JUNE 2020
NATIONAL LINES
DOLORES “DEE” BAGGETT
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
“ALWAYS REMEMBER”
I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your National President!!!

I have made many memories this year! I just wish I had not been grounded by several personal items and a worldwide pandemic! AMVETS Commander Jan Brown, SOA Commander Richard Thibodeau, and AMVETS Riders President Tom McNamara are the best!! I could not have served with a greater group of leaders.

“Always Remember” - I know this is a theme that the Auxiliary embodies. The work we do for veterans and their communities is always remembered. As the COVID 19 virus made an impact on all our lives, the Auxiliary stepped up quickly! The masks and people making them are awesome!!! Other members made headbands, donated food, helped clean post homes and many, many other projects. Thank you for always being there. I think it was a good theme for the year – will you remember?

I hope each one of you has reported all your hard work through the proper channels. I look forward to the Service Chairman reports and totals. Our members are all awesome. Please make sure you are applying for awards. It is a great honor to recognize the great work done by Departments, Local Auxiliaries, and Individual Members.

As another Auxiliary year comes to an end and elections are held in some places and officers stay in place in others, I thank each one of you for carrying on our great Aims and Purposes.

I had to cancel my testimonial dinner as the post and state had stay at home orders. I was going to reschedule, but since Florida is opening in stages and everything is so unpredictable, I have decided to not host an event at this time. I do thank everyone who sent in reservations or called to tell me they were coming.

Freedoms Foundation has always been extremely near and dear to my heart. Denise Rodzen, National Americanism Officer, and I worked together to raise funds for a much-needed generator. I do have pins left as I had planned on having them on hand at many State Conventions, that will not be held or have been postponed. I thank everyone who donated to my project.

Our National Convention has been canceled. I hope I see you all soon. Please keep up all the good work you do, whether it be at home or not.
National Headquarters will keep you updated on all changes and please keep checking the website for the latest information. The Convention book will be posted when available, and don’t forget to purchase your once in a lifetime “quarantine” souvenir book. The order form can be found at the end of the Lines.

Stay safe and God Bless us all!

Yours in Service,

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With our National Convention in Springfield, Illinois being cancelled, please take the time to contact all your members who have not renewed! Membership to be included in the year end totals must be received at National Headquarters postmarked by May 31, 2020. All membership for the 2019-2020 membership year must be postmarked by June 30, 2020. Any membership received after June 30 will not be processed until September. In these difficult, unprecedented times, where we are unable to meet with our members, find a way to contact members who have not renewed by phone, e-mail or mailings. Make this a project to get them renewed! Recruit just one new member and we could double our membership!

The last 6 months our New, Renewed, Annual and Life membership has increased from year 2018 by 1,214 members. Always have a membership application with you and know how to recruit a new member, knowing all the benefits we offer, and all our great programs we have. Let’s make 2020 an outstanding year in membership!

AUXILIARIES CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 2019 – February 2020

Chetek, WI # 25
Okeechobee, Florida # 200 - Reactivated
Pocatello, Idaho # 1

Welcome to all New Members and New Auxiliaries!

It’s time to start thinking about Membership Awards, no application is needed for the Department Award for the largest numerical gain by 5/31, largest percentage gain by 5/31, largest
percentage of renewals by 12/31, and the Department organizing the most new Auxiliaries by 5/31. There also is awards for individual membership, members signing up 10 or more new members; pins are awarded. An application form is required for Individual Membership Awards, postmarked by June 15.

All Awards will be listed in the Convention Digest that is mailed to Local Presidents, Department Presidents, and is posted on the National website! Please share information with your members! More information forthcoming on the presentation of awards.

For your 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.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the March 2021 NEC. Check the website and Convention Digest for all pertinent information. Stay well and be safe!

