



"ALWAYS REMEMBER"

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To all my Auxiliary Sisters,

My Theme is "ALWAYS REMEMBER".

Never did I fathom how true that was going to be. I know we will all remember 2020!!! The past 8 months we have seen and lived through something that has never happened in most of our lifetimes!! I pray this finds you all safe and well! As states resume activities, please follow your Department guidelines and the CDC and local guidelines.

We should ***always remember*** why we are here as Auxiliary members and why we do what we do, but please do it safely.

All Officers are here to help you in any way we can. **All personal information has been removed from the National website. SO PLEASE SAVE THIS ISSUE FOR ALL CONTACT INFORMATION!!** This was decided as we have had some hacking and a LOT of phishing going on. I was hacked twice this year; I lost a ton of emails and have finally changed my email address.

My Project this year again is Freedoms Foundation.

My goal is to add to funds raised and buy a generator for the MacArthur Building. It is a common occurrence to lose power at least twice a year, from storms, whether they be snow, ice, or rain. To move these children to a hotel, feed them and chaperone our children properly is an endeavor that is more adequately accomplished on campus! By having a generator in this building, heat and electricity would allow the kitchen, dining room, a classroom, game room, lounge, and some dorm rooms to remain available for seminar and conference attendees on property. (Freedoms Foundation has been providing virtual programs as their campus did have to close.)

This project is one of the largest we have ever taken on at Freedoms Foundation and I am asking for your support in this endeavor. If every Auxiliary held at least one fundraiser, we could meet this goal!

The **complete** brochure is online under the "This and That Tab" and will be updated shortly. So, will several of the other program's brochures.



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT! Americanism Project lapel pins will be available for purchase for \$5.00, as we still have some available!!! Please let Denise know if you have pins and the funds will be turned in this year or you would like to return them. I thank everyone for their support.

It takes every one of us to accomplish our goals of serving our veterans and our communities. We are a team of volunteers working in 5 service categories to carry out our Aims and Purposes. This cannot be accomplished without membership. So always recruit and keep your members informed and rewarded for all their hard work! Every member needs to hear the words "Thank you" at least once a year (or project, even better!). A nice way to thank everyone is at annual function or party. So, let me say - **"THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!"**

Now more than ever, we need to contact our locals and individual members. Essential workers have been stressed, "Stay at Home" has affected most individuals, and people have lost their jobs, just to name a few of the stress factors! Please reach out to an auxiliary sister today – you never know what they could be going through and feel like they are alone. Just by reaching out, YOU can make a huge difference in someone's life.

As a lot of post homes are not open or are social distancing, I know auxiliary fund raising can be challenging. I have enjoyed watching Facebook with some of your ideas. If you have never held a Bakeless Bake Sale – now might be the time. Even better yet, combine it with a membership drive,

For our programs, some Auxiliaries are holding drive thru dinners and successful bake sales. Raffles and quarter auctions are always great ways to raise funds. Now might be the time to ask your members for new ideas. "Think outside the Box"!! A lot of home sales will help you with fundraising – Avon, Rada Cutlery, Tupperware, Thirty-One, etc. These are great!!! No cost!!! Just get the information out to members and friends! Some restaurants will also allow you to have an evening of a portion of sales with a "special coupon" – try Chick-fil-A and Applebee's. Call your local restaurants and ask if they can help. And please share if your local comes up some great ideas!

Headquarters is still business as usual. Sonja, Bertha, and Carol are all in on Wednesdays. Emails are answered remotely. We will let you know as things change. **Carol, Bertha and Sonja – THANK you for keeping Headquarters running smoothly.**

I pray that the Spring NEC will be held and hope to see you there, we have a lot of work to do! If you can't attend then, please consider attending the National Convention in North Carolina next August. Our website will keep you informed!

To my Auxiliary Sisters - Thank you for all that you do – I pray for each one of you – God Bless us all and I hope to see you soon!



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"We waited together...
Now let's work together"

October 20, 2020

TO: Members of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

FROM: Carol King, National Executive Director

SUBJECT: National Headquarters Update

By now all membership cards have been mailed and received by Departments. As a reminder – membership must be paid by December 31, 2020. Please check with your Department for their processing deadline date.

NEC Women - Mid-year reports are due to the Service Chairmen by **December 1, 2020**. Your report for the NEC book is due to National Headquarters by **January 15, 2021**. **A Word file attached to an email to cking@amvets.org is preferred.**

Regarding the Spring 2021 NEC Meeting I have no confirmation on if this meeting will take place. Once I have more information, it will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

As mentioned by National Training Chairman PNP Charlene Kee, Leadership Training usually held in January, has been cancelled.

As a result of action by the Executive Board, the personal information of National and Department Officers and PNP's will **NO LONGER** be printed on our website; only the name and office of the individual will be. Any updates to the lists will be sent via email. We are hoping this will cut down on the number of hacking/phishing scams and protect people's privacy. These lists follow and we ask that you **SHARE** these lists with your fellow members. **PLEASE DO NOT** discard this copy of the Lines as this is the only time emails and street addresses will be published.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, AMVETS has been unable to judge the submissions for the Americanism/AADAA awards. Plans are being made to have the judging at the 2021 NEC Meeting.

Also due to COVID 19 restrictions, we are currently in the office only on Wednesdays. We thank you for your patience in responding to emails, phone calls, new and replacement life membership cards. If you have any questions, please contact Auxiliary National Headquarters.

