

## Note From the Parliamentarian

There have been some issues recently which we need to address. We are a veterans organization instituted to help our veterans and service men and women. We also are involved in our communities. We should all be working together in a harmonious respectful way. Do you remember when you were sworn in as a member the oath we all took? In that oath besides promising to uphold the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America and to support and obey the Bylaws of the Local, Department and National Auxiliaries. We also pledged to uphold the character and integrity of any member of this organization. Now I know that we all fall short at times on this last pledge. We all have differences and disagreements at times. However, it is unacceptable to besmirch the character of an auxiliary sister. It is unacceptable to state a falsehood which would inhibit, in any way, the transfer of membership to another auxiliary. Unfortunately, instances such as these have happened in the past and are prohibitive of the by-laws of the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. To facilitate the prevention of such occurrences in the future, when we are able to meet again, I would strongly encourage each and every auxiliary president to distribute and revisit the by-laws of their Local AND Department Auxiliaries. Presidents, I would also remind you to revisit the oath that was taken by each of us as auxiliary members. We all need to learn civility in our dealings with each other. Let's all work together to have a kinder, gentler way of expressing ourselves. The world is definitely changing with the events of these past few months. Hopefully we will come out of this with a new attitude and outlook on life.

Looking forward to new ideas and forward thinking in this new year for all auxiliaries in their community and veteran projects. Looking forward to seeing you at convention whenever it is held, and sharing ideas. Please be safe, keep healthy and take care of each other. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you and your families during this trying time.

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,  
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