



AMVETS LADIES AUX
DEPT OF NEW YORK
SPRING SEC

MARCH 7-8 2025
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DEBI FEARY **PRESIDENT**

AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

DEPT of NY
SPRING SEC 2025

Friday March 7th, 2025

2pm-3pm - Finance/Audit Committee

2-2:30pm - Membership
Child Welfare
Hospital

2:30-3pm - Scholarship
Community Service
Americanism
Bylaws/Training

3pm - Honors & Awards

4pm - Officers Meeting

7pm Round Table/Service Report Training

SATURDAY MARCH 8TH, 2025

8AM - GAVELIERS BREAKFAST

9AM - JOINT OPENING (LOCATION TBD)

AUXILIARY BUSINESS MEETING TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York Inc.

SPRING BULLETIN 2025

SECRETARY/CONVENTION CHAIR/MEMBERSHIP

Greetings to Dept NY Auxiliaries,

Enclosed is information regarding upcoming deadlines, meetings, etc. Please take the time to read this packet and share it with your auxiliary members.

We will be getting into that time of the year when we will be holding elections. When filling out your Dept revalidation form, PLEASE make sure info is correct for each officer. Page 2 is IMPORTANT. Fill it out completely. Be sure to send the ACCEPTED copy of your IRS 990, with the revalidation form. This information is sent to National. **The revalidation form is due to Dept Secretary by June 1st, to be in order and be seated at Convention. This means Dept & National Conventions.** If your auxiliary is not in order at Dept., your not in order at National.

As secretary, it is important to keep detailed notes of your meetings, and be sure to include approved activities, events. Also, delegates your auxiliary have voted on to represent your auxiliary. Do you have a member that is running for office on the Dept or National level. Has your auxiliary approved the potential candidate? 1 delegate for first 10 members, and 1 delegate for each 25 members there after.

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for sending in your memberships in a timely fashion. Unfortunately, the membership cards were sent out later than usual. We appreciate your patience. National has been working hard to transition to the new headquarters, and dealing with printing company delays.

Honorary memberships are 25.00.



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York Inc.

To All Local Presidents & Auxiliary Sisters -

Hard to believe 2025 is here! I hope everyone had a nice holiday season sharing it with friends and family.

As we start a new year, I know many of you are busy working on projects that benefit your community, our children and especially our Veterans. Remember, keeping records as you do a project or activity, makes filling out your service report much easier.

As President it is very important that ALL information received from the Department or National Auxiliary be passed on to the proper Officers in your local. Please take the time to read all the information you receive & pass it along.

My project this year is BUFFALO/NIAGARA HONOR FLIGHT. I hope those of you that were at the Fall SEC enjoyed the presentation & saw what a wonderful program this is.

I am here to help your Auxiliary where I can or answer any questions you may have. I have had the opportunity to visit a few Auxiliaries this year, but would love to visit a few more. Please let me know if you'd like me to pay a visit.

Debi Feary, President 2024-2025

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AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY
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Spring Bulletin 2025

Dear Local 1st Vice Presidents and Auxiliary Sisters,

Thank you all for sending in membership renewals and applications for the 2025 Auxiliary year. I know that membership rosters and cards were a little slow going out this year, but that was beyond our control. Thank you for being patient and still processing membership forms in a timely manner. Continuing, and increasing, your local Auxiliary's membership ensures that the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary will continue to support our Veterans and communities.

As a reminder, there is currently a moratorium on Life Membership through the Department of New York until July 1, 2025. **Therefore, no annual to life member or new life membership applications will be processed at this time.** Annual and honorary membership applications will still be accepted.

Our National 1st Vice President, Mary Lanphere, has chosen the theme "Strength Through Communication." Please continue communicating the goals of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary to your community to further educate the public about the important work we do in advocating for our Veterans and communities. Also remember it is important to communicate well within your local Auxiliary to increase your membership and to retain the members you already have.

