

N.E.C. Woman's Bulletin

I am preparing to attend the 2019 National Convention in Louisville, KY August 19<sup>th</sup> through August 25<sup>th</sup>.

I have sent in a Resolution to National Parliamentarian and National Headquarters, to remove the requirement of submitting Form 990 or E-postcard with Revalidation form, from the National Ladies Auxiliary Constitution. It was recommended last year to delete the requirement, as the AMVETS removed the requirement from their By-laws/Constitution. However as it was still in the Ladies Auxiliary Constitution, it first would have to be removed from the Constitution. Hopefully this will be approved at National Convention this year.

I also will be awaiting an answer that Nancy Middleton and Bert Lema (as Dept. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) had regarding Honorary Members. The process for Honorary Members was changed last year, as they are charged now with dues. I submitted their questions/concerns to the Spring N.E.C. meeting at the N.E.C. Council meeting, however it could not be answered. A few days after the meeting, I received an email from National Ladies Auxiliary Executive Director asking me to submit my question in a email and they would research and get back with me. I have not received a reply so will be bringing this up again at N.E.C. Council meeting.

Hopefully Local Auxiliaries have submitted entries for National Awards.

**Below is my Department of MI report for the National Convention Book.**

Madam President Valley, National Officers, Past National Presidents, N.E.C. Women, Department Presidents, Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests:

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as the N.E.C. Woman, for the Great Lakes state of Michigan for the past 3 years

Our President, Kathryn Schultz, had a great year. Her Theme was "Painting a Year of Peace and Freedom". Madam President has been busy touring our state and seeing what activities our Officers and Chairmen have been actively leading our Auxiliaries in accomplishing this year.

Bertha Lema, our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, in charge of Membership has worked diligently with our Local Auxiliaries to keep renewals and generate new members. She had several different contests to create more interest in Membership. Our current Membership is 1,556 which shows an increase from last year.

Kathy Keizer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, reports projects that have helped children by donating to Ronald McDonald House, held garage & bake sales to fund various Child Welfare projects; involved in mentorship programs for elementary school children; held golf outings to benefit a backpack program for needy school kids; developed partnership with local Department of Health & Human Services office to act as an ongoing resource for needy and foster children in the community. Kathy scheduled a Department tour of Penrickton for any member of the AMVETS family and their guests.

Clarice Poisson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, reported Community Service projects of canned food donations to many different food pantries, Bake Sales; Blood Drives; PAWS fundraisers; and March of Dimes. Clarice scheduled a tour of PAWS With A Cause for any member of AMVETS family and their guests. National 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Karin Simmons, was able to attend this tour.

Pat Michalski, Americanism/S.O.S. Officer has reported some awesome projects this year. Our Americanism project is the Joint Americanism Committee which sponsors the National Flag Coloring, Poster and Essay contests. We received entries from every grade, K-12 (except 9<sup>th</sup> grade, but we are working on that for next year) from Local and District Auxiliaries. We have an Awards ceremony during our convention in which we invite the winners and parents. Winners are presented with a certificate, a U.S. Flag and their cash award. A luncheon is served for winners and their guests. Auxiliaries held raffles; craft shows and they even had a booth at the county fair to raise money for the Americanism Program. I have to report that our 12<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was 18 years old and we invited her to join AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. She came to a meeting and both her and her mother joined our Auxiliary – what a proud moment. Some of the S.O.S. projects were packing and sending care packages to Servicemen and women; sending thousands of manufacturing coupons to various bases located in the United States and around the world.

Maribeth Wescott, Scholarship Officer, reported some of our Local Auxiliary activities for the year as passing a change jar at their meeting; Bake Sales; Bingo for Scholarship; and selling cookbooks. They held dinners and dances and donated to the Scholarship for Special Olympics and gave Scholarships to local high schools. s\This year we were able to present five (5), \$1,000 scholarships to qualified students.

Leora Williamson, Hospital Officer, reported some of the activities as escorting patients and members to doctor appointments; adopt a Veteran patient with no family and remember him or her on special occasions; crochet lap robes; Adopt locked ward and take refreshments once a month; special plans on Veteran's DAY, Memorial Day, Christmas and New Year's Day. Hospital pins and certificates were given out to members who earned them at our Department convention.

As you can see, we had a very busy year, and we hope that President Barbara is proud of the work done in the Department of Michigan. We want to thank President Valley for her visit to our Fall S.E.C. meeting and Conference last October. We also hope she enjoyed the reception we had in her honor. It gave local Ladies Auxiliary members the opportunity to meet with her and get to know who the National President really is.

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