

My hope is for all Auxiliaries to have a successful and rewarding year.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely

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## **AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY**

### **DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**

Fall 2025

Greetings to all local Treasurers and Auxiliary Sisters:

I hope everyone is having a nice summer, so far. It sure is speeding by fast. As fall approaches, I am looking forward to getting started on our 2025-2026 Auxiliary year, and seeing most of you at the fall SEC.

Personally, I have been a member of AMVETS Auxiliary Post 14 for 30 plus years, holding many offices. I live in Lancaster, NY with my sister, Carol, who is also a member of Auxiliary 14. As I start my second year as the Treasurer of the Department of NY, I promise to do my very best to live up to the trust and integrity this office deserves.

With that being said, I would like to give some suggestion that I hope you find helpful:

- \*All checks must contain two signatures

- \*Checks for dues must be made payable to AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of NY and sent to Cindy Queyor. Please make sure to use the proper membership form, which can be found on our website.

- \*Please make sure to file your 990, which is due at the end of your filing year.

- \*Please send all donations to me, Sharon Heinemann, at 5828 Broadway, Apt 711, Lancaster, NY 14086.

- \*All monies spent must first go to the floor, with a motion, a second, a discussion and a vote. Please make sure receipts are provided.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a successful year, but remember to have fun. We all have one common goal and that is to support our Veterans. Please contact me if you have questions. I promise to respond in a timely manner.

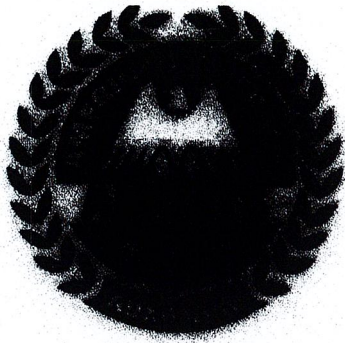
Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,

Sharon Heinemann

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## **AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY**

### **DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**

Hello and welcome all Amvets Auxiliary Sister's to our 2025-2026 business year. I would like to start by congratulating the newly elected Officer's of the Dept. of NY Amvets Lady's Auxiliary on your new positions. I look forward to serving with you and the entire Auxiliary to represent the standards and guidelines to the best of my ability.

Madam President, my prayers and positive thoughts as we start another successful year.

I have been a member of Fort Plain Post 2000 Auxiliary for 4 years. I am also a member of Chapter 2000 Rider's where I hold the position of treasurer, and I am the secretary for the Dept. of NY Amvets Riders. As I am new to this wonderful organization, I am proud to have been sworn in as your new Sergeant at Arms for 2025-2026.

My husband is an Army veteran and is very involved with our home post as well as the Department. I have 4 children and 7 grandchildren.

As Sergeant at Arms my duties include setting up the room for our meetings and making sure the meetings go smoothly. I will also make sure we all abide by the dress code.

Thank you all for believing in me as I take this journey with all of you. I look forward to seeing you all at Fall SEC October 2-4, 2025. I will also be looking for 2 volunteers to be flag barriers.

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## AMVETS LADIES' AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, INC.



Monday, July 28, 2025

Dear Auxiliary Sisters:

Mary Lanphere and Laura Bugaj, congratulations on your step-up positions in the National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. Prayers be with you and God Bless.

Congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed Department of New York Officers and officers on the local level. As we go forward throughout the year, I want to wish you all the best of success in your programs and your work to maintain the aims and purposes of our Amvets Ladies Auxiliary.

As the newly elected Chaplain I will serve as spiritual leader, familiarizing myself with the rituals of this organization; in all matters relating to religion, morals as affected by religion. I will incorporate the principles of good moral conduct and citizenship in this organization, I will spread the good words of support, respect and determination as well as kindness, sympathy and humanity on every level of this organization, all office duties of Chaplain and provide policies that are prepared in the procedure book.

I am humbled that once again I have been re-elected to the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York. As Chaplain, I am looking forward to an outstanding and educational year of economic well-being. I promise to do my best to fulfill the responsibilities of this position to the best of my ability.

The Deceased Membership Notification Form please fill in as soon as possible. Please follow the instructions carefully so the National Chaplain can send out sympathy cards in a timely manner. As to let the family know that we do appreciate the ladies that are members of our organization. Thank you for your confidence and support.

Again, let me say how honored I am and looking forward to serving all you so your AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York Chaplain for the year 2025-2026. Please do not hesitate to contact me. To the Ladies Auxiliaries thank you for all you do. Keep up the excellent work.

I am so immensely proud of being a life member of AMVETS Department of New York Ladies Auxiliary.

Linda M. George aka "Chickie"

Chaplain

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cc: Dept. President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian, NEC, Mentor





# AMVETS LADIES' AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, INC.

Monday, July 28, 2025

Dear Auxiliary Sisters:

Mary Lanphere and Laura Bugaj, congratulations on the National Level. You both have our Department of New York strong support.

Congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed Department of New York Officers and officers on the local level. As we go forward throughout the year, I want to wish you all the best of success in your programs and your work to maintain the aims and purposes of our Amvets Ladies Auxiliary.

I am humbled that once again I been elected to the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York. As a Scholarship Officer I'm looking forward to an outstanding and educational year of prosperity. I promise to do my best to fulfill the responsibilities of this position.

As Scholarship Officer I will promote all scholarships, making reports of all donations to the scholarship funds. I will be the Chairwomen for the Rose Baldwin Memorial Scholarship Award and, serve on the scholarship Judging committee. I will also notify each applicant of their entry and the scholars of their awards. I will be working on the Honors and Award Committee.

I look forward to this year making this a successful program with everyone's help. Rose Baldwin Memorial Scholarship Applications were mailed out to all Scholarship Officer or the Presidents for all Amvets Ladies Auxiliary on the local level. Please be advised that the applications must be sent to me no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. So, my committee can review and send out thank you notes for their interest in this project and get the winner at our local level.

Again, let me say how honored I am and looking forward to serving all of you as your AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York Scholarship Officer for the year 2025-2026. Please do not hesitate to contact me. To the Ladies Auxiliaries thank you for all you do. Keep up the excellent work.

I am so immensely proud of being a life member of AMVETS Department of New York Ladies Auxiliary.

Linda M. George aka "Chickie"  
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cc: Dept. President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Recording Secretary  
Parliamentarian, NEC, Mentor

Rose Baldwin  
Memorial  
Scholarship



**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY**  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters,

Just a reminder that mid-year reports are due by October 25th. Please make sure reports are completed, signed and all the numbers are rounded to the nearest dollar. You can email them to me or send them by USPS.

AmVets Americanism flag, poster, and, essay contest should be on the Dept. of NY AmVets Ladies Auxiliary web-site by October 2025, [www.nyamvetladiesaux.org](http://www.nyamvetladiesaux.org). I will have copies available at the Fall SEC if needed. Please make sure that the 1st place winners from each category are sent to Fred Pearl by May 1, 2026. Send to Post 48 AmVets, 660 Hawkins Ave, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

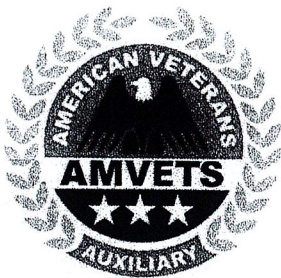
I would like to thank John Turner for his many years of services as Dept. of NY AmVets Americanism Officer, for a job well done.

Let's welcome the new AmVets Americanism Officer, Fred Pearl. I look forward to working with you this year.

If anyone has any questions you can email me or Fred Pearl at [post48amvets@aol.com](mailto:post48amvets@aol.com).

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## AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

### Department of New York

Hello All,

I would like to take a moment to congratulate all elected and appointed officers for the 2025-2026 year, I know it will be a great year! With that being said, I'd like to encourage all of our local auxiliaries to be working on their local scrapbooks/history books. I will have the official check list and a list of all mandatory items that need to be included in your books at Fall SEC, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Until then please start gathering as many pictures as you can as to commemorate an exciting year ahead. Remember it is much easier to exclude pictures if needed then to not have them and wish you did. Partner with your fellow auxiliary sisters to collect as many photos as possible, so no important moment goes undocumented!

As always, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may be having, sometimes it's nice to just bounce an idea off someone outside your local auxiliary. And as Madame President travels around the state this year, if there are any pictures or documentation that can be included in her scrapbook, or if your local auxiliary does any kind of event or fundraiser to support her project, please send them all to me, I would love to be able to include as many events as possible for her to remember what an amazing year I know she is going to have!