Thank you!

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RECRUIT – RENEW - RETAIN

First off, I hope and pray everyone has been staying safe during this Pandemic of 2020, the outbreak of the Corona Virus! Please reach out to your membership to see how they are doing during this pandemic, just a simple phone call can make the difference in their day! We also need to be working on renewing your membership by sending a post card, e-mail or even a phone call. This is an excellent way to make our members aware of the renewal information.

My Theme again this year is “Building Membership”. Membership is the key to our survival as a Veteran’s organization. Membership equals Volunteers and Volunteers equal Service.

In order to keep building membership, we must contact our members by mail, e-mail or phone. Due to the pandemic our total membership is down 1000 members, so it is extremely important that we reach out to those ladies who did not renew and encourage them to pay their dues. An idea might be to even do a fundraiser to help with membership, for those who might be in financial need due to the pandemic. One suggestion might be to do a bake-less bake sale, where you could send out post cards to businesses and membership.

Please make sure you understand the criteria for Membership which can be found in our Manual on pages 38-41. The Manual also has “steps to Organizing Local Auxiliaries” on pages 19-21.

Here are some ways local Auxiliaries can maintain and recruit new members:

- Put a committee together. Make phone calls to check how the members are doing as well as reminding them of membership renewal time. Inform them that they can renew now.
- Advertise in local newspapers of who we are, what our Aims & Purposes are, and that we are recruiting membership.
- Remind members of membership awards.
- Inform members of any changes to membership.

Thank you for the great job you are doing during this pandemic to get your membership in. Also, thank-you to all the First Vice Presidents that have stayed in office another year due to the pandemic.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the NEC in March! Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me anytime by phone or e-mail. Until then stay healthy and safe! May God Bless you and your families!



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I hope this finds all of you doing well despite that nasty pandemic! At this time, I'm hearing that some Post homes are opening, some on a limited basis and some are still closed. I realize how challenging this can be – hang in there and use your imaginations on how to continue doing the good work that you do.

John Tracy Center is still one of the main National projects. Please try to promote a fundraiser for them. I realize that without a post home it can be daunting but what about a bake sale or BBQ that can be held in the parking lot - using social distancing and masks as required. They can drive up and get it to go. Perhaps setting up a table outside of a grocery store with baked goods. You can contact John Tracy Center directly to get flyers sent to you for the table. You could do a virtual JTC pin-up sales online - contact your Auxiliary members – post a picture on Facebook! **I am happy to announce that I have mailed a check to Cat Mathes – the CEO of JTC in the amount of \$19,513.00!** This is from all of your donations. Imagine what we could have done had our Post homes been open! Thank you SO much!

Donations of hearing aids are still being accepted with an evaluation of \$100 per aid. You may send used or unwanted hearing aids in any condition to: JTC 806 West Adams Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90007.

Please remember that if you are sewing facemasks for children – these would be reported under Child Welfare at an evaluation of \$5 per mask.

Looking forward to the 2021 National Convention I encourage you to apply for any of the awards for Child Welfare. Start working on these now for next year There are three Child Welfare National Awards. Please don't think that just because your Local or Department is small that you wouldn't win – total hours plus total volunteers divided by total membership, makes it an even playing field. The awards available are:

- PNP Cathy Fishero Award – presented to the Department performing the most outstanding work in Child Welfare – **No entry form required.**
- PNP Leslie Wunderle Award – presented to the Local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in their community benefiting children – **Entry form required.**
- PNP Delia Kreiling-Riley Award – presented to the Local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work for John Tracy Center – **Entry form required.**

We have to become inventive during this time to continue promoting our services. I hope to see many of you at the NEC in March if we are still able to have it. Stay safe, practice social distancing and wear a facemask. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Please remember that all service reports must be sent to me by December 1, 2020.



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I want to take a moment and send you all good wishes as we continue to work together through these “unchartered waters” and look forward to a year of doing the best we can for our communities and AMVETS families.

Our National Program is PAWS With A Cause®, and I am keeping to last year’s theme of **“CommUNITY Starts With You.”**

I know things may be challenging to host fundraisers and get-togethers in certain areas. Still, when called into action, I have seen this Organization pull out all the stops in making our communities shine like bright stars in the sky when help is needed for anything that arises. “CommUNITY Starts With YOU” helps boost unity in bringing your community together or “family” together, especially during times like these when people need a smiling face or smiling eyes when. Attached is a page for a list of fundraising ideas. We are supposed to be raising for PAWS, so how about pin up’s during March, holding a car show and your proceeds going to PAWS while handing out flyers with information.

I am asking each of you to help spread the word across your Department and Local Auxiliaries to help raise more knowledge about PAWS and how each of you can develop creative ideas and ways to raise more funds and awareness time. Don’t forget to utilize the website <https://www.pawswithacause.org/> as well for innovative ideas and to share those ideas. Remember, March is the month to get your paw prints or dog bones out and sell, sell, sell and raise those PAWS for PAWS With A Cause®, cause every dollar counts towards helping another Veteran get his partner for a more independent life.

Throughout the year, the information will be provided on the National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary website – www.amvetsaux.org related to PAWS and other Community Service information, so I encourage you to share your creative ideas with me.

