

National Convention, Pre-Convention 2018 N.E.C. Council Report – Pat Michalski, N.E.C.

The Council of N.E.C. Women was called to order on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 by Chairman, Heidi Dineen-Serpis at 5:00 pm.

All in attendance introduced themselves.

There was a referral to the Americanism committee regarding pull tabs. This was brought up on the Convention floor.

The resolution regarding Social Media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) was discussed and will be brought up on the Convention floor.

Madam President, Marvell Ruppel, came in and welcomed everyone to the Convention. She stated if she could help in any way, please contact her.

Carol King, National Ladies Auxiliary Executive Director passed out National President's Visitation sheet and a Roster listing Department Presidents, Secretaries and N.E.C. Women. She also passed out a copy of N.E.C. Women's responsibilities.

At this time, I nominated Leslie Wunderlee for Council Chairman. Carried.

It was announced there would be no Silver Helmet awards at Spring N.E.C.

The announcements of those running for a National Office is as follows:

Hospital – Amy Stopyra, PA

Kristie Frye, TN

1st Vice President – Dee Baggett, FL

President – Barbara Valley, OH

Sgt. At Arms – Cindy Rice, OH

2nd Vice President – Joan Sirek, WI

Scholarship – Peggy Liss, MI

3rd Vice President – Faye Richardson-Green, MI

Americanism – Maureen Jackson, MI

I brought up the referral from MI regarding not having to submit proof of filing 990 form along with the Revalidation report. Carol King, National Ex. Director had not heard anything about it but said she would check with National AMVETS and bring it up on the floor during convention. (I asked her a few times during the week and she had not had time to check).

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

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Heidi Dineen-Serpis was elected to the Finance Committee for a 1 year term.

Humanitarian Award Recipient is the HEAL team.

The newly elected Officers gave their Program presentations.

1st Vice President – Dee Baggett – Theme: “Revving Up Membership” Recruit – Renew – Retain.

2nd Vice President – Joan Sirek – Theme: “Children are our Future, let them lead the way”. Program is John Tracy Clinic.

3rd Vice President – Karin Simmons – Theme: “Be the Unity in Community”. Program – PAWS With A Cause.

Scholarship – Peggy Liss – Supporting the different Scholarships.

Sgt. At Arms – Cindy Rice – Theme: “Respect and Defend the Red, White and Blue; Our American Flag”.

Americanism – Denise Rodzen – “Theme: Teaching Good Citizenship and Patriotism to our Promising Youth”.

Hospital – Kristie Frye – Theme: “Volunteering to Heal – A simple smile, a thank you, or a visit goes a long way”!

Chaplain – Mary Lamphere – Thee: “Open Your Mind, Open Your Hearts, Open Your Hands”.

The newly elected President, Barbara Valley – OH, was introduced and her appointments are as follows: 2019 Convention Chairman – Debbie Dant, IL; Parliamentarian -Linda Taylor, WI; Jr. AMVET Coordinator – Denise Spiegel, OH; Honors & Awards Chairman - Evelyn McElven, FL; History/Scrapbook Chairman – Maddox , ND; President’s Scrapbook – Debra Dean, OH; Training Chairman – Betty Lawson, TN; VAVS Representative (2 yr. term) – Marie Rorrio.

The 2019 National Convention will be held at the Galt House in Louisville, KY.

This concluded the Post-Convention N.E.C. Council meeting.