“It seems like a year has passed since Spring NEC instead of a few months! This virus has completely altered the way everyone is living, working, and surviving. With our Post homes closed, and most people confined to their homes, projects and donations for John Tracy Center have been significantly affected. My only hope is that some projects were done earlier before everything was shut down. I want to remind everyone about my challenge to all our local Auxiliaries to donate a minimum of $25.00. There is still time to send monetary donations earmarked JTC to National Headquarters. Donations of hearing aids are still being accepted with an evaluation of $100.00 per aid. You may send used or unwanted hearing aids in any condition to: JTC 806 West Adams Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90007.

Please remember that if you sewed facemasks for children – these would be reported under Child Welfare at an evaluation of $5.00 per mask. I look forward to receiving your year-end Child Welfare Reports.

Even though National Convention has been cancelled, I encourage you to apply for any of the awards for Child Welfare. Honors and Awards submissions for judging MUST be received at

“Children – Our Most Valuable Resource”
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National Headquarters by August 1. If required, entry forms can be found on the National website under Publications/2020Convention Digest/Page 28.

There are three Child Welfare National Awards. Please don’t think that just because your Local or Department is small that you wouldn’t win – total hours plus total volunteers divided by total membership, making it an even playing field. The awards available are:

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

I would like to personally congratulate all our Auxiliary members that have been sewing facemasks, manning food distribution centers, providing meals for Veterans and the community and other needed services. It just shows that in the face of disaster, our members pull together and take care of business! I will miss seeing everyone this year but look forward to 2021!

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The reporting year has come to an end by our Local and Department chairmen. With this year being in the books, it does not mean though our work is complete, our programs and volunteering continues. With our current situation of “uncharted waters” in front of us, I know it is hard to get out there and keep to your work as amazing volunteers but rest assured this cannot last forever and when it is over our services will be needed more than ever.

My theme this year has been “CommUNITY Starts With You” encourages you all to keep working hard in our communities.

As we continue to work through this pandemic that seems to have taken over our lives, I want to thank you all taking the time to volunteer to on the Community Service Committee. If you have any questions or recommendations that you would like to see addressed by the committee, please write them down and save them for the 2021 Convention Committee meeting and they will be put on the schedule and discussed at that time. Even though we will not be meeting this year for Convention, keep in mind those people for the following year at the 2021 National Convention in Greensburg, North Carolina.

By now you have received your Convention Digest and are working on applying for program awards. I encourage you to read the Digest and make sure you are filling out the paperwork entirely for each of the following Awards!
Community Service Awards

Awards for Departments
PNP Lynda Taylor Award - Department with the most outstanding work in Community Service

Awards for Local Auxiliaries
PNP Linda McGriff Award - Local Auxiliary with the most outstanding work in the Community Service - Entry form required

Blood Donor Program Awards
Blood Drive Award - Local Auxiliary – Please read the criteria.
Blood Donor Pin and Certificate – Presented to a member – Please read the criteria.
Blood Donor Certificate – Please read the criteria

PAWS With A Cause® Founder’s Award Department
Department with the largest donation to PAWS. Please read the criteria – Entry form required

I thank you for your continued support, as well as the opportunity to serve as your National 3rd Vice President 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 all the amazing things your Auxiliaries are doing. Keep up the great work, stay safe and healthy!

God Bless you and your Families!
Dear AMVETS Auxiliary Members,

You are likely curious about how everything is going at Paws With A Cause. We thought it was important to send information on our operations to some of the people we value most... YOU, our AMVET Auxiliary supporters.

First, as the World Health Organization has reported, dogs cannot contract COVID-19. Phew! We are in the clear there! However, Michigan's Governor put a "stay in place" order into effect which closed many businesses.

The GREAT news is that even though our headquarters are in Michigan, we are able to continue operations because of a clause in the order gives us special permission from the Governor to continue our work to CARE FOR THE DOGS! We are reducing the number of staff working onsite, sending dogs home with trainers to continue to be trained, and are taking extreme measures with cleaning and distancing those who are there. **Our goal is to ensure the dogs continue to receive the care and attention they are used to while also protecting the humans who are doing this work.**

We are doing our part to flatten the curve while still maintaining the care and keeping of our dogs so they will be ready to go out to their clients with disabilities as soon as we can send them.