Don’t forget it is never too early to start looking at the National Awards and setting those goals high for next year’s Honors and Awards at Convention, and those awards are:

Department Awards

PNP Lynda Taylor Award: Presented to the Department performing the most outstanding work in Community Service.

PAWS With A Cause Founders Award – Mike Sapp, Co-Founder of PAWS With A Cause: Presented to the Department with the largest donations to PAWS With a Cause.

Local Awards

PNP Linda McGriff Award: Local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in Community Service

Blood Donor Program Awards: Blood Donor Award: Local Auxiliary for the most participation in a sponsored blood drive.

Blood Donor Pin and Certificate: Presented to a member donating eight (8) pints (one (1) gallon).

Here are some helpful ideas to help each of you in your Departments and Local Auxiliaries.

- Reach out to Local Chairmen. Emails are okay, but the personal touch is even better so give them a call to see how their Local is doing with Community Service and see if they have any questions.
- Help Local Chairmen identify how they can support them, through the mail, phone calls, email, and technology like Zoom.
- Embrace ideas and questions; do not use dismissive language (e.g., that won't work, we've done that before, I think she explained that question already (makes people feel like they're dumb).
- Encourage people to ask questions. In meetings, rather than the leader responding to questions, ask other members to respond with their thoughts to encourage discussion.
- Above all, be familiar with your position's responsibilities by reading the AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary Constitution and By-Laws.

Fundraising Ideas

- Raising money to get that local park's playground equipment fixed
- White elephant gift party and all monies raised to donate to PAWS or another Community Service project (heard of an Auxiliary doing this during their membership drive, so try combining things to help)
- Raising money for that local animal shelter
- How about going next door and getting that elderly neighbors' newspaper and mail
- Taking him/her into town for groceries
- Recycle aluminum can tabs
- Bake-sales
- Hosting a monthly Bingo
- Monthly Dinners (cooking, serving meals)
- Rummage sales
- Plant sales
- Car Shows

Volunteering ideas:

- Shoveling snow for that elderly neighbor
- Donating Blood and/or Hosting a Blood Drive
- Donating clothing items to local Goodwill/Salvation Army
- Helping to sort donated items at local Goodwill/Salvation Army
- Donating food to food pantries or your time
- Helping at local Animal Shelters
- Helping at your local Church

<https://www.helpguide.org/articles/healthy-living/coronavirus-how-to-help-give-back.htm>

This is a good article on ways to volunteer in the community during Covid-19. It also talks about how volunteering is also good for our health!

Be My Eyes is a great program to help others virtually. It is a free app that you can download on your smartphone and helps visually impaired people - <https://www.bemyeyes.com/>

I am appreciative of the opportunity to serve as your National 3rd Vice President for the coming year. I am looking forward to working with each 3rd Vice President as we BOOST "CommUNITY Starts With You"! If there is anything I can help you with, please don't hesitate to contact me.



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Matthew 11:28 "Come unto me, all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

All my AMVETS Auxiliary sisters: This has been a tough year, but also eye opening. We have been separated physically from our loved ones, and friends, confined to our homes, or placed on the front lines dealing directly with this evil virus. Many have seen its devastation placed upon our families. Through all this, we realized how much we take for granted in our day to day activities. How important our family and friends are, how important to have that personal contact with them. We are overcoming this pandemic, slowly but surely. We need to thank our Heavenly Father for the strength and guidance He has given us and be thankful for our many blessings.

Our religions teach us to love one another. What better way but to give of one's time. 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 in life. Offer your time to pray with someone. "OPEN YOUR MINDS, OPEN YOUR HEARTS, OPEN YOUR HANDS."

Now is a good time to assess our reasons for being part of this wonderful Organization. I feel the need to repeat the following: Read the Preamble, the Aims and Purposes, and the Code of Ethics. Unkind behavior, personality conflicts, the need to be in power, can destroy your Auxiliary, hinder its good works, chase potential members away, and give the AMVETS family a bad name. Reach out to those members who are not attending meetings/activities. Make them feel that they are important to your Auxiliary. Listen to others before speaking.

Chaplains, you are the spiritual and inspirational person of your auxiliary. Always be prepared at functions to give a prayer. Open and close meetings with a prayer. Read your duties as stated in the Auxiliary manual. Deceased member notifications need to be processed as soon as possible. Local Chaplain sends to Dept Chaplain, who sends a copy to National Headquarters for membership updating, and National Convention Memorial Book, and a copy to National Chaplain for sending sympathy cards (2months from death of death), or thinking of you cards (4 months from date of death). These can be sent via email, in which I will respond back to you, to let you know I received. Deceased member forms can be found on the National Auxiliary

website. And while you are there, take the opportunity to explore the website, and familiarize yourself to the contents.

I have served as National Chaplain for two years and am continuing my 3rd year due to the COVID pandemic. I am so very proud to do so. I give myself to anyone who needs someone to pray with. If calling, please leave a message, and I will return your call. We can also do it by email. A book of prayers will be available at the Spring NEC.

May our Fathers loving grace shine upon you all. Bless our Military, Veterans, Families, and our Nation.



YOU SAY	GOD SAYS	BIBLE VERSES
It's impossible	All things are possible	Luke 18:27
I'm tired	I will give you rest	Matthew 11:28-30
Nobody really loves me	I love you	John 3:16 & John 3:34
I can't go on	My grace is sufficient	11 Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15
I can't figure things out	I will direct your steps	Proverbs 3:5-6
I can't do it	You can do all things	Philippians 4:13
I'm not able	I am able	II Corinthians 9:8
It's not worth it	It will be worth it	Roman 8:28
I can't forgive myself	I forgive you	I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1
I can't manage	I will supply all your needs	Philippians 4:19

Greetings!

These past several months have been challenging to say the least! Last March, while attending the Spring NEC, we received a notice from Congress that we were now facing a Pandemic. Quick actions were taken on behalf of our organization. National AMVETS Auxiliary Executive Director, Carol King stated, "We are facing Uncharted Waters". She could not have been more accurate in that statement. On a personal note I would like to send my heartfelt prayers to those who personally endured any hardships during these difficult times.

MOVING FORWARD: As your National Sergeant At Arms, my program will stay the same.



on the Convention Floor and more! **Now** more than ever, we need to be kinder, patient, and respectful. To save costs in bulk mailings, I urge you to ***PLEASE*** use the resources we have on the **AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary webpage**. Here you will find just about everything you need to know. On the 'This and That' tab, scroll down to "Uniform Guide" (October 2019, needs to be updated, but you'll get the idea) is a document with illustrations!

Also, in respect to proper etiquette of Flag Displays – you can find this information by going to this website www.flagetiquette.org.

You can order online the updated the **National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Manual** and have it either sent to you via email, faxed or hard copy mailed to you. In your search bar, type the Bold/Underlined words above to get to that ordering site. Every Department and local President should have an updated copy.

Another suggestion for Local and Departments holding meetings during this pandemic:

- Set-up the meeting room using CDC Guidelines.
- Mark designated areas where members may be seated.
- Before the meeting, make sure members are wearing their masks.

Again, I will need ladies to help page at the 2021 Spring NEC Meeting in March and at the National Convention August 17-21, Greensboro North Carolina. A list of page responsibilities is attached hereto.

If I can be of assistance in any way, please feel free to contact me. God Bless our Veterans and God Bless the United States America

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The Responsibilities of a Page

- 1. Your attention to all members is important, please take care of your assigned area.**
- 2. If you are asked to deliver a message, please ask the person sending the message to put the name and state to whom it should be delivered and wait for an answer if needed.**
- 3. Remind members to keep their conversation low.**
- 4. If you have been assigned to the Dias, please make sure the National Officers have water, glasses etc. Only the National President is escorted to and from Dias by the National Sergeant-At-Arms.**
- 5. Please report to the meeting room one and half-hours before scheduled meetings at the National Convention (or otherwise noted)**
- 6. Make sure you are in proper uniform, wear comfortable shoes and have white gloves with you.**
- 7. Always remember that our job is keeping all meeting areas in proper order, and to assist the National Officers in any way necessary. Both the National Officers and members deserve respect and we should make our best effort to see the meetings are run efficiently.**
- 8. If copies of reports need to be passed out on the floor, make sure that the National President and National Officers receive their copies first.**
- 9. Have a good time and remember keep smiling.**



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“Help Motivate and Generate”

Thank you for allowing me to represent you again this year as your Americanism Officer. I am humbled and amazed by the experiences that we are currently living throughout the United States. As individual states, each has a different set of guidelines making fundraising a “think outside of the box” chance for true creativity. As an Auxiliary I believe good can and is done every day by all of you. Please join me to GENERATE and MOTIVATE our members this coming year as never before! Generate interest and Motivate people to get out the VOTE. I thank you for your service.

Pins will once again be on sale to raise monies for Madame Presidents project. The pins are \$5 each and monies are payable by check to Amvets National Ladies Auxiliary. Some of you may still have pins from this past year, now that we are getting around more, please consider selling the rest of your supply or contacting me for pins. I can be reached by email, phone or text. I look forward to getting information to you concerning "Storm The Hill" as decisions are made on talking points.

AMVETS Individual Americanism Youth Awards

Flag Coloring Contest:

Best Flag coloring submitted by a student in Kindergarten and 1st grade which addresses the theme. Entry forms, supplied by AMVETS, must be attached to each entry.

Essay Writing Contest:

Best essay, based on the current year's theme, submitted by a student in each of the following grades: 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th. An entry form, supplied by AMVETS, must be attached to each entry. 9th grade winners go to the AMVETS ** "Spirit of America" Youth Conference held annually in November.

Poster Drawing Contest:

Best poster, based on the current year's theme, submitted by a student in each of the following grades: 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th. An entry form, supplied by AMVETS, must be attached to each entry.

Themes for the year can be found on AMVETS website. **NOTE:** All entries for the individual Youth Awards must be submitted to AMVETS National Headquarters, 4647 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, Maryland 20706.

Check with your Department for judging procedures.

****Freedoms Foundation:** The cost for students to attend one of the standard Spirit of America Youth Leadership Programs throughout the year is approximately \$475.00. Our AMVETS Spirit of America Program is different from the standard program. Much more is done during this leadership training in particular the Mock Trial at the Justice Center. As a result, the cost of a student to attend the AMVETS Spirit of America program is approximately \$525.00.

