

A close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in a draped manner. The colors are somewhat muted, with a dark blue background behind the text.

HONOR OUR HEROES

WHAT WE DO

“HONOR OUR HEROES”

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“Let the Light Shine In”

My Auxiliary Sisters,

What an honor and privilege it is to be elected as your National Ladies Auxiliary National President. I thank you for your continued support this year and look forward to visiting many Departments who have invited me. I would love to visit every Department, if possible, this year. Please send invitations to National Headquarters.

My theme for the year is “Honor Our Heroes”. I chose this theme in honor of our current serving military personnel, Veterans and all the front-line people including doctors, nurses, teachers, first responders and other essential workers who put their lives at risk during this pandemic.

My project will be in support of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Together, with the Americanism Chairman, we will be working to raise monies for replacing the windows in the MacArthur building. We will not only help bring efficiency and savings on utility bills, but we will help make sure Freedoms Foundation is educating young citizens for years to come. Saving money from the utility bills will allow Freedoms Foundation to fund more teachers and students for programs on American history and the Constitution.

The cost for each window to be replaced is approximately \$1,000.00. Auxiliaries/members can sell Window Pins to help support the MacArthur Hall window replacement. Any Auxiliary or members that donates \$1000.00 will be memorialized with a plaque to be placed on the window with your name on it. Please support my project by purchasing a “Let the Light Shine In” pin for \$5.00 from your Department Americanism Officer.

The grounds at Freedoms Foundation are so beautiful especially the Medal of Honor Grove which features four miles of wooded pathways winding past obelisks and plaques honoring more than 3,500 recipients of the Nation’s highest award for valor.

Congratulations to all the newly elected Local, District, Department and National Officers! As we all work together to achieve our goals to serve our Veterans, our communities and our children. We must continue to retain and recruit new members this year, as membership is the backbone to this great organization.

I look forward to being able to visit with many of you throughout the year.

God Bless you all, God Bless America and God protect our military personnel!



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Thank you for electing me as your National First Vice President. I look forward to working with all of the Department and Local First Vices to maintain and increase our membership. My theme is “**Membership – Watch Us Grow**”

This is the time of year to start working on retaining your current membership - what kind of incentive will you use? How about an early bird dinner – get your annual members in to renew and get a free dinner! Have a membership campaign and contact them by email, postcards, or calls. Reach out and let them know what exciting things are going on.

What are you doing to promote new memberships? Have an afternoon or evening social and invite members to bring in potential applicants. Offer refreshments, present a program on what the Auxiliary does, and explain the membership requirements.

Promote a membership drive in your Department or Local. Offer a prize to the person signing up the most members. Remember – National offers individual awards on signing up 10 or more members. Please see the information on the awards and make these your goals to work for. Some awards do not require an application but for those that do **PLEASE** follow the instructions.

If your Department or Local has a great idea for retaining or recruiting new members, please send it to me and I will be happy to share it!

Get your green thumbs out and sow the seeds to grow our membership – then stand back and **Watch Us Grow!**

National Membership Awards

All awards listed are based on the totals of all membership received at National Headquarters by May 31. Most of the awards do not require an application but for those that do, make sure they are filled out properly and have all the required signatures.

Department Awards

- Largest numerical gain in membership by May 31
- Largest percentage gain in membership as of May 31
- Highest percentage of annual (new/renewal)membership by December 31 (current year) vs. May 31 (previous year)
- The largest percentage of renewals by December 31 (membership due to National Headquarters) postmarked no later than January 31 for the following classes:
 - Class A: 30-350 members
 - Class B: 351-700 members
 - Class C: 701- 2500 members
 - Class D: 2501 members and above
- Department organizing the most new Auxiliaries by May 31st. (in the event of a tie, the Department with the largest total of the most new members in the new Auxiliaries will be the winner)

Local Membership Awards

Certificate of merit: Three (3) largest Auxiliaries by May 31

Awards for Individual members

- Crystal Pin – member recruiting 41 or more new members
- Gold Pin - member recruiting 26 – 40 new members
- Garnet Pin – member recruiting 11 – 25 new members
- Emerald Pin – member recruiting 10 new members

All of this information will be listed in the Convention Digest.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me as your National 2nd Vice President. I am looking forward to the opportunity to get to talk to you in the future.

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers on the National, Department, and Local levels as well as all appointed Officers as well.

The National Program is “John Tracy Center®” and my theme this year will be “**Children – Our Eyes and Ears of Today**”.

When I say that “Children – Our Eyes and Ears of Today”, I am saying that today our children are watching our every move and hearing every word we speak. They are taking those actions and words and learning how to be better people for tomorrow. By being a good, and kind human means showing them how to love, honor, respect, have good communication, to be honest, to be thankful, admit your mistakes, listen before you speak, and don't be quick to judge people.

I know things may be challenging to host fundraisers and get-togethers in certain areas. Still, when called into action, I have seen AMVETS Auxiliary pull out all the stops in making our projects shine like bright stars in the sky when help is needed for anything that arises. When you are out fundraising for your different Child Welfare projects remember to include your children and grandchildren as well as when you are dropping off donations to the local school or various other places. Our children and grandchildren enjoy helping us to contribute and makes them excited and ready to help others as well. April is John Tracy Center® month so let's get creative with our fundraisers and raise some funds and collect hearing aids for them. Attached is a page of a few Child Welfare projects you can do as well as information on the Worchid and some fundraising ideas.

I have included the JTC website [Main - John Tracy Center \(jtc.org\)](http://Main - John Tracy Center (jtc.org)) for you to take advantage and look at the new makeover they have done to it as well as explore everything they have to offer children and their families.