In the meantime feel free to follow Paws With A Cause on Facebook or sign up for our emails HERE to stay in touch.

We wish you all good health!

Team PAWS

P.S. Did you know it takes $30 to feed a dog for one month during the final stage of training at PAWS. Feed a dog for a month HERE!

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Thank you for the opportunity to serve you these 2 years as your National Chaplain. I have been blessed serving with wonderful individuals on the National level. Also, I have made so many friends in the various Departments.

I have been amazed and so proud of the work so many of our Auxiliary sisters have done during this unfortunate pandemic. So many loving hearts within this organization that give of their time to help others. That is what our organization is about, the giving of oneself for the betterment of others. And we are so fortunate to be able to do this because of the freedoms our brave men and women fought, and fight for.

Thank you for the daily prayers sent out for those who are sick, not only for the COVID 19, but for other illnesses as well. Bless all those on the front lines who are caring for the sick, keeping our stores open, keeping our communities safe. Joshua 1:9 - Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord God is with thee, whithersoever thou goest. Through this all, many of us have realized the blessings we do have in front of us, that we, unfortunately, take for granted. When the pandemic is over, we need to step back and look at what is really important in our lives.

As we end this year and approach the new, I encourage all Local Auxiliaries and Departments, to take the time to review duties of each office. Having an up to date Manual, Constitution and By-Laws is a must. Outgoing officers take the time to help transition the new officers into their offices.

Chaplains, you are the inspirational and spiritual leaders of your Auxiliaries. Begin and end meetings with prayer. Work with the membership chairman to keep updated on members. To repeat, read AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary manual to review your duties, ceremonies, etc. Send deceased member notification forms on a timely basis. Local Chaplains send to the Department Chaplain, who then sends to National Auxiliary Headquarters and the National Chaplain. Timing is important, as I have only 2 months from the date of death to send a National Ladies Auxiliary sympathy card and 3 months from date of death to send a thinking of you card.

A book of prayers will be available at National Convention in August. With permission of Madam President, I have extended submissions to the book till May 30th. I do hope I receive more. Thank you to those who have sent in prayers. These can be emailed or mailed to me.

God Bless our Military, our families, and God Bless America.

Psalm 29:11 “The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless his people with peace”.

Hoping you are doing well after the many weeks in quarantine. I’m certainly anxious in getting back to some normalcy.

My theme is “Respect on the Convention Floor”. I hope we all had time to reflect and on what really matters. Let’s be more kind to one another. Give longer hugs, give more compliments, and learn to forgive. Show more compassion to those that may be going through a difficult time. We need to RESPECT the positive assets each of us provide. Value what we have.

Attached is an outline on what is expected of our members and guest. Please oblige to the suggestions. Remember, we are all in this together.

Even though our National Convention is cancelled for this year, I will still need color guards and pages on 2021 convention floor, held in North Carolina. Updates will be on the National Ladies Auxiliary Web page in the future. As always, feel free to contact me at any time!

Below are Special Dates where an American Flag can be displayed. Please follow proper Flag Display and Etiquette is attached hereto:

- Saturday, May 1st - Armed Forces Day
- Monday, May 25th - Memorial Day
- Saturday, June 4th - D-Day
- Sunday, June 14th - Flag Day
- Saturday, July 4th - Independence Day

You can find more information online on proper displaying the American Flag and more.
KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF ON CONVENTION FLOOR

- Be on time
- Bring materials
- Turn off phone
- Wait to be called upon
- Be respectful of your neighbor’s space (don’t clutter)
- Quiet when meeting comes to order
- Listen to others when they speak
- Value opinions of others
- Be considerate of others likes and dislikes
- Don’t disrupt meeting when entering or leaving assembly
- Look Interested!
- Applaud each recognition

OFFICIAL AMVETS AUXILIARY UNIFORMS: 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, and heel should not be higher than 2 inches. Black handbag, white gloves, and official Ladies Auxiliary hat. No pins on hat other than those you have earned. Pearl tack pin, and Local Auxiliary Numbers are acceptable. Pearl earrings and single strand pearl necklace, or Auxiliary necklace and earrings will be acceptable. White shoes/purse may be worn from April until Labor Day.

DRESS ATTIRE ON CONVENTION FLOOR: The only pin allowed on delegate badge is your State Pin. It may be placed in the upper right-hand corner away from printing on badges or delegate eligibility to vote. Other pins are allowed on the Lanyard. JEANS ARE NEVER ALLOWED ON CONVENTION FLOOR UNLESS IT IS ON T-SHIRT DAY. (NO ripped jeans). Shower flip flops are never allowed, but sandals are okay. BUSINESS CASUAL is to be worn at all Business Sessions (no T-shirts, Sweats, and the like). Capris are allowed (but not in a jean style).

Check out the “This or That” tab on the AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary webpage for a detailed description of Auxiliary Uniforms and Dress Code on Convention Floor.
The American flag, when carried in procession with another flag, should be on the marching right—in own right.

Another flag or pennant may be flown above the American flag only during church services conducted at sea by U.S. Naval Chaplains for Navy Personnel.

When displayed with another flag in the crossed-staff format, the American flag should be on its own right—and in front of the other flags staff.

The American flag should be centered and at the highest point when displayed on its staff with other flags.

If other flags are flown on the same staff with the American flag, the American flag should be placed at the peak of the staff.

When the flag is suspended from a staff projecting horizontally from a building, the union should be at the peak of the staff—except when the flag is at half-staff.

When displayed over a street, the flag should be suspended vertically. The union will be to the north in an east-west street, and to the east in a north-south street.

When the flag is displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be at the top and to your left. When in a window, the flag should be displayed in the same manner as seen from the street.

When covering a casket, the flag should be positioned so the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. It should not be lowered into a grave or allowed to touch the ground.

During the raising or lowering of the flag, or during its passage in a parade, all present should face the flag, and stand at attention with hand over their hearts. Men should remove their caps.

When the National Anthem is played, all present should face the flag with the right hand over the heart. Men should remove their hats. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and salute.

The American flag should always have the position of honor on speakers' platforms, standing to the right of the speaker. All other flags should be on the speakers' left.

Bunting for ceremonial or decorative use should be arranged with the blue on the top, white in the middle, and red on the bottom.

During the unveiling of monuments or statues, the flag should never be used as a covering.

The American flag features 53 horizontal stripes—seven of them are red and six are white. In the upper left corner of the flag next to the staff are white, five-pointed stars that designate each state.
I am in hopes that everyone is staying safe and healthy during a time when our world is turned upside down. May you all have the chance to spread positivity in someone’s life.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you again 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 states, much good is done, this year, I was privileged to see all states combined and I was overwhelmed by your projects. I thank you for your service.

AMVETS Individual Americanism Youth Awards – Check with your Department for judging procedures.

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: Essay contest deadline extended to August 1st and all entries for the individual Youth Awards must be submitted to AMVETS National Headquarters, 4647 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, Maryland 20706.

AUXILIARY AMERICANISM AWARDS - Please adhere to all Award deadlines.

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

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

Awards for Individual Members
National Award - For the member doing the most outstanding work in Americanism
Americanism Raffle Tickets - Has visiting Freedoms Foundation ever been a wish of yours? Now you can make it a reality! Be sure to purchase raffle tickets before it’s too late! The Conference takes place October 7th - 10th, 2021, at Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge. This can be a trip of a lifetime; have more fun by traveling with a group of your friends. Experience going back in time, visiting historical sights, learning what our forefathers lived.

Spend time in the Honor Grove, tour the campus, explore Valley Forge and Gettysburg battlefields. Great opportunity to bring your AMVET with you. Eisenhower home will also be part of the tour.

NEC Women: If you took home raffle tickets to sell, all monies, stubs and/or tickets must be returned to me prior to Spring 2021 NEC.

Pins - Please turn in monies collected for pins to me. Make checks payable to National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. Return unsold pins to me at Spring 2021 NEC or sooner. Remember this is President Dee Baggett’s project. Let’s make it great!

Storm the Hill: Thank you for the outstanding turnout in Washington DC delivering our Veterans concerns and issues. We were very well-received, and our message was very clearly heard. Each year more Auxiliary members take part and it warms my heart seeing our group come together, working together and educating together. You should all be proud of your efforts.

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Let’s Raise Dollars
For Our Scholars

As you know by now, our National Convention has been cancelled. July 1, 2020 still is the cutoff date to receive Scholarship applications at National Headquarters. For this year and this year only, 2019-2020, we will be accepting unofficial transcripts in non-sealed envelopes. Again, for this year only!

All other requirements remain the same. No blanks, three letters of recommendation, letters of Acceptance, Auxiliary card from a member of the family, being Mother or Grandmother or their own. Please make sure that the correct application is also used. The correct applications will have the date of September 2019 on them, please use only those applications.

President Dee is going to appoint a committee to judge the scholarship this year only.

To help the applicants maybe you could review the applications or hold a Scholarship Party to help the applicants to fill out their applications.

I am so full of regret that we will not be able to meet in Illinois this summer, but please stay well until we can meet again.
Happy spring! Wow has this been a really strange one for all of us with the coronavirus putting a screeching halt to all of our local activities and visitation with friends, family and visiting Veterans Homes and Nursing Homes. I hope this letter finds all of you in good health.

I realize many of us have lost our jobs and are spending all of our time at home keeping social distancing and following the guidelines our Governors have set forth to keep the Virus from spreading but there have been many ways that we can help during this crisis.

Thanks to those who have been sewing masks for hospitals, nursing homes VA facilities, and communities as a whole. I see all the wonderful work the AMVETS ladies are doing to help. I also see that there is a need to help with donations to food pantries and delivering food and supplies to seniors to keep them from leaving the house to maintain safety and health. Please keep the volunteering going as we will be visiting a new norm in the future.

Thank you to those who have sold pins for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Several of you were mailed pins and have not turned in the money from the sale. Unsold pins and money from sales are to be sent to me at my home address (shown above) by July 17, 2020 as I need to keep track of how many we have sold. Please remit by check or money order made out to AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary. If you have any questions, please contact me at efda89@yahoo.com or 440-320-7128.

All Honors and Award submissions must be received at National Headquarters by August 1. Thank you for your hard work and dedication this year amongst this Pandemic situation.

Please stay safe and healthy and may God bless all of us!

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I hope all have been staying in and staying safe as our country has been in such turmoil. At this time, we all don’t know what tomorrow as in store for us, only that we must help those in need by doing our part the best we can do.
I know I’m to talk about our 50/50 raffle for National Convention, but I find that so very hard to do. My thoughts go out to so many that have lost a love one. Those that are in the hospital and have no one to be able to visit them. So many that have had to put their lives on hold. So many out of work. All those first responder that are putting their lives at risk to help so many in need. We have so many of our wonderful sisters in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary that are working hard making mask, checking on friends, cooking for the elderly. Thank you, ladies, for all you do. Just another reason to say what AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary is all about.

I know our NEC ladies took back to their states lots of 50/50 tickets to sell but since our NEC meeting so much has changed. Meetings have been canceled and we haven’t been able to sell tickets. Sell as you can as once your Local and Department meetings start up again. At the 2021 National Convention we will present the $100.00 award to the Department that sells the most raffle tickets. This $100.00 to be used as their Department chooses.

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.

Please do not send back any unsold tickets to Auxiliary National Headquarters as those will be used for the 2021 National Convention. Since the tickets had to be signed for, we will still be able to know how many are still out.

Stay Safe. God bless each of you and God bless America!

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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 did have difficulty getting the VA to send them to me.

VAVS Representatives and Deputies are appointed by the Department President, a Certification form, found on the Auxiliary website, is then completed and forwarded to the National VAVS Representative. When I receive the certification form, I then notify the VA Chief of Voluntary Service and the appointed Representative or Deputy.

When a VAVS Representative or Deputy resigns or are removed for any reason, the Certification form also 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.
On my recent NAC teleconference, the VA staff expressed their concern for all our Volunteers and hopes that you are all staying safe and healthy. Looking forward to the end of this quarantine, social distancing and a return to as much normal as possible in the near future.

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

However, National President Baggett, Headquarters and National Board is working hard on not cancelling our acknowledgements of our honors and awards for our membership. Preparations and details for when, where and how our award judging will take place is in the works for our 2019-2020 Auxiliary year.

When all plans are settled and decided on, I will inform everyone of the out come ASAP for President Dee’s “Red, White and Blue” Awards program.

Due to our pandemic the Deadline date for all Honors and Awards submissions for judging must be received at National Headquarters by August 1st. Further details to follow.

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.

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

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

Madam President Dee Baggett theme is the same : “Always Remember”. Looking forward to seeing all your great entries and wish you all good luck.

Hope to see everyone soon! Take care and stay safe!!
The Training Seminar is postponed until the 2021 National Convention!

The seminar will be held at the 2021 National Convention. If everything goes as planned, you will have the opportunity to see the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Headquarters and find out what benefits and services are available to our members. We have the support of our Headquarters staff and AMVETS Organization to hear firsthand ways to maintain and recruit new members.

The registration form will be in the 2021 National Convention Digest and posted under the NEC/Convention tab on the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary website.

And, guess what? It will cost you nothing to sign-up for the “Service You Can Trust” Seminar. But, if you register after the deadline date that will be given later, it will cost you $5.00.

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It has been quite a different year so far. I hope that everyone is practicing “social distancing” and staying safe and healthy. Prayers that this COVID-19 sickness goes away permanently quickly. As many of you already know, the National Convention has been canceled. It is incredibly sad but we must protect ourselves so we can regroup and continue our volunteer work safely. The Juniors will follow the same protocol as the AMVETS, Auxiliary etc. Current Officers and appointees will remain in place for 2020-2021 unless they are not able to. I will reach out to our current Junior Officers and appointees. Let us all stay in communication via texting, email or even our FB page for our Juniors.

Juniors make sure you follow instructions from your parents and teachers. Online learning seems to be the current way of learning and testing. Take your time and do your work. This is a hard time for everyone, but I know you can handle it.

I would like to remind all the Auxiliaries that our Junior President, Abigail Lewis, has selected Honor Flight, as her project and her theme is, “A Trip of a Lifetime for those who Served”. Since our Juniors will not be selling 50/50 tickets at the August National Convention if you are able to make donations to support President Abigail’s project. I ask that you send donations to me via mail, checks made out to National Juniors and marked for Junior President’s project.

Juniors, if you are safely doing any volunteer work, please do not forget to report it.
Important reminder - even though there will not be a National Convention Junior reports must still be submitted: The Final Report includes the months of June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 and must be postmarked by June 30th. The Final Report includes the entire year; not just the last six months. Please send these copies to me, your 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! Most importantly, please take care of yourselves and enjoy your summer! I will miss you all!

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This has been a crazy last several weeks. With schools being canceled, restaurants, bars and yes even our Post Homes being closed, this has given us time to reflect on many things. We have seen the good, the bad and the ugly in people these past weeks. But I truly think the good outweighs the bad. I have seen grocery store workers, medical personnel, truckers, restaurant workers and even mail carriers with more patience than a saint. Heck they are still working and putting up with all that's going on. I truly believe this crisis that started pulling us apart is actually pulling us together to help each other out. I hope you are finding the positives in your area also.

While you have been social distancing have you considered submitting a History or Scrapbook this year? This is a special job to capture what's happening and preserving your local or Department history. Your book should reflect the different projects your Local has completed that benefit our Veterans, military, communities, children, hospitals and scholarships. By capturing and preserving for our future members what your Auxiliary has done, your scrapbook can be used to give ideas and inspiration towards projects they can do.