AUXILIARY AMERICANISM AWARDS

Awards for Departments

PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis Award - Department doing the most outstanding work in Americanism

Awards for Local Auxiliaries

PNP Patty Piening Award - Local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in Americanism

Awards for Individual Members

National Award - For the member doing the most outstanding work in Americanism

AMERICANISM RAFFLE TICKETS

Has visiting Freedoms Foundation ever been your wish? Now you can make it a reality! Be sure to purchase raffle tickets before it's too late! Tickets taken for sale at the last NEC in March 2020 should be returned to me prior to NEC 2021 by sending stubs and monies (check made payable to Amvets National Ladies Auxiliary) or unsold tickets to my address listed above. Raffle Tickets for the coming year will be on sale at NEC 2021 and at National Convention 2021.

The Conference takes place October 7th through the 10th, 2021, at Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge. This can be a trip of a lifetime, have more fun by traveling with a group of your friends. Experience going back in time, visiting historical sights, learning what our forefathers lived.

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Raising Dollars for Our
Scholars



Well it seems we are starting this year as we ended last year, with the Pandemic still with us.

Last year we worked on the proper scholarship application to use. Remember that there are three (3) kinds of Scholarships. First the College Support for graduating high school seniors. The second Scholarship is for scholars who are at least in their second year in an accredited college or university. The third is our Career Start for members of the Auxiliary going back to college to improve their knowledge for a better job. And of course, leaving no blank spaces on them.

Last year another couple of problems emerged in a large way. Two (2) the problems have to do with the Letters of Recommendations. Please when they pick up their letters, tell them to make sure they are SIGNED! Make sure the signature is in INK! Computer or stamped signatures will be considered as UNSIGNED! Please make sure to tell them that whomever they ask for a letter, they tell them this so there is no problem when they pick them up.

Another problem was the date of the application. Please make sure that the date on the application is September 2017. If you have any applications in your file, please check the dates on them and throw away any old ones.

I have once again included the How to complete a successful Scholarship Application. I am hoping that you tell your locals to hand these out with the applications.

In closing, please tell your students these things so they don't get disqualified. Just so you understand how important this is, last year Twenty-nine (29) applications were disqualified! This was just heartbreaking for me. Please get the word out on these issues so that we don't have to disappoint so many.

How to complete a successful Scholarship Application

Do you qualify for this Scholarship?

Career Start – must be a current member of the **AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary** and must have **completed at least one semester/quarter of study** at an accredited technical school, business school, college or university.

National Scholarship – must be a current member of the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary or a son/daughter, stepson/daughter, or grandchild/step grandchild of a current member of the AMVETS Ladies and be **in at least his/her second year of undergraduate study** at an accredited college or university.

College Support – the applicant must be a son/daughter, stepson/daughter, or grandchild/step grandchild of a current member of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and be a **graduating high school senior who has been accepted to an accredited college or university**.

Print your application from the National Auxiliary website – print 2 or 3 copies to use one for practice and one for final presentation. This should ensure that you are using the most up-to-date application. Make sure your writing is legible and in ink.

Use the checklist on the front page to make sure you have included everything.

Resume should be in a conversational form or story including past accomplishments, career and educational goals and objectives for the future – not just a list of accomplishments and dates – that can be attached to the resume. There must be a minimum of 200 words and no more than 500 words. The words a, as, and the are not counted.

The three letters of recommendation must be signed and dated. When requesting these letters please make sure to tell the letter writer about this, then check it when you receive it. Make sure to have the letter on official school letterhead if that is specified,

Your transcript must be in a sealed official envelope. The schools know this and will comply. There may be a charge for them.

Make sure the membership card is the correct one needed for the specific scholarship.

Complete every question on the application. If it doesn't apply or you have no answer for it make sure to place a **N/A** on the line.

Make sure application is mailed to National Headquarters postmarked by July 1. Please make sure postmark is legible.

Presented by National Scholarship Officer Karin Simmons – 2018 National Convention

2019 – 2020 Scholarship Winners

AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship

Emily Ostrowski (WI)	Chad Gerrie (MD)
Sophia Blessing (OH)	Katelyn Kennedy (ND)
Claire Pate (FL)	Grace Sayles (MI)

College Support Scholarship

Gabriella Gormas (PA)	Zaiden Mitchell (MI)
Margaret Harris (TN)	



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Greetings from Ohio! This Year enduring a pandemic has been a challenging one so far however we will get through it and succeed as stronger, healthier, focused and positive women. I look forward to working with each of you as you begin your year serving your communities and Veterans. This past year with a Pandemic caused by Covid-19 many visits to VA facilities and medically staffed Nursing homes were halted and some still are. If you call your local VA and/or medically staffed nursing home, you may be able to see what they may need. Send cards to the residents whether you know them or not, they are all alone. Remember “together we can and we will conquer and overcome.”

Our National Hospital Project is “**St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital**”. My Theme again this year remains “**Helping Hands Create Healing Hearts, Mind and Bodies**”.

The National Auxiliary has supported St. Jude as our project for many years now. St. Jude opened in 1962 and was established for the sole purpose of conducting basic and clinical research into catastrophic childhood diseases, mainly cancer. St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital treats children regardless of race, religion, creed or ability to pay. Families without insurance are never asked to pay. All donations to St. Jude should be reported on the Local Auxiliary and Department Hospital Service Report Form. Donations must be sent through from your Local Auxiliary to your Department and then on to National.