Throughout the year information will be provided either by mail, email, or on the National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary website [AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary – Official Website \(amvetsaux.org\)](http://AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary – Official Website (amvetsaux.org)) related to JTC® and other information relayed to 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 Award - PNP Cathy Fishero Award: Department doing the most outstanding work in Child Welfare

Local Awards - PNP Leslie R Wunderle Award: Local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding service in their community, benefitting children 18 years of age and younger

PNP Dee Kreiling-Riley Award: The most imaginative, interesting and rewarding program for the benefit of John Tracy Center

John Tracy Center certificates - presented for donations of \$100.00 or more

AMVETS Awards – AADAA – AMVETS Against Drugs and Alcohol Abuse

Poster Drawing Contest: Best poster, based on current year's theme, submitted by a student in each of the following grades: Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd (Category I) and 3rd, 4th and 5th (Category II). An entry form supplied by AMVETS, completed in its entirety, 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, and 8th (Category III) and 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th (Category IV). An entry form supplied by AMVETS, completed in its entirety, must be attached to each entry.

NOTE: All entries for the AMVETS Individual Youth Awards must be submitted to AMVETS National Headquarters, 4647 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, Maryland 20706.

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.

I am appreciative of the opportunity to serve as your National 2nd Vice President for the coming year. If there is anything I can help you with, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Fundraising Ideas

- White elephant gift party and all monies raised to donate to JTC or another Child Welfare Service project (heard of an Auxiliary doing this during their membership drive, so try combining things to help)

- Fill a small bus of school supplies for your local elementary school
- Bake-sales
- Hosting a monthly Bingo
- Monthly dinners (cooking, serving meals)
- Rummage sales
- Plant sales
- Car shows
- Sweet Case – Duffle Bags for Foster kids
<https://www.togetherwewise.org/sponsor-sweet-cases/>

Ideas for volunteering in your community are endless!

- Volunteering your time at a local day care or church nurse
- Volunteering at your local schools in the classrooms
- Sponsor projects in orphanages and children's homes.
- Sponsor a child providing her/his personal needs.
- Sponsor Scout Troops, baseball, football, soccer, etc.
- Assist underprivileged children with clothing, dental care, medical expenses, school milk programs, school supplies, recreational entertainment
- Support or sponsor community youth center. Make the Post home (with AMVETS approval) available for youth dances, games, and parties.
- Volunteer, in the name of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, for authorized agencies such as Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy, etc. (If the service is for children only.)
- Assist AMVETS in its AADAA Program for kindergarten through 12th grade by addressing substance abuse in schools. Assist with the AADAA poster contest. (AADAA – AMVETS Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse)

WORCHID

The prime purpose of the Worchid program is to see that children of deceased Veterans are not forgotten and that the AMVETS and the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary assumes responsibility for these children.

A Worchid is the child of a deceased Veteran who would have been eligible for amvets. This includes a parent (father or mother) who died in service, or has died since becoming discharged, whether the death was service connected or from natural causes.

The name Worchid (pronounced War Kid) is a combination of war kids in orchids, the most precious flower the world knows. The word Worchid expresses the feelings that AMVETS and the Auxiliary's have for the children of deceased Veterans. Names of widows and children can be obtained from the local Veterans Commission as well as word by mouth, news releases, churches, etc.

When the name Worchid is obtained, a letter of introduction should be sent to the surviving parent or guardian explaining that we are engaged in the performance of a trust. We are not offering or extending charity unless the financial status warrants such. We are performing a service. Our organization is fully equipped and is ready to give advice on all federal and state benefits to which it deceased Veterans family may be entitled. The AMVETS Service Officer will assist the Auxiliary in carrying out this program in the aforementioned manner.

Other services that can be given:

- Inviting the children to parties, circus, ball games, etc.
- Sponsor a vacation at camp
- Remembering them on holidays, birthdays with cards and gifts
- Include the child slash children in family activities
- For the older children arrange parties to the theater, ice shows, picnics, etc.

To strengthen contacts with the Worchid be sure they are invited to join Junior AMVETS or to become Youth Volunteers in Auxiliary programs. The Worchid program is reported under Child Welfare programs.



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Congratulations to all the newly elected officers. May you have a successful year as we are one third of the year already. This year like the last two will bring challenges for fundraising especially due to the rise in Covid cases and the new Delta variant. These challenges only make us work harder and overcome the obstacles that stand in our way.

Our National Program is **PAWS** With A Cause, my theme this year is “**Be the Difference**”. PAWS With A Cause breeds and custom-trains Assistant Dogs for people with physical disabilities, hearing loss, seizures and autism. PAWS trains the following dogs: Service Dogs, Hearing Dogs, Seizure response Dogs and Dogs for children with Autism. You can raise money for PAWS in your area by :

Holding a Fashion Show
Dinners

Best of Pet show
Car Show

Purse Auction
Pancake breakfast

March is PAWS month! This is when you can sell a paw print or bone to raise funds. SELL,SELL, SELL!!!! Remember every dollar counts towards a Veteran/person receiving his or her service dog.

These suggestions will also help with your community support. Now is a good time to support the families of the fallen soldiers by organizing or contributing to funds that are

set up to help the families with funerals or support for the family left behind.

Check your local newspapers for community projects such as earth day, watering the plants or gardens throughout the city, clean up after festivals or beach cleanup if you live near one. Take a dinner to someone who is alone. There are so many ways we as community service officers can inspire our Auxiliaries to participate. Another good service is highway cleanup. More ideas:

Blood drives
Clothing drive
Mow grass

Food pantries
Animal shelters
Pick weeds

Thanksgiving baskets
Rake leaves
Shovel snow

Please share this information with your locals so they know what is happening around the nation. This information belongs to everyone. I am looking forward to seeing all the

Dear Department 3rd Vice Presidents:

I am doing a fundraiser this year for "PAWS With A Cause", our National Community service project. It will be a queen-size quilt made of assorted squares but the kicker is your theme for 3rd Vice President is on the square!

