

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN CONVENTION
June 24/26, 2022.

FIRST SESSION June 24, 2022

The **1st Session** of the 2022 Department Convention was called to order at 9:10am by Convention Chairman Carol Pickett. Linda Marshall, acting Chaplain for this Convention opened the Bible and placed it on the table in front of the Podium.

Carol asked everyone to turn off their phones, show respect, no talking and if your phone rings, the Ways & Means Chairman Bonnie Rojeski will collect \$1. Bonnie said she will collect \$5 if it rings a second time. (It looked like everyone was turning off their phones!!)

Carol asked the Sgt-at-Arms Clarice Poisson to escort the Department President Cel Rose Solak to the convention floor.

The invocation was delivered by acting Chaplain Linda Marshall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms Clarice Poisson..

Roll Call of Officers by Secretary Nancy Middleton: All Officers were present with the following exceptions:

- Chaplain Caroline Wisniewski – excused
- Hospital Officer Kay Kemp – absent
- PRO/Historian Kathy Jo Johnson – excused PDP Kathy Biela has been approved to be acting PRO/Historian
- John Dingell VAVS Maureen Jackson – excused
- Jacobetti Home Rep. Judy Smith – excused
- District VII President Barb Robare – excused

1st Credentials given by Chair Karen Harmon

There were 6 delegates registered, 16 Dept. Officers, 3 PDPs, for a total of 26 registered, 24 total votes. Majority is 13 and 2/3's vote is 16.

Convention Rules were read by Parliamentarian Pat Michalski.

****Motion** Pat Michalski/2nd Kathy Keizer to adopt the convention rules as read. **CARRIED**

REPORTS

President Rose stated there have been many communication problems this year from the AMVETS and some of the Auxiliary Officers. This year's voting is most important. The President also asked everyone to attend the joint opening and the Americanism program.

1st Vice President Kathy Keizer turned in her activity report and bulletin for the Convention book. She reported there was one local Auxiliary which was 100% renewed by the 10/31/2021 deadline. Congratulations to Auxiliary #115. Their \$25 prize has been sent and their certificate will be mailed after convention

The other contest is the Early Bird Renew Yourself contest for those who renew starting July 1 until October 31. The SEC voted to approve \$200 for this contest – this year only. The winners are \$50 – Marsha Vaughn, #1957 and \$25 each for the following: Lois Bailey #115; Joan Maciejewski #22; Carol Hunter #115; Sarah Velasco #57; Phyllis Ann Will #115; Judy Cardew #122.

Kathy also gave a recommendation to the Honors & Awards Chairman about changing the membership numbers for each of the 3 Membership Awards to more even the field and give more locals an opportunity to win.

There was an increase of 9 members over last year's totals. However, we failed to renew 206 annual members. If we are going to grow and have ladies interested in getting involved, we need to renew those annual members. She is worried about the future of the Department. We only have four announcing for Offices so far.

Certificate were passed out for 100% renewal and/or equivalent by June 1, 2022. They were #23, #52, #115, #72, #79, #93, #110, #114, #115, #120, #121, #122, #1957, #1988, #2273, #4064.

2nd Vice President Linda Marshall sent in her Activity report for the convention book. She thanked all the local Auxiliary for their generous donations to Penrickton Center. Kurt Sebaly, Executive Director of Penrickton (and guest at the Auxiliary Department Convention) could not be with us today because his Father-in-law had just passed away. A replacement will be representing him at this convention. A card was distributed for everyone to sign and will be sent to Kurt.

3rd Vice President Allison Aldrich turned in her activity report. She announced Mary Blaine, a representative from PAWS, will be here today with her foster dog. Allison will give out her Chairman's Award this afternoon.

Treasurer Deb Davis did not have an activity report or a finance report turned in for the convention book. She read her activity report and passed out copies. She thanked President Rose, Gloria Hall and the Secretary for their help this year. She announced the Texas Hold'em have been very successful. Deb also pointed out the membership renewals are very important.

Deb brought copies of the Net Worth which were distributed. The net worth as of 5/31/22 is:

General Fund checking	\$34,494.26
Hospital Fund Checking	\$ 1,364.09
Texas Hold'em Checking	\$28,999.35
Savings #1 Reserved	\$16,332.20
Savings #2 Donations	\$16,688.35

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

#1 matures 10/10/22	\$ 2,113.38
#2 matures 10/15/22	\$13,112.16
#3 matures 9/17/22	\$12,298.54
#4 matures 9/17/22	\$ 6,049.54
#5 matures 9/17/22	\$ 6,431.47

(NOTE: A copy of the budget from this past year was also distributed. It looks like there is still a balance of \$7,409.86 but there are several items which have not been paid yet and some transfers which need to be completed)

(NOTE: A copy of the Texas Hold'em report was not received by the Secretary)

Deb presented the 2022/2023 proposed budget as revised and approved by the Finance Committee on Friday. Everyone needs to look over the budget. It will be voted on tomorrow (Saturday).

Americanism Officer Pam Lein has her activity report in the Convention books. She asked everyone to remember the Americanism Awards program. We are expecting many of the winners and their families.

Hospital Officer Kay Kemp has her activity report in the Convention book. She apologized for not attending the S.E.C. on Friday evening. Only one hospital pin was requested from the local Auxiliaries by the deadline date (3/1/2022). It is awarded to Linda Marshall for 1,000 hours. Linda is from Aux. #22.

Scholarship Officer Karen Harmon submitted her activity report which is in the Convention book. There is only one Scholarship awarded this year and it is to Zaiden Mitchell (Post #22)..

N.E.C. Woman Pat Michalski has her activity report in the Convention book. She sent all the National Reports in time and copies are also in the Convention book. She still has some National Raffle Tickets for sale - \$5 for 6 tickets. This is a very large drawing at the National Convention and the winning daily tickets could be for several hundred dollars.

