

# 2019 SPRING NATIONAL LINES



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**"Putting Veterans First"**

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To all my sisters in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary:

Here we are at the end of a great year for our organization. It's time to elect new officers **and** get those service report filled out with all the wonderful projects you have done for the year in support of our Veterans and communities.

Take the time to help your sisters that are moving on to a new office or being elected for the first time. No one should be left in the dark as to what they are to do. By passing on information you only make your Auxiliary grow and that make the whole organization grow. Our organization is made up of sisters helping sisters when it comes to each Auxiliary, Districts and Departments.

Your service reporting is so very important; no matter how small the numbers are they help keep us as a volunteer organization. When our National Commander gives testimony each year on Capitol Hill our hard work also shows what a valuable organization we are to our Veterans and our communities.

Each year on the National Level there are many awards given out; take the time to check them out in the Convention Digest that you receive in the mail. Show pride in what your Locals and Departments are doing by applying for these awards. Everyone has a chance of winning! It doesn't make a difference if you're large or small, just apply and follow the directions on the applications.

Don't forget on the Scholarship applications to let those know that are applying that no line is to be left blank. We need to help those young scholars make sure they get help with costs as they go on to college. They, too, are our future.

Your donations to all our National programs are also very important. I am so grateful for the support that has been given to my project "**AMVETS Diabetes Research Institute**" to help put an end to this disease that plagues so many. Please make sure all your donations are sent through your Department with the name in the memo as to where project it's to go for. Again, no donation is too small.

I've had a wonderful time being able to visit so many of you, sitting down talking on a one on one hearing all the wonderful things you have been doing. Thank you for giving me the honor to serve as your National President and the friendship we have together.

I look forward to seeing all my wonderful sisters at our National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

God Bless each of you and God Bless America.

### **"Revving Up Membership"**

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**We have a NEW website with all our new forms!!!  
If you have not been on our website lately, please check it out!**

I am asking all Departments to please share the new forms with all Locals, so the new forms will be used by all! (New Forms show a Revised 2019 date). The biggest changes to keep in mind – Honorary Membership is now required to be on a Dues Remittance Form (D&R) with payment included from every Local Auxiliary every year! On the same form is now a "rejoin" type (RJ), which is for members who pay dues after 12-31.

NOW is the time to contact all our non-renewed members (make this a project now or this summer when you can offer them over a year!) and sponsor at least one new member.

#### ***I sponsored one – have you?***

Membership criteria can be found in our Manual, Section 4: Programs, there is also General Membership information, this needs to be shared with all members. Also, always have an application! I keep one with my membership card. I have talked to other Ladies who keep one tucked into their hats or in their hat bag. Please find a fun way to make sure all members are carrying one. I will be asking if you have one at Convention!! *Will you have one?*

Please consider sponsoring a membership drive in your Locals and Departments. Programs cannot be accomplished without members. Just imagine if **every** member reading this sponsored a new member!!! Every one of us has somebody we work with, go to school with, attend church with or are related to that is eligible to join AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary! (plus, other women!) Most potential members have never been asked! Holding a function is a great way to let potential members what we are all about. It can be a "Tea", Ice Cream Social or anything that would work for your local. Just make sure that you let everyone know what your auxiliary is doing!!! Most ladies will want to belong if you can show them all the great programs we have. Let your attendees also know what items you collect and what programs you are need of volunteers for. If your drive will not be ready for 2019 Membership year – DO IT FOR THE 2020 Membership year.

Make your membership drive fun and set some goals. Please acknowledge everyone who sponsors a member. Prizes for the top recruiters might be a great way to get everyone involved! National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary presents pins that can be worn on your hat if you recruit 10 or more members (these must be applied for). Please let me know about your Membership Drive, so I can share your success!

National also has Department Awards for largest numerical gain by 5/31, largest percentage gain by 5/31, largest percentage of renewals by 12/31, and Department organizing most the new Auxiliaries by 5/31. No application needed.

### **AUXILIARIES CHARTERED 1 SEPTEMBER 2018 – 28 FEBRUARY 2019**

Elberta, Alabama #2018  
Prescott, Arizona #3  
Englewood, Florida #777  
Tupper lake, New York #710  
Holbrook, New York #1174

**Welcome to all New Members and New Auxiliaries!**  
**We look forward to having you join us!**

I look forward to seeing everyone at Convention in Kentucky and don't forget to read your Convention Digest and check the website for all pertinent information.