November is St. Jude month but fundraisers can be held all year. I still have pads of pinups to sell at \$1.00 each as an easy fundraiser. Some suggestions that I personally have been doing to raise money is using supplies that I have accumulated to make wreaths and centerpieces with

all proceeds going to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. If you have a special talent (painting, crafting, sewing) use it to fundraise. Below are a few more suggestions to use this year as a local Hospital Officer.

Suggested Projects:

- Volunteer at a VA Clinic
- Volunteer at a VA Home
- Visit with a Veteran at a medically staffed nursing home
- Volunteer at a medically staffed nursing home in their activity department
- Participate and organize a Because We Care Day, first Wednesday in April
- Donate to the James H. Parke Scholarship
- Salute to Hospitalized Veterans the week of Valentine's Day
- Bingos
- Fish Fries
- Garage Sales collect members items they would like to donate to the cause.
- One other project could be the St. Jude pinup for you to sell for a dollar as a suggested way to raise donations. If you would like me to mail a tablet of 100, please email me or call at the phone number above.



This year my fundraiser is a guitar autographed by Brett Young, Cole Swindel, Maddie and Tae, A thousand Horses, High Valley and the Scott Brothers (aka Property Brothers). I am asking you to help me sell tickets for the guitar as part of your fundraising. The tickets will be available soon and if you want to be part of this fundraiser please call or email me for the amount of tickets you would be willing to sell. Here's a picture of the guitar. A limited amount of tickets will be sold at \$5.00 each.

NEC women – mid-year service reports are due to me **December 1st** and **Local** service reports are due to Departments by **November 1st**.

Stay safe, wash your hands, use hand sanitizer and wear your masks! God Bless and prayers for our service men and women suffering from PTSD and contemplating suicide. Share the information on help for these individuals from the National AMVETS website and get them help. Please say a prayer for those families struggling.

Yours in Service to our Community, our Veterans and servicemen and women and best wishes for a successful year.



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Hello Members:

I hope this mailing finds you healthy and safe. This has certainly been a year many of us would like to forget. There's no one way to provide advice and guidance during this pandemic. As you know it varies from state to state.

I urge all Department Presidents to work with the AMVETS when planning or trying to plan State Executive Meetings. Many of our Bylaws state that meetings should be held in conjunction with the AMVETS. I would add the following phrase: when it's safe to do so. As many members deal with their own health concerns, we need to think about our membership when planning meetings, fundraisers, activities, etc. It is okay to use media platforms such as Zoom meetings as long as all members are notified. It is also recommended that all Departments add a standing rule to their Bylaws: In the event of a state of emergency, the local/department president may call for video/conference meetings, again as long as all members are notified.

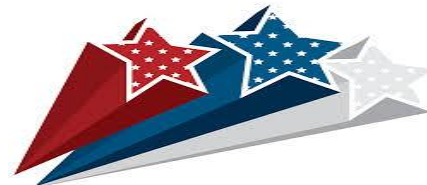
Remember Bylaws should be reviewed at your annual meeting. As many of us have not had state conventions, it is recommended to use Executive Meetings to discuss proposed Bylaw changes. All suggested changes should be in writing so that members can review them and ask questions before they are voted on. Departments should vote on Bylaws changes at your annual state convention. Any recommendations or amendment to the National Constitution and Bylaws should be submitted as a proper resolution. This resolution should be voted on at your annual State Convention and signed by the Department President and N.E.C. Woman.

Any local Auxiliaries that have questions should contact their Department Presidents. In unchartered states, please contact me.

I think the biggest lesson I have learned is patience. We will figure things out, we may not be perfect, but we are AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and we are strong resilient women!

Stay healthy, stay safe and hope to see you soon!

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Hello to all my sisters in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary! Well fall is upon us just as the trees are changing so is our lives each day with this virus. I know some Auxiliaries still have not been able to function as before this country was hit with the virus. To

those ladies I say to you please be safe. To those Auxiliaries the have been able to have your meetings and projects keep up the good works, but also be safe in doing so.

Since we were unable to have our National Convention there was no 50/50 drawing, but not to worry. Those that sent in tickets they are being held for our 2020-2021 Convention in North Carolina. We will still give away the \$100.00 to the Department that sold the most tickets for the year 2019-2020 at the NEC meeting in March 2021, just as National awards for 2019-2020 will be given out.

Most of our NEC ladies have 50/50 tickets and I hope she is sharing them with you. If she runs out, she can contact our National Headquarter to request more. Also, some of our Past National Presidents also have tickets for sale, too.

Remember you don't have to be in attendance to be a winner! Also, these tickets can be sold to anyone, AMVETS, Sons, our AMVETS family and even coworkers. And remember you can't win if you don't take a chance.

Ladies keep up the good works you do for our organization but remember be safe and know we are all here for each other. God Bless each of you and God Bless America!

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ANNUAL JOINT REVIEW TIME

September is Annual Joint Review (AJR) month for all VAVS Representatives. We all need to do our part to complete our AJR. Due to Covid-19, many VAMC's are still not allowing visitors or volunteers on site, but they will email or send it for your review and to make corrections. After it is completed please ask to have a copy sent to me.

VETERANS

Our hospitalized Veterans are feeling the results of the Covid-19 social distancing and isolation, due to limited visitors at most VAMC's, along with the absence of our dedicated volunteers. We can support the VAMC by calling the Chief of Voluntary Service and ask how we can support/assist their ongoing activities for the hospitalized veterans. The VA will accept donations (cash/supplies) to provide activities by staff in your name.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are slowly returning to some of our VA's. There are several new programs being organized for volunteers. Keep in contact with the VA staff so you will know when you and your volunteers can return.

