



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY 76<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
AUGUST 13 – 20, 2022  
HEAD DELEGATE REPORT

Business Session Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Session open at 8:47 by Convention Chairman Linda Bonin. National Officers and Past National Presidents were introduced and escorted into the convention floor.

Meeting called to order by National President Joan Sirek

Invocation by National Chaplain Alice Delzer. The Charter was draped for PNP Brenda Kilgore  
The Pledge of Allegiance led by National Sergeant-at-Arms Debra Gass  
Definition of Americanism National Americanism Officer Mary Lanhere  
Reading of Preamble National First Vice President Karin Simmons  
Code of Ethics National Second Vice President Amy Stopyra  
Aims and Purposes National Third Vice President Cindy Rice  
Roll call National Executive Director PNP Carol King

Guests from China Taiwan General Kent Feng (Ret.)

Thank President Joan Sirek for her visit Thank the beautiful auxiliary ladies for all that they do for the Veterans. Meet Nancy Polis, and had good communication

Continue with the roll call of Officers by National Executive Director Carol King.

National President Joan Sirek ask all new members introduce themselves.

**Credentials Report:**

16 National Officers, 14 PNP, 24 NEC, 17 Alternates, 1 Department Alternate, 12 Guests. 211 Register Delegates, 198 Voting Strength, 2/3-117, majority 88

Reading of the Convention Rules by Parliamentarian Marvell Ruppel: Approved

Guests: Sad Sacks National Saddest Cathy Argle, Sackettes National Snappiest Fay Richard-Green. Nurse Scholarship for \$1,000 and \$500.00

Adoption of the Agenda: Approved

Reading/Adoption of 2019 Convention Minutes: Approved

**Reports/Recommendations of the National Officers/Committee Chairman**

National President Joan Sirek: Enjoyed visiting the Departments, lost her luggage, thanked the Departments for their friendship & hospitality. Her project to replaced the window in MacArthur Hall at Freedom Foundation. Announced Auxiliary Americanism Conference in October 5–8, 2023. Highlight was visiting the New York 911 Memorial and Museum. Continue to sell tickets for afghan & her project.

National First Vice President Karin Simmons: Announced 9 new auxiliaries. Received reports some auxiliaries have disbanded. Thank Headquarter staff National Executive Director Carol King and Sonja.

Local Auxiliaries may grant **two** Honorary membership per year. Carried  
Recommendation: To allow the wives of Sons of AMVETS member to join the Auxiliary was rejected  
Michigan resolution was rejected.

The Membership year shall run from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31st. Any membership received at the Local level after December 31st shall be counted as a new member. Carried

Largest Percentage Gain in Membership as of 5/31 Department of Michigan.

Second Vice President Amy Stopyra: Theme was “Our Eyes and Ears of Today”. JTC will not be able to attend convention.

Sincere sympathy to the John Tracy Family in the passing of Louise Treadwell “Susie” Tracy, JTC Founder. 19 committee members attended, held discussion on AADAA projects

#### **Article 111 Duties of Officers:**

Currently reads: The Second Vice President shall serve as Child Welfare Chairman and as such initiate projects benefiting children, including Worchid Project and John Tracy Center program by submitting varied program ideas to Department and Local Auxiliaries. In the absence or disability of the President and First Vice President, she shall preside at all meetings and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee. She shall serve on the Honors and Awards Committee and as Chairman of the Child Welfare Committee. She shall be a member of the Finance Committee and Search Committee.

**Recommendation:** Add to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Section 3: She shall oversee terms of any Department Trusteeships entered by the National Executive Board, (This has been the practice initiated in previous Trusteeships. It clarifies whose responsibility it is to oversee this- in writing) Carried

Martha Knott 50/50 winner \$995.00

National Third Vice President Cindy Rice:

Very uplifted year. Selling tickets for quilt, made by Linda Bonin. Sold over \$48,000.00 for PAWS. 23 members at the meeting, brought up several new ideas for fundraising. Blessing Box.