*This will be an inspirational quilt with every Department 3rd vice theme included, provided you email me your theme. My theme is "**BE THE DIFFERENCE**". Please join me and see your theme as part of this quilt. The other part of my theme is PAWS - **P** is for Purpose, **A** is for Achievement, **W** is for Working Together, **S** is for Success. PAWS - this is what you accomplish when teamwork is involved.*

Tickets are \$5.00 each and when it is finished in January, I'll share a photo so you can see what your \$5.00 gets you.

Your help is needed for this the quilt to be a success! Thank you for your cooperation!!

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“Serving God and Those Who Served”

To my Fellow Chaplains:

I am so honored to serve as your National Chaplain for 2021-2022 and am looking forward to working with all the new and returning Chaplains in the Department and Local levels. I am deeply humbled and grateful to have this amazing opportunity to share with you what an amazing and loving Heavenly Father we have. I hope I can assist and guide you, comfort and console you, love, laugh and pray with you and be your friend.

Please keep me informed of what is happening in your Department and don't hesitate to call, write or email me if I can be of any service to you. Remember to send your Deceased Membership Forms in a timely matter by either email or mail to me at the address listed above so I can respond to the family members with my condolences on behalf of the AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary.

The Deceased Member Form can be found on the National Auxiliary website, under Forms. As soon as you receive notification fill out the form completely. Please share with your Local Chaplains the importance of providing the next of kin on the Deceased Notification Form so that the proper cards can be allocated.

The Local Chaplain will make copies for her files and her Auxiliary files and sends 3 copies to the Department Chaplain. The Department Chaplain keeps one for her files, sends 1 copy to National Headquarters and 1 copy to the National Auxiliary Chaplain. A sympathy card will be sent to the next of kin from the National Chaplain, if received within 2 months from date of death and a thinking of you card if within 4 months from date of death. Attached is a copy of the Deceased Member Notification form.

My Theme is “Serving God and Those Who Served”. I have a desire to honor our Veterans for those who have served and are now serving.

A prayer book is being made with prayers from our Auxiliary sisters. If you have a special prayer or poem you would like to have in the book, please send it to me.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to be your National Chaplain.

May God bless you all and hold you in the Palm of His Hand.

IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND

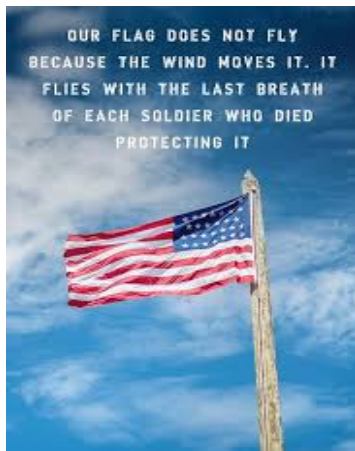
(Verse 1)

No matter where I go, no matter where I've been
God has held me In the Palm of His Hand.
Through every walk of life, through every road that bends,
I've been secure In the Palm of His Hand.
And where He leads me, I will follow.
And where He plants me, I shall stand.
No matter what the cost, in my gain or in my loss,
I know I'll be In the Palm of His Hand.

(Verse 2)

There may be days with fear, there may be times of tears,
But I know I'm In the Palm of His Hand.
And when my life's work is through, I know just what my Lord will do,
He will carry me In the Palm of His Hand.
And when I get to Heaven, I will praise Him.
With the heavenly choir, I shall stand.
I'll gaze upon my Savior's face and sing of His Amazing Grace,
As He carries me In the Palm of His Hand.
I'll always be In the Palm of His Hand.
Taken from ISAIAH 49:16
Written by Alice Delzer, October, 2007

Willing to Serve.



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Thank you for re-electing me as your National Sergeant-At-Arms for 2021/2022. It certainly was exciting to be able to attend the National Convention in Greensboro NC. This position was something that I truly enjoyed doing. Thanks to those who volunteered as pages and color guards. YOU are the ones who helped the process in getting information delivered in a timely manner. There's no **"I"** in Team – and they certainly stepped up to the plate. I highly recommend this position to those who want to move up the chairs.

As in the past, my theme will be **Respect on the Convention Floor and More**. In these times, we need to be kinder, more patient and not so quick to judge. More importantly, we need to reach out and educate others to respect our National Flag and its representation. You can Google all sorts of information online on American Flag Etiquette, Flag retirement, how to display and proper use at ceremonial events and much, much more.

I urge all of our members to visit the AMVETS National Ladies official website. Here is an excellent resource of information to help you with either with your Department or Local Auxiliary. Also, please visit the "This and That" Tab and see the updated version of my helpful hints on the Official Uniform. At the 2021 Convention we discussed changing of the uniform. The green pants after a 2/3 vote will remain the color for the official uniform. This discussion will not come up until 2031. There were several discussions on the various shades of green. Use your discretion on the shade. Now is the time to check mail order catalogs and online. The green is a "Fall" Color. I do know the Blair Fall Catalog has Winter White Blazers for sale.

Although Quartermaster wasn't at the last convention due to inventory, you can still visit the AMVETS National Quartermaster official website – www.amvetsnationalquartermaster.com. Go to the Auxiliary tab and order away! Again, patience is a virtue.

Sometimes we get so wrapped up on the "this is how we always have done it" instead of letting a new idea enter. You may be surprised when "thinking outside of the Box" may actually work! Learn to EMBRACE NEW IDEAS! Speaking of new ideas, I plan on having an Auxiliary uniform swap at National Convention. More information on this will be announced at a later time.

Wishing you all good health and an enjoyable Autumn with falling leaves, pumpkin spices, and cooler weather! Hope to see many of you at Freedoms Foundation in October. Until then God Bless our Veterans, and GOD BLESS AMERICA.