Compassionate Contact Corp (Virtual Support Group) is a new program instituted by the VA for volunteers to work in the community by contacting a selected veteran by phone or email, to help prevent Loneliness and Social isolation. The VA will provide special training for those interested volunteers.

Remember to document your hours and contributions to the VAVS program and report them to your local hospital chairman. Feel free to call or e-mail me if you have questions or need assistance. Stay safe and Stay Healthy!



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As we continue to tighten down and be safe in these uncharted waters, our members are still volunteering when and where ever they can to assist and help out. With our members safety and well-being in mind, yes our first ever National Convention was canceled.

However, our National President Baggett, Headquarters and the National Board is working hard on not cancelling our acknowledgements of our Honors and Awards for our membership. We are planning on celebrating at our NEC for the 2019-2020 Auxiliary year.

I'm hoping that all the deadlines were met and entries were received at National Headquarters in order to be eligible for all awards. The submissions for judging and received at National Headquarters **was August 1st**. Awards received will be judged at the 2021 NEC Meeting.

Note: All Historybook/Scrapbook entries should be saved and submitted at the 2021 National Convention. Since the possibility of having the same President exists, only one entry per Local or Department should be submitted.

No Resolutions, Recommendations and Amendments were accepted for this year.

Looking forward to seeing all your great entries and wish you all good luck.



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What a year! I don't think any of us ever imagined we'd be in the midst of a Global Pandemic and the many challenges it would bring. I recognize that many Departments have a training chair. As Training Chair, we must think of the impossible, possible when it comes to training our Officers and members on how to volunteer and support AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary during COVID-19.

"The Difference between the Impossible and Possible lies in a person's determination."

Tommy Lasorda

This phrase says nothing is impossible, the word itself says I'm Possible. I can do anything I set my mind to!

As a volunteer of our great organization there are still many ways we can volunteer using CDC guidelines. Think outside the box of ways the Officers can continue to do their job and share with the members. Send out a survey to the officers and ask how can they continue to do their job? Afterwards, share with the members.

The National Officers will be sharing their suggestions on how to continue to volunteer. Please think smart and stay safe as we continue to "Strengthening our Organization during COVID19."

If I can assist in any way, please feel free to contact me.



THE 2021 LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE IS CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19

Most of us do not realize how much power there is in prayers and faith. One of the most amazing things about faith and prayer is that we can have faith for others, and we can pray for others. Let's continue to pray for one another during this pandemic. God bless!



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I am hoping that this letter finds you and your families well. As we continue to survive during this pandemic please remember to stay safe. As for our Juniors, special prayers for their safety as

they go to school every day. I know that the Juniors cannot do as much volunteering as in the past, but I hope we can get back to some normalcy as possible soon.

Please read my National Lines and reports to keep updated on what the Juniors will be doing in the 2020/2021 year. I am very interested in hearing from all the Juniors and Coordinators around the Nation and learn from them on what they do to support our AMVETS families and Veterans.

Abby Lewis, National Junior AMVETS President and all the elected and appointed officers will remain in their positions for 2020/2021. **Attached is the list of the Junior AMVETS Officers and coordinators.** President Abby will continue her project “**Honor Flight**”. Let’s all pitch in and support this wonderful project.

Junior Awards – 2019/2020: We will be giving these awards either in March 2021 or at the next NEC in August 2021. I will keep you updated. Our 2020/2021 awards will be at the August 2021 Awards Luncheon.

Important reminders for Junior Coordinators:

Mid-Year Reports must be submitted and postmarked by December 31, 2020. If you have **nothing to report, you must still submit** reports for each category stating so. Our Juniors volunteer many hours of their time to help veterans and their communities as well as sending monetary donations to multiple approved non-profit organizations. If you need help with the reports, please let me know. **We must use the updated report forms** and we must submit them on time, or your Juniors will be disqualified for any National awards at the next National Convention in Greensboro, NC. Reports to be mailed directly to me, the National Auxiliary Junior Coordinator. If you have a Department then send to the Department Auxiliary JR Coordinator and they will forward as necessary.

Junior membership is to be submitted by December 31, 2020. Those members not submitting their dues by this date will be considered “not in good standing” and will need to re-establish eligibility. Mail your National dues to me unless you have a Department Coordinator then you will send them both the National and Department dues in two separate checks, and they will forward the monies accordingly. Send copies of the D&R’s to the National Auxiliary Coordinator.

Coordinators - our National Juniors have a Facebook presence and if you have not joined please take the time to do so. Denise Speigle is the administrator and keeps the information for the Juniors updated. All Junior reporting forms will be on the Juniors’ Facebook page.

Also, the Juniors had their CBL’s updated late last year and if you have not received a copy, please reach out to me and I will get a copy to you.

If you or you know of anyone who interested in starting a Junior AMVETS, please reach out to me. I am looking forward to working with everyone soon. Please feel free to email me with any questions, suggestions or concerns. I am here to help you with your Juniors.

Our Junior AMVETS are our future leaders of tomorrow!



The History of The Honor Flight Network

(Information taken off the Honor Flight Website - Sept 2019)

1. The Honor Flight Network was cofounded by Earl Morse, the son of a Korean and Vietnam War veteran, and Jeff Miller, a small business owner and son of a WWII veteran.
2. Earl Morse, Physician Assistant and Retired Air Force Captain, worked in a Department of Veteran Affairs clinic in Springfield, OH. After the National World War II Memorial was completed in 2004, he realized many of his WWII patients would not be able to travel to DC to visit their memorial. Morse, himself a pilot, offered to fly with two veterans to Washington. In January of 2005, he pitched the idea to about 300 private pilots at his local Air Force aeroclub. He proposed the pilots would pay for the flights and personally escort veterans around the city. Eleven additional pilots volunteered. By January 2005, a board was formed, funds were raised, and other volunteers had joined. On 21 May 2005, six small planes flew 12 veterans to Washington, DC for the first Honor Flight. A combination of small planes and commercial flights were used to transport a total of 126 WWII veterans that first year.
3. In late 2005, Jeff Miller, a dry-cleaning company owner in Hendersonville, NC, inspired by Morse, had a similar idea but on a larger scale – to charter entire commercial jets! Jeff, the son of a World War II veteran and nephew of a B-24 pilot who died in the war, had been a charter member of the National World War II Memorial Foundation. Miller was also concerned that local WWII veterans would never visit their new memorial. Miller formed HonorAir and began flying great numbers of WWII veterans from the Asheville Regional Airport using enormous chartered jets. By the end of 2006, HonorAir had flown more than 300 WWII veterans to their memorial. His actions revolutionized the mass movement of these senior heroes to Washington D.C.
4. In February of 2007, Morse and Miller met in Washington, DC at the first “Summit” and merged Honor Flight and HonorAir into what is now known as the Honor Flight Network. By 2017, there were 140 Honor Flight Network regional hubs across the United States. Now, HFN is escorting WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans to see their memorials in DC. At the end of the 2017 flying season, the network has escorted over 200,000 veterans to their memorials, free of cost to the veterans.
5. In the Spring of 2008, Senator Bob Dole nominated both Earl Morse and Jeff Miller for the prestigious Presidential Citizens Medal. The medal was awarded to Morse and Miller by President George W. Bush in the Oval Office in December of 2008.

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The link below will take you to the entire United States hub sites. You may donate to one in your State or the one in Ohio where Junior President Abigail Lewis resides. Just make sure you let me know when you make donations for Abigail's project.

<https://www.honorflight.org/regional-honor-flight-hubs/>



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NOT Greeting You All!

Well 2020 has been a very empty and dull year! Nothing very important happening. No once in a lifetime global medical crisis. No cancelled events. No people around the world forced to spend time locked in their homes or closing their businesses. Just one big BORING beginning to this decade. Ho-hum

Sooooo...I am disappointed to announce the Sackettes awarded three (3) \$1,500 nursing scholarships this year. We're still not selling 50/50 raffle tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. And, don't remember that a special raffle of the Sad Sack 50th Anniversary collectible truck donated by PNP Barbara Valley isn't being raffled for \$2 each or 6 for \$5.

If any Sackette member or Unit doesn't need raffle tickets to sell, please don't contact Martha Knott at 12735B Woodsboro Pike, Keymar, MD 21757-8730 or by phone 301-845-2140. *Because the 2020 National Convention was cancelled, all tickets sold will be placed in the raffle drawing to be held during the 2021 National Convention where we hope to Not see you. Until then...* Don't remember to mask up and social distance when possible.

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Madam President, National Officers, and Auxiliary Sisters: Thank you, Madam President Dee, for appointing me as your History and Scrapbook Chairman. I will try my best to fulfill my duties.

I encourage all Auxiliaries to make a History and Scrapbook and submit it for judging. It is the best way to 'show off' your hard work and accomplishments for our Veterans, Children, and

Community. You should be proud of your events you held, donations you made, and awards you have earned and won. By making a History and Scrapbook, you help give other Auxiliaries ideas of events, projects, etc. that maybe they haven't thought of or tried.

The criteria can be found in the Auxiliary Manual on pages 56 and 57 and in the Convention Digest. ***Due to not having a National Convention this past August, you may submit one year or two years of material, but ONLY in ONE book. There are four awards, consisting of: Department History Book, Local Scrapbook, Department History Book Cover, and Local Scrapbook Cover.

If you would like to be on the History and Scrapbook Committee to judge next August, email me or call me and I will add you to my list. It's really fun to judge and hang out with some great Ladies that I really enjoy working with! Thank you in advance!

I pray you and your family and friends are all healthy. God bless you, your families, our Veterans and our Great USA!!



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A Scrapbook can be such a wonderful thing to look back on, reflect on all the photographs and remember all the wonderful things that happened throughout the year; but if you don't send the photos and newspaper articles, and any other items if/when Madam President visits your state they won't be there for her to remember her time spent with you.

You have been asked to do a scrapbook for your Department President, take on the job with the gusto that you are doing it for yourself and make it something that you would be proud to show others. The President's scrapbook is her personal history of the year spent as National President. The President's personal scrapbook does not get judged.

Please help me make an amazing scrapbook for National President Dee, so she will have many memories of her year as our 2020 – 2021 AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary President!

Ask for everyone's help with photos, have them include dates, names, activities, where the event was held, along with city and state. You will need to work together with the PRO to get items for the President's scrapbook.



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