As Department of New York 1st Vice President, my theme is "Bloom Where You Are Planted." Each member offers something valuable and should be encouraged and recognized for their hard work and dedication. For this reason, my chairman's award this year will be given to the Auxiliary that best displays appreciation of its members. The application for this award, and all chairman's awards, will be included in the Honors and Awards Packet being sent out later this Spring.

Please reach out to me with any questions you may have. I will do my best to get you a prompt answer. I am only a call, text, or email away.

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary,

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AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, INC

Second Vice President – Child Welfare
Spring S.E.C. March 2025
Bulletin

Greeting Madam Presidents, Executive Board Members, and Auxiliaries Sisters,

With the Annual Service Report fast approaching (April 25th) the following are a few things to consider:

A Child Welfare Program includes any project that only benefits children 18 and under.

The AMVETS Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse (AADAA) Contest; please send your first (1st) place winners to me by May 25th for Department Judging. The Department winners will be sent to National.

April is John Tracy Center (JTC) month, but it is never too soon to consider raising funds and to raise awareness of the services provided by this organization. Donations to JTC are to be included in your Service Report'

Final Service Reports are due by April 25, 2025.

Please remember to include the Mid- Year Service Report information in your totals.

Round up to the nearest dollar.

Please check your math.

Please consider applying for the Child Welfare Chairman's Award. My Theme "Brighter Horizons For Children Through Active Socialization" emphasizes the need for children to play and be active in group settings.

This year's Children Welfare Chairman's Award goes to the Auxiliary that **BEST PROMOTES AND SUPPORTS ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDES SERVICES THAT ACTIVELY ENGAGE CHILDREN IN SOCIALIZATION.**

I am here to help answer any questions or concerns regarding your Child Welfare projects or service report. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary,

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cc: President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, NEC, Parliamentarian, and Mentor



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York

Spring Bulletin 2025

3RD VICE COMMUNITY SERVICE

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has started the new year on a high note.

At this time, I would like to reflect on the work already reported. Out of 21 auxiliaries 13 sent in mid-year reports. So far, we have 135 projects with 149 volunteers and 24 youth volunteers. Awesome job! Remember end of year reports will need to postmarked by April 25th. If you have any questions regarding your reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.

My Chairman Award for community service will be given to the auxiliary with the most unique way of asking and following through with "What does your community need the most". The application will be in the Honors and Awards packet that will be sent to your auxiliary. You should also be able to find the packet on the website. www.nyamvetladiesaux.org

Hope to see everyone at the spring SEC March 7-8 and come join me for the community service committee meeting on Friday, March 7th at 2:30pm.

Tina Robert, 3rd Vice

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AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York Inc.

Greetings to all local Treasurers and Auxiliary Sisters:

With all the holiday celebrations in the rear window, I would like to wish a Happy New Year to all. Time is really flying and as we look forward to the rest of the 2024-2025 year, and spring SEC, I would like to send a few reminders:

*Please make sure your 990's are done in a timely manner

*All checks require 2 signatures, no exceptions

*Please make sure audits are performed a minimum of twice a year. You may perform them more often, if you wish.

As always, if I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to contact me. If I do not know the answer, I will get one for you.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Department Treasurer, and look forward to the future, as we all work toward our common goal, supporting our Veterans.

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,

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AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, INC.

JANUARY 2025

SPRING BULLETIN 2025—AMERICANISM

Dear Auxiliary Sisters

I hope everyone has had a safe and happy holiday season.

Thank you to all the Auxiliaries that sent in your mid-year reports. There were 59 projects, 133 volunteers, and 1478 hours for a total evaluation of \$57,867. We had 6 Auxiliaries reporting youth volunteers~~11 projects, 24 volunteers, and 68 hours for a total evaluation of \$2,287. It looks like everyone has been very busy!!

The Americanism Contest should be in full swing.

- "What Does Flag Protection Mean To Me?"
- All 1st place entries should be post-marked before May 1st.
- Send entries to John Turner, 6529 Crosby Creek Road, Hornell, NY 14843.
- You may only send in one entry for each class. Ex. One for kindergarten, one for first grade, one for second grade etc.