Honors & Awards Bert Lema turned in her activity report. She stated there were a lot of problems this year and we were like a dysfunctional family. Many Auxiliaries sent in final reports – but no midyear reports. Some sent in midyear reports but no final report. Some sent in both but did not make Department donations per Donor's Rules. It is important to send reports to keep our non-profit status.

The 1st Vice sent in a suggestion to change the Auxiliary size on the three Membership Awards. The suggestion is Class A – 81 and over membership; Class B 51 to 80 membership; Class C 10 to 50 membership

Personnel Committee, Chairman Allison Aldrich turned in her activity report. The Committee has suggested a raise for the Department Secretary since she hasn't had one for a few years. The suggestion was forwarded to the Finance Committee. The proposed budget will be passed out this afternoon and we will vote on it tomorrow.

Ways & Means Bonnie Rojeski said the Texas Hold'ems were very successful. She thanks all those who worked them. Fundraising at Fall Conference was fairly light. It is also light at this convention because we don't have a lot of people. Bonnie asked for a 5-minute break to sell tickets for gift cards. Bert noted that at National Convention sellers walk with a sign stating the price of the tickets. Delegates hold up their money and there is no disruption or talking.

President Rose drew the winners of the gift cards - #1 Karen Rapp and #2 Clarice Poisson.

Parliamentarian Pat Michalski announced she received news about Aux. #114. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian all resigned. This would put #114 in the "Not in Good Standing" category.

Sgt-at-Arms Clarice Poisson did not turn in an activity report but did write a bulletin for the Convention Book. She said she was just on the job since the Spring SEC. This is a busy job and she hopes someone is interested in taking it.

Higgins Lake Lodge Rep Roberta Robinson turned in her activity report. There have been a lot of challenges this year which still need to be met.

Convention Chairman Carol Pickett turned in her activity report. She thanks the President for the appointment and she is happy to be here. The year was difficult. The Commander apologized to her and gave her a hug. Let's move on – this year has been difficult for everyone.

Carol brought in a Convention book from 1998 – the first time President Rose was the Dept. President. There was also a copy of the Convention Newsletter. This was a newsletter put on the Convention tables every morning. It highlighted event of the previous day and some funny things which happened. Carol also thanked the Secretary for giving her a “Stress Ring” which is supposed to relieve stress to the wearer.

To add to Carol’s stress, the phone in her room is not working. She gave everyone her cell number. She has never met the AMVET Convention Chairman. There is no information about the banquet. President Rose said it is casual dress.

Fall Conference Bert Lema turned in her activity report. She stated those who attended had a ball. Faye Richardson-Green and Pat Michalski did great instructions on Leadership and Service program. If we do another Fall Conference along with the Auxiliary weekend maybe Deb Davis and Kathy Biela need to be separated. (Note: no explanation, but a lot of laughter)

PRO/Historian Kathy Biela filled in for Kathy Jo Johnson. Kathy reminded everyone to send picture of local events to Kathy Jo.

Website Pat Michalski, Webmaster: Back when we started the website there was a lot of stuff sent in. Now it is difficult to get bulletins from anyone. Aux. #93 sends pictures but no information is sent. At the Spring SEC, Deb Davis offered to help (and then had surgery and then went on vacation) We have a By-Law change suggesting the Webmaster be a 3-year term – appointed by the President.

Clarice Poisson said the newsletter should share with the website. She said she goes to the website a lot but there are no bulletins or information from the Officers. President Rose said the Auxiliaries need to advertise their events and share information.

District I President Seletha Robertson has her activity report in the Convention book. She reported District I has voted to disband. Hopefully they can someday come together and be a District again. Seletha stated she is wearing her mask because she has several medical issues and is scared! District I has a candidate for the Office of Treasurer – Deb Davis.

District II President Pat Michalski has her activity report in the Convention book. She stated District II is also disbanding because no one wants to take an office. The District has one candidate for Department Office. Linda Marshall is seeking to serve one more year as Dept. 2nd Vice President.

District V President Nancy Middleton has her activity report in the Convention book. She is happy to report District V is doing well. We had our elections and have a full slate of Officers. We do

events, hold Texas Hold'ems, hold 6 meetings a year – and have money. At our last meeting in May, our Department President and her PRO made a visit. At our meeting, each Officer gave a report, we approved our budget, held our elections and were sworn into Officer – all in 1 hour and 5 minutes.

The District Presidents used to have several duties. Each year they eliminate some of them and the result seems to be lack of interest because there is nothing to do.

District V has two people seeking Dept. Offices: Pam Lein for re-election as the Americanism Officer and Nancy Middleton seeking the Office of NEC woman.

District VII Barb Robare is excused.

VAVS / Michigan Home Reps.

Aleda E Lutz VAVS Linda Marshall has her report in the Convention book. They are starting to get Bingo back at the VA. Linda has \$204.06 in her checking account and \$499.20 in savings.

Ann Arbor VAVS Pat Krzesowik – excused

Battle Creek VAVS Faye Richardson-Green has her activity report in the Convention Book. Faye talked about a rumor that BCVA is closing. The answer is Yes and No. The plan to close is way in the future – at least 10 years before the plan goes into effect. Right now her duties at the VA is a Greeter. She interacts with outpatients and she loves it. There are some events planned in the future. Faye does them jointly with the ladies from the VFW

She has \$236.94 in her checking account. There is a big problem with Huntington Bank. They have been taking \$40 per month out of her account since January. Faye is trying to get this money put back in the account.

Sgt-at-Arms Clarice Poisson complained because we have too many people coming to the podium and they are cutting the Colors.