**"Children are our Future,  
Let them Lead the Way"**  
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Any activity or project that benefits only children is considered Child Welfare and is reported as such. Child Welfare is close to the heart of every member of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. Look in your community and sponsor projects which will provide comfort, assistance and love. Please make sure all Child Welfare projects are being reported properly and sent in to the Department and National Chairman prior to all deadlines.



John Tracy Center, our National Program, that through donations from members, Auxiliaries and Departments, helps sponsor correspondence courses, which are provided by the JTC, for hearing impaired preschool children. When a family comes to JTC, they find more than a clinic; they receive a family-centered education, encouragement, guidance, and support they need for their child. With reverence to Mrs. Tracy's words and the work she inspired, they are pleased

to announce that they are becoming the John Tracy Center. They remain the same organization you have come to trust. Please plan to sponsor at least one function to benefit JTC. Contact your local newspaper, radio stations and local TV stations for publicity to make it a real success! Your generosity changes the lives of children with hearing loss and their families. April is John Tracy Center month!

In October I had a wonderful visit at JTC in Los Angeles, California. JTC has an amazing infant-parent education program for children 0-3 who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. All services are free, and every member of their staff is caring, considerate and helpful!

To be eligible for National Awards, all Departments must submit a mid-year and an annual service report. Double check all youth names to make sure the spelling is correct and should be typed. The mid-year reports show how much hard work everyone has accomplished. Keep up the good work, and remember, "Children are our Future".

Here are the National Child Welfare Awards you can apply for: PNP Cathy Fishero Award: given to the DEPARTMENT doing the most outstanding work in Child Welfare. PNP Leslie Wunderle Award: given to the LOCAL Auxiliary doing the most outstanding service in their community, benefiting children 18 years of age and younger. PNP Dee Kreiling-Riley Award: given to the most imaginative, interesting and rewarding program for the benefit of the John Tracy Center. John Tracy Certificates: Donations of \$100.00 or more. Please check the Convention Digest as some entry forms are required.

### **Some Project Ideas**

- John Tracy Center, monetary donations and donate new, used or broken hearing aids.
- Sponsor Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.
- Donate to local schools for supplies year-round.
- Sponsor a child providing her/his personal needs.
- Assist AMVETS in its AADAA Program for kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Worchid is an Auxiliary program for the children of a deceased veteran who would have been eligible for AMVETS.

These are just a few ideas of projects. Look in your manual for more ideas on pages 46-48, and on reporting, pages 97-103.

### **Some Fundraising Ideas**

- Bake Less Bake Sale: Too busy to bake? Send letters or post cards to members to send a donation or whatever it cost for you to bake that item. This is a good way to get all your members involved.
- Candy Bar Sales: Free shipping and 40% profit. Vande Walle's Candies 1-800-738-1020
- Lottery Scratch Off Tickets: Purchase lottery tickets and paste on a board, sell tickets to win the complete board. This is a great fundraiser, especially if you have a large function at your home Post.
- Basket Raffles: If you have a function coming up, make baskets and have them on display for 3 weeks in advance, so members can buy tickets up to the day of the event. If baskets are donated, clear profit.
- Silent Auctions: Collect items throughout the year. Get donations from businesses in your area.

JTC is still taking used-new or broken hearing aids and batteries if the batteries are new and sealed in their container.

If you need anything, please feel free to contact me anytime. I look forward to a great year, and remember "Children are our Future, let them Lead the Way". Get our youth involved.

**"Be the Unity in Community"**

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Greetings to all our Auxiliary members! The year has flown by and soon we will be meeting again at National Convention in August. My challenge for you was to go out into your neighborhoods and spread the word about what we do for the community. I hope you have had that opportunity and it was successful.

PAWS With A Cause® is one of our main programs that we raise funds for. I look forward to seeing the amounts being donated from your Departments and Locals. I'd love to hear some of your fundraising ideas so I can spread the word at convention.