**Add;** An Honorary member is eligible to receive a blood donor pin. Carried  
**Add: To the convention digest:** A one (1) time Blood donor pin will be presented to a member donating the first eight (8) pints (1 gallon) with written verification. Carried

National Treasurer Report: Barbara Guth:

Reporting donations were up by 20%. No third person on Credit Cards, No debit cards, Make sure you have money in your account. Follow deadline dates, there, there for a reason. Do not hold up checks for 60 days. 15 committee members attended. The Treasurer presented the proposed budget to read over.

Article V Standing Committees Section 1(d) Finances:

The National Finance Committee shall consist of the following: National Treasurer, who shall serve as Chairman, National President, ex-officio, NEC Council Chairman, Immediate Past Treasurer, National First Vice President, National Second Vice President, National Third Vice President, Immediate Past National President, ex-officio, with vote, one NEC member elected at Post Convention NEC for one-year term and the National Parliamentarian, ex-official, without a vote.

**Recommendation:** Since there may not be an immediate Past Treasurer.

**Add (e)** In the event there is no Immediate Past Treasurer, the President shall appoint a member of the National Executive committeewoman to the Finance Committee. Term to coincide with the National Treasurer. This would then change the current e to d, d to e – etc Carried

National Scholarship Laura Shea:

Theme “Knowledge is Power”. 5 members attended, received 30 Scholarships, 23 were disqualified. Sorry could not hear, too much noise.

**Add to Scholarship application:** PDF verified signatures will be accepted from reference. Carried

**Add:** An updated check list for Scholarship applications will be included on the National website Scholarship application packet information. Carried

National Hospital Officer: Laura Bugaj:

There were 25 committee members who attended. I attended, served and participated with the committee skit.

Question from Ohio on how VAVS hours should be reported for travel and hours?

**Recommended change to the Manual:** Where as Page 104 of the manual currently read: National, Department, District or Regional Officers may credit her hours to the Local Auxiliary, when the activity in which she participated involved the duties of the respective office she holds. A member may credit hours to the Local Auxiliary, excluding the VAVS Program.

**It is recommended Page 104 of the Manual be changed to read:** National, Department, District, or Regional Officer may credit her hours to Local Auxiliary

when the activity in which she participated involved the duties of her respective office she holds. A member may credit hours to Local Auxiliary, including the VAVS Program. Carried

This will bring the manual into compliance with, pages 34 and 107 which currently read.

The VAVS Representative or Deputies may credit hours when the activity in which she participated involved the duties of her office, to her Local Auxiliary. Page 34 Carried

Actual hours spent in any hospital or in direct contact with the patient may be applied towards Hospital Pins and Hour Bars. Hours spent in travel may be counted only on Hospital Service Report form. VAVS Representative and or Deputies hours spent at VAVS meetings are to be reported to their Local Auxiliary. Page 107 Carried

Futhermore: this would not constitute "double dipping" in regards to the Joint Annual Review. The Annual Joint Review and Hospital Service Report measure two separate things. The Annual Joint Review gives validation to the Auxiliary having a voice within the VA Veteran Service. The Service Report gives an accounting to the IRS and Congress justifying the Auxiliaries Tax Exempt status. Not including the VAVS volunteer hours and mileage on the Service Reports would give an inaccurate picture of the voluntary evaluation of the Auxiliary as a whole.

**Add:** \$10.00 Evaluation for wheelchairs/walker bags (no other evaluation). Carried

VAVS Report: Manual: Service Report Guidelines- Hours

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**New Program:** Compassionate Contact Corps. A friendly visit to a Veteran over the phone, tablet or computer.

Food Bank for Veteran, VAVS Matching Funds & John H. Park Scholarship

National Chaplain: Alice Delzer Words of encouragement, be a servant and helper, comforter and friend, prayer warrior and encourage. Her Motto: Jesus said, love one another as I have loved you.

National Sergeant-at-Arms: Debra Gass: Be Respectful, NO jeans, spaghetti strap shirt or dress, shorts or shower type flip flops are NOT allowed on the Convention floor.