Michigan Veterans Home - Grand Rapids Clarice Poisson had her activity report in the Convention book. She said the Home is not yet open to volunteers. She has \$255.07 in her savings account. She thanked Auxiliaries #23, #57, #126 and #4064 for their donations. She sent \$1,000 to be used for flowers and plants.

The Dept President visited the Home in May. Leora Williamson, Deputy, sent up the visit.

Jacobetti Home Judy Smith – excused

John Dingell VA Maureen Jackson - excused

Treasurer Deb Davis had the proposed budget passed out and went over some of the changes by the Finance Committee which were not on the printed sheet. The Convention. Body will vote on the budget for 2022/2023 tomorrow.

We broke for lunch at 11:11am

Resumed 1st session after lunch.

Guest Mary Blaine and her gorgeous 6-month-old Golden – Scout. 3rd Vice Allison Aldrich presented Mary with a check for PAWS in the amount of \$8,152 which is the amount collected from our local Auxiliaries for 2021/2022.

Parliamentarian Pat Michalski distributed copies of the By-Law Committees suggested changes. Everyone should read them tonight. We will vote on them during the Saturday Session.

Treasurer Deb Davis received a receipt from Linda Marshall for supplies in the amount of \$44.46. The budget for supplies is \$10. She purchased files and file boxes to keep the 2nd Vice records in. This is overbudget by \$34.46.

****Motion** Deb Davis/2nd Bert Lema to pay Linda Marshall the entire \$44.46. CARRIED
This will have to be \$10 from the 2nd Vice budget and \$34.46 from miscellaneous.

NEC Woman Pat Michalski brought a resolution to the floor which the Americanism Committee wants sent to National.

*Resolution from the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary
Department of Michigan*

*WHEREAS: The National AMVETS Americanism Flag Drawing, Poster and Essay Contest exists to support teaching students in grades K-12 about Americanism, patriotism and civic responsibility
AND*

WHEREAS: Said contest has historically provided Departments and locals with an annual theme and specific prize awards for national winners at 1st, 2nd and 3rd place AND

WHEREAS: The national programs staff abruptly deleted specific prize levels without notice to the Departments and it was discovered recently paid out prize awards were significantly lower than advertised AND

WHEREAS: Current prize awards are now communicated vaguely as: 1st place winners to receive a plaque and unspecified gift card amount. 2nd place winners to receive a certificate and unspecified gift card amount; and 3rd place winners to receive a certificate and unspecified gift card amount AND

WHEREAS: Such gift card amounts to range between \$10 and \$250 and determined for winners after the contest closes and total entries have been calculated.

THEREFORE: The national contest prize awards are filled with uncertainty and lack incentive for potential entrants. Neither the Departments nor students entering the contest will know what the competition actually pays at the time of contest entry until all entries are judged and the winners are announced.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED: The National AMVETS Americanism Flag Drawing, Post, and Essay Contest for K-12 students be re-instated and a prize list be published which specifies specific gift card dollar amounts for each grade level and winners at the 1st, 2nd and 3rd position

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Michalski, Dept of MI NEC Woman on behalf of Americanism Co-Chairs: Bob Green, AMVETS Dept. Of MI 3rd Vice Commander, Pamela Lein, AMVETS Department of MI Ladies Auxiliary Americanism Officer and Don Torr, Dept of MI Sons of AMVETS Commander; and the Department of MI AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary & Sons of AMVETS June 25, 2022.

****Motion Pam Lein/2nd Pat Michalski to approve the (above printed) resolution.**

CARRIED

National information on winners is still slow in sending to the Departments.

President Rose sated all Officers are to be in uniform for the Memorial Service.

The benediction was given by acting Chaplain Linda Marshall.

The flag was retired by Sgt-at-Arms Clarice Poisson

The first session of the Auxiliary Convention was adjourned at 1:52pm

**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN CONVENTION
June 24/26, 2022.**

SECOND SESSION June 25, 2022

The 2nd Session of the Auxiliary convention was **called to order** at 9:00am by Convention Chairman Carol Pickett.

The invocation was delivered by acting Chaplain Linda Marshall.

The flag was presented by Sgt-at-Arms Clarice Poisson

Roll Call of Officers by Secretary Nancy Middleton showed all in attendance with the exceptions of Ann Arbor VAVS Pat Krzesowik, John Dingell VAVS Maureen Jackson, Jacobetti Home Rep Judy Smith, District VII President Barb Robare – all excused.

Credentials Report by Karen Harmon: Total registered 28 / total vote 27. Majority is 14 and 2/3's vote is 18.

Treasurer Deb Davis – discussed some changes for this year in the proposed budget. #1 – mileage increase based on current gas prices. .15 cents per mile if prices are below \$3 a gallon. .20 if prices are between \$3.01 and \$4. .25 if prices are between \$4.01 and \$5. .30 if prices over \$5.01. This will be based on an average of prices in the State of Michigan.

#2 \$200 will be put in the restricted Savings (#1) to be available for the Americanism Officer if she chooses to attend the Auxiliary Seminar at Freedoms Foundation . This would cover the cost of the seminar but would not include mileage, food, etc. The seminar is held every other year and the cost is approximately \$400. This event is for the Dept. Americanism Officer only. If she chooses not to go, the funds will be held in reserve for the next event. The seminar is held every other year (in the odd years: 2023, 2025, 2027, etc.