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,

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## AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

August 27, 2025

Greetings Ladies,

I have just returned from my first National Convention as your NEC. What an experience. Especially being there to see Mary sworn in as our new National President, Laura as our new National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and Donna as our new National Chaplain. A fantastic and memorable moment for New York.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the National Convention in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The following are our new National Officers:

Mary Lanphere – National President

Laura Rose Bugaj – National First Vice President

Deb Gass – Second Vice President

Donna Tolland – Third Vice President

PNP, Barbara Guth – Treasurer

Faye Richardson-Green – Americanism Officer

Barbi Montagne – Scholarship Officer

Sherry Maracek – Hospital Officer

Donna Smith – Chaplain

Kathy Hays – Sergeant at Arms

PNP Charlene Kee - 2026 Convention Chairman

PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis – Parliamentarian

Denise Spiegle – Junior Amvets Coordinator

PNP Evelyn McElvin – Honor and Awards

Cheryl Bracken – Presidents Scrapbook

PNP – Marvel Ruppel – Training Chairman

Fran Ganda – VAVS Representative (2-year term, appointed in even years).

A note of importance: You will be receiving, or may have already received, letters from these ladies outlining their themes and objectives. Please share this information with your membership.

Our Past Department President Deb Feary and I will be handing out awards and recognitions. Each auxiliary helps to make us the great state we are. Keep up the stimulating and creative work you do. Remember to put in for awards, not just on the Department level, but also on the National level.

God bless you all,

Shirley M. Sochia

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# AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

## DEPT. of NEW YORK

### 2025 Fall Bulletin

Madame President, Officers, Local Presidents, members and guests,

Updated By-laws and Standing rules are available on the Department website, <http://www.nyamvetladiesaux.org/>. As Parliamentarian it is your responsibility to be familiar with your local, Department and National Constitution and By-laws. You will act as an advisor to your president and guide her to conduct her affairs in accordance to parliamentary procedure, ensuring that all members are heard.

**REMEMBER-** The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary National Constitution governs all levels of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. The By-laws apply only to the level of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary for which it is written.

As per AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of NY By-laws Article VI, Section 2, all local Auxiliaries By-laws and Standing Rules are to be reviewed by Department President and Department Parliamentarian every 3 years. As such By-laws and Standing Rules are due for the following local Auxiliaries; Aux 14, 72, 219, 245, 265, 726, 1997, and thank you 6472 for already submitting your updated By-laws.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me and I will be happy to help you.

Your's in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary,

Laura Rose Bugaj, PDP  
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Department of NY Parliamentarian  
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# AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

## Department of New York

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### FALL BULLETIN, 2025

To all my AMVETS Auxiliary Sisters:

Congratulations to all of our newly installed officers, elected and appointed. Thank you to Madam President for trusting me with the office of Executive Secretary. This is a new office for me and I will do my best to process membership to the best of my ability, and of course, with the help of Mary Lanphere, my mentor.

As you know by now, the Executive Secretary shall serve as Membership Officer. As a reminder, our annual and honorary dues are \$25.00; \$15.00 of which is forwarded to National: Life dues are now \$450.00, of which \$300.00 is forwarded to National with the Department keeping \$150.00. Should any Local Auxiliary choose to charge an added amount, they are free to do so and this shall be addressed in their by-laws.

I hope we have our new rosters at this SEC. Please review them carefully and check for any duplicates, and any discrepancies. Upon receipt of dues for 2026, please forward your D&R's to me along with your check made payable to AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Dept of NY. Remember to have two signatures. Dues are due by December 31, 2025. All D&R's must be received by me no later than January 10, 2026, for processing. Anyone paying after that date will be considered re-joins.

I hope you all feel free to contact me either by phone, e-mail, text, or mail with any questions or concerns. I will do my very best to assist you in any way I can.

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,

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## AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

Fall 2025

Dear Madame President, Officers, Local Presidents, members, and guests,

I'm wishing everyone a cozy and colorful autumn filled with joy and warmth. As fall is upon us with pumpkin spice and everything nice, I look forward to being a more active part of the 2025-2026 Department of New York Ladies Auxiliary. My name is Tammy Schollard and it's an honor to me to be appointed to this position of recording secretary.

I have been a member of the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary NY #14, Depew, NY for the past 6 years. I am currently in my second year as President at my Local Auxiliary. Previously, I was the secretary for my Local Auxiliary for 3 years.