Parliamentarian PNP Marvell Ruppel: There were 15 members and 37 guests attending. Remind us to regularly read your National, Department and Local By-laws, Standing Rules and review National Manual, Constitution and By-laws.

**There were 2 resolutions:** Department of Pennsylvania” It urges the National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary to consider expanding eligibility in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary to include nieces of AMVETS (or deceased veterans) and wives of Sons of AMVETS – rejected

Department of Michigan resolution was rejected

### **Conflicting Information: Membership/Rejoin (Manual, Constitution)**

The membership year shall run from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Any membership received at the local level after December 31<sup>st</sup> shall be counted as a new established eligibility. Carried

### **Constitution Article IV: Membership and Dues; Section 3**

Honorary Membership- Honorary membership are granted in instance where circumstances and/or qualification merit such distinction and shall be limited to ladies who are not eligible for regular membership. Local Auxiliaries may grant one Honorary Membership per year. An Honorary Membership is \$10.00 annually to National Headquarter. Any additional charges to the Honorary Member would be up to the Local Department Auxiliary.

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Certificates Awards: Manual: Currently reads under certificate. “Donation of \$100.00 or more”

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### **Constitution:**

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**Change to Read 2J:** All parties shall remain available to the committee until a decision has been reach The Committee shall inform the accused of the decision Carried.

**Section Q read:** The Grievance Committee at the hearing shall then determine the degree of punishment and whether they shall be suspension from the benefit of membership and if so for how long or an expulsion from the membership. Any discussion of grievances Local problem or claim concerning an individual with respect to her personal interest pertaining to he grievance Meeting will not be discussed outside the Grievance Hearing.

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**Carried**

**Section S-Read:** The member has the right to appeal in writing to the next level. (See Appeals Process Section 3)

**Section S Change to read:** On the Local Level a written document of the results will be sent by the Grievance Committee Chairman to all the members of the committee, along with the accused. Local and a copy sent to the Department within 30 days. Carried

On the Department Level a written document of the results will be sent by the Grievance Committee Chairman to all the member of the committee, the Department and a copy to National within 30 days. Carried

Section S: Would then become T, T would become U, U would become V.

**Add: Section 2W:** The decision of the Grievance Committee stands until a member file an appeal and the appeal hearing is held. Carried

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Department Level; Trusteeship: Add a 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph before the National Executive Board.

The Department Parliamentarian shall prescribe specific outcomes to be achieved by the Local Auxiliary which are clear, specific and measurable. The Trusteeship should be reviewed by the Department Executive Board at the Spring NEC and National Convention.

A Trusteeship shall be removed upon review by the National President and with the approval of the Executive Board at the Spring SEC or National Convention..

By-laws:

Article National Convention:

Section 13: Currently reads: The National President shall appoint a Convention Chairman two (2) years in advance of the National Convention from the Department of the Convention site. Said Chairman shall assume her duties as prescribe in the Convention Policy and Procedure Book, on September 1<sup>st</sup>.



Expenses for the Convention Chairman shall be provided for in the manual Convention budget.

Recommendation: Change National President to National President elect to correlate with working in Section 11, 12.

Section 14: Currently reads: The National President shall appoint at the Post Convention National Executive Committee meeting, Parliamentarian, VAVS Officer, Chairman for the Honors and Awards Committee, Junior AMVETS Coordinator, History/Scrapbook Chairman, Training Committee Chairman, as outline the these By-laws with the approval of the Executive Committee.

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Article V111: Headquarter Staff Section 1: The Headquarter Staff shall consist of such personal necessary to provide the services required to meet the needs of Headquarter operations. As defined by the National Executive Board. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President, the Executive Board Committee, or as found in the Policy of AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary and Headquarter Staff job description and procedure.

The Headquarter Staff shall (a) Consist of such personnel necessary to provide the services required to meet the needs of Headquarter Operation as defined by the Personnel Committee. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President, Personnel Committee or as found in the Policy of AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary and Headquarter Staff job description.

Announcement: Alaska sold the most tickets, 360 tickets. They will receive \$100.00.

### **Convention Rules**

The Convention Rules listed in the Auxiliary Manual do not coincide with those listed in the Convention Book.