#3 Secretary's compensation was increased to \$6,000

The vote on the 2022/2023 budget is as follows:

- #1 National Convention **Motion Deb Davis/2nd Bert Lema – CARRIED
- #2 Fall Conference/SEC (2022) **Motion Deb Davis/2nd Linda Marshall – CARRIED
- #3 Spring SEC #2023) **Motion Deb Davis/2nd Kathy Keizer – CARRIED
- #4 NEC Meeting 2023 - **Motion Deb Davis/2nd Kathy Keizer – CARRIED
- #5 Officers (postage/supplies) - **Motion Deb Davis/2nd Kathy Biela – CARRIED
- #6 Department Expenses - **Motion Deb Davis/2nd Allison Aldrich – CARRIED
- #7 Dept. Convention Expenses (2023) - **Motion Deb Davis/2nd Bert Lema – CARRIED

Total budget for 2022/2023:
****Motion Deb Davis/2nd Kathy Biela to approve the budget as adjusted. CARRIED**

AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPT. OF MI. APPROVED BUDGET 2022-2023	CURRENT 2022/2023	EXPENSES 2022/2023	BALANCE IN ACCOUNT

NATIONAL CONVENTION (August 2022)			
NEC's Lodging/mileage/registration/per diem (4 days max)	\$1,150.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00
Head Delegate's Lodging/mileage/reg/per diem(4 days max)	\$1,150.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00
President's Lodging/mileage/reg/per diem (4 days max)	\$1,150.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00
Total National Convention Expenses	\$3,450.00	\$0.00	\$3,450.00

FALL CONFERENCE/SEC (2022) Grand Rapids			
Conference Mileage	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
President's hotel lodging	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Ways & Means hotel lodging	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Conference Chairman's hotel lodging	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
National President's hotel lodging	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Conference Chair's hotel site visit mileage	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Hotel meeting room expense estimate	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
National President's Hospitality	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Total Fall Conference Expenses	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00

SPRING / SEC (2023)			
Mileage	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Hotel meeting room expense estimate	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00

Total Spring SEC	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
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NEC MEETING (2023)			
NEC's travel/expenses/registration	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Total NEC Expenses	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00

OFFICER'S (postage/supplies)			
President	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
1st Vice President	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
2nd Vice President	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
3rd Vice President	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Hospital Officer	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Americanism/SOS	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Scholarship Officer	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Chaplain	\$50.00	\$ 0.00	\$50.00
Parliamentarian	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Treasurer	\$300.00	\$ 0.00	\$300.00
PRO/Historian	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
NEC Woman	\$15.00	\$ 0.00	\$15.00
Honors & Awards	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Total Officer's Expenses	\$1,045.00	\$0.00	\$1,045.00

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AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPT. OF MI. APPROVED BUDGET 2022-2023	CURRENT 2022/2023	EXPENSES 2022/2023	BALANCE IN ACCOUNT
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Department Expenses			
President's Travel	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Secretary's Supplies & Postage	\$4,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$4,500.00
Website Veterans Web Design	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Secretary's Compensation	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
AMVET Audit mileage to H.Q.	\$50.00	\$ 0.00	\$50.00
Auxiliary Audit mileage	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
President's Gifts (Cmdr/SOA/Riders)	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Past President's Pin Quartermaster	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Equipment Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$1,000.00
President's Gift	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Tax preparation	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
National 3rd Vice Hospitality	\$25.00	\$ 0.00	\$25.00
Raffle ticket stock	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
Raffle license fees	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Special Projects	\$800.00	\$ 0.00	\$800.00
**Americanism Officer Freedoms Found. Trip (Fall 2023)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00

**Fuel Surplus allowance (Treasurer has chart based on \$\$ gallon.	\$2,150.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.00
Total Dept. Expenses	\$18,205.00	\$ 0.00	\$18,205.00

Dept. Convention Expenses (June 2023)			
Driver mileage	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Dept. President's lodging 3 nights	\$375.00	\$ 0.00	\$375.00
Dept. Secretary's lodging 3 nights	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$375.00
Ways & Means lodging 3 nights	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$375.00
Convention Chair lodging 3 nights	\$375.00	\$ 0.00	\$375.00
Dept. Treasurer's lodging 1 night	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Convention Chair's hotel site visit mileage	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
President's Banquet tickets x 2	\$90.00	\$ 0.00	\$90.00
Convention Chair's Banquet ticket	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$45.00
Hotel meeting room expense estimate	\$600.00	\$ 0.00	\$600.00
Total Dept. Conv. Expenses	\$3,160.00	\$0.00	\$3,160.00

National Donations (June 2023)			
John Tracy Clinic, Freedoms Foundation, Paws, Parke Youth, St. Jude's, Scholarship, President's Project = \$350.00*	*Deducted from Texas Hold'em Account.		
*Total National Donations			\$0.00

Total columns 2 pages	\$29,810.00	\$0.00	\$29,810.00
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BREAK FOR JOINT OPENING WITH AMVETS

Back in session with the introduction of the Past Department Presidents in attendance.

Proposed changes to the By-Laws and Standing Rules: Pat Michalski, Parliamentarian

By-Law Committee Meeting – Department Convention – June 23, 2022

Proposed Changes to Department of MI By-Laws:

Article V – Section 4- NOW READS:

All newly elected and appointed officers shall assume the duties of their respective office after the close of the Department Convention except for the Department Treasurer, who shall assume her duties immediately following the Department audit; and the Executive Secretary, who shall assume her duties immediately following the Department audit and the completion of the Convention minutes being posted to the Department website.

CHANGE TO READ:

All newly elected and appointed officers shall assume the duties of their respective office after the close of the Department Convention except for the Department Treasurer, who shall assume her duties immediately following the Department audit.

Delete and the Executive Secretary, who shall assume her duties immediately following the Department audit and the completion of the Convention minutes being posted to the Department website. Executive Secretary is not an officer.

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Bert Lema - CARRIED**

Article V – Section 5 – NOW READS:

The Department President shall appoint with SEC approval NO LATER THAN the Fall SEC meeting, a Higgins Lake Representative (2-year term – even years) and fourteen (14) members to serve on the By-laws Committee.

CHANGE TO READ:

The Department President shall appoint with SEC approval NO LATER THAN the Fall SEC meeting, a Higgins Lake Lodge Rep (2-year term), Webmaster (3-year term) and fourteen (14) members to serve on the By-laws Committee.