As the Recording Secretary I will be responsible for taking minutes during the NY State Auxiliary meetings. The minutes from these meetings will be posted on the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York website at [www.nyamvetladiesaux.org](http://www.nyamvetladiesaux.org). Please consider taking time out of your busy days to review these minutes and share information found in these minutes at your Local Auxiliary meetings. I will also be sending information to your Local Auxiliary Presidents before the Fall 2025 SEC, Spring 2026 SEC, and 2026 Convention. Information in these mailings should be reviewed and shared with your Local Auxiliary members.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to getting to know and work with more members of our AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary community.

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,

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# AMVETS LADIES' AUXILIARY

*Department of New York Inc.*

*Greeting Madam President, Officer, Members and Guest;*

*Welcome fall! I hope you're having a happy and healthy start to fall. It's just the beginning of the hat, coats and boots.*

*Remember our National program is ST. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The services they provide to the children and their families need our support. Continue to think out-of-the-box when you're doing your fundraisers creativity generate excitement which leads to more participation and donations.*

*The definition of "Hospital" as used in the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Hospital Program: A Hospital is defined as any institution providing health care services to the physically and mentally ill, this includes nursing home and convalescent home (when medically staffed on a 24 hour basis; if nursing staff is on limited hours during the day, that would not apply). The hospital program is diversified in so far as it carried on in all types of hospitals and nursing care facilities, BUT unified in its objective to bring cheer and diversion to the hospitalized veterans, their dependents to the community it serves.*

*Enclosed you will find paperwork on the duties of the Hospital Officers and some*

*Project ideas. Together, we can turn challenges into opportunities and when we share our strengths, we build a brighter future.*

*If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Donna Smith PDP/ Hospital Officer*

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# **DUTIES OF THE HOSPITAL OFFICER**

**THIS POSITION IS AN IMPORTANT ONE AS AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY  
DEPENDS UPON ALL PROGRAM OFFICERS TO CARRY OUT ITS AIMS AND PURPOSES AS  
A SERVICE ORGANIZATION.**

**THE HOSPITAL OFFICER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROGRAMS OF:**

## **THE HOSPITAL PROGRAM**

You are responsible for the program assigned to you:

Knowing and understanding the projects, which can be conducted under the program as outlined under service programs. Especially in the VA Hospitals in your city.

Suggesting projects to the members.

Directing approved projects to a successful completion.

With the approval of the auxiliary, planning for speakers at meetings that pertain to the purpose of your program and projects.

Giving reports at each meeting of the Auxiliary.

Keeping accurate reports of all projects, volunteers, hours served, donations, mileage, materials donated, new and used that are part of the program.

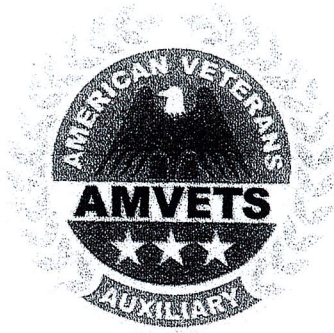
Completing the mid-year service report postmarked no later than OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> and the annual service report postmarked no later than APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> mailed to the Department Officer on time.

Applying for Department and National awards that pertain to your office.  
Recognizing the work of the members.

Writing and issuing press releases to local newspapers, radio and TV stations about the program for which you are responsible and the projects done by the members. (If the Auxiliary has a Public Relations Officer (PRO) work together with her on publicity.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOSPITAL

1. Donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
2. Visiting or write to hospitalized Veterans.
3. Have carnivals and fall festivals.
4. Make lap robes for patients.
5. Help out at the VA Hospital.
6. Donate monies, clothing to VA Hospitals and medically staffed nursing facilities.
7. Attend VAVS meetings.
8. Donate We Care Kits to the VA Hospital.
9. Donate cash to VA Hospitals for haircuts.
10. Play Bingo.
11. Help with crafts.
12. Read to them.
13. Donate Religious items to the Chaplin of the hospitals or nursing facilities.
14. Provide transportation to the Doctors office.
15. Collect can tops.
16. Have Ice cream socials.
17. Have Karaoke.
18. Hold tailgate parties during football games.
19. Donations for VA cart.
20. Donations for VA tokens.
21. Donations to Annual fireworks displays.
22. Help at Grandfathers' Day at the VA Hospital.
23. Donate books, puzzles and games.
24. Make neck pillows.
25. Donate telephone cards to the rehab wards.
26. Attend Memorial Day celebrations at Veterans Homes.



## AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

*Department of New York, Inc.*

Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

July 2025

Just a reminder to all that the **Bath VA** is now part of the VA Finger Lakes Healthcare system. This includes the Bath, Canandaigua and Rochester locations.

During the past month our Veterans have taken part in a wide range of events in the Community Living Center (CLC), outpatient Veterans and the Domiciliary Veterans. IN OUR CLC, Veterans participated in off-station trips such as Whitesville Rod and Gun Club Fishing, Ice Cream Shop, and the Glen Curtis Museum. Upcoming off station events include are Lunch and a baseball game, and a Walmart Shopping trip. On station special events included live music, Ice Cream Socials, motorcycle ride visits, and Elks pig roast.

In our Dom Veterans participated in off- station trips such as hiking, breakfast with goats, and a movie theater. Upcoming off station trips scheduled are a baseball game and a barbershop social. On station events included bingo sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Veteran One Stop Center presentation & pizza, live music, learning to spin yard, Elks Pig Roast motorcycle ride visit. These activities provide Veterans the opportunity to be a part of and connect with their community.

On a daily bases, Veterans participate in Recreation Therapy programs such as monthly socials, birthday parties, ice cream socials, live music, trivia, crafts, bingo, and many more.

### **Items needed at the Bath VA include the following:**

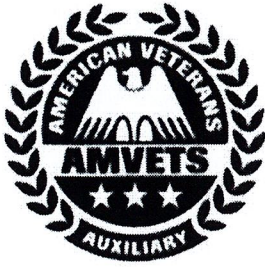
Ceramics for the Veterans to paint, acrylic paints, plastic models and model paints, adult coloring books, paint brushes for crafts, large sun catchers and sun catcher paint. Veterans love their crafts and to be kept busy. Food for the food pantry is also welcome. Thank you for anything you can donate. Please make sure that everything donated is new and food is not outdated. Also, Voluntary Service welcomes gift cards for merchandise.

If your Auxiliary has any questions as to how they can donate or volunteer at the Bath VA please contact me at [candyeclemens@gmail.com](mailto:candyeclemens@gmail.com) I'll be very happy to answer any of your questions. Remember your Auxiliary doesn't need to live close to a VA to help out. An Auxiliary could choose a different Auxiliary to help out each month if distance is a problem. Monetary donations are always needed for events for the Veterans.

Your AMVETS Auxiliary Sister,

Candy Clemens PDP, VAVS Chairman/VAVS Bath





## AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

### LOTTERY

I hope all PDP's, Officers & local Auxiliaries are busy selling the tickets you received for the November 2025 lottery.

Your support is greatly needed & appreciated!

I will have extra tickets at the Fall SEC. Please let me know if you would like more before then, I will be happy to get some out to you!

Ticket stubs & money are due to me by 10/25/25.

Just a few reminders:

- Make sure stubs are legible ~ if you can't read it, I can't either.
- If people use address labels, make sure to trim the edges.  
Stubs tend to stick together otherwise.
- If only a name & phone number are on the stub, please make sure the area code is included.

Thank you for your continued support with this fundraiser!

Debi Feary, Lottery Chairman

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**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY**  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

NATIONAL CONVENTION – Debi Feary

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be the Dept. of NY Ladies Auxiliary Dept. Delegate at the 79<sup>th</sup> National Convention that was held in Greensboro, NC August 18-23, 2025. Our Dept. was very well represented with 2 National Officers, 1 NEC Women, 1 Dept. Delegate & 18 local delegates!

It is with great pleasure that I announce that our Dept. has 3 ladies that were elected National Officers for the 2025-26 Auxiliary year. **Mary Lanphere** will serve as **National President**, **Laura Bugaj** as **National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** & **Donna Smith** as **National Chaplain**. I know I speak for the entire Department when I say we could not be any prouder of these ladies. I know they will do a wonderful job.

At the Honors & Awards Program I was able to except awards for many of our local Auxiliaries. I look forward to passing these along at our Fall SEC meeting.

The convention was very educational with some fun added in. The outgoing National President, Cindy Rice, mentioned (more than once) what a wonderful & fun time she had at our June convention. She sends her thanks to all & hopes to attend many more NY Dept. Conventions in the future!