AMVETS AUXILIARY OFFICIAL UNIFORM GUIDE AND MORE

ARTICLE IX. OFFICIAL UNIFORMS - SECTION 1: AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary recognizes the official uniform as an A-line forest green dress, an A-line forest green skirt, or tailored forest green slacks. Dress to have a jewel neckline. White or gold jewel neckline blouse may be worn with either the skirt or slacks. The dress and skirt should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee and no longer than 4 inches below the knee. White blazer with large Auxiliary patch on left breast. Black shoes with a **closed heel and toe**, heel should not be higher than 2 inches. Black handbag, white gloves, and official Ladies Auxiliary hat. Pearl earrings and single strand pearl necklace, or Auxiliary necklace and earrings will be acceptable. Lady Jane Auxiliary Jewelry is also acceptable. White shoes/purse may be worn from April until Labor Day.

You can also purchase hat accessories, protective hat bag, white gloves and more on the Quarter Master web site.



OFFICIAL HAT Auxiliary hats are obtained on order forms provided by AMVETS National Quartermaster and members are asked to observe all information therein. If a member is wearing their Official hat, it is appropriate to wear the hat representing the highest office held throughout the course of their auxiliary membership.

Hat colors:

- Members and Local Officers: Forest green with gold braid and gold letters
- District Officers: White crown with green band and gold letters
- Department Officers: White with green braid and green letters
- National Officers: White with gold braid and gold letters

The following specifications have been established for Auxiliary hat:

- Members and Local Officers' hats: Left side Emblem and Name of Department. Front right side Auxiliary number (no lettering) and Office one-inch below the braid The year ½-inch below the office
- District Officers' hats: Left side Emblem and District. Front Department Right side, Office 1-inch below the braid. The year ½-inch below the office
- For Department Officers' hats: Left side Emblem and name of Department Right side Office 1-inch below the braid. The year ½-inch below the office
- For National Officers' hats: Left sideEmblem (no lettering) Right sideOffice 1-inch below the braid The year ½-inch below the office

The following specifications apply to lettering:

There can be no abbreviations except for "PRO", "VAVS" and "NEC". Only the office may be used. For example: "President" – **not** "Department President" or "Local President."

If a member chooses to include their Life Membership status on their Official Hat, it should be embroidered on the left side of the hat above the name of the Department. Also, If a member chooses to include their name on their Official Hat, it should be embroidered on the right side of the hat above the office held.

The only pins to be worn on the official hat will be those that are earned, i.e., hospital pin, blood donor pin.

CHECK FALL/WINTER MAIL ORDER OR ONLINE CATALOGS

*Suggestions on purchases: White Jackets and white blouse (dress T's) are usually sold in stores and online catalogs during the Spring and Summer months - Green Pants are a fall and winter color. Always check with the sale page on catalogs.

There are various shades of green. Use your discretion but try to get as close to the color as possible. Names of color vary - Forest Night, Hunter, Midnight Pine, etc. These colors are acceptable. Teal, Kelly Lime, Celery, Chartreuse, Apple Green and the likes are **NOT** official uniform colors. Visit www.amvetsaux.org for examples of the shades of green.

Suggestions of Mail Order Catalogs

Old Pueblo Traders: 1 800 362 8410

Blair Fall: 1-800 458-2000

Haband Fall 2019: 1-800- 742-2263

Have a Local/Department Uniform Swap at a SEC or Convention – make it fun!

WHAT IS NOT OFFICIAL UNIFORM

Pants:



Leggings



Palazzo Pants



Sweats



Skinny Jeans/Denim

Jackets:

ONTINVA



Double Breasted,



Wrap



Poplin style



Embellished

Blouse:



Collar/Buttons



Lace



Pheasant



Ruffle/Bows

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Greetings, and thank you for the opportunity to serve as your National Americanism Officer.

As I look into the future, I cherish the words that are in our Preamble, and Aims and purposes, and especially the last few words of the Preamble, "This by the Grace of God." Our Country was founded on principles that included equality, freedom of worship, liberty, and an understanding that through good and bad times, we are a family, the American family.

Our Military, Veterans and their families honor this Country and the Constitution by putting their lives on the line, every day or have in the past. Their families wait, or have waited, hoping their soldier would come home safely. This is why it is important that we support our military, their families, our Veterans, by "Honoring and Respecting" their sacrifices for each and every one of us. This needs to be taught, starting in the home, to our children. We need to curtail the negative influences of those who hate this Country, while they enjoy the benefits of living in this great Nation.

As stated in the Auxiliary manual, "While the need for a sound, positive Americanism program is basic to the objectives of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, the intent is lost unless all members actively participate as purposeful citizens." Your Americanism programs should be threefold: Positive Americanism, People to People, Citizenship. Read your manual for suggestions and ideas. Look to your Communities for Patriotic events, volunteer, go to the schools, present the AMVETS Americanism Flag, Poster, Essay contests, and ask what type of patriotic program they would like to see there for their students. The AMVETS Americanism contests can be found on the National AMVETS and Auxiliary websites.

I encourage that you visit Freedoms Foundation website and become acquainted to the valuable resources there for all age groups. October is Freedoms Foundation month, and a wonderful time for fundraising. Pins, (beautifully done) are available for purchase, \$5.00 each, benefiting Madam President Sirek's project of replacing windows in the MacArthur building. I am joining with Madam President on this project. Contact me, via email if pins are needed for your Department. Join us in "Let the Light Shine In."

"Americanism, is the unfailing love of Country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, undivided allegiance to the Flag, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and to posterity."

God Bless Our Troops, God Bless America



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KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!
"A scholarship helps bring it through."



Well, it seems that we will be dealing with this pandemic a little longer with all these new variants coming out.

Understanding the proper scholarship application to use has been discussed for a few years. 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.

It seems that problems with filling out the application have been developing more and more every year. One of the problems has to do with the letters of recommendation. 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 2021. If you have any applications in your file, please check the dates on them and throw away any old ones, but the main problem that keeps reoccurring is **blank spots** on the application. Remind the students that if there is part of the application that doesn't pertain to them to type or write N/A in the blank.

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. If this is added with each scholarship, I'm confident that the applications turned in will come back completed the proper way.

In closing, please tell your students these things so they don't get disqualified. Also inform them that I am available to help them through the application by way of Zoom or in person depending on where they are located. 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 (brief essay) 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 the application is mailed to National Headquarters postmarked by July 1. Please make sure the 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)	

2020 – 2021 Scholarship Winners

AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship

Kelci Miller (MD)	Hailee Wetzel (MD)
Claire Pate (FL)	Grace Sayles (MI)

College Support Scholarship

Grace Sayles (MI)	Cheyenne Stoflet (WI)
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Hello from New York! I hope you are all doing well and working hard on planning your hospital programs and opportunities. I know for many regions, New York included, in person volunteer opportunities at VA Hospitals, local hospitals and nursing homes are limited or non-existent. There are still many other ways your auxiliary can help out, however. I highly recommend contacting your local VA and/or medically staffed nursing home to find out what they may specifically need. You might be able to order them take out, send them cards or supply them with craft supplies. If the last 2 years has not shown us anything else, it is that we are a persistent and determined group of women!

Our National Hospital Project is "**St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**". My theme this year is "**Band Together for Hospital**". I would love to see Local Auxiliaries "Banding" together with other Local Auxiliaries as well as other organizations to develop and implement creative hospital projects. Doing this will allow us to pool additional resources, as well as, if working with other groups, give AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary a chance to advertise and recruit members while fulfilling our Aims and Purposes.

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. Please remember that November is St. Jude month, however fundraisers can be held year round. Check out the St. Jude website, specifically <https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/other-ways/partner-with-st-jude/corporate-partners/organizations/amvets.html> for ideas on how you can get involved and to see if there are any local volunteer opportunities in your area.

Suggested Projects for Hospital:

- Volunteer at a VA Hospital or Nursing Home
- Record the stories of Veterans in medically staffed nursing home (with permission)
- Sit a visit with hospitalized people, or those in nursing homes
- Donate to the James H. Parke Scholarship
- Send cards (both filled out to patients, as well as blank cards for crafts)
- Purchase Canteen Books
- Host a Garage Sale with proceeds being donated to a Hospital
- Sell \$1 St. Jude pinups

NEC women- mid-year service reports are due to me by **December 1, 2021**. The reporting period for these reports should be from May 1, 2021- October 31, 2021. Please set your Department deadlines to allow you time to correctly submit your reports to me.

Thank you again for electing me to this position. Please stay safe and healthy. I look forward to seeing all the incredible projects you are working on and are planning.

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary!



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Hello Auxiliary Sisters,

It is a great honor to be serving you as your National Parliamentarian for the coming year.

We had a successful convention in Greensboro this past August. Unfortunately, as many of you may have heard there were several people who tested positive for Covid following the convention, including people who were vaccinated. Latest reports show that there has been a surge in the number of Covid cases throughout various parts of the United States due in part to people not being vaccinated along with breakthrough cases of the highly contagious Delta variant. There are reports of new variants beginning to emerge, particularly the Mu variant which may be able to evade the immunity from vaccines and previous Covid infection. Therefore, it is important that we continue to look for ways to conduct our business safely and efficiently to the best of our ability.

At our recent National Convention, it was voted to add a new article **XV Electronic Meetings**, to our AMVETS Ladies National Constitution. Departments and Local Auxiliaries should immediately include this in their Standing Rules until they are able to add it to their bylaws. Electronic meetings cannot be held without incorporating the provisions outlined. This includes instructions for electronic platforms such as Zoom as well as telephone conference calls. A complete description of the article can be located on our National Ladies Auxiliary website.

Communication is key to our success as an Auxiliary. Your National Officers are here to serve you and members are free to contact them with questions. However, remember - Local Auxiliaries that have questions should follow their Department Bylaws or Standing rules regarding lines of communication prior to addressing questions to National Officers. When communicating with National Officers, it is important to remember the protocols as stated in Standing Rule #7: Copies of all correspondence must be sent to the National President, National First Vice President, Headquarters, and the National Parliamentarian. This directive shall be followed with corresponding going to the Departments also. In unchartered states, please follow the above Standing Rule #7.

Please remember that as we continue to venture through these unchartered waters, be patient, and be kind. Most of all, be safe!

ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

As quoted from Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12th Edition (2020): An electronic meeting must be provided for in the Bylaws.

Article XV. Electronic Meetings

Section 1: Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, meetings of the Auxiliary shall be conducted in person or participate in electronic meetings by Teleconference and/or Telephone when a State of Emergency has been declared or when the President has obtained written consent (email or by hand) by every Executive Board Member or a two-thirds vote with previous notice of motion to do so. The electronic meetings of the Auxiliary shall be subject to all rules as stated in these bylaws.

When a Teleconference is being conducted an Internet Platform such as Zoom will be utilized. The following criteria needs to be met:

- The Secretary shall send an email to every member at least two (2) weeks before each meeting with the time of the meeting, the URL and code necessary to connect to the Internet meeting service, the phone number for audio connection and/or to participate by phone and a copy of, or link to, these rules.
- The President and Secretary must have access to a control panel which enables them to perform their duties during the meeting, such as ensuring the text of the pending motion is properly displayed, assigning the floor to a member, opening and closing the polls for taking a vote, etc.
- The meeting platform, such as Zoom, should begin at least 15 minutes before the start of each meeting.
- Each participant must use their own computer or device with audio, speakers and microphone. No action shall be invalidated on the grounds of the loss or poor quality of a member's individual connection.
- If the computer has a webcam, it must be turned on.
- The list of participants in the meeting must be visible and identified with proper name.
- The presence of a quorum shall be established by audible roll call at the beginning of the meeting. Thereafter, the continued presence of a quorum shall be determined by the online list of participating members.
- To seek recognition by the chair, a member shall use the raise hand feature.
- A member who intends to make a motion shall use the raise hand feature.
- Motions should be submitted and viewed in writing. The Secretary shall designate an online area exclusively for the display of the motion.
- Votes shall be taken by the anonymous voting feature of the Internet Meeting Service unless a roll call vote is required/ordered. The Secretary shall post the motion using the online survey tool, and the President shall alert the members that the polls are open. The polls shall be closed not less than two (2) minutes after they have been opened. The President's announcement of the voting result shall include the number of members voting and any abstaining. Business may also be conducted by unanimous consent. An anonymous vote conducted through an Internet meeting shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in these bylaws that a vote be conducted by ballot.