Add: a Webmaster (3-year term). This was moved and carried at the Spring, 2022 SEC meeting. **AUTOMATIC CHANGE

****Motion Nancy Middleton;/2nd Deb Davis to remove the Higgins Lake Lodge Rep from the change and leave her Office as part of Section 4. – motion carried by majority vote.**

Article VI, Section 1 – NOW READS:

The Executive Board shall consist of those holding elective offices (see Article V, Section 1), the Parliamentarian and the Executive Secretary. (6/19)

CHANGE TO READ:

The Executive Board shall consist of those holding elective offices (see Article V, Section 1) and the Parliamentarian.

Delete and the Executive Secretary as she is not an Officer.

****AUTOMATIC CHANGE**

Article VI, Section 2 – NOW READS:

The Executive Committee of the Department shall consist of elected and appointed officers: President; 1st Vice, 2nd Vice; 3rd Vice Presidents; Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Americanism/SOS, Hospital, Scholarship Officers, NEC Woman, Immediate Past President, Parliamentarian; Publicity Officer/Historian, Ways and Means Chairman, Personnel Chairman, Junior AMVETS Coordinator (if needed), Fall Conference Chairman; Convention Chairman and Higgins Lake Lodge Representative; District Presidents and VAVS/MVH Representatives. (6/15)

CHANGE TO READ:

The Executive Committee of the Department shall consist of elected and appointed officers: President; 1st Vice, 2nd Vice; 3rd Vice Presidents; Treasurer, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Americanism/SOS, Hospital, Scholarship Officers, NEC Woman, Immediate Past President, Parliamentarian; Publicity Officer/Historian, Ways and Means Chairman, Personnel Chairman, Junior AMVETS Coordinator (if needed), Fall Conference Chairman; Convention Chairman and Higgins Lake Lodge Representative; District Presidents and VAVS/MVH Representatives. (6/15)

Delete Executive Secretary – not an officer

****AUTOMATIC CHANGE**

Article VI, Section 2 D – NOW READS:

For those officers traveling in the same vehicle to SEC meetings and Convention, mileage will be paid to the driver only. (6/13)

Delete the words and Convention as it is covered in Section B which reads:

The elected and appointed officers as noted in Section 2 shall receive up to four (4) days per diem and mileage to the Department Convention, paid at the current rate if so budgeted. Mileage will be paid to the driver only. (6/13)

****AUTOMATIC CHANGE**

Article VI, Section 4 – NOW READS:

The Executive Committee may meet within twenty-four (24) hours prior to the Department Convention. The Incoming and outgoing Executive Committee shall meet immediately following the close of the Convention for the purpose of transferring files, with the exception of Department Treasurer, which will be done after the Department audit.

Following the transfer of files, the newly elected and appointed Executive committee shall meet to present their themes, contests, etc. and to have them approved. They shall also engage in Officer training. The Committee also shall meet in the Fall prior to the Fall Conference and in the Spring. (6/21)

What is the Officer training they engage in??? Delete this sentence. Moved by Faye Richardson-Green, seconded by Allison Aldrich. Carried in committee

Amendment on Convention floor: by Kathy Keizer/2nd Nancy Middleton to add the words “within 30 days’ for Officers Training. CARRIED

WILL NOW READ: The Executive Committee may meet within twenty-four (24) hours prior to the Department Convention. The Incoming and outgoing Executive Committee shall meet immediately following the close of the Convention for the purpose of transferring files, with the exception of Department Treasurer, which will be done after the Department audit. Following the transfer of files, the newly elected and appointed Executive committee shall meet to present their themes, contests, etc. and to have them approved. They shall also engage in Officer training with in 30 days. The Committee also shall meet in the Fall prior to the Fall Conference and in the Spring.

Article VII – Duties of Officers – NOW READS:

Section 2 – The Executive Secretary shall serve for a period of two (2) years. She shall be selected by the Personnel Committee with the approval of the Convention body. Applicants shall be interviewed and selected per Personnel Committee guidelines. She shall be a member of the Executive Committee with a vote and answerable to the President and Personnel Chairman. She shall be selected in the odd years.

- A. The minutes of the pre-Convention and post-Convention SEC meetings and the Department Convention be sent to the Department President or presiding officer and the Department Parliamentarian within thirty (30)

days following the close of the Department Convention, for approval. The President or Presiding officer and the Parliamentarian shall return the minutes within seven (7) days to the Executive Secretary. When approved, the Department Secretary will forward them to the Department webmaster to be posted on the website. (6/18)

- B. The minutes of the Fall and Spring SEC meetings shall be sent to the Department President or presiding officer and the Department Parliamentarian within fourteen (14) days following the meeting, for approval. When approved, the Executive Secretary will forward them to the Department webmaster to be posted on the website. (6/18)
- C. The Executive Secretary shall receive and record all National and Department forms, donations to National and Department programs, Auxiliary dues, Dues & Remittance forms, other membership forms and registration forms received from the local Auxiliaries. (6/05) See Secretary's Handbook. (6/21)
- D.

Delete Entire Section 2 – Changed 6/21 Convention. A, B & C should be covered in Secretary's handbook.

CHANGE TO READ: Although the Executive Secretary is not a Department Officer, her position is critical for the Department's function. Applicants shall be interviewed and selected by the Department Personnel Committee. Her role and duties are outlined in her contract and Work Instructions Job Aid. (See Appendix) Moved by Faye Richardson-Green, seconded by Bert Lema. CARRIED

Section 5 – D – NOW READS:

District Presidents or Elected Representatives shall be members of the Department Membership Committee and the Finance Committee.

Delete: Covered in Article IX – Department Convention, Section 9-c.