The Community Service committee will be discussing new projects and awards. If you haven't committed to being on a committee – there is always room at the table for you to bring your ideas. Don't forget to apply for blood drives/donations as well as the PNP Lynda Taylor award for the Department doing the most outstanding work in Community Service, the PNP Linda McGriff Award for the Local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work for Community Service and the PAWS With A Cause® Founders Award to the Department that donates the most amount for PAWS Annually.

Information on all awards can be found in the Convention Digest. Please follow the directions if an entry form is required. I look forward to presenting these awards to your Departments and Local Auxiliaries!

If you have any questions or have some great ideas for fundraising ideas, please email me at the address listed above. See you in Louisville!



**Let's raise Dollars  
For our Scholars!!**

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I am so looking forward to being in Louisville this August for two reasons. First, I have never been there and I love going to new places. Secondly, I can't wait to give out scholarships for the applications I have received, because they are all filled out correctly.

Let's go through our scholarships again to make sure you know the proper form to use. First is the College Support Scholarship. This one is for graduating high school student who has been accepted to an accredited college or university. Second is the Career Start Scholarship. This form is for a member of the AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary and must have completed one year of study at an accredited technical school, business school, college or university. The Third a Scholarship for a current member of the AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary and be at least the second year of undergraduate at an accredited college or university. Also remember that the Sackettes have a Nursing Scholarship that can be applied for.

Again, I am looking forward to seeing all of you Louisville this August.

**TEACHING GOOD CITIZENSHIP and PATRIOTISM  
to our PROMISING YOUTH**

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Thank you for allowing me to represent you this year as your Americanism Officer, I was humbled and amazed by the experience. The number of hours donated to our cause working with and for our Veterans is phenomenal. We have increased numbers in every category. As individual Departments, much good was done this year. I was privileged to see all Departments combined and I was overwhelmed by your projects. I thank you for your service.

**AMVETS Individual Americanism Youth Awards**

**Flag Coloring Contest:** Best Flag coloring submitted by a student in Kindergarten and 1st grade which addresses the theme. An entry form, supplied by AMVETS, must be attached to each entry.

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

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

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

**Check with your Department for judging procedures.**

## **AUXILIARY AMERICANISM AWARDS**

### **Awards for Departments**

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

### **Awards for Local Auxiliaries**

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

### **Awards for Individual Members**

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

## **AMERICANISM RAFFLE TICKET**

Has visiting Freedoms Foundation ever been a wish of yours? Now you can make it a reality! Be sure to purchase raffle tickets before it's too late! During National Convention, Raffle Tickets will be on sale for the final time. The Conference takes place October 10th through the 13th, 2019, at **Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge**. This can be a trip of a lifetime; have more fun by traveling with a group of your friends. Experience going back in time, visiting historical sights, learning what our forefathers lived.

**NEC Women: If you took home raffle tickets to sell, all monies and/or tickets must be returned to me at convention.**

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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
- Altar 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. Escort your guests to the right so you do not cut the colors.
- Thank your pages
- The American flag is always to the left when facing the head table, Auxiliary and POW Flags on the right.



If you are attending National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky 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. You need to attend the Committee meeting to get your instructions of when and where you need to be as a Page or participant in the Presentation of Colors. I will be contacting you ahead of time with the time and date of our committee meeting so be on the lookout. Your feedback is essential to the life of our Auxiliary and much appreciated.

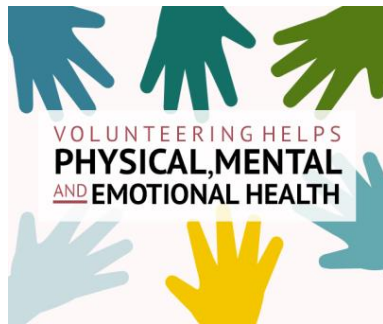
We are asking for input on a place where we as an Auxiliary can purchase our Uniform, the dress and skirt are available at J JILL on their website but the color green is evergreen and only available in Fall/Winter or on clearance and the fabric is amazing. I have been informed that you can find the uniform pants year around at Amerimark and sizes up to 5x. Other places are Chadwick's of Boston, Old Pueblo, Walmart and Penny's. Keep in mind the green is a winter color and can only be purchased in the fall and winter. You might find it in a catalogue on clearance.