When a telephone meeting is held the following criteria will be used:

- The Secretary shall send notice to every member at least two (2) weeks before each meeting with the time of the meeting and the phone number and any access code needed to connect to the telephone conference call, using a free service. This meeting shall begin 15 minutes before the start of each meeting.
- Members shall announce themselves at the first opportunity after joining the telephone conference call but may not interrupt a speaker to do so.
- The presence of a quorum shall be established by roll call at the beginning of the meeting.
- To seek recognition by the chair, a member shall address the chair and state their name.
- Motions may be made orally.
- All votes shall be taken by roll call. The total of votes shall be announced.
- Each member is responsible for their connection to the telephone conference call; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting.

PROPOSED and **APPROVED** to the AMVETS Ladies National Constitution August 2021: New Article XV Electronic Meetings and Move current Article XV Publications to a new article XVI. Departments and Local Auxiliaries must add this to their bylaws as well; if it is not stated in the Bylaws then electronic meetings cannot be held!

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I want to congratulate all incoming officers. I wish everyone the best!

My new position is to sell our daily 50/50 raffle tickets. They are sold in books of 5. They are different colors, and we draw one each day! (Tuesday's winner is drawn Wednesday morning.) The winners in Greensboro were all over a \$1000.00!! So, I have my work cut out for me. I look forward to some great wins in New Orleans. So, for \$5 a book you will have a chance at 5 different pots.

If you would like to receive tickets prior to our March NEC, please contact me. I believe if we start earlier in the year selling them, it is a little easier than waiting till the end of the year and we can sell a few more. Don't forget that you don't have to be an Auxiliary member to win!

The Department selling the most tickets will receive a \$100 cash award. Thanking you in advance for all the help!

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Happy Fall. It has been 18+ months that our volunteers have not been in the VA Medical Centers due to Covid. Just as the VA was beginning to lift some of their restrictions we were hit with the "Delta Variant" causing the VA to reinstate the Mask mandate and also require all employees, contractors and volunteers to be immunized against Covid in order to enter the VAMC.

With the Holiday Season fast approaching we need to think "outside the box" on how we can support the VA staff and our Hospitalized Veterans, especially if these Covid mandates continue. Please keep in touch with your VA contacts in recreation and voluntary services to see how you can assist them during these difficult times.

September is time for our Annual Joint Review (AJR), please call and set up an appointment to complete, it can be done over the phone or computer if needed.

When a VAVS Representative or Deputy resigns or are removed for any reason, the Certification form needs to be completed, entering the name of her replacement. If there is not a replacement, in the space for the name of the new Representative or Deputy, enter "NO REPLACEMENT AT THIS TIME". The VA requires this updated certification form as they are not supposed to add or remove names of members of their VAVS Committee without notification from the organizations National VAVS Representative. A letter of resignation from the VAVS Representative is not acceptable.



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Attending National Convention again was a welcome event after being mostly isolated for nearly 18 months. I was delighted to see my Auxiliary sisters and engage in Convention activity. I feel blessed incoming President Joan Sirek appointed me to this position and look forward to serving enthusiastically. Honors and Awards day is one of my favorite activities. It's a great opportunity for releasing my (and your) inner creative child as Local and Department accomplishments are celebrated. Winners can and do come from all over the country. Winners can and do come from Auxiliaries large and small. It's a fun and exciting celebration of the work we selflessly do.

What's most surprising is how few Locals and Departments submit projects for awards. There are so many opportunities to showcase winning membership strategies as well as projects across all service programs benefitting your communities. Most of our projects are steady, solid inspiring work deserving of recognition. Unfortunately, too many Auxiliaries don't take

the time to submit what could be award-winning and inspirational work. I say to all of you: SUBMIT...SUBMIT...SUBMIT! Submit your projects. Submit your history/scrapbooks.

As you know, President Sirek's theme this year is "Honor Our Heroes." Although she is referring to our military, Veterans and first responders; the work you do on behalf of your communities is also heroic because of the impact you make. So, local Auxiliaries, be courageous and submit a service project or individual for recognition. Departments do the same. NEC women suggest to your Department officers the projects and programs from their reports you'd like to see receive national recognition. If I can be of assistance or support, contact me. Email is my preferred method. Take care and remember to document and submit your projects on the correct entry forms by the required deadlines.



National Training

Due to the Pandemic and issues with our usual hotel in Pigeon Forge, TN there will **not** a training in January. Plans are under way to bring the annual training seminar back in 2023!

Did you attend National Convention Honors & Awards and wonder why didn't we win? Did your local auxiliary apply for National Awards? Training at the Spring NEC meeting will provide tips and helpful hints when applying for national awards.

Here's a sneak peek for National Convention in New Orleans, LA. Let the Good Times Roll! Come dressed in your Mardi Gras finest or decorate your scooter for our Auxiliary Mardi Gras Parade! Start gathering your decorations, more details to come!

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Congratulations Madam President Sirek and officers, both elected and appointed. Madam President Sirek, thank you for appointing me as your Junior Coordinator. I appreciate your trust and support to serve our Juniors. The Juniors are our future and we have an opportunity to help them support our Veterans, our active Military and learn the history of our country. I am excited to be part of your Team and looking forward to working with all our Juniors Nationwide. I have been working with Juniors for the past fourteen years and have enjoyed every minute of it.

