

## **MEMBERSHIP - the Key to our Success!**

As I prepare to leave for National Convention, I have a lot running through my mind. I am going to touch on a few items which have come to my attention the past few weeks and some needed info for the locals.

- Please continue to send in ONLY new members. We still do not have the cards from National for the renewals. If you send them, they will be held until we do receive them.
- Please remember to write legibly on your D & R forms and provide all requested information.
- If you are sending in the Department Hospital donation for your Life members, you do not have to list each name IF you are sending in for ALL of your Life members at the same time. If you do not send in for all of your Life members, you MUST fill out the name of each Life member you are sending the Hospital donation for. Also, it is a help if you do not combine them with new members on the same D & R form.
- Special Note: I had a question about 'great' granddaughters being eligible for membership and after checking this is what I found in the National Constitution:

### ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

*SECTION 1: Eligibility for membership in the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary shall be limited to the mothers, wives, grandmothers, regardless of age, and to the daughters, stepdaughters (a stepdaughter must have been a dependent of an AMVET or deceased veteran prior to their eighteenth birthday to be eligible), sisters and granddaughters, not less than 18 years of age, of regular members of AMVETS; and to the mothers and widows, regardless of age, and to the daughters, sisters and granddaughters (of a veteran serving after September 15, 1940 or later), not less than 18 years of age, of deceased veterans who would have been eligible for membership in AMVETS, and female veterans who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States after September 15, 1940, or as an American Citizen in the Armed Forces of Allied countries after September 15, 1940, and before May 8, 1975, who maintain their AMVET membership unless they meet the established eligibility criteria. The term mother shall be construed to include any female member of the family, or any female guardian of such person or deceased veteran, who has exercised or is exercising the care and responsibility for the rearing of such person or deceased veteran. **The term granddaughter may include great granddaughter.***

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