For example: Auxiliary Manual #14 reads: A general caucus of all candidates will be on Friday of National Convention at the time specified on the agenda.

#14 of the Convention Rules in the Convention Book read: Campaign posters or distribution o campaign material shall be not permitted in the convention room. Such posters and sign may be permitted as each individual hotel may designate. Campaign literature will be permitted outside of the convention meeting room and or distribution on Department tablets at least one-half (1/2) hour prior to the opening of sessions as printed in the convention agenda.

Recommendation: Change the current information listed under Convention Rules in the Auxiliary Manual to coincide with those listed in the convention agenda.

### **Announcements:**

Joint Opening Ceremony 12 -- 2PM

Joint Memorial Service  
Thursday is T-Shirt Day  
Thursday Honors & Awards  
Junior AMVETS Luncheon Tickets \$15.00

Attendees were encouraged to attend the Joint Opening Ceremony and Joint Memorial Service.

I attended the Joint Opening Ceremony and asked to stand in as District V Auxiliary President Memorial Service.

Thursday, August 18, 2022

Session was called to order by National President Joan Sirek  
Invocation by National Chaplain Alice Delzer recited the opening prayer.  
National Sergeant-at-Arms Debra Gass led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
National Executive Director Carol King took the roll call of Officers. There were members who did not Pre-register and did not receive a Convention Book. Executive Director Carol King explained why it is so important to Pre-registered.

Credentials Report: Several states including Michigan had mistakes.

National Officers Reports (continue)

Americanism Officer Mary Lanphere:

Mary stated that less than half of the auxiliaries are not reporting,  
AMVETS Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference November 3 –6, 2022.

The Auxiliary Americanism Conference will be held October 5 – 8, 2023.

Winners from past years will not be going to Freedom Foundation.

Americanism Entries will be judge on Friday.

Thank you for your generous donations to President Joan project to replace the windows in MacArthur Hall.

Fisher House is an Americanism program.

The members were asked to state their names and highlight their project. I mention that students placed flags on Veteran graves on Patriotic holidays.

There were several great projects: 911. Royal Crown Purple Bags, Retired Horses for Veterans with PTSD, Veterans Luncheon/Dinner/Dance and sponsor Veteran Memorial Services.

Add: Crown Royal bags be evaluated at \$5.00 a bag. (No other evaluation)

M/Carried

Americanism Theme: 2022-2023 is “Our History will Guide the Future”.

Section 8 currently reads: The Americanism Officer shall promote the American way of life, promote the ideas of God, Country and patriotic virtues. She shall instill patriotism in her bulletins; promote new and adopted patriotic programs. It shall be her duty to urge participating in activities that encourage program activities in connection with Freedom

National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary 2022 Convention Honors & Awards Winners

Membership

Largest Numerical Gain in Membership as of 5/31	Dept of FL.
Largest Percentage Gain in Membership as of 5/31	Dept of MI.
Highest Percentage of annual (current new/renew) as of 5/31	Dept of TN.
Largest Percentage of renewals by 12/31 postmarked to National 1/31	
Class A - 30 to 350 Members	Dept of NC
Class B - 351 to 700 Members	Dept of MD
Class C- 701 to 2500 Members	Dept of PA
Class D - 2501 - Member and above	Dept of FL
Dept Organizing the Most New Auxiliaries by 5/31	Dept of KY
Certificates to three (3) largest Auxiliaries 5/31	
Ohio #51	
FL #1992	
DE #2	

Child Welfare:

PNP Cathy Fishero Award, Department	1 <sup>st</sup> -Dept of WI	RU- Dept of NE
PNP Leslie Wunderle Award, Local	1 <sup>st</sup> PA #103	RU- OH #95
PNP Dee Kreiling- Riley John Tracy Clinic, Local	1 <sup>st</sup> PA #103	RU- OH #61

Community Service:

PNP Lynda Taylor Award, Department	1 <sup>st</sup> Dept of NE	RU- Dept of AK
PNP Linda McGriff Award, Local	1 <sup>st</sup> NY #18	RU- NY #08
PAWS Awards	1 <sup>st</sup> Dept of FL	—
Blood Drive Award & Certificates	1 <sup>st</sup> NY #18	RU- NC #845, NC #760
Blood Drive Certificate & Pin	Anna Elkins from FL #88	

Scholarship

PNP Charlene D. Kee Award, Department	1 <sup>st</sup> -Dept of NY	RU- Dept of FL
PNP Carol King Award, Local	1 <sup>st</sup> -AZ #770	RU- NY #18

Americanism

PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis Award, Dept	1 <sup>st</sup> -Dept of NE	RU- Dept of KY
PNP Patty Piening Award, Local	1 <sup>st</sup> NY #08	RU- OH #95
Individual Americanism Award	1 <sup>st</sup> Jackie Rome FL#88	RU Brenda Wright KY #110

Hospital

PNP Mary Barrow Award, Dept	1 <sup>ST</sup> Dept of NE	RU- Dept of WI
PNP Brenda Kilgore Memorial Award, Local	1 <sup>st</sup> MD #07	RU- NY #08
PNP Barbara Guth Nursing Home Award, Local	1 <sup>st</sup> ID #49	RU- OH #95

VAVS

James H. Park Scholarship Dept	1 <sup>st</sup> Dept of MD	RU- Dept PA
James H. Park Scholarship Local	1 <sup>st</sup> MD #07 & AK #02	RU- MD #02

History & Scrapbook:

PNP Kathy Berning Award Dept History Book	1 <sup>st</sup> Dept-WI	RU Dept of NC
PNP Beverly Box Award Local Scrapbook	1 <sup>st</sup> OH #95	RU NY #18
PNP Evelyn R. McElvin Award Dept Cover Book	1 <sup>st</sup> Dept NC	RU Dept WI

National Commander Greg Heun. National Service Foundation President, PNC William Kilgore and AMVETS Executive Director Joe Chenelly each gave a speech and thank Auxiliaries for serving the Veterans

Announcements: Raised over \$1,000.00 for Training and lost the hotel in Tennessee

Junior AMVETS Luncheon

Honors and Awards Program: Theme " Giving Thanks For Our Heroes":

Friday August 19, 2022

Call to order by National President Joan Sirek

Invocation by National Chaplain Alice Delzer

Pledge by National Sergeant-at-Arms Debra Gass

Roll call By National Executive Director Carol King

Announced Please Pre-Register

Reading of Election Rules National Parliamentarian Marvell Ruppel

Credentials Report; Linda Bonin Printed copy distributed

16 National Officers

8 Past National Presidents

22 NEC

22 Department Delegates

198 Local Delegates

7 Alternates

13 Guests

284 Register Delegates

225 Voting Strength

Nominations of National Officers:

First Vice President	Amy Stopyra
Second Vice President	Cindy Rice
Third Vice President	Mary Lanphere
Treasurer	
Americanism Officer	Cindy Bugaj
Scholarship Officer	Debra Gass
Hospital Officer	Laurie Shea
Chaplain	Alice Delzer
Sergeant-at-Arms	Theresa Atkins
	Cynthia Carter
President	Karin Simmons

PFinal Reading of the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget National Treasurer PNP Barbara Guth.

Guests: Sons of AMVETS National Commander Paul Speigle and Larry Saad. presented a donation of \$500.00 to the President Project.

Reading of Constitution & By-laws

John Tracy Clinic donation \$30,577.00

PAWS Demonstration, Inspirational Quilt raised \$54,061.58,

PNP Marvell E. Ruppel Award, Local Scrapbook    1<sup>st</sup> OH #22    RU ny 3262

PNP Virginia Hays SHOW AND TELL AWARD Presented by PNP Carol King – TN #90

Presented at the National Commander and President Banquet:

Auxiliary Member of the Year	Joann Whynot-Butler, MA #2001
Local Auxiliary of the Year	1 <sup>st</sup> TN #101
Department of the Year	1 <sup>st</sup> Dept PA

Freedom Foundation: Jason presented Certificