



AMVETS National Ladies *Auxiliary*

"We waited together....."

Now let's work together

May 2020

It is with great regret that I inform you that AMVETS is canceling the first National Convention ever. I will miss seeing everyone! Most Department Conventions have been canceled also. These meetings have been staples in my itinerary for so long! I am not sure where to go.

As we live through these times that none of us has ever experienced before, we must adjust. The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary must adjust also. I encourage everyone to keep up the great volunteering that members are performing, even under quarantine!

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary is business as usual. We have changed some deadlines to help National Headquarters and your National Officers process all our year end business. Please feel free to ask questions if we have not addressed your needs. Local Auxiliaries should contact their Departments for assistance and for Department deadlines and requirements.

As National Elections cannot be held, your officers will be staying in place unless they request to be replaced. The new year will start with all the information you would normally receive at the Post Convention Meeting.

The good news is – NATIONAL will be publishing a "Quarantine" Convention Book. It will be posted on our website **AND** available for purchase if you would like a *souvenir* Hard Copy.

All the questions that were asked on our email request have been answered below, along with some changes to our deadlines. A form to request a refund for your IL State Night tickets and a form to order our Convention Book is attached also.

Take care, keep up the great work and above all stay safe! God Bless!

Dee Baggett

"Always Remember"
2019 – 2020
National President

FROM: Carol King, National Executive Director

SUBJECT: UPCOMING DEADLINE DATES

Until the COVID 19 stay at home directive has been lifted Auxiliary National Headquarters is only open on Wednesdays.

All National Officers elected and appointed, with the exception of the 2020 National Convention Chairman, will remain in effect until the 2021 National Convention. The 2022 National Convention Chairman will be appointed at the March 2021 NEC Meeting. Linda Bonin, the 2021 National Convention Chairman, will take over September 2020.

NEC Women whose term expires in 2020 will remain as NEC women until 2022 unless they choose to resign, and then it becomes a Department appointment according to the Department Bylaws. The current NEC Council Chairman will remain in place through the 2021 National Convention.

Current members of the Finance Committee shall remain in place through the 2021 National Convention.

IRS Form 990 must still be filed. When submitting your Local/Department Revalidation form, please make sure your EIN is listed in Block 2 on the back page of the form.

If there is no Department Convention then all Department Officers will remain in place, unless they choose to resign, then they are handled by the Department according to the Department Bylaws.

If there is no Department Convention, it is National's recommendation that Local officers remain in place until the annual 2021 meetings but ultimately that is a Department decision.

Departments that have Bylaws due this year, those will now be due in 2021.

Closing out of books/audits will be determined by each Department.

No Resolutions, Recommendations and Amendments will be accepted for this year.

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

MAY

Membership to be included in year-end totals **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.

National Chaplain Mary Lanphere is looking for submissions for her prayer booklet. As requested last National Convention, a book of prayers was asked to be put together. The deadline date has been extended to **May 30**. They can be mailed or emailed to Mary Lanphere, AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain, 6310 E. Main Rd., Portland, New York 14769; email is mlanphere@stny.rr.com. The prayer book will be ready by the 2021 Spring NEC Meeting.

JUNE

Year-end NEC statistical reports are due to the National Service Chairmen **postmarked by June 1.**

Membership Awards listed in the Convention Digest due to the National 1st Vice President **postmarked by June 15.**

NEC Reports for inclusion to the National Convention book are **DUE June 30.** The outgoing NEC shall prepare the Department report for National Convention. It is preferred that your report is sent via email to cking@amvets.org and in WORD format.

ALL membership for the 2019 – 2020 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 September. It is our goal to have the membership file to the printer for processing/shipping by the end of July.

Donations to be included in the Convention Book - postmarked by **June 30.**

Local/Department Revalidation Forms. Use the 2019 revalidation form previously submitted unless there are changes, then complete a new form with the changes. Please follow the guidance of your Department. Include a cover note stating the 2019-2020 Officers are still in effect. There is **NO** need to reinstall. These are due to National Headquarters by **June 30** unless your Department will be holding a Convention prior to August 1. If this is the case, please contact Carol King at cking@amvets.org.

JULY

Scholarship applications — **postmarked by July 1.** Official transcripts are needed when applying for AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary Scholarships however during the pandemic, we will be accepting unofficial transcripts for 2019-2020 applications **ONLY.**

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 3rd Vice President – **postmarked July 1.**

Sackette Scholarship applications due to the National Sackette Scholarship Chairman prior to **July 15.**

Freedoms Foundation Seminar tickets and pins – Stubs from tickets sold, unsold tickets, pins and monies should be sent to Denise Rodzen, National Americanism Officer at 84 Parkview Avenue, Livermore Falls, Maine 04254 by **July 17** to be included in the Convention Book. Please remit funds by check or money order made out to AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary. If you have questions, please contact Denise at denise@rodzen.com or 207-931-7735.

St. Jude pins – Unsold pins and monies should be sent to Cindy Rice, National Hospital Officer at 778 Regina Drive, Vermilion, Ohio 44089 by **July 17** to be included in the Convention Book. Please remit funds by check or money order made out to AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary. If you have questions, please contact Cindy at efda89@yahoo.com or 440-320-7128.

There will be a 2020 Quarantine Edition of the 74th Annual Convention Book online and for purchase. We will accept Patron's Pages and ads. See the form at the end of this memo for ordering information. Form/payment due to National Headquarters **postmarked by July 17**.

AUGUST

ALL Honors and Awards submissions for judging **MUST** be received at National Headquarters by **August 1**. Further details to follow.

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

AMVETS Americanism and AADAA contest – First place winners should be sent to AMVETS National Programs Department by **August 1**.

National Convention 50/50 Raffle Tickets – monies and stubs for tickets sold should be sent to Auxiliary National Headquarters after August 1 and before August 31. Please remit funds by check or money order made out to AMVETS Auxiliary National Headquarters. Funds will be deposited and one daily drawing will be held during the 2021 National Convention.

For current information please visit our website at www.amvetsaux.org and click on the **NEC/ National Convention** tab. Also, like our Facebook page for updates and news.

2020 National Convention Book QUARANTINE EDITION

A special Quarantine edition of the National Convention book will be posted on our website as well as printed and mailed to members who request one. We are asking \$20.00 to cover the cost of printing and mailing. If you are interested, please complete the form below and mail to National Headquarters postmarked by **July 17, 2020**.

We are still accepting Patron's Pages and Ads to be included in Convention Book. Deadline date for Patron's Pages and Ads remain the same – **July 1, 2020**. Get those applications in NOW!!



AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary
2020 National Convention Book
Quarantine Edition
Cost – \$20.00

Name _____

Address _____

Department _____ Auxiliary _____

Email: _____

Please make checks payable to: AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary

Send application form to AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary National Headquarters, 4647 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, Maryland 20706, postmarked by Friday, **July 17, 2020**.



Illinois Night Ticket Refund Form

Due to the 2020 National Convention's cancellation, those individuals who purchased Illinois Night tickets can request a refund using the following form.

Please remit the following form **WITH the tickets to:**

Illinois AMVETS
c/o Keith Wetherell
2200 South Sixth St.
Springfield, IL 62703

If you are unable to find your tickets, email Keith Wetherell at keith@ilamvets.org, and he will check our records to confirm payment.

Illinois Night Refund Request Form

Name:
Address:
Phone Number:
Email Address: