**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY**

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION 2013**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013**

**The convention was called to order by Convention Chairman Mary Leach 30 minutes after the closing of the joint meeting.**

**President Peggy Liss was escorted in by Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe.**

**The invocation was delivered by Chaplain Martha Popour.**

**The Presentation of Colors was led by Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe. The Color bearers were Faye Richard-Green and Maureen Jackson.**

**Roll call of Officers by Secretary Nancy Middleton showed all in attendance with the exception of Americanism Bert Lema (excused - with Americanism winners), Ways & Means Chairman Harriet Altherr and Personnel Chairman Janice Marie Hapner (excused - both in hall at Ways & Means), Honors & Awards Chairman Neva Colley and Jr. AMVET Coordinator Lisa Rose Heckman (both excused) and District III President Jackie Bain – absent.**

**Credentials Chairman Maribeth Wescott gave the credentials report as of 6:30pm on Thursday. There were 6 delegates, 5 PDP’s, 27 Officers and 2 guests for a total registration of 40 and a total vote of 38.**

**Acting Parliamentarian Pat Michalski read the Convention Rules.**

**\*\*Motion Pat Michalski/Mary Leach to accept the convention rules as read. CARRIED**

**Officers & Committee Reports:**

***President Liss* reported her welcome letter and activity report are in the convention book. She has had a wonderful year and thanked everyone for their hospitality.**

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***1st Vice President Pat Michalski* has her report and bulletin in the convention book. At the membership meeting they discussed the fact of a date on life membership cards. It was suggested to refer to National that a date be printed on the Life Member card when issued by National. This will be given to the NEC Woman to take to National.**

**Pat made up a membership guide book for each local 1st Vice President. It contains everything you need to know about membership in one place.**

**Members at the meeting were: Pat Michalski, Kathy Schultz, Clarice Poisson, Allison Aldrich, Lee Williamson, Rose Solak, Lois Carlson and Martha Popour.**

**Membership Awards presented: Aux. 9 was the only one 100% renewed by October 31st. They received a certificate and $25. Winners of the renew yourself drawing: Brandi Farmer, #1988; Cynthia Smith, #1988; Marjorie Strauch, #2273, Pauline Sieman-Messing, #115; Brenda Stewart, #2273.**

**The individual awards for signing up new members went to: Peggy Lavis #72, Brenda Oldebekking, #114, Mary Leach, #110 and Pat Michalski, #22.**

**The winners of the new member drawing were Stephanie Shilling, #120 and Natalie Byrne, #114.**

**The Sign a new member drawing was Sherri Proudfoot, #4064, Erica Szegda, #120 and Suzette Ripepe, #57.**

**Certificates were presented to Auxiliaries who were 100% renewed or the equivalent: #126, #123, #122, #121, #120, #115, #114, #110, #93, #57, #23, #22, #13, #3720, #9**

**The Chairman’s Award for most “bringing back” members (note: members who had dropped their membership for more than one year and then became members again) was Auxiliary #1988 who received a cash prize of $25.**

**We had 231 new members but the renewals were down.**

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***The mystery prize from Ways & Means was won by Bert Lema and the $50 gas card was won by Clarice Poisson.***

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***2nd Vice President Allison Aldrich* has her report in the convention book. There were only 2 members from #79 who attended the Child Welfare meeting and there was not much discussion.**

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***3rd Vice President Faye Richardson-Green* has her reports in the convention book. Faye stated she is excited to be in the roll of 3rd Vice President. She was disappointed there was no winner for her Chairman’s Award for participation in blood drives.**

**There were three members at the Community Service meeting and they talked about reports, reporting and types of projects/programs.**

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***Treasurer Gloria Hall* has her reports in the convention book. She presented the proposed budget from the Finance Committee. It was explained that we probably will not have Texas Holdem’s for the Dept. this year. Last year the Holdem’s brought in 1/3 of the budget, so several cuts had to be made. Each delegate was given a copy of the budget and Gloria went through it line by line. This will be voted on during the Saturday session.**

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***Acting Parliamentarian Pat Michalski* read the proposed changes to the by-laws and standing rules. (Note: the proposed changes are listed in the Parliamentarian’s section of the Saturday session when they were voted on.)**

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***Chaplain Martha Popour* has her report in the convention book. Martha said three people attended the Chaplain’s meeting: Lois Carlson, Bert Lema, Faye Richardson-Green. They discussed the white clovers and sending cards.**

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***Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe* has her reports in the book. She thanked Faye Richardson-Green and Maureen Jackson for their help with the colors today.**

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***Americanism Officer Bert Lema* has her activity report and a bulletin in the convention book. The Auxiliaries have donated $1,501.67 to the Joint Americanism Committee and $991.67 to the Military Relief project at Selfridge . A total of $501.67 was donated to the Carillon fund and the breakdown is $41 to Augusta National Cemetery; $148.50 to the Great Lakes National Cemetery; $166 to the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans; $86 to the Battle Creek VAMC and $60.17 to the Jacobetti Home.**

**\*\*motion Bert Lema/2nd Kathy Biela to write the checks for the carillons. CARRIED**

**Five people were at the Americanism meeting. Our goal is to work closer with the AMVETS because this is an AMVET program**

**Bert thanked Pres. Peggy for ‘twisting her arm’ to run for Americanism last year. She also thanked Pat, Maureen, Faye, Sue and Nancy for their help.**

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***Hospital Officer Leora Williamson* has her activity report and bulletin in the book. Lee was a little disappointed in the number of reports submitted. If you don’t have a VA or Veterans Home near you, find a nursing home, etc. where you can volunteer your time.**

**There were 10 people at the Hospital Committee meeting. They discussed VAVS – why they volunteer and what they do. She thanked President Peggy for inviting her when she toured the VA hospitals.**

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***Scholarship Officer Rosemary Perdue* has her report in the book. They held the judging of the scholarship after the SEC. There were 4 judges (2 newbies) and they selected five winners which will be announced later.**

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***NEC Woman Maureen Jackson* has her report in the book and a section dealing with National information. She reminded everyone to apply for awards.**

**Maureen has the tickets for the National 50/50 drawing and tickets for the Freedom’s Foundation drawing for sale.**

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***PRO/Historian Sharon Colley* has her report in the book. Sharon thanked Kathy Biela for being her back-up camera person several times during the year. She thanked Maureen Jackson, who will be taking the book to National. Sharon had fun this year traveling with the President.**

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***Jr. AMVETS Aux. Coordinator* – excused**

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***Ways & Means Chairman Harriet Altherr* thanked everyone for their donations, for buying tickets, and for all their help. She likes this job – it’s fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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***Liaison / Honors & Awards Chairman* Neva Colley – excused**

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***AMVETS Lodge Rep Diana Lammott* checked with the AMVETS and we can use the kitchen in October during the Auxiliary weekend. Only AMVETS Family functions will have use of the kitchen There is a price increase planned in the near future at the lodge.**

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**Announcements:**

**The memorial Service will be at 6:45 and the Gavaliers dinner immediately following in the Woodland Room.**

**Nancy Middleton thanked Lee Williamson and Gloria Hall for their help in putting the Convention book together.**

***Mystery prize con by Josie Cook from #79***

**\*\*Motion Rosemary Perdue/2nd Sharon Colley to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED**

**Benediction given by Chaplain Martha Popour**

**Flag retired by Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2013**

**The 2nd session of the 2013 convention was called to order by the Convention chairman Mary Leach at 8:30am. The Department Officers introduced by Mary and escorted in were Dist. VII Pres. Lois Carlson, Dist. VI Pres. Mary Leach, Dist. V Pres. & Hospital Officer Lee Williamson, District II President Lenore Uhl, District I Pres. Cel Rose Solak, Higgins Lake Lodge Rep Diana Lammott, Jacobetti Home Rep Judy Smith, Grand Rapids Home Rep & PRO Sharon Colley, John Dingell VA Rep Harriet Biela, Battle Creek VAMC Rep Clarice Poisson, Ann Arbor VA Rep Pat Krzesowik, Aleda E Lutz Rep Marcella Schmidt; Fall Conference Chairman Kathy Biela, Personnel Chairman Janice Hapner, Ways & Means Chairman Harriet Altherr, NEC Woman Maureen Jackson, Americanism Officer Bert Lema, Scholarship Officer Rosemary Perdue, Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe, Chaplain Martha Popour, Treasurer Gloria Hall, Secretary Nancy Middleton (already at her table), 3rd Vice Pres. Faye Richardson-Green, 2nd Vice Pres. Allison Aldrich, 1st Vice Pres. Pat Michalski and President Peggy Lu Liss.**

**The Jr. Coordinator and Honors & Awards Chairman were excused and the District III Pres. was absent.**

**The invocation was delivered by Chaplain Martha Popour and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe.**

**Two thank you cards were read by Secretary Nancy Middleton**

**#1 thank you from Carol Pickett for cards & concerns on the passing of her sister Joanne.**

**#2 thank you card from Wendy Lynema for cards and prayers to help her through her recent illness. She is doing a little better now and is finally home from the hospital.**

**The 2nd Credentials Report was given by Maribeth Wescott. As of 2:00 Friday, we have registered 20 delegates, 5 PDPs, 27 Dept. Officers, 1 guest for a total registration of 53 and a total vote of 52.**

**Guests:**

**Allison Aldrich announced Penrickton would not be here this weekend but we will be sending them a check for $6,600.54,**

**Faye Richardson-Green introduced Deb Davis with Krickett and Patty Sims with Muffin were guests representing Paws With A Cause. Faye presented Deb with a check for Paws in the amount of $13,111.18.**

**Deb stated this was the 25th anniversary of Paws’ association with AMVETS. During that time $175,000 (+ 13,111.18) has been donated. She introduced Patty Sims, a Paws client.**

**Patty talked about her hearing impairment and what Muffin has meant to her and her independence. Patty worked for the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans for 25 years. During her last years’ there, Muffin was by her side as she did her job.**

**Deb Davis got nostalgic about our association with Paws. She talked about the very first Auxiliary member to introduce Paws to the Auxiliary – Lorraine Beedon. Even after Lorraine’s passing, donations were made because of provisions she had set up.**

**Deb presented Sharon Colley and Nancy Middleton each a beautiful clock depicting their 25 years with Paws and a special silver paw pin. She also presented President Peggy and 3rd Vice Faye Richardson-Green with special thank you gifts.**

**25th anniversary t-shirts are now available for $20 to commemorate our association.**

**Unfinished Business and Committee Reports:**

**Bert Lema announced she received a $500 check from the Dept. Service Foundation for the Americanism Program.**

**Reading an Adoption of the By-law Changes by acting Parliamentarian Pat Michalski.**

**There were two omissions from the last revision of By-laws:**

**Article X – Department Convention Section 4, #4: forgot to include after ‘proof of same” to the Dept. Secretary by October 1.**

**Article XIII – Local Auxiliaries – Section 5 B Left off – Upon approval of the District VI President, a past local President may install the Officers of Auxiliary #46, Beaver Island (6/10)**

**Article VI – Section 2B**

**Now Reads:**

**With the exception of the Fall Conference Chairperson and the Convention Chairperson, all elected and appointed Officers shall receive four (4) days per diem and mileage to Department Convention paid at current rate.**

**Change to Read:**

**All elected and appointed Officers shall receive four (4) days per diem and mileage to Department Convention paid at current rate if so budgeted and/or funds are available.**

**\*\*Motion (~~Pat Michalski)~~ Judy Smith/2nd Mary Leach to approve. CARRIED**

**Article 6, Section 2C**

**Now reads:**

**Mileage for all SEC meetings and convention per-diem shall be paid out of the Department Hospital Fund for all VAVS & MVH Representatives.**

**Change to read:**

**Mileage for all SEC meetings and convention per-diem shall be paid out of the hospital fund for all VAVS & MVH Representatives, but will be paid only if it is budgeted in the general fund for those Officers as shown in B above, if budgeted and/or funds are available.**

**\*\*Motion ~~Pat Michalski)~~ Judy Smith/2nd Maureen Jackson**

**\*\*Amendment Nancy Middleton/2nd Kathy Kaizer amend the motions to delete the words ‘for those Officers as shown in B above, if budgeted’.**

**Amendment CARRIED**

**Motion now reads: Mileage for all SEC meetings and convention per-diem shall be paid out of the hospital fund for all VAVS & MVH Representatives, but will be paid only if it is budgeted in the general fund and/or funds are available.**

**Motion CARRIED**

**Article VI, add new Section 2, D**

**For those officers traveling in the same vehicle to SEC meetings/convention, mileage will be paid to driver only.**

**\*\*Motion (~~Pat Michalski~~) Judy Smith/2nd Kathy Keizer to approve - CARRIED**

**Nancy Middleton questioned if the by-laws had been changed to allow the Parliamentarian a vote. If not, the Parliamentarian should not be making motions. Judy Smith stated she would make the motions in place of the Parliamentarian.**

**\*\*Motion Nancy Middleton/2nd Nancy Jones that any motions made by the Parliamentarian shall be changed to motions made by Judy Smith. CARRIED**

**(note: in previous motions, Pat Michalski is crossed out and Judy Smith is inserted.)**

**Article VII, Section 4, E add 3**

**If members of the audit committee travel to the audit in the same vehicle, mileage will be paid to the driver only.**

**\*\*Motion Judy Smith/2nd Kathy Biela to approve – CARRIED**

**Article VII, add new Section 7**

**The outgoing Parliamentarian shall be responsible to re-type the Department By-laws if changes have been made at the Department Convention and forward to the National Parliamentarian for approval, after being signed by yourself and the outgoing Department President. After approval, forward electronically to the Department Secretary for distribution.**

**\*\*Motion Judy Smith/2nd Mary Leach to approve. CARRIED**

**Article X, Section 4**

**All Local Auxiliaries to remain in good standing must have:**

**1. Revalidation form submitted to Department Secretary no later than June 1.**

**2. Have current by-laws on file with the Department.**

**3. Paid all indebtedness to the AMVET family (both Department and District).**

**4. Have filed Form 990 or E-Postcard with IRS in accordance with IRS**

**regulation and proof of same received by Department Secretary.**

**Change to read #4**

**Have filed Form 990 or E-Postcard with IRS in accordance with IRS regulation and proof of same received by Department Secretary with Revalidation form by June 1.**

**\*\*Motion Judy Smith/2nd Nancy Middleton to approve. CARRIED**

**Article IX, Section 1 C**

**Now reads:**

**The Legislative/Liaison Committee, comprised of AMVETS, the Auxiliary Legislative Director/Liaison officer, and one other Auxiliary member designated by the Chairperson, with the President’s approval, shall serve to assist and promote the Aims & Purposed of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. (1987)**

**Delete.**

**\*\*Motion Faye Richardson-Green/2nd Maureen Jackson to delete. CARRIED**

**Article VI Section 11**

**NEW: The Department of Michigan shall allow the Dept. Parliamentarian to have a vote.**

**\*\*Motion Mary Leach/2nd Carol Pickett to approve. CARRIED**

**Standing Rule #11**

**Now reads:**

**Local Auxiliaries are to follow guidelines and award judging in filing reports.**

**Change to read:**

**Local Auxiliaries are to follow guidelines and donor rules in filing reports.**

**\*\*Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Maureen Jackson to approve. CARRIED**

**Pat thanked her committee members: Lee Williamson, Peggy Liss, Rosemary Perdue, Lois Carlson, Martha Popour, Rose Solak, Maureen Jackson, Kathy Keizer, Harriet Biela, Kathy Biela, Clarice Poisson, Faye Richardson-Green and Mary Leach.**

***$25 gas card won by Mary Lou Mendalski***

**15 minutes break was called by the President.**

**When we resumed, Treasurer Gloria Hall reviewed the proposed budget. She explained we tried to make several cuts – some just a few dollars / others several hundred dollars.**

**Section #1: Department Expenses**

**Lenore Uhl questioned the life membership budgeted amount. It was explained if the President has a life membership, we give a gift in an equal amount from the Dept.**

**Carol Pickett questions the tax preparation fee because there wasn’t a cost last year. Gloria explained that last year the Treasurer did it but with all the changes and rules, she (Gloria) would not feel comfortable and we should go back to using an accountant as we have done in the past.**

**The idea of an Auxiliary website was discussed. This could save us several hundred dollars in expenses by deleting bulletins, mailings and newsletters. This will be looked into next week.**

**\*\*Motion Gloria Hall/2nd Maureen Jackson to accept the proposed budget Section #1 – Department Expenses. CARRIED**

**Section #2: Officer’s Supply Expenses**

**\*\*Motion Gloria Hall/second Faye Richardson-Green to approve Section 2 – Officer’s Supply Expenses. CARRIED**

**Section #3: Fall Conference/Fall SEC in Grayling**

**\*\*Motion Gloria Hall/2nd Kathy Biela to approve Section 3 - Fall Conference/Fall SEC. CARRIED**

**Section 4: National Convention**

**Cost of National convention expense questioned. Suggestion: next year, the Dept. pay for one room for 3 to share (Pres/head delegate/NEC) or each gets 1/3 cost of room and their guests can pay the other shares.**

**\*\*Motion Gloria Hall/2nd Allison Aldrich to approve Section 4 – National Convention. CARRIED**

**Section 5: Spring SEC**

**Kathy Keizer suggested Districts could possibly cover mileage for the District Presidents, but we can only ask – we cannot mandate them.**

**\*Motion Gloria Hall/2nd Maureen Jackson to approve Section 5 – Spring SEC. CARRIED**

**Section 6: NEC Meeting**

**\*\*Motion Gloria Hall/2nd Faye Richardson-Green to approve Section 6 - NEC Meeting. CARRIED**

**Section 7: Department Convention – Grand Rapids**

**\*\*Motion Gloria Hall/2nd Kathy Keizer to approve Section 7 – Department Convention. CARRIED**

**The budget was approved. The new budget is $23,083.00 (a copy of the approved budget is attached to these minutes)**

**It was suggested each Auxiliary do a fundraiser and donate the profits to the Dept. It doesn’t matter how big or how small it is – it only matters that they do it.**

**Hospital Pins and Bars – Lee Williamson, Hospital Officer presented a 300 hour bar to Betty Lemieux (#9), 300 hour bar to Gene Lemieux (AMVETS #9), 1,000 hour bar to Alice Swiatkowski (#9), 500 hour bar to Al Keiser (AMVETS #9), 2,000 hour bar to John Lucas (AMVETS #9), 100 hour pin to Patricia Cieremans (#23) 100 hour pin to Jerry Cieremans (SOA #23) and a 28,000 hour certificate to Cel Rose Solak.**

**Martha Popour questioned if volunteer hours at a hospital – not a VA – count. Answer – Yes.**

**Clarice Poisson explained that activity hours do not count towards pins and bars (i.e. making lap robes, etc.). Only hours actually spent at the hospital count toward the pins & bars.**

**Our Hospital Officer had put an article in the newsletter asking for letters for hospital pins/bars and stated they needed to be received by March 1st.**

**Scholarship Rosemary Perdue read the list of Scholarship winners this year.**

* **Nicole Griffin - #93 Aux. member Bonnie Rojeski - $500**
* **Erin Marie Hamilton – Post #23 – AMVET Member Gerald VanVelsen - $423.**
* **Mary Beverly Firack - #79 – AMVETS member Richard Pisarski - $423**
* **Amanda Elizabeth McKellar - #23 – Aux. member Amanda McKellar - $500 (Career Start Scholarship)**
* **Aimee Daniel Tomlinson - #57 – Aux. member Carmen Simpson - $423 (Career Start Scholarship)**

**Rosemary will send the check to the winners and letters to those disqualified.**

**Personnel Chairman Janice Marie Hapner announced the Secretary for the next two year term will be Nancy Middleton.**

**\*\*Motion Janice Hapner /2nd Pat Michalski to accept the Personnel Chairman’s recommendation and keep Nancy Middleton for another two year term. CARRIED**

**Bert Lema announce the AMVETS have a raffle for Americanism. The tickets are $1 or 6 for $5.**

**Break for lunch**

**2nd Session reconvened at 1:50.**

**Unfinished business:**

**Bert Lema gave the $1,501.67 from the Auxiliary to the AMVETS and they thanked us very much.**

**Hospital Officer Lee Williamson had a correction of the hospital pins and bar. A verbal request was made for a hospital bar for Maureen Jackson. The record book of hospital pins and bar the Hospital Officer has, incorrectly showed Maureen received a 12,000 certificate a few years ago. Everything has been straightened out. Lee presented Maureen with her 500 hour bar.**

**Mary Wilseck, AMVET Rep to the Grand Rapids Home Board of Directors addressed the Auxiliary. She reported the Grand Rapids Home received $150,000 from the newest Home Depot “Aprons in Action” vote. The 4th floor has been closed and the money will be used to convert the 4 bed wards to 2 bed rooms which will give the residence more privacy.**

**The first Home Depot prize money was used to remodel the front of the Home. The new canopy project will allow 2 buses to fit under it. There is also new lighting and landscaping.**

**The carnival in is July and they will be participating in Wreaths Across America on December 11.**

**Mary brought the wish list from the Jacobetti Home. If there are any concerns about the two homes, please contact Mary. She is appointed as the AMVET Representative until 2015.**

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**Clarice Poisson announced the last call for 50/50 tickets.**

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**Kathy Ewald celebrated her 45th Wedding anniversary on Wednesday.**

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**Kathy Biela, President of the Gavaliers presented a donation from the Gavaliers in memory of Millie Foss and Mary Emsley plus their annual donation to the Scholarship fund in the amount of $70.**

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**Nomination of Officers for 2013/2014**

* **1st Vice President Allison Aldrich nominated by PDP Mary Leach, 2nd PDP Maribeth Wescott**
* **2nd Vice President Faye Richardson-Green nominated by PDP Nancy Middleton, 2nd PDP Rose Solak**
* **3rd Vice President Rosemary Perdue nominated by PDP Judy Smith/2nd PDP Maureen Jackson**
* **Chaplain Sue Christe nominated by PDP Clarice Poisson/2nd PDP Kathy Biela**
* **Sgt-at-Arms Martha Popour nominated by Lenore Uhl/2nd PDP Maureen Jackson**
* **Hospital Officer Harriet Biela nominated by PDP Nancy Blok, 2nd PDP Kathy Biela**
* **Americanism Officer Bert Lema nominated by PDP Maureen Jackson/2nd PDP Rose Solak**
* **Scholarship Officer – no nominations**
* **Department President Pat Michalski nominated by PDP Kathy Biela, 2nd PDP Mary Leach**

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**The 50/50 ($103) was won by Pat Tune.**

**Short break then Honors & Awards**

**Honors and Awards Chairman Neva Colley was sick so Rosemary Perdue volunteered to take over.**

* **PDP Kathy Keizer Class A Membership Award - #22 winner / #120 runner up**
* **PDP Cathy VanFleteren Class B Membership Award - #93 winner/ tie for runner up - #122 and #3720**
* **PDP Maribeth Wescott Class C Membership Award – no winner**
* **PDP Becky Smith Child Welfare Award - #4064 winner (evaluation $42,895) / #57 runner up**
* **PDP Kathy Mobus Child Welfare Award - #9 winner (evaluation $18,288) / #269 runner up**
* **PDP Patricia Whitcher Penrickton Award - #93 winner (evaluation $8,158)**
* **PDP Marilyn Boring community Service Award - #57 winner (evaluation 103,002) / #1988 runner up**
* **PDP Maureen Jackson Community Service Award - #9 winner ($240,092) / #269 runner up**
* **PDP Sharon Colley Paws With A Cause Award - #9 winner (evaluation $6,266) / #93 runner up**
* **PNP/PDP Janice Hapner Hospital Award - #57 winner (evaluation $78,720) / #126 runner up**
* **PDP Lorraine Beedon Memorial Hospital Award – winner #9 (evaluation $216,177) / #72 runner up**
* **PDP Jeane Wedyke Hospital Award (statistical) - #9 winner (evaluation $9,399) / runner up #57**
* **PDP Carol Pickett S.O.S. Award #126 winner (evaluation $67,738) / #93 runner up**
* **PDP Pat Michalski Americanism Award (statistical) - #57 winner (evaluation 888) / #22 runner up**
* **PDP Mary Leach Americanism Award - #93 winner (evaluation $10,537) / #9 runner up**
* **PDP Doreen Pierce Scholarship Award - #57 winner (evaluation $1,900) / #4064 runner up**
* **PDP Dori Burton Scholarship Award - #126 winner (evaluation $20,128) / #57 runner up**
* **PDP Clarice Poisson Scholarship Award - #93 winner (evaluation $1,361) / #9 runner up**
* **PDP Jill Byrne Scrapbook Cover Award - #23 winner**
* **PDP Kathy Biela PRO/Historian Scrapbook Award – no winner**
* **PDP Nancy J Blok Most Outstanding Auxiliary Award - #9 winner / #57 runner up**

**Chairman’s Awards:**

**Child Welfare Allison Aldrich – tie for winner #57 and #93**

**Community Service Faye Richardson-Green – no entry**

**Americanism Bert Lema – drawing winner #3720**

**Largest donation winner #93**

**The benediction was delivered by Chaplain Martha Popour.**

**The Colors were retired by Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2013**

**The 3rd session of the 2013 Convention was called to order by President Peggy Lu Liss at 8:30am.**

**Roll call of Officers showed all in attendance with the exception of Neva Colley (arrived late), Lisa Rose Heckman (excused) and Jackie Bain (absent)**

**President Peggy introduced the Past Department Presidents who were present:**

* **1980/81 – Pat Michalski**
* **1999-00 – Maribeth Wescott**
* **2000-01 – Carol Pickett**
* **2001-02 – Doreen Pierce**
* **2007-08 – Maureen Jackson**
* **2008-09 – Kathy Biela**
* **2009-10 – Kathy Keizer**
* **1990-91 – Mary Leach**
* **1991-92 – Janice Marie Hapner**
* **1992-93 – Nancy Middleton**
* **1995-96 – Judy Smith**
* **1997-98 – Cel Rose Solak**
* **1998-99 – Sharon Colley**

**The invocation was delivered by Chaplain Martha Popour.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe**

**The 3rd Credentials Report was given by Maribeth Wescott. There were 37 delegates, 5 PDP’s, 27 Dept. Officers, 2 guests for a total of 71 registered and 69 total votes as of 2:00 Saturday, June 22.**

**Unfinished business:**

**PDP Kathy Keizer said last year at this time, her husband Gary had a heart attack. She appreciated all the calls and cards they received. This year Gary is doing well – and is here at the convention with her.**

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**President Peggy had a gift for Jr. AMVET President Allison Keizer but she did not come to convention so the gift was given to her Grandma Kathy to give to her later.**

**There was an error on the certificate for the runner up of the Nancy Blok Outstanding Auxiliary Award. It was corrected and presented.**

**Diana Lammott requested information on re-establishing their Jr. AMVETS at #1988.**

**Gloria Hall, Treasurer said our Ways & Means Chairman was within $200 of making budget!**

**Short break until 9:50am**

**Session reconvened at 10am.**

**The Election Rules were read by acting Parliamentarian Pat Michalski.**

**\*\*Motion Faye Richardson-Green/2nd Maureen Jackson to accept the rules as read. CARRIED**

**Maribeth Wescott gave the final credentials report. Following a count off of registered delegates, PDP’s and Officers, the final vote was 62. Majority vote was 32 and 2/3 vote was 41.**

**Elections:**

**1ST Vice President: Allison Aldrich previously nominated**

**\*\*PDP Mary Leach moved nominations be closed and Allison Aldrich be elected 1st Vice President by affirmation / 2nd Maribeth Wescott. CARRIED**

**2nd Vice President: Faye Richardson-Green previously nominated**

**\*\*PDP Nancy Middleton moved nominations be closed and Faye Richardson-Green be elected 2nd Vice President by affirmation / 2nd Gloria Hall CARRIED**

**3rd Vice President: Rosemary Perdue nominated**

**\*\*PDP Judy Smith moved nominations be closed and Rosemary Perdue be elected 3rd Vice President by affirmation / 2nd PDP Maureen Jackson CARRIED**

**Chaplain: Sue Christe previously nominated**

**\*\*\*PDP Clarice Poisson moved nominations be closed and Sue Christe be elected Chaplain by affirmation / 2nd Kathy Biela CARRIED**

**Sgt-at-Arms: Martha Popour previously nominated**

**Patricia Cieremans nominated by Leora Williamson / 2nd PDP Nancy Blok**

**\*\*Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Faye Richardson-Green to have a short caucus.**

**CARRIED**

**\*\*Motion Nancy Middleton/2nd Nancy Blok to have an open caucus. CARRIED**

**Martha Popour, followed by Patricia Cieremans told about qualifications & background and answered questions.**

**Vote was taken and Martha Popour was elected Sgt-at-Arms**

**Hospital Officer: Harriet Biela previously nominated**

**\*\*Motion Nancy Blok moved nominations be closed and Harriet Biela be elected Hospital Officer by affirmation /2nd Kathy Biela CARRIED**

**Americanism Officer: Bertha Lema previously nominated**

**\*\* Motion PDP Maureen Jackson moved nominations be closed and Bert Lema be elected Americanism Officer by affirmation /2nd Harriet Altherr**

**Scholarship Officer: no one previously nominated**

**Debra Ratliff was nominated by PDP Clarice Poisson / 2nd Diana Lammott**

**Kathy Schultz was nominated by PDP Judy Smith / 2nd Betty Pettijean**

**\*\*Motion Clarice Poisson/2nd Doreen Pierce to have a short open caucus. CARRIED**

**Deb, followed by Kathy told about their background and answered questions.**

**Vote was taken and Kathy Schultz was elected Scholarship Officer.**

**Department President: Patricia Michalski previously nominated**

**\*\*Motion PDP Kathy Biela moved nominations be closed and Pat Michalski be elected Department President by affirmation / 2nd Allison Aldrich CARRIED**

**………..and the delegates broke into song!! ,,,, and Pat cried!!!**

**President Peggy gave her ‘farewell’ as her year has come to a close. She thanked each of her Officers and presented them with a gift.**

**Convention chairman Mary Leach presented gifts to President Peggy and little Sadie (the President’s doxie who will be happy to have Peggy back home) from the Department and local Auxiliaries throughout the State.**

**Mary Leach thanked Maribeth Wescott for being credentials chairman and Jerri Galarowic for working as Attendance Prize Chairman.**

**President elect Pat Michalski said she was first elected President of the AMVETS Auxiliary in June, 1980. The Auxiliary is a big part of her life and now 33 years later it is a great honor to again have the opportunity to serve as President.**

**The Post Convention SEC will be right after the joint Installation of Officers.**

**The mystery prize was won by Pat Barnhill.**

**The Convention Raffle winners are: 1st Place (Nook Tablet) Aux. #13, 2nd Place (TomTom GPS) Sue Kintopf from Aux. #23 and 3rd Prize ($50 bill) won by ??? Crosby.**

**The benediction was delivered by Martha Popour.**

**The Flag was retired by Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe.**

**The convention 2013 was adjourned at 11:25am.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Nancy Middleton**

**Executive Secretary**

***CONVENTION S.E.C. MINUTES***

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