A reminder that my theme is....With the uncertainty in our country, let's show love, respect, and loyalty for our country and the Veterans in our communities.

The Chairman's Award for Americanism will go to the Auxiliary that has the most unique project showing support to the Veterans in their community.

End of year reports need to be post-marked by April 25, 2025.

- Don't forget the new increases~~\$30 an hour and 65 cents per mile.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

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DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

SPRING BULLETIN

16 January 2025

Greeting Auxiliary Sisters I hope this finds everyone doing well. Time has certainly gone by fast and before you know it we will be heading to Binghamton for Spring SEC. With that I will be enclosing some information on proper etiquette and attire for the SEC.

The former Sgt. of Arms tried to have auxiliary members bring there used uniforms so they could be passed on to someone that would be able to use them. This is a great opportunity to recycle. So please lets try to bring our old and useable uniforms in March.

I will need some volunteers to work at the American Pride Raffle (50/50), this raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for 5 tickets. Drawing will be Saturday after our meeting. Also, we will have our regular \$1.00 a ticket rffle on the morning of the meetings.

Thank you for your time.

Dawn M. Flavin

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CC: President, 1st Vice, NEC, Secretary, Mentor & Parliamentarian



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

DEPT. of NEW YORK

2025 Spring 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.

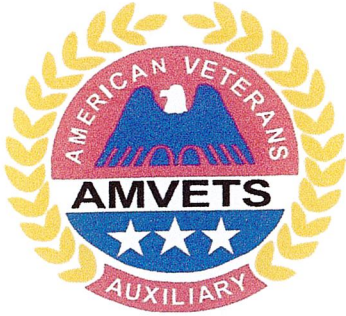
REMEMBER- The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary National Constitution governs all levels of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. The By-laws apply only to the level of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary for which it is written.

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 4, 8, 38, 48, 897, 1174 and 2000.

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,

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Department of NY Parliamentarian
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AMVETS LADIES' AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

Spring 2025

Auxiliary Sisters:

Bravo!!! Bravo!!! Our reports are excellent, but we still have a few issues. I encourage you to write down questions you have, bring them to the officers' meeting. No questions will go unanswered.

I look forward to going to the NEC in March and gaining more knowledge. I will send out any import info that I receive to my counterparts.

I am passing some information to you so that you may share it with your auxiliaries.

I hope everyone remembers that in your service report we will be raising the volunteer hourly evaluation from \$25 to \$30. Also increase the mileage from \$.50 to \$.65 to follow the IRS standard miles.

I am looking forward to attending the NEC in Washington PA. at the new headquarters on March 14th and 15th. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating the new facility.

I will send out any information I receive to all NEC's or Presidents from the NEC since it is scheduled after our SEC.

If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. If I don't have an immediate answer, I will contact whoever does. Hope to see you all at the SEC and Convention in June.

Please look for upcoming information about our Convention from our fantastic liaison/convention/secretary Mary Lanphere.

Please when you see Mary and Laura wish them all the success in their endeavors as they continue their journey, as National Officers. Mary will be running for NATIONAL PRESIDENT IN AUGUST AND LAURA will be running for FIRST VICE PRESIDENT.

*Yours in the AMVETS Auxiliary
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Department of New York Scholarship Officer

Doris Allen
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Hello Sisters of the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary,

I was pleased with the reports that came in. We had 12 Auxiliaries reporting 16 projects, 62 volunteers, and 778 hours for an evaluation of \$30,626.

My chairman's award is for the AUXILIARY who shows participation with students for Scholarship. PLEASE I CAN NOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH!! If you have a student applying for any of the National Scholarship, please go to [AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary – Official Website](#). At the last National Convention there were some changes made. Application that DOES NOT have the revised application will be disqualified.

Your National Scholarship Officer is Allison Aldrich

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Her theme is "Knowledge is power and we are here to empower you. The National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary offers four Scholarships. They are Career start, College Support, the New Trade School Scholarship and the National AMVETS Auxiliary. Also available on this website is the Sacketts Scholarship application. They did not receive any applications for the Trade School so I hope some of you know someone who is in a Trade School and will talk to them about applying for this Scholarship next year.

Again these applications can be found on www.amvetsaux.org along with the check list. On the top right click on the Scholarship tab and it will bring up all the Applications we offer. Original or copied applications are accepted. **Make sure you use the Applications that say revised on Revised September 2024 the bottom left.**

There are lots of activities you can do to help raise money for the Scholarship fund. Bake sales, 50/50s, serving breakfast, lunch and dinners, car washes, book sales.

Please feel free to contact me by phone e-mail if you have any questions.

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AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

Department of New York

SPRING BULLETIN 2025

Hello All,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season and is ready for a great year in 2025! With that being said, how are our Scrapbooks coming along? Hopefully you've all been making some great progress on your auxiliary scrapbooks. If not and you need some ideas or a checklist to help, just reach out. I have both available that can be mailed or emailed right away! It is not too late to start if you haven't yet, so partner with your fellow auxiliary sisters to collect as many photos as possible so no important moment goes undocumented!

We call this a Scrapbook, but please don't let that name scare you--it's just a name. However you want to memorialize and show off all of the fun and amazing work that your auxiliary has done throughout the year is great. Just a reminder, there are mandatory items that, if not included in your book, will unfortunately disqualify it from judging. To avoid this, please reach out for a copy of that check list. But most of all, please have fun with it! You're hosting events anyway, so why not celebrate yourself at the end of the year!

Last but not least, I want to thank everyone that has sent in pictures of the events that Madame President has been able to attend so far! I have been gathering photos, programs, and ideas to start assembling the first few pages of her book. I am always looking for more though, so please please please continue to reach out and shoot those photos over to me in whatever way is most convenient for you (mail/email/text).

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,

Ashley Kubiak

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VAVS Officer report for Spring Bulletin 2025

Ladies we are in need of VAVS representatives and deputies. Please consider helping as a volunteer for your nearest VA Hospital

LOCAL VAVS REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Complete orientation & training to become an RS volunteer
- Assist with improving the VAVS program
- Provide input/feedback to VA staff & VAVS committee
- Recruit volunteers
- Promote donations of financial & material goods
- Advise & inform organization of VAVS and VA issues and concerns
- Attend and participate in VAVS committee meetings
- Assist in the removal of organization's volunteers when necessary.
- Serve on subcommittees and task groups
- Maintain organization's records(hours, donations)
- Coordinate facility activities and projects
- **Conduct Annual Joint Reviews- mandatory with Voluntary service manager**

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Clemens PDP, VAVS Bath

Bath VAVS Spring Bulletin report 2025

The Women's Veteran's Program is planning the following activities in February. Both are open to both Veterans and staff.

Friday 2/7/25 : **Go Red For Women's Heart Health**- Tables set up in lobbies of the Bath VA with information about heart health.

Wednesday 2/19/25: **Virtual Go Red Tea Party**- (Time pending)- Held on Teams. Will have education about women's heart health and a mindfulness exercise. Invites will be shared after they are developed for this party.

Help is needed in recreation to collect the following materials or money to purchase them.

- New fishing poles with reels and tackle
- New pool sticks
- Ping pong paddles
- Materials for greenhouse: soil, hanging baskets, stakes, labels.

National Salute To Veteran Patients Week is coming up the week of 2/10-2/15. There are a couple of opportunities coming up for volunteer support/participation.

The Bath VA will be doing **Smoothies & Sweets** on 2/12 from 1-3 in the Rec Activity Room and then they will have a **Valentine's distribution** on Thursday, 2/13 from 1-3.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Clemens, PDP , VAVS Bath

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AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, INC

March, 2025
Spring SEC Bulletin
VAVS Northport Representative



Greeting Madam President and Auxiliary Sisters,

Currently there are no restrictions to visitations at Northport Veteran Administration Medical Center (VAMC). However, this is subject to change based on the safety concerns for our hospitalized veterans. It is always best to check with the facility prior to visiting.