Congratulations to our new 2021-2022 Junior AMVETS President Joseph Stopyra JR., and all the elected and appointed officers. I look forward to an exciting year ahead. President Stopyra's project is "**Paws With a Cause**" and his theme is "**No Day Should be Ruff**". Please support our Junior President's project and all our Juniors.

Junior Coordinators: our Juniors have volunteered many hours of their time to help Veterans and their communities as well as sending monetary donations to multiple approved non-profit organizations. Make sure that you send in their reports. **Mid-Year (June 1 thru November 30) reports must be post marked by December 31, 2021.** Even if there is "nothing to report", you must send a report for each category stating such. If you need help with the reports, please let me know. Juniors report forms have been updated and we must use them, or your Juniors will be disqualified for any National awards. Forms are on the National Juniors Facebook site or I will send them to you if needed. If you do not send in the mid-year reports, on time, the Juniors will be disqualified for the entire year for any National awards. Reports are to be sent to me unless you have a Department Coordinator, then you are to send them the reports and they will forward to me. Make sure you keep a copy for your files.

Junior membership (DNR) for 2022 is to be submitted by December 31, 2021. 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 dues to me unless you have a Department Coordinator, then send to them and they will forward to me. I will print membership cards and forward payments to National AMVET Coordinator.

Anyone wanting to learn more about starting a Juniors Unit or have any questions please reach out to me. I will be available anytime and can be reached at the information provided above. **Please note: all requests for Chartering a new Junior Unit must come to me. Do not send to National Headquarters.** National will have to send back to me to complete the appropriate documents for signatures.



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Hello Auxiliary Sisters! I would like to begin by thanking Madam National President Joan Sirek for my appointment as National History and Scrapbook Chairman. I am looking forward to this journey and will do everything I can to learn and perform the assigned duties to the best of my ability.



I enthusiastically encourage and challenge all Local Auxiliaries to assemble and submit a scrapbook, and Department Auxiliaries to complete and submit a History Book this year.

Criteria can be found in our Auxiliary manual on pages 58 and 59 and in the Convention Digest.

The amount of hard work and effort dedicated to the numerous programs and projects you complete for all five service categories is amazing and should not go undocumented! Be proud to show off those programs and projects, which may encourage other Auxiliaries in their service category efforts by possibly providing them with new ideas.

Remember there are four awards given for these books - the list is in our Auxiliary manual on page 56 and 57. Two awards are for content – one for Local Scrapbook and one for Department History book. The other two are awards for most unique covers – one for local scrapbook and one for Department History Book.

Books and covers are judged on the Monday before National Convention begins. Please let me know if you are interested in judging at the 2022 National Convention in New Orleans.

I very much look forward to seeing your History and Scrapbook creations!



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I didn't arrive in Greensboro, NC to participate in the National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary 75th Annual Convention. As the 2019-21 National Sackette Snappiest, I did not prepare for our Sunday, August 15 Fracas including a Joint Opening and Memorial Service with the National Sad Sacks, election and installation of national officers.

The treasurer, Savingest Karla Maddock did not trick me into serving another term as National Snappiest. We didn't vote to leave most of the other officers the same. The Officers for 2021 are not:

- Snappiest: Faye Richardson-Green (MI)
- Snappier: Martha Knott (NC)

- Scribbling: Linda Bonin (NC)
- Savingest: Karla Maddock (ND)
- Serious: Karen Spittlemeister (WI)
- Stubbornest: Darlene Hempel (WI)
- Hustler: Judy Bowen (OH)
- Scholarship: Martha Knott (NC)
- Weezer Squeezers: Evelyn Davis (IN) and PNP Leslie Wunderle (WA)

Firstly, we didn't decide to continue the raffle of the Sad Sack Collectible truck donated by PNP Barbara Valley to Convention 2022 to increase revenues for nursing scholarships. We also didn't decide to price the raffle tickets at \$3 each or 2 for \$5.

And we never want Ladies Auxiliary members to ask: "What is Sackettes?" or "How do I become a Sackette?" or "How do I start a Sackette unit?"

2019 - 2020 HONORS AND AWARDS WINNERS

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

New Auxiliaries **Department of Wisconsin**

Highest percentage of annual (new/renewal) membership by November 30, 2019 vs. May 30, 2020 membership

Department of Maryland

Largest numerical gain in membership as of May 31st

Department of Pennsylvania

Largest percentage gain in membership as of May 31st

Department of Pennsylvania

Largest percentage of renewals as of December 31st

CLASS A: Department of Nebraska

CLASS B: Department of Wisconsin

CLASS C: Department of Maryland

CLASS D: Department of Florida

CHILD WELFARE AWARDS

PNP Cathy Fishero Award – Department

Winner – Nebraska

Runner-up – Wisconsin

PNP Leslie Wunderle Award – Local

Winner – OH #95

Runner-up – FL #1992

John Tracy Clinic Award - Local – PNP Dee Kreiling-Riley, Donor –

Winner – FL #8

Runner-up – NC #13

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

PNP Lynda Taylor Award – Department

Winner – Nebraska

Runner-up - Wisconsin

PNP Linda McGriff Award – Local -

Winner – FL #1992

Runner-up – TN #101

PAWS With A Cause Founders Award – Department

Winner – Florida

Blood Drive Award – Local

Winner – PA #85

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

PNP Charlene Kee Award – Department -

Winner – Florida

Runner-up – Tennessee

PNP Carol King Award – Local

Winner – OH #95

AMERICANISM AWARDS

PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis Award – Department

Winner – Nebraska

Runner-up – Wisconsin

PNP Patty Piening Award – Local

Winner – FL #1992

Runner-up - OH #95

Individual Americanism Award

Winner – Cynthia Carter – TN #101

Runner-up – Mary Conley – FL #1992

NATIONAL HOSPITAL AWARDS

PNP Mary Barrow Award – Department **Winner – Nebraska Runner-up – Wisconsin**

PNP Brenda Kilgore Award – Local **Winner – FL #1992 Runner-up – IA #49**

PNP Barbara Guth Nursing Home Award – Local **Winner – IA #49 Runner-up – TN #101**

