“Never Forget”

MARVELL E. RUPPEL
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
2017 – 2018
Greetings to all! It’s hard to believe how quickly this year has been going by! I’ve been having an amazing time visiting with the ladies from AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Departments throughout the country. I am always amazed at all the hard work you ladies do in support of our Veterans and communities. I’ve learned about so many new and innovative ideas you have for your projects! It affirms my thought that people need to share their ideas about fund raising and program ideas to increase participation and program donations. Never presume that what you are doing is common information – we learn and grow from the ideas and actions of others!! Yearend reports have now been completed. I’m excitedly waiting to hear from our National Service Officers how programs have gone this year.

As many of you have heard me say, my expectation is that our Americanism evaluations will exceed those of the other programs. This isn’t because the other programs such as Community Service, Hospital, or Child Welfare are any less important, but because we are a Veteran’s Service Organization. Our Preamble states that we are: “To preserve the fundamentals of democracy and Americanism”. Our Auxiliary Aims and Purposes repeatedly emphasize our goal to support Americanism. We specifically adhere to the following: “(3) To inspire our membership a sense of responsibility and to develop leadership for the preservation of our American democratic way of life; (5) To train our youth to become purposeful citizens in a republic with the full knowledge of the responsibilities as well as the privileges of citizenship”; (7) To keep the public forever reminded that the American fought, served, and died to preserve peace, liberty and democracy for their nation”. (10) To expedite and assist in the rehabilitation of the veteran by sponsoring and giving support to education opportunities to recreation advantages, to hospitalization and personal problems, and to support the veterans in all legislations for veterans’ benefits. Our reports reflect our commitment to living up to these principles.

As you all know, my project, in conjunction with our National Americanism Officer, Maureen Jackson, has been to educate our members about the significant role that Freedoms Foundation has played and solicit support for my project to “Light the Way to Freedom”.

Since the early 1950’s Freedoms Foundation Valley Forge has been a long-standing partner with AMVETS and the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary in promoting the education of youth and adults regarding the history of this great country, democracy and citizenship. Our Preamble and Aims and Purposes are aligned with the values and principles of Freedoms Foundation. Statistics from Freedoms Foundation show that:
Since 1949, more than 5.0 million students have been impacted through our citizenship and leadership programs.

Educational programs continue to grow. From 70 teachers attending summer programs 10 years ago the goal is to hopefully have 400 this summer. Freedoms Foundation has also added new programs for high school students, an additional Spirit of American Youth Leadership program and a leadership conference for Naval Sea Codes.

Freedoms Foundation is our only nationally sponsored program that is aligned with our AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary in promoting the history, values, and responsibilities of being an American. It is through their programs that what we see our values being translated into action. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for making this a year we “Never Forget”. Hope to see you all in Orlando!

God Bless you and God Bless America!

TO: National Officers, Department Presidents, NEC’s, Secretaries and PNP’s

FROM: Carol King, National Executive Director

SUBJECT: UPCOMING DEADLINE DATES

Beginning this week, Auxiliary National Headquarters goes on their summer schedule and the office will close every Friday at 2:00pm through September. Also, the Convention Digest is in the mail and posted to the website.

Here’s a list of upcoming deadline dates for May, June and July:

MAY
Membership to be included in year-end totals and delegate strength MUST be postmarked by May 31. Please check with your Department for their deadline date so membership can be submitted to National Headquarters on time.

JUNE
Year-end NEC reports are due to the National Service Chairmen postmarked by June 1.
Membership Awards listed in the Convention Digest due to the National 1\textsuperscript{st} Vice President postmarked by June 15.

NEC Reports for inclusion to the National Convention book are DUE June 30\textsuperscript{th}. The outgoing NEC shall prepare the Department report for National Convention. Please send your report via email to cking@amvets.org and in WORD format.

\textbf{ALL} membership for the 2017 - 2018 membership year \textbf{MUST} be postmarked by June 30. This will allow processing time so a pre-print card will be received. Any membership received after June 30 will \textbf{NOT} be processed until after National Convention. It is our goal to have the membership file to the printer for processing/shipping prior to National Convention.