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 18<sup>th</sup> - Armed Forces Day, May 26<sup>th</sup> - Bombing on Tokyo, Memorial Day - May 28<sup>th</sup>
- June 6<sup>th</sup> - D-Day, June 14<sup>th</sup> - Flag Day
- July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [efda89@yahoo.com](mailto: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. Thank you again for a wonderful two years as Sergeant-At-Arms.



### **Volunteering to Heal**

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Hello to all my Auxiliary sisters. It's hard to believe this year is almost over. Everyone is working on their final reports and I can't wait to see the outcome. You've all worked so hard this year. I'm proud to be a member of such a wonderful and caring organization.

Unfortunately, due to health issues, I will not be running again this year. I will miss it dearly. I'll still be with my state and local and do what I can. It's been a wonderful experience, but things don't always work out as we plan.

Even though the year is coming to an end please keep working on our Hospital projects. Our Veterans need you desperately. I have a 29-year-old disabled Veteran that has adopted me as his 2<sup>nd</sup> Mom. He was badly injured and has PTSD. When he gets agitated, he calls and we talk for long

periods of time. Keep visiting them in the hospitals, nursing homes, etc. Keep doing fundraisers for our National project, St. Jude. What we give matters.

Keep up the great work you do.

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Happy Spring to all. VAVS Representatives and Deputies have done a great job completing Annual Joint Reviews this year, but I am still waiting for some.

I recently received the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report for this Fiscal Year, from the VA, and the number of VA Medical Centers that we have ACTIVE Representatives in has dropped. When the appointed Representatives and Deputies of an Organization do not attend the 4 VAVS committee meetings at their facility, the organization is dropped from the roster. Some VA's will reenter the Organization after speaking to the Representative, but others will require a new Certification form or a letter from the National Representative.

When VAVS Representatives or Deputies are no longer able to perform their VAVS duties, they need to speak to their Department President so that a new person can be appointed and certified.

I will be attending the VA National Advisory Committee Conference in San Antonio, where I will be presenting the Auxiliary donation check for \$5,450., Great Job Ladies! The James Parke Scholarship Board will also be presenting this year's Scholarships of \$20,000, \$5,000, and the 5 \$2,000 at the Conference. This is the second year that (4) \$500 Scholarships will be given out to Youths that volunteer only in the Summer Youth Program and would not qualify for the other Scholarships. This is a great incentive for our High School students for a summer project.



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As we are getting closer to the end of the year, I would like to wish Madam President Barbara a wonderful Convention and congratulate her on a successful year. Thank you to my fellow National Officers for your support, patience, and guidance. Special kudos to all the hard-working Auxiliaries throughout this wonderful Country. You all make the AMVETS name shine.

To all the Department Chaplains. Your job is not always an easy one. Keeping up-to-date lists of deceased members, comforting family members and friends, and uplifting the spirits of those who

are hurting. A listening ear, a gentle hand or hug, can go a long way in someone's life that is grieving.

As you look at your membership lists, be mindful of members who no longer attend meetings. Is it due to health reasons, transportation issues, or were they upset with something that happened in the past? Reach out to these members, they are your Auxiliary Sisters. Sadly, we have lost so many this past year.

Remember to work closely with the Membership Chairman of your Auxiliary. Local Auxiliaries send their deceased notifications to the Department Chaplain, who in turn, sends them to National Headquarters and the National Auxiliary Chaplain.

I THANK YOU ALL for the precious opportunity of serving you as the National Auxiliary Chaplain. I have learned a lot, met wonderful individuals, and enjoyed speaking to each and every one of you.

God Bless You All!

*But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23*



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Greetings President Barbara, National Officers, Auxiliary Sisters!

Hopefully, everyone is enjoying some warmer Spring weather by now! I know we are certainly hoping our 'white stuff' is forever gone – well, for this Spring anyway.

Ladies, you should be well into making or almost finishing your History and/or Scrapbook. Be proud of all the hard work you have done and the fun you have had this past year and share it with all of us. Your book is interesting and shares ideas for everyone. Be sure you follow the criteria to a "T", so your book is not disqualified. The criteria is easy to follow and can be found in the National Lines on the National Ladies Auxiliary website. You will also find the different awards that are given as well.

"Thank You" in advance to the following Ladies that wish to be on my Judging Committee: Nancy Carrier, PNP Kathy Berning, Paulette Joy, Maria Wicker, Faye Richardson-Green, Karen Spittlemeister, Mary Lou Maslo, and Trudy Wood. We will be judging Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00am. Please bring a pair of antlers for Thursday at the Honors and Awards Party.

President Barbara, thank you for this appointment. I enjoyed learning something new and meeting more Friends. I sincerely hope you have had an enjoyable year!

God Bless You All, Your Families, Our Veterans, and the Great 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.

I hope you all will join us on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> for a "Jolly" surprise-filled and fun Honors and Awards program. A fun time is planned for Madam National President's and we hope to see all of you there.



Remember the Convention Digest is out there and full of all the information you will need for a successful entry. Make sure everything is filled out in its entirety and correct before turning them in or mailing them in. 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.

Hand delivered entries will be accepted by the Honors and Awards Chairman or a committee member, on Monday, August 19, 2019 between 9:00AM and 10:00AM in the posted room for the judging. **NO** entries will be accepted after 10:00AM.

If you have any changes or recommendations for the Honors and Awards Committee to consider you must have them to the National Parliamentarian, PNP Lynda Taylor, 30 days prior to the opening of National Convention.

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

Come join us Thursday for some fun and as we honor our very own Madam President in a theme of: "Twas the night before Barbara Valley". That's right it's a purple pajama party.



See you all in Kentucky!

**AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary**  
**73<sup>rd</sup> National Convention, Louisville, Kentucky**  
**August 18 – 24, 2019**



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**Most of the Auxiliary Meetings will be held in the West RIVUE Tower.** If checking into the Executive Suite, East Tower, there is a walkway on the third floor that will take you right over to the Auxiliary registration desk and meeting room.

**Xtreme Transportation is the Galt House Hotel's transportation partner,** offering shuttle service to and from Louisville International (SDF) Airport. Shuttle departs on the quarter of the hour (7:15 am, 8:15 am, etc.) and a quarter 'til the hour (7:45 am, 8:15 am, etc.) from 7:15 am through 11:45 pm. The rates are \$15 per one-way or \$25 per round trip. Please contact **Xtreme Transportation at (502) 561-4022 or [galthouseshuttle@xtlimo.com](mailto:galthouseshuttle@xtlimo.com).** You may also book your ride at the Transportation Desk in the Executive SUITE East Tower Lobby of the Galt House Hotel to the left of the Front Desk. Please note that the shuttle service is **not** a 24-hour service.

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Think Kentucky Derby, bourbon, KFC, Louisville Slugger and Muhammad Ali and you get a snap shot of Louisville, Kentucky. Also known as the "Blue Grass State," Kentucky has no shortage of fantastic folk music to enjoy at bars around the city.

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Room rates per night:

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*(The Galt House Hotel remains Louisville's only waterfront hotel and is located on the banks of the Ohio River)*

**Silver Helmet Awards Reception**

**Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

Tickets \$20.00.

**Commander's/President's Banquet**

**Friday August 23, 2019**

Tickets \$55.00

Order forms are available on our website

[www.amvetsaux.org](http://www.amvetsaux.org)

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It's hard to believe that holidays have come and gone, summer is around the corner and National Convention is quickly coming upon us. That being said, I would like to give a few reminders.

Any membership to be considered for the 2018-2019 service year awards must be submitted/postmarked by **June 30, 2019**. Copies of D&R's should be sent to the National Junior President, National Senior Vice President and National Auxiliary Coordinator as well.

At this time, everyone should be preparing their year-end service reports ready to be mailed. These reports will include the complete service year (June 1, 2018 thru May 31, 2019) and will be submitted with a postmark no later than **June 30<sup>th</sup>**. If there is no report, please submit a report stating such. Please send a copy to the National President, National Junior Vice President and the National Auxiliary Coordinator. Those with questions or needing help with their reporting, please contact me by phone or email, which is listed above.

This year we have had two (2) Junior units submit charters. We hope this trend continues, as we have had several units not renew their membership. It does take willingness and open arms of your AMVETS Family to help them along the way and prosper. I promise you, give these young people the opportunity to be part of your organization and it will be rewarding to both you and them. A kind word and a little help goes a long way.