Group activities and in-person visits are allowed for hospitalized and out patients. The Veterans' Clothing Room, located on the grounds of Northport VAMC, is open and accepting donations of new and gently used women and men's clothing, hard cover books, and small house-wares items. The items are available free of charge to all veterans.

The facility is short staffed on volunteers and are in need of regular scheduled volunteers. Numerous volunteer positions are available, from clerical office duties, visiting patients, assisting with checking into the facility, driving veterans to and from visits. Something for everybody, there is a required vetting process. To ensure you have the most current information and forms it is advisable that you contact the hospital voluntary service directly.

The medical center stressed the importance of encouraging the unenrolled veterans to enroll to be eligible to receive the care and services available. Veterans who were turned down in the past should have their claim re-evaluated, as there might be something that would qualify them for a specific health benefit.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Pearl, VAVS Representative Northport

cc: Candice Clemens VAVS Co-ordinator

cc: Department President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, Parliamentarian, NEC

SPRING BULLETIN 205

BATAVIA VAVS

Greetings ladies and Madam President.

I hope this letter finds you well. As I write this sitting on my couch with a cup of Tim Hortons coffee watching the snowflakes fall. I would like to let you know that there is nothing overtly new happening at the Batavia VA. Currently there are no restrictions due to covid. Our veterans had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season thanks to all of the hard-working individuals and volunteers of the AMVETS organization.

The wish list of the Batavia VA and PTSD clinic is socks warm athletic lounge style pants any size. The PTSD clinic is specifically looking for plates silverware an air fryer coffee and coffee supplies arts and crafts supplies diamond kits were specifically mentioned. Models and puzzles were suggested as well.

The most significant update I can give you for the Batavia VA is the expansion of the property to include the ponds behind the VA . A walking path that is lighted gazebos and a canoe and kayak launch are set to happen. Currently the Batavia VA, the city of Batavia, and Genesee county, are all working extremely closely to make this happen . All parties involved want to make this work .

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**DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
DONATIONS**

***DEPT PRESIDENT (DEBI FEARY) PROJECT**

BUFFALO/NIAGARA HONOR FLIGHT

AUX # _____ CK # _____ AMT # _____

***PDP ROSE BALDWIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

AUX # _____ CK # _____ AMT # _____

***FOUNDING FORWARD YOUTH SEMINAR**

(helps finance a student from New York to attend)

AUX # _____ CK # _____ AMT # _____

Dept donations can be put on 1 check.

Send by May 1, 2025 to:

Mary A Lanphere PDP/Sec

6310 E Main Rd., Portland NY 14769

DEPARTMENT DONATION TRANSMITTAL FORM

DATE

Department:											
Check Number	Check Date	Check Amount	Dept. or Local Auxiliary	Freedom's Foundation	James Parke Scholarship	John Tracy Clinic	National President's Project	National Scholarship	PAWS with a Cause	St. Jude Hospital	
Totals:											
Grand Total:											

Send to Dept Secretary by May 1ST



Amvets Ladies Aux. Department of New York
Hospital Report
Spring SEC 2025

I hope everyone is doing well and hopefully everyone had a good holiday.

Reports are due April 25th 2025. It is now .65 cents per mile and \$30.00 an hour. My theme this year is helping veterans in any medically staffed. My chairman's award will go to the auxiliary who makes the highest donation to a medically staffed facility. If you have any questions please let me know. My email is: mgilbert13676@gmail.com

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Hope to see everyone in the spring



AMVETS LADIES AUX., DEPT NY
CHAPLAIN
SPRING SEC 2025

Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

I hope that your Holidays were enjoyable. With our SEC coming up soon, I would like to remind you of a few things.

The first one is VERY important,. In order to have a sister of your Auxiliary in the memorial program, I must have the death notices to me by May first. I need three copies, so I can mail them to the National Chaplin Barbi Montagne. If I don't receive them by that date, I will not add them the night of the program.

I hope to see you all at the meeting. Stay safe and please pray for our troops.

God Bless
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