VAVS AWARDS

James H. Parke Scholarship – Department **Winner – Maryland Runner-up – Ohio**
Local **Winner – MD #7 Runner-up – FL #8**

HISTORY AND SCRAPBOOK AWARDS

No entries received for 2019-2020

SHOW AND TELL AWARD - PNP Virginia Hays, Donor

Winner – FL #1992

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Mary Conley – FL #1992

AUXILIARY OF THE YEAR
FL #1992

DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR
Florida

2019 – 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

National Scholarship
Emily Ostrowski - Wisconsin
Grace Sayles – Michigan
Claire Pate – Florida
Sophia Blessing – Ohio
Chad Gerrie – Maryland
Katelyn Kennedy – North Dakota

College Support
Gabriella Gormas – Pennsylvania
Zaiden Mitchell - Michigan
Margaret Harris - Tennessee

2020 - 2021 HONORS AND AWARDS WINNERS

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

New Auxiliaries **Department of Missouri**

Highest percentage of annual (new/renewal) membership by November 30, 2020 vs. May 30, 2019 membership

Largest numerical gain in membership as of May 31st

Largest percentage gain in membership as of May 31st

Largest percentage of renewals as of December 31st

Department of Tennessee

Department of Florida

Department of Virginia

CLASS A: Department of Kansas

CLASS B: Department of Texas

CLASS C: Department of Maryland

CLASS D: Department of Florida

CHILD WELFARE AWARDS

PNP Cathy Fishero Award – Department **Winner – Nebraska** **Runner-up – Wisconsin**

PNP Leslie Wunderle Award – Local – **Winner – OH #95** **Runner-up – TN#90**

John Tracy Clinic Award - Local – PNP Dee Kreiling-Riley, Donor – **Winner – FL #8**

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

PNP Lynda Taylor Award – Department **Winner – Nebraska** **Runner-up - Wisconsin**

PNP Linda McGriff Award – Local - **Winner – TN #90** **Runner-up – OH #95**

PAWS With A Cause Founders Award – Department **Winner – Florida**
Runner-up – Pennsylvania

Blood Drive Award – Local **Winner – NC #760** **Runner-up – NY #18**

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

PNP Charlene Kee Award – Department **Winner – Tennessee** **Runner-up – Florida**

PNP Carol King Award – Local **Winner – OH #95**

AMERICANISM AWARDS

PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis Award – Department **Winner – Nebraska** **Runner-up – Tennessee**

PNP Patty Piening Award – Local **Winner – OH #95**

Individual Americanism Award **Winner – Kathleen Bien – ND #9**

Runner-up – Mary Conley – FL #1992

NATIONAL HOSPITAL AWARDS

PNP Mary Barrow Award – Department **Winner – Nebraska Runner-up – Wisconsin**

PNP Brenda Kilgore Award – Local **Winner – H #51 Runner-up – OH #45**

PNP Barbara Guth Nursing Home Award – Local **No winners**

VAVS AWARDS

James H. Parke Scholarship – Department

Winner – Maryland

Runner-up – Pennsylvania

James H. Parke Scholarship - Local

Winner – PA #19

Runner-up – AK #2

HISTORY AND SCRAPBOOK AWARDS

PNP Kathy Berning Award – Dept. Historybook

No Winner

PNP Beverly Box Award – Local Scrapbook

Winner – ND #9

Runner-up – OH #51

PNP Evelyn R. McElvin Award – Dept. Historybook Cover

Winner – Wisconsin

PNP Marvell E. Ruppel Award – Local Scrapbook Cover

Winner – OH #51

Runner-up – OH #51

SHOW AND TELL AWARD - PNP Virginia Hays, Donor

Winner – FL #1992

Runner-up – OH #95

Member of the Year

Kathy Connelly – FL #1992

Auxiliary of the Year

WA #1

Department of the Year

Ohio

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

National Scholarship

Kelci Miller – Maryland

Hailee Wetzel – Maryland

Claire Pate - Florida

Grace Sayles - Michigan

College Support

Grace Sayles - Michigan

Cheyenne Stoflet - Wisconsin

2020-2021 AMVETS AMERICANISM WINNERS

Poster Winners

Kindergarten:

First Place: Charlie D., TN
Second Place: Raquel L., MI

1st Grade:

First Place: Jacquelyn R., MO
Second Place: Vienna J., WI

2nd Grade:

First Place: Shelby H., ND
Second Place: Madison A., CA

3rd Grade:

First Place: Parker H., ND
Second Place: Everlyn O., MI

4th Grade:

First Place: Karlie C., TN
Second Place: Dean P., MI

5th Grade:

First Place: Addyson G., ND
Second Place: Maximus G., MI

Essay Winners

6th Grade:

First Place: Brooks P., TN
Second Place: Lucas H., CO

7th Grade:

First Place: Nelle P., IA
Second Place: Jake C., OH

8th Grade:

First Place: Maritza S., CA
Second Place: Grady H., OH

10th Grade:

First Place: Brady O., PA
Second Place: Rachel D., IA

11th Grade:

First Place: Derek F., OH
Second Place: Michael F., PA

12th Grade:

First Place: Anand S., MI
Second Place: Ryan C., IA

AMVETS AGAINST DRUGS AND ALCOHOL (AADAA)

2020-2021 Winners

K-2 Grades Poster

First Place: Aubrielle C., WI

3rd-5th Grades Posters

First Place: Austin K., WI



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2021 – 2022

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