Interested in starting a Junior AMVETS at your local post or wanting a little information on what they are all about? Please give me a ring or send an email, I would love to talk to you. It can be very rewarding being involved with these young people.

Junior AMVETS President Jovan Rosado chose the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, "Finding a home for those that can't" as his pet project. President Jovan and his fellow Juniors have been working hard throughout this year to make his project a success. For more information on her project please visit [www.nchv.org](http://www.nchv.org).

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

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I would like to thank Madam President Barb for appointing me as "Scrapbook Lady". I feel very privileged to be able to compile all the memories from this past year of her presidency.

To everyone who has sent me pictures, I really appreciate your time and effort. It has helped make her scrapbook complete. If anyone has pictures they need to send – it is never too late.

Thanks for a great year and see you all in Louisville!

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Hello everyone!

Thanks to all the ladies who took or bought raffle tickets at the National Executive Committee meeting in March! All the tickets that were on hand were given out or sold. Additional tickets have been mailed out from National Headquarters to those members who signed up for them.

Please remember – ticket stubs and monies should be brought to National Convention. Do not send them to National Headquarters! I will be available at the NEC Meeting on Tuesday afternoon in Louisville to collect all the ticket stubs and monies. I'm hopeful there won't be raffle ticket packets returned unsold.

**Remember, the Department selling the most raffle tickets will be awarded \$100.00 to be used as their Department chooses!**

I'm also still looking for volunteers to assist as Raffle Princess' and help sell tickets on the Convention floor. If you can assist one day or the entire Convention – I'd appreciate whatever help offered. Please let me know your availability. You can reach me at the contact information provided above.

God Bless you, God Bless America, God Bless our currently serving military personnel.



**AMVETS National Ladies** *Auxiliary*

*"We waited together....."*

*Now let's work together*

MAY 2019

FROM: Carol King, National Executive Director

SUBJECT: **UPCOMING DEADLINE DATES**

Beginning the week of April 29, Auxiliary National Headquarters goes on their summer schedule and the office will close every Friday at 2:00pm throughout September. The Convention Digest has been mailed and is being posted will be posted on our website [www.amvetsaux.org](http://www.amvetsaux.org) under the PUBLICATIONS tab.

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<sup>st</sup> Vice President **postmarked by June 15.**

## **JUNE (continued)**

NEC Reports for inclusion to the National Convention book are **DUE June 30<sup>th</sup>**. The outgoing NEC shall prepare the Department report for National Convention. It is preferred that your report is sent via email ([cking@amvets.org](mailto:cking@amvets.org)) and in WORD format.

ALL membership for the 2018 – 2019 membership year must be postmarked by June 30. This will allow processing so a pre-print card will be received. Any membership received after June 30 will **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.

Donations to be included in the Convention Book - postmarked by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Again, Departments having their convention the last weekend of June have a five (5) day grace period.

## **JULY**

Local Revalidations are due postmarked by July 1. Department Revalidations are due July 1 however a five (5) day grace period shall be allowed if the 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.**

Patron's Page submissions - **postmarked by July 1.**

Convention Book ads – **postmarked by July 1.** Ads must be copy-ready.

Blood Donor/Drive applications to the National 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – **postmarked July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Colors/Page information to the National Sergeant-at-Arms – **postmarked July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Resolutions, Recommendations and Amendments (2 copies) to the National Parliamentarian **postmarked by July 15<sup>th</sup>** with one (1) copy to National Headquarters. When sending to National Headquarters, please scan/send a copy of the signed document(s).

Sackette Scholarship applications due to the National Sackette Scholarship Chairman prior to **July 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Galt House Hotel room reservations – last day to book **July 16<sup>th</sup>.**



Honors and Awards submissions and History/Scrapbooks for judging mailed to National Headquarters **BY July 19<sup>th</sup>**.

Convention Training Seminar form/fee – **postmarked July 26th**.

For all the current information on National Convention preparation and events, please visit our website at [www.amvetsaux.org](http://www.amvetsaux.org) and click on the **NEC/National Convention** tab. Also, like our Facebook page for updates and news.

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