***Motion by Pat Michalski/2nd Bert Lema CARRIED**

Section 6 – NOW READS:

The outgoing Parliamentarian shall be responsible to retype the Department By-laws if any changes have been made at the Department Convention. They shall be submitted to the National Parliamentarian in duplicate, including a separate page indicating where changes are within the By-laws. They shall be signed by the outgoing Department Parliamentarian and Department President and sent within thirty (30) days after adoption. After the signed copies are returned from National, they shall be forwarded electronically to the Department Webmaster to be posted on the Department website. (6/17)

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Delete **and Department President – AUTOMATIC CHANGE FROM NATIONAL.**

Section 9 – NOW READS:

The Standing Committees shall be as follows and they shall meet during the Department Convention.

CHANGE TO READ: The Standing Committees shall be as follows and they shall meet prior to the opening of Convention.

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Bert Lema - CARRIED**

Section 9 C – NOW READS:

The Finance Committee, which meets to review a proposed budget, shall be comprised of the Department Treasurer as Chairman, the Executive Secretary and the District Presidents or Representatives.

CHANGE TO READ: The Finance committee shall consist of the Treasurer as Chairman, Executive Secretary, 1st Vice President, Personnel Chairman and the Ways & Means Chairman.

Moved by Allison Aldrich, seconded by Clarice Poisson. Carried in committee

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Faye Richardson-Green DEFEATED on Convention floor.**

REVISED TO READ: The Finance Committee, which meets to review a proposed budget, shall be comprised of the Dept. Treasurer as Chairman, the Executive Secretary, 1st Vice President, Personnel Chairman, Ways & Means Chairman and any existing District Presidents.

****Motion Faye Richardson-Green/2nd Gloria Hall - CARRIED**

Section 9 H – NOW READS:

The Personnel Committee shall be comprised of six (6) IPDPs. The Chairman shall be the earliest ranking IPDP. After serving a year, the IPDP Chairman will be removed and the earliest ranking IPDP will be added as Chairman to this committee along with adding the IPDP. (6/21)

CHANGE TO READ:

The Personnel Committee shall be comprised of six (6) PDPs. The Chairman shall be the earliest ranking PDP. After serving a year, the PDP Chairman will be removed and the next earliest ranking PDP becomes the Chairman to this committee along with adding the IPDP. The Chairman will seek appointments from PDP's for approval at Post Convention SEC meeting.

****Motion by Faye Richardson-Green/2nd Clarice Poisson -CARRIED**

Article XI – Districts

Section 4 – NOW READS:

The By-laws of the District Council shall be submitted to the Department Parliamentarian every three (3) years in triplicate. Revisions and amendments are to be sent in triplicate at the time they are adopted by the District Council. Any by-laws in conflict with the Department or National shall be null and void. The Parliamentarian must sign her approval in black ink and forward all copies to the Department President for her approval. The Department President will sign all copies, keep one (1) copy and forward one (1) copy each to the Department Parliamentarian and District President. (6/17)

CHANGE TO READ:

The By-laws of the District Council shall be submitted to the Department Parliamentarian every three (3) years in triplicate. Revisions and amendments are to be sent in triplicate at the time they are adopted by the District Council. Any by-laws in conflict with the Department or National shall be null and void. The Parliamentarian must sign her approval in black ink, keep one (1) copy and forward one (1) copy each to the Department President and the District President.

Automatic change from National.

Article XV – Grievances

Section 3 – NOW READS:

The President shall appoint a Grievance committee and Appeals Board at the beginning of the year as outlined in Article XII of the National Constitution.

Delete as this is covered in Article V, Section 3 A – Appointments made at Post SEC Meeting.

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Bert Lema move to delete – CARRIED**

STANDING RULES

Carol Pickett questioned the Poll Vote Standing Rule. She wanted to know if you only answer “Nay” how can you tell if a person even received the Poll Vote?

****Motion Carol Pickett/2nd Bert Lema to change Standing Rule #1 to read : Any communication for poll votes or survey should respond with either a “yea vote” or a “nay vote” by the deadline date. MOTION CARRIED.**

There was a lot of discussion on this. It clearly states on each Poll Vote the response should be sent to the Parliamentarian – not to the President who requested the Poll Vote or to the Secretary who sent the Poll Vote. **DO NOT reply to all on any Poll Vote!!**

12:00pm - BREAK FOR AMERICANISM PROGRAM

Reconvene Auxiliary Session 1:30pm

A discussion took place about continuing the newsletter for the 2022/2023 year. This past year there was many free issues because it was connected to the Department raffle (If you purchased a book of tickets for \$10, you got the newsletter free for one year). We did not have that combination for this year’s raffle to the rules will revert back: All local President’s get one free copy each month for the Auxiliary. The President gets one free. All others pay \$10 for 12 monthly issues. This does not cover the cost of copies, envelopes, labels and stamps – but it helps!

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Linda Marshall to continue the newsletter for 2022/2033. CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE (there was one “no” vote).**

Linda Marshall, 2nd Vice President announced the winner of her Chairman’s award – a drawing from all the Auxiliaries who donated to Penrickton through the Department. The winner was Auxiliary #2273.

ELECTIONS

Parliamentarian Pat Michalski read the Election Rules.