The History and Scrapbook criteria is available in our Convention Digest posted to our website and in the Manual. Please make sure you pay close attention to the MANDATORY ORDER. This is very important because if it's not followed EXACTLY your book will be disqualified and we definitely don't want that to happen.

When working on your book, please make sure you have placed your current, signed and dated By-laws and you have the current Preamble version for this year. Also make sure you have someone look over the Mandatory order and double check everything. Make sure your pages are numbered, your pictures are labeled with names and events and don't forget to include your index. I can't wait to see what you can do.
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.

Until next time, take care and keep safe.

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I have enjoyed travels with National President Baggett, through your eyes, the pictures I have received from the Departments where she has made her official visits. Everyone looks like they are working hard and still able to have fun.

A Scrapbook can be such a wonderful thing to look back on, reflect on all the memories and new and old friends and remember all the wonderful things that happened throughout the year.

Thank you, National President Dee, for allowing me to share your year as you traveled our wonderful country as National President.

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Greetings All!

Normally, I’d be writing something in backwards language to inform you and hopefully amuse you. But these are not normal times. So, here are a few lines of seriousness from me. A coronavirus pandemic called Covid-19 is ravaging the world. Many of you have stepped up and worked to ease the suffering of others through many acts of service including feeding the hungry and making masks for medical and other essential workers. Some of you may even be those essential workers who have been critical in the fight to keep essential services operating. To all of you, a heartfelt thank you from me and the Sackette organization.

As I sit and write this article, my state, Michigan is still under a “stay home” order; local Posts are still closed; our Department and National Conventions have been cancelled; and “social distancing” is my new favorite phrase. As you know Sacks and Sackettes strongly support the nursing profession. At a time like we are in now, support of healthcare workers is very important. We support these amazing care providers through funding nursing scholarships. And, we need your help!

Sackette units around the country are selling 50/50 raffle tickets at $1 each or 6 for $5 to raise money for our nursing scholarships. Because the 2020 National Convention is cancelled, all tickets sold will be placed in the raffle drawing to be held during the 2021 National Convention.
And, PNP Barbara Valley donated a 50th (1946-1996) Anniversary Sad Sack collectible to the Sackettes for us to raffle. Those raffle tickets sell for $2 each or six (6) for $5 to support our nursing scholarships. This collector’s item will also be raffled at National Convention 2021. A photo of the item and raffle tickets will only be available thru local Sacks and Sackette units or our National Sackette Scholarship Chairman, Martha Knott – la5.knott17@gmail.com

Finally, nursing scholarship applications for 2020 are due to Martha Knott prior to **July 15, 2020**. We will make our scholarship awards based on funds currently available. Thank you for your continued support of this program! I look forward to seeing you in 2021.

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National Convention has been cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. However, we are still able to celebrate our accomplishments for this year.

The Convention Digest is now online at [www.amvetsaux.org](http://www.amvetsaux.org). Please read it and take note of the deadlines. It contains all the updated information needed on various topics and submissions. Even though we are not meeting in person, please continue to participate.

Patrons Page submissions and Ads are still welcomed and encouraged. All must be sent to National Headquarters by **July 1**. Please make sure the ads are copy-ready. These are two great avenues to celebrate your members, your auxiliaries, and your candidates.

For those of you who purchased Illinois Night tickets, refunds are available. A form requesting the refund is following. **You must return your tickets when requesting the refund.** Please note the instructions to follow if you do not have the ticket.

A “Quarantine Edition” of the National Convention Book will be available. It will be posted on the national website for all to read and enjoy. If you wish to have a printed version of the book, you may order it from National Headquarters at a cost of $20. A form for the request is attached.

The 2021 National Convention will be held in Greensboro, North Carolina. Linda Bonin is the chairman of that event. She and her group are planning for a great time. As she reaches out for help, please volunteer however you can.

Navigating this year’s “unchartered waters” has been an adventure. Please add your own adjective. And even though we will be unable to meet, renew old friendships, make new friends, and enjoy each other’s company, the spirit of the Auxiliary remains. Please keep this in mind as we wrap up 2019-2020 and prepare for a great 2020-2021.
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!!

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