\textbf{ALL} 2017 - 2018 program donations \textbf{MUST} be postmarked by June 30\textsuperscript{th} however a five (5) day grace period shall be allowed if their convention is held during the last weekend in June.

**JULY**

Local Revalidations are \textbf{DUE} postmarked by July 1. Department Revalidations are due July 1 however a five (5) day grace period shall be allowed if their convention is held during the last weekend in June.

National Convention Pre-registration - postmarked by July 1. Delegate registration will be accepted on-site at the higher rate of $45.00.

Scholarship applications - postmarked by July 1.

Convention Book ads – postmarked by July 1.

Patron's Page submissions - postmarked by July 1.

Resolutions, Recommendations and Amendments (2 copies) to the National Parliamentarian postmarked by July 15 with one (1) copy to National Headquarters.

Blood Donor/Drive submissions to the National 3\textsuperscript{rd} Vice President – postmarked by July 1.

Colors/Page information to the National Sergeant-at-Arms – postmarked by July 1.

Hotel reservations for the Caribe Royale cut-off date is July 3.

Convention Training Seminar form/fee – postmarked by July 27. On-site registration will be accepted.

Honors and Awards submissions \textbf{MUST} be received at National Headquarters by July 16\textsuperscript{th}. Do NOT mail your entries to the Convention hotel.

\textit{For all the current information on National Convention, please visit our website at \texttt{www.amvetsaux.org} and click on the NEC/NATIONAL CONVENTION tab.}
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Membership is not only the key, it is also the heart of our organization. Understanding why membership is so important will help you in supporting our beloved veterans and our community, and the key to helping each Auxiliary grow.

As so many Auxiliaries are having some difficulties in trying to recruit new members, they must first step back and look at the whole picture. Are you taking the time to talk to your AMVETS about other members that are eligible in their family? Are you talking to your friends and those in your community as to what our organization is all about? Do you keep an AMVETS membership application along with our Auxiliary application with you always? It is a big help, as you can’t sign up a new member with first having that AMVETS to join under. Just a reminder that you can pass on to someone is: together we all work to maintain the kind of America our Veterans fought and died for. Serving our Veterans, their families and our communities is why we exist.

Don’t forget those that have not renewed. Take the time to call them to let them know they are needed. It could be they have been busy and forgot to renew. If that isn’t the case ask, it could just be something little that has turned them off. You won’t know unless you take the time to contact them.

Retaining members is something all of us can do. Remember all members have a voice. Take the time to listen. Don’t cut someone off short even if you don’t agree with them. And above all take the time to thank them for all their hard work.
Have “Bring a friend” (someone eligible) to your meeting night. Have a drawing for the member bringing in the most guests. We all know someone, so don’t put all the work on the Membership Chairman. You’ve all heard it takes a village to raise a child, well it takes all members to work together to build membership.

I’m looking forward to seeing many of you at our National Convention in Orlando, Florida this year joining in at the Membership Committee with your ideas, having a great time during Honors and Awards, renewing friendships and taking back to our Auxiliaries what all we’ve learned.

God Bless each of you and God Bless America,

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The year is coming to a close and now is the time to mail in those donations, send in those reports and apply for awards! **Please make sure you are meeting ALL deadlines!** If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

National Awards for Child Welfare include the PNP Cathy Fishero, PNP Leslie R. Wunderle and the PNP Delia Kreiling-Riley Awards. PNP Cathy Fishero’s award is awarded to the Department preforming the most outstanding work in Child Welfare, no application is necessary. The award is the total hours for the Department plus the total of volunteers, divided by total membership for past year of the Department. PNP Leslie R, Wunderle’s Award is awarded to the Local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in Child Welfare with an application required!! Please make sure you read over the application and fill out fully, with corresponding Annual Child Welfare Report. PNP Delia Kreiling-Riley’s Award is awarded to the Local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work for John Tracy Clinic with an application required!! Again, make sure you read over the application and fill out fully, with a description of projects and descriptive material included.

I look forward to receiving your Annual Reports and thank you for all the hard work each one of you do! The deadline to me is June 1st! Please give me a call if you have questions!

Please make sure you read over the Convention Digest for all deadlines. I thank you for all the hard work you do each day!!

I look forward to seeing you in August. In the meantime, keep **Paying It Forward!!**

As we get ready to finish our year of service, now is the time to mail in those donations, send in those reports and apply for awards!

National Awards for Community Service include the PNP Lynda Taylor and the PNP Linda McGriff. PNP Lynda Taylor’s award is awarded to the Department preforming the most outstanding work in Community Service, no application is necessary. This award is based on all the work a Department has done throughout the year. It is judged by your hours, plus total volunteers then divided by your Department membership.

The PNP Linda McGriff Award is for a Local doing the most outstanding work in Community Service. An application for this award is required from your Local Auxiliary.

Blood Donation Awards must have a written verification from the facility sponsoring the drive; this is required. Blood Donor Pin and Certificates are also awarded to individual Auxiliary
members who donate blood. Information is in the Convention Digest for all awards! Please make sure you meet all deadlines.

All money that we donate to “PAWS with a Cause” has priorities of first being used to place an Assistance Dog with a Veteran or Veteran’s family member. Please keep the donations coming in.

If you are planning to attend National Convention this year and would like to be on my committee or Honors and Awards, please call or e-mail me.

I would like to thank you all for your hard work this year. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Orlando at the National Convention!

According to my records the following Departments need to submit new Bylaws this year. I know conventions are coming up soon and your Bylaws will follow:

Alaska, California, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, New York, Nebraska, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia.

If your Department is listed and you think you have sent Bylaws since 2015, please contact me and I will look further.

Please verify all your local Auxiliaries to make sure their Bylaws are updated before submitting their Revalidation.

Hope to see each of you in Florida.

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“NEVER FORGET” OUR TRAINING PROGRAM

Are you painting the wrong picture? You are probably saying “how did I do that?” Attend Tuesday’s Training Program from 2:30 – 3:30pm (Room TBA) and we will reveal the secret. You can find the training application in the Convention Digest which is on our website www.amvetsaux.org under the Publications tab.

Why and Why – where does it go?
I am eagerly awaiting the mail bringing to me all your service reports! It’s always exciting to see what everyone has been doing to support the National Scholarship Programs and your Local or Department Scholarship Programs. Please remember – if you have nothing to report - you still need to submit a service report reflecting that in order to be eligible for awards.

Now is the time to remind anyone thinking about submitting a Scholarship application – these must be received at National Headquarters postmarked no later than July 1 – Please mark them Attention: National Scholarship Officer. Remember, there are 3 different scholarships available. They are the College Support, Career Start and the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship. As promised, the applications were updated and were revised as of September 2017. Please destroy any applications with the revised date of September 2014 – they will not be accepted. All the scholarship applications are on the National Auxiliary Website: www.amvetsaux.org

If you would like to be on my committee at National Convention – there is still time! Please contact me – I would love to have you help. It’s so fulfilling to know that you helped a person attain a step towards their goals. If at any time you have any questions concerning the scholarship programs, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to seeing you at Convention!

**How to succeed in filling out a Scholarship Application!**

- All 3 applications have specific requirements that must be followed. Many graduating High School students applied for all 3 scholarships when they were only eligible for the College Support Scholarship.
- Blank spaces or whole sections. There must be something entered or use N/A.
- All three letters of recommendation MUST be signed AND dated.
- Transcript must be an **authorized** copy received in a sealed envelope.
- Proof of membership card copy – MUST be a current **Auxiliary** membership card. We received AMVET cards and receipts. The relationship to the Auxiliary member must be filled out with their name/relationship and Auxiliary number and state.
- Applications **MUST** be postmarked no later than July 1. Please verify that the date stamp is visible on envelope prior to mailing.
- **ONLY** the Official application will be accepted! No changes should be made to the application **PERIOD**!
Neatness counts! White outs, scribbled out entries; poor penmanship, sloppy appearance can reduce the score.

We are coming down to the last quarter of the 2017-18, and I am so proud to be finishing my second year as your National Chaplain.

There are three (3) ways to reach me listed above. Please use any you need to let me know what is going on in your Local, District or Department. Please remember that the Chaplain celebrates all aspects of life with you, not just sadness!

I am asking you though that you get the deceased notices to me as soon as possible. I have two months from date of death to get out a card to the family of our deceased Sister’s family to let them know how much she meant to us as an organization. I do have an extended two (2) months to send a Thinking of You card to the family, but I can only one of these two if I have an address for next of kin. Please try to get that information to me on the form.

We are implementing a new procedure for making sure the names of deceased members for the National Convention Memorial Book are correct. I am asking Department Chaplains to please send me a list of all your deceased members for this year only (2017-2018.) We want to make sure no one is missed, but also want to make sure that only the current year’s names appear in the book. Please respond by email or mail so that I receive it by June 15, 2018. Thank you in advance for your help.

Remember that we Worship (with) Others (in) Love (and) Faith.

Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in Faith and Love which is in Christ Jesus. - 2 Timothy 1:13

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Happy Spring to all. VAVS Representatives and Deputies have done a great job completing Annual Joint Reviews this year despite the VA’s issues with the new computer system.

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary VAVS Representatives and Deputies are appointed by their Department Presidents. A Certification form (found on the National website) is completed and signed by both the Department President and Department Hospital Chairman, and forwarded
to our National VAVS Representative. As National Representative I forward the Certification form along with a letter to the Chief of Voluntary Services. The VA cannot register a volunteer as a Representative or Deputy without certification from the organization they are volunteering with. This same form is also used to remove or replace a VAVS Representative.

Every VA facility has its own VAVS Committee which meets 4 times a year. Any VAVS Representative or Deputy that misses 3 consecutive meetings of their committee can be removed per VHA Handbook:1620.01

I recently attended the VA National Advisory Committee Conference in Tampa, where I was proud to present the Auxiliary donation check for $5,395.00 - Great Job Ladies! The James Parke Scholarship Board also voted to add a $10,000 Scholarship to the $20,000, $5,000, and the 5 $2,000 that we already give. This year was the first time that 4 $500 Scholarships were given out to Youths that volunteer only in the Summer Youth Program, and would not qualify for the other Scholarships.

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters,

The reporting year has come to an end by our Local and Department chairman. With this year being in the books it doesn’t mean though our work is complete, our programs and volunteering continues. Our Veterans and communities will continue to use the local hospitals, VA Hospitals and even nursing homes in your areas when needed. St Jude will continue serving children and their families, but the above mentioned will continue to benefit from your time and volunteering and financial support as well.

My theme this year: “Temperature Arisen’ for Hospital” encourages you all to keep working hard in our hospitals, nursing homes and VA Hospitals.

I had attended the NAC Convention in Tampa, Florida this past April with National VAVS Representative Marie Rorrio. I learned so much there about our VA System as well as in my own VISN – Veterans Integrated Service Networks. It was an INCREDIBLE opportunity to have met so many people (old friends and new friends) and been given the chance to leave with so much information. Thank you to Marie and PNP Patty Piening for helping me learn my way around my first NAC Convention!

As we continue to prepare for our National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Convention, I will be working on an agenda of items to be discussed at out Hospital/VAVS Committee Meeting. If you have any questions or recommendations that you would like to see addressed by the Hospital Committee, please send me an email so I can place those items on the agenda. We
are still looking for volunteers to serve on the Hospital/VAVS Committee at the 2018 Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Please keep in mind as we are now receiving our Convention Digests and there are program awards I encourage you to read the Digest and make sure you are filling out the paperwork completely for each of the following Awards!

**Department Hospital Awards**
PNP Mary Barrow Award - Department with the most outstanding work in Hospital Service

**Local Hospital Awards**
PNP Brenda Kilgore Award - Local Auxiliary with the most outstanding work in Hospital Service
PNP Barbara Guth Award - Local Auxiliary with the most outstanding service to a Community or VA Nursing Home.

I thank you for your continued support, as well as the opportunity to serve as your National Hospital Officer this year. If I can be of any assistance to you please don’t hesitate to email or call me. I am looking forward to receiving your year end reports and seeing of the wonderful and amazing things your Auxiliaries are doing. Keep up the great work.

God Bless you and your Families!

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"LET PATRIOTISM LIVE"

I look forward to hearing from the Departments regarding their year-end Americanism reports. Thank you in advance to all the Local, District and Department Americanism Officers who have submitted program reports. A summary of work throughout the year will be compiled and presented at our National Convention in Florida.

We will be holding a Patriotic Vest Contest; entry forms are available online and in the Convention Digest. The vest should reflect patriotism and love of country. Vests will be displayed and modeled on the floor. A written description will need to accompany the vest. The winner will be selected by the donations placed in the collection box of the vest of your choice. All donations will go to Freedoms Foundation. Get ready to apply for awards; PNP Heidi Dineen-Seris sponsors an award for the Department doing the most outstanding work in Americanism. PNP Patty Piening sponsors an award for
the Local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in Americanism. There is even an award for the individual doing the most outstanding work! Don't forget that this year’s National Americanism Project is also Madam President Marvell's project. This year's project is to replace the antiquated lamp posts at Freedoms Foundation. **SURPRISE** - Any Local, District, Department or individual who donates $1,000.00 (the cost of one lamp post) WILL HAVE AN ENGRAVED PLATE ON THEIR LAMP POST!!! If you have donated already you can still send in another that will be added to your first donation to make the thousand-dollar donation. What a lasting, lifelong legacy this would be for you. The donation includes any monies you send in for pin sales.

The Americanism Conference held at Freedoms Foundation is the weekend of October 10-13, 2019. Raffle tickets available at National Convention in Florida and if all the tickets are sold, two winners will be selected to attend the Conference. The information flyer for the Conference can be found at the end of the Digest.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Orlando, Florida for the AMVETS National Convention August 5th - 12th. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact me. Thank you again for all you do to promote the American way of life and support of our troops.

**God Bless You, God Bless our Troops, God Bless the USA!!!**

Happy Spring Everyone!!! The current year is coming to a close and I hope each of you have had a wonderful one. Thank you for the support you have given to your Auxiliary by serving as Sergeant-At-Arms. As your State Conventions are approaching I would like to go over some pointers to help make your meetings run smoothly

- Set up early so you’re not setting up when members start coming in
- Make sure to put page signs on each table
- You will need motion sheets
- Check the microphones to be sure they work
- Alter table for the chaplain
- Check to be sure there is enough seating according to the credentials
- Make sure you have pages to help you, the more you have the smoother it will go
- When a guest is at the door, advise the President, get permission to escort them in with gloves on and stop in front of the flag, pay respect and escort them to the dais, wait for them to finish then escort them out. You do not want to keep a guest waiting.
• Thank your Pages
• The American Flag is always to the left when facing the head table, Auxiliary and POW on the right.

If you are attending National Convention in Orlando, Florida and would like to be on my team as a Page, please call or email me at the above phone or email address. The more the merrier! If your Department is planning to bring their colors, please let me know and be prepared to be part of the Presentation of the Colors at the opening of Convention. Also, you will be asked to attend the officer meeting to get your instructions of when and where you need to be as a Page or participant in the Presentation of Colors. Your feedback is essential to the life of our Auxiliary and much appreciated.

We are asking for input on a place where we as an Auxiliary can purchase our Uniform so we all match with the correct color green. I have contacted Blair and am waiting for an answer. I also contacted JJill but they were unable to help but the dress and skirt are available on their website but the color green is evergreen and only available in Fall/Winter or on clearance and the fabric is amazing. I am looking into a uniform company that supplies banks, etc. to supply us year around in all sizes. More information to come.

Here are some dates we should remember that are coming up. Please fly your flag proudly on these days. These dates have helped form our Country as we know it and are history.

• May 18th Armed Forces Day, May 26th Bombing on Tokyo, Memorial Day May 28th
• June 6th D-Day, June 14th Flag day.
• July 4th Independence Day

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at efda89@yahoo.com or call me at (440) 320-7128. Remember if you are bringing your Colors please fill out the form or email/call me and remember you are responsible.

God bless our active military and Veterans and God Bless the USA.

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As we near the end of your service year and are in the process of electing new officers and planning for a new year of activities, it’s time to be rewarded for all the hard work you’ve done this past year.

A fun time is planned for Madam National President’s Honors and Awards program in Orlando, Florida. It’s going to be “Marvellous” time and we hope to see all of you there.