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Kathy Keizer to accept the Rules as printed. CARRIED**

FIRST ROUND OF NOMINATIONS:

President no nominations

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Faye Richardson-Green: nominations will be re-opened tomorrow. CARRIED**

1st Vice President no nominations

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Faye Richardson-Green: nominations will be re-opened tomorrow. CARRIED**

2nd Vice President Linda Marshall nominated by Pat Michalski/ 2nd by Bert Lema

3rd Vice President no nominations

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Faye Richardson-Green: nominations will be re-opened tomorrow.
CARRIED**

Chaplain no nominations

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Bert Lema: nominations will be re-opened tomorrow. CARRIED**

Sgt-at-Arms no nominations

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Faye Richardson-Green: nominations will be re-opened tomorrow.
CARRIED**

Hospital Officer no nominations

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Kathy Biela: nominations will be re-opened tomorrow. CARRIED**

Americanism Officer: Pam Lein nominated by Faye Richardson-Green/2nd Kathy Keizer

Scholarship Officer no nomination

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Faye Richardson-Green: nominations will be re-opened tomorrow.
CARRIED**

Treasurer: Deb Davis nominated by Kathy Biela/2nd by Pat Michalski

NEC Nancy Middleton nominated by Leora Williamson

There were some objections to this nomination because Past Presidents are not allowed to be placed in nomination until Sunday. Nancy stated except for one time in the past 50 years, the NEC has always been a Past President. She apologized and removed her name from nomination (twice). The discussion continued.

****Motion Pam Lein/2nd Gloria Hall to reopen the by-laws to change the requirements for NEC Woman
CARRIED**

ARTICLE V SECTION 10 now reads: Past Department Presidents may be nominated for any Department level office on the day of elections provided there have been no nominations made for the office on the first day of nominations. (6/17) A. No member may seek the office of President, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice or 3rd Vice Presidents without serving on the Executive Board for two (2) years, including one (1) year as Department Service officer. (6/17)

CHANGE TO READ: Past Department Presidents may be nominated for any Department level office on the day of elections provided there have been no nominations made for the office on the first day of ***nominations with the exception of NEC Woman.*** No member may seek the office of President, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice or 3rd Vice Presidents without serving on the Executive Board for two (2) years, including one (1) year as Department Service officer. (6/17)

A. The NEC Woman shall be a Past Department President. Wording approved by convention body.

Ways ‘n Means Bonnie Rojas thanked Nancy Woodwyk from Aux. #126 for the 2 baskets which were raffled. 1st winner was Deb Davis from Aux. #57. The 2nd winner was AMVET Rob Harris.

BREAK FOR HONORS AND AWARDS

HONORS AND AWARDS

The Honors ‘n Awards Committee , led by Chairman Bert Lema, made a grand entrance to start the program. Music, salsa dancing, flowers, bright costumes put us all in a mood for fun. Now on with the winners:

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

PDP Seletha Robertson Class A Membership Award

Winner Aux. #1988 with a 19 member increase of last year

Runner up Aux. #2273 – 6 member increase

PDP Yvette Rusak Class B Membership Award

Winner Aux. #121 with 2 increases

Runner up – Tie between Aux. 72 and Aux. 115 both with 1 increase

Dept. of Michigan Class C Membership Award

No winners

CHILD WELFARE AWARDS

PDP Kathy Biela Child Welfare Award (10 to 40 members)

Winner Aux. #93 – evaluation of \$21,317

Runner up Aux. #121

PDP Nancy Middleton Child Welfare Award (41 and over members)

Winner Aux. #23 - \$21,613 evaluation

Runner Up Aux. #4064

PDP Pat Witcher Penrickton Center Award

Winner Aux. #93 – evaluation \$12,397

Runner Up – Aux. #23 - \$9,543 evaluation

COMMUNITY SERVICE

PDP Maureen Jackson Community Service Award (10 to 40 members)

Winner Aux. #93 - \$20,292 evaluation

Runner up Aux. #121 - \$8,583 evaluation

PDP Wendy Lynema Community Service Award – (41 and over membership)

Winner Aux. #23 - \$34,687 evaluation

Runner Up Aux. #57 - \$29,807 evaluation

PDP Faye Richardson-Green Paws With A Cause Award

Winner Aux. #93

Runner Up – N/A

AMERICANISM AWARDS

PDP Allison Aldrich Americanism Award

Winner Aux. #93 - \$4,637 evaluation

Runner Up – N/A

PDP Pat Michalski Americanism Award

Winner #57 evaluation per volunteer \$358.35

Runner Up Aux. #93 evaluation per volunteer \$152.69

(NOTE) plaque not returned. Bert will find it and hand deliver it.

S.O.S. (SERVE OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN)

Department of Michigan Award (10 to 40 members)

Winner Aux. #93 - \$4,017 evaluation

Runner Up Aux. #115 - \$1,355 evaluation

Department of Michigan Award (41 and over members)

Winner Aux. #22 - \$50,159 evaluation

Runner Up Aux. #126 - \$30,171 evaluation

HOSPITAL AWARDS

Department of Michigan Award (10 to 40 members)

Winner Aux. #93 - \$6,973 evaluation

Runner Up Aux. #121 - \$3,044 evaluation

PDP Kathy Keizer Hospital Award (41 & over members)

Winner Aux. #57 - \$20,015 evaluation

Runner Up Aux. #23 - \$19,043 evaluation

District I Hospital Award in Memory of PDP Jeane Wedyke

Winner Aux. #57 - \$20,015 evaluation

Runner Up – Aux. #23 - \$19,043 evaluation

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

PDP Neva Colley Scholarship Award in memory of PDP/PNP Janice Hapner

Winner Aux. #93 - \$2,587 evaluation

Runner Up – N/A

PDP Clarice Poisson Scholarship Award (41 & over members)

Winner Aux. #23 - \$14,463 evaluation

Runner Up Aux. #126 - \$9,883 evaluation

PRO SCRAPBOOK AWARD

No submissions

OUTSTANDING LOCAL AUXILIARY AWARD

District II in memory of PDP Bernadette Robinson

Winner Aux. #93

Runner Up Aux. #23

OUTSTANDING LOCAL AUXILIARY MEMBER AWARD

PDP Bertha Zeno Lema

Winner – Pat Michalski – Auxiliary #22

No runner up

Benediction given by Acting Chaplain Linda Marshall.

Salute to the Colors by Sgt-at-Arms Clarice Poisson

The session was adjourned for the day and will reconvene at 9am tomorrow

**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN CONVENTION
June 24/26, 2022.**

THIRD SESSION June 26, 2022

Session was reconvened at 9am.

Invocation was given by acting Chaplain Linda Marshall.

The salute to the Colors was led by Sgt-at-Arms Clarice Poisson

Roll Call of Officers showed all in attendance except Chaplain Caroline Wisniewski, Ann Arbor VAVS Pat Krzesowik, John Dingell VAVS Maureen Jackson, Jacobetti Home Rep. Judy Smith, District VII President Barb Robar and PRO Kathy Jo Johnson.

Pam Lein and Faye Richardson-Green were a few minutes late but did arrive shortly after roll call.

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Kathy Biela to have secret ballots during elections if there are more than One candidate. CARRIED.**

Deb Davis, Treasurer, asked those who are qualified to see her for mileage checks.

The President stated the Post SEC will be in the convention room. She was also informed the convention will be at this same location for the next three years.

Convention Chairman Carol Pickett presented President Rose gifts from the local Auxiliaries who donated to the President's Gift Fund. Flowers (red for love/yellow for friendship), a red, white and blue blanket, stars & stripes hanging decoration, a red/white/blue cooler with Vernors in it, a red/white/blue towel.....and money! I don't know how much money there was and I may have missed some of the gifts. It was across the room from where I was sitting and some things were not shown to the entire group.) Kay Kemp presented the President with a cute dancing dog singing 'Celebrate'.

Obviously in an effort to fill time before the elections which were at 10am, we had to resort to some 'fill-in'.

Pat Michalski re-read the Resolution which was approved by the AMVETS and is being sent to the National AMVETS and the National Auxiliary.

Kathy Keizer had a bunch of jokes to tell (some were actually very funny) and Deb Davis has a few jokes about dogs, of course,

It was announced the AMVET Post of the Year is #13. The AMVET of the Year is Craig Robertson. The Commander of the year is Jeff Pierce.

Words of Advice (but I don't know who gave the advice: When smart people are around you – get out of the way!

When it was time for elections, it was discovered we only had one person qualified to be a Teller – Karen Raap. Faye Richardson-Green immediately went to the lobby and found a Marine from American Legion #557 who said he will be a Teller.

****Motion Clarice Poisson/2nd Faye Richardson-Green to change the election rules to allow the Marine, Ben Howison, to serve as election judge. CARRIED**

The President has chosen to vote.

ELECTIONS

Karen Harmon gave a credentials report. There were 30 total votes. Majority is 16 and 2/3's is 20

President - Cel Rose Solak nominated by Bert Lema / 2nd by Clarice Poisson

President – Kathy Keizer nominated by Nancy Middleton 2nd by Wendy Lynema

Kathy Keizer was elected President for 2022/2023

1st Vice – no nominees

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Faye Richardson-Green since there are no nominees for 1st Vice, this will be an appointment by the new President. CARRIED**

2nd Vice Linda Marshall was previously nominated.

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Bert Lema since there is but one nominee for the Office of 2nd Vice, nominations be closed and Linda Marshall elected by affirmation. CARRIED**

3rd Vice - no nominees

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Bert Lema since there are no nominees for 3rd Vice, this will be an appointment by the new President. CARRIED**

Chaplain – Patsy Watkins was nominated by Dorothy Gillingham 2nd by Nancy Woodwyk.

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Bert Lema since there is but one nominee for Chaplain, nominations be closed and Patsy Watkins be elected by affirmation. CARRIED**

Sgt-at-Arms - no nominees

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Nancy Middleton since there are no nominees for Sgt-at-Arms, this will be an appointment by the new President. CARRIED**

Hospital Officer - no nominees

****Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Bert Lema since there are no nominees for Hospital Officer, this will be an appointment by the new President. CARRIED**

Americanism Officer – Pam Lein was nominated previously

****Motion Faye Richardson-Green/2nd Pat Michalski/ since there is but one nominee for Americanism Officer, nominations be closed and Pam Lein be elected by affirmation. CARRIED**

Scholarship Officer - no nominees

****Motion Linda Marshall/2nd Clarice Poisson since there are no nominees for Scholarship Officer, this will be an appointment by the new President. CARRIED**

Treasurer – Deb Davis was nominated previously

****Motion Kathy Biela/2nd Linda Marshall/ since there is but one nominee for Treasurer, nominations be closed and Deb Davis be elected by affirmation. CARRIED**

NEC Woman

Rose Solak nominated by Bert Lema / 2nd by Clarice Poisson

Nancy Middleton nominated by Leora Williamson / 2nd by Allison Aldrich

Nancy Middleton elected as NEC Woman 2022/2024 (2-year term)

Kathy Keizer said two goals she is setting is getting more attendance at Convention and increasing contact with our local Auxiliaries. She will have more goals later to share.

Bonnie Rojeski, Ways & Means Chairman announced the winners of the Dept. Raffle:

1st prize \$200 – Kim Thig 2nd prize \$100 – Pat Michalski 3rd prize \$ 50 – Nancy Middleton

President Rose gave her farewell speech. She thanked everyone for this past year and hopes we will work with the new Officers. We had many challenges.

Benediction was given by acting Chaplain Linda Marshall

The flag was retired by Sgt-at-Arms Clarice Poisson.

All the new Officers went to be installed. After the installation, they will return to the convention floor for the Post Convention SEC.

**Respectfully submitted
Nancy Middleton, Secretary
8/14/2022**

Approved with corrections – Pres. Cel Rose Solak 8/21/22

Approved with corrections (lots of typos) by Eagle-eyed
Parliamentarian Pat Michalski 9/7/2022