The Convention Digest is out there and all you need to do now is enter to win! Gather all your donations and hours and report them on entry forms where needed. Record your events in a
scrapbook for safe keeping and enter it be sure to follow the requirements to a tee! That is true of all the entries we don’t want to disqualify anyone this year! Check the deadlines and get your entries in early.

I’m looking forward to seeing all your great entries and wish you all good luck.

We are working on streamlining the program so as not take up your whole afternoon….so come and join us Thursday afternoon for some fun!!!

It has been an exciting and busy year so far. I have been working with our Coordinators Nationwide and I am working with them to add several Junior AMVETS units. In process are Post 7 Chandler-White in Louisiana and Post 125 Denver Adams in Kentucky. There are three others that are in getting their Juniors together and their paperwork.

Working with the Juniors is such an opportunity to help them and it is a great experience working with them as they teach me as much as I help teach them. Our Juniors and myself, have and will continue to support your theme “Never Forget” and support the Freedom Foundation organization by selling the Lamplight pins.

I would like to remind all the Auxiliaries that our Junior President, Courtney Cummings, has selected St. Jude Children’s Hospital, as her project and her theme is, “Another chance at a fantastic life”. Our Juniors will be selling 50/50 tickets at the August NEC to support President Courtney’s project. I ask that we all please support her project.

Important reminder for Junior reports: The Final Report includes the months of June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018 and must be postmarked by June 15th. The Final Report includes the entire year; not just the last six months. Please send these copies the same way you send your Mid-Year reports and send to the National Junior Vice President, National Junior President and National AMVETS Auxiliary Coordinator.

Please remember to give a brief explanation of each project and a member is only counted once per service report program, but their hours and any donations made continue-on.

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I am here to help! Looking forward to our August National Convention.
SACKETTES
Honor and Fun Organization of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

GREETINGS FROM SACKETTES!!

We are selling our 50-50 raffle tickets to raise money for our nursing scholarships. We thank you in advance for purchasing the raffle tickets, the last couple of winners got over $500. Nice CHANCE for upcoming drawing in August at the Sad Sacks and Sackettes get together on Sunday nite of convention.

We welcome anyone that would like to join our Fracas at convention which will be held on Sunday morning after the Sad Sacks Joint Memorial Service, look for time on the convention agenda. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Orlando.

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Fellow Auxiliary sisters. I am asking for help from each of you. In March at the NEC meeting I was appointed as the new Scrapbook Chairman to make Madam President Marvell’s scrapbook.

I need everyone’s help with photos, newspaper articles, and any other items when President Marvell visited your state. Please include dates, names, activities, where your event was held, along with your city and state. Does anyone have photos of her installation?

I would like to have her book finished by National Convention in August so if you have anything please send them to me as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.
WANTED

Raffle Angels needed
Looking for something to do at National Convention?
Come join the Raffle Angels!
50/50 raffle ticket sales
Meet people! Make new friends!
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God bless America!
AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary Convention
August 5 – August 11, 2018
(Please review agenda for scheduled meetings)

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- Mears Transportation (407) 839-1570 Roundtrip: $37.00

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Room Rates - Cut-off Date: July 3, 2018
- Standard Queen/King Suite = $109 + 12.5% = $122.62 per night
- Deluxe King Suite = $129 + 12.5% = $145.12 per night
- Two Bedroom Villas = $209 + 12.5% = $235.12 per night

Complimentary Self-Parking

Florida Night Tickets - Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm: $25.00/Ticket or $250/Table. To purchase send check made payable to: AMVETS Department of FL
Mail to: PDC Fertie Brand
6213 Travis Blvd.
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National Commander/President Banquet - Friday, August 10, 2018: TBA on AMVETS Website

Please promote the Patrons Page and Ads. This is a great way to advertise your candidate for office, publicize your business, remember your loved ones, and so much more. (Details enclosed)

If additional information is needed, please contact me.

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Are you thinking of submitting a History or Scrapbook? Think of it as preserving history for either your Department or Local Auxiliary. Create books that show the different projects that your local has done to benefit our Military, Veterans, communities, hospitals and children. Preserve ideas for future Auxiliary members by letting them see what you have done and help get their imaginations working.

The History and Scrapbook criteria is the Convention Digest, mailed and on-line edition, and can be found on the page after this article. Please note MANDATORY ORDER. If this is not followed EXACTLY your book will be disqualified. Please make sure your Bylaws are current, signed and dated and your Preamble is the CURRENT version for the year 2018.

Have a new set of eyes look at the Mandatory Order to double check everything. Remember to label your pictures with the names of the people and don't forget your index and page numbers.

HELP WANTED

Would you like to be on the History and Scrapbook Committee? Will you be at National Convention? If so, please e-mail me and I will be happy to add you. We do need a few more volunteers for our Committee. We meet to judge the books on the Monday prior to Convention. If you feel you can't be on the Committee because your Department or Local is submitting a book – we do not have you judge them. As a bonus, you get to see what other Departments and Locals have been doing and get re-inspired and gain some great ideas for projects and fundraising.

I look forward to Convention and seeing all the great books you have put together.
History & Scrapbook Criteria

**Deadline Date & Entries:** No entry form required. Deadline dates to be announced.

**Department History Books**

*Mandatory in this order*

- a. Table of Contents
- b. Name of Department President, Historian, and Year
- c. Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble, Code of Ethics
- d. Bylaws (up-to-date/signed)
- e. Officers
- f. Year-end Service Report Forms signed by NEC

**Judging:** 100 points

**Content:** Quality & scope of material – 25 pts.

**Merit:** Historical value or worth - 35 pts.

**Conformance:** Table of Contents and theme followed closely – 20 pts.

**Neatness:** layout or general make up and internal appearance - 20 pts.

**Local Auxiliary Scrapbook**

*Mandatory in this order*

- a. Table of Contents
- b. Name and # of Auxiliary, Local President and Year
- c. Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble, Code of Ethics
- d. Bylaws (up-to-date/signed)
- e. Charter Members and Officers
- f. Year-end Local Service Report Forms signed by Local Auxiliary Chairman

**Judging:** 100 points

**Conformance:** Table of Contents and theme followed closely – 15 pts.

**Presentation:** Originality - 30 pts.

**Neatness:** layout or general make-up and internal appearance - 30 pts.

**Newspaper:** clippings, pictures, press releases - 15 pts.

**Miscellaneous:** menus, invitations, thank you’s, souvenirs, etc.- 10 pts

**Contents:** Contents should be pictures, press releases, certificates, awards, letters of recognition for community service, copies of reports and newspaper clippings including the newspaper name and date.

**The Cover for the History and Scrapbooks are judged separately:** therefore, the theme may be the same as your book or different – the choice is yours. The cover will be judged on appearance, presentation and neatness.

**NOTE:** The History Book and Scrapbook should contain material for the current year. It should be noted that a History Book shall differ from a Scrapbook in as much as it will not contain any data that is not of historical nature such as pressed flowers, menus and souvenir type of information or items. History books are only for Department and Scrapbooks are only for Local Auxiliaries.

**HELPFUL HINT:** Pick any theme you like for your scrapbook **BUT** remember to carry this theme throughout your book.
AMVETS AUXILIARY 2019
AMERICANISM PROGRAM
October 10-13, 2019

Thursday, October 10, 2019
Welcome!
Dinner and Reception
Auxiliary Mixers
Free time to explore area including Valley Forge Casino

Friday, October 11, 2019
Breakfast
Tour of FFVF Campus including MOH Grove
Living History Presentation
  Phillis Wheatley, Poet & Friend of George Washington
Lunch
Tour of Montgomery County Historic Homes
  - Pottsgrove Manor
  - Pennypacker Mills
Dinner
Signers Ceremony with Rep. James Wilson

Saturday, October 12, 2019
Breakfast
Bus to Historic Philadelphia
Museum of the American Revolution
Lunch at City Tavern
Americana Collection at the Rosenbach Museum
Return to Freedoms Foundation
Dinner
Free Time in Valley Forge Area

Sunday, October 13, 2019
Breakfast
Chapel Service
Goodbye

Cost:
$365 in 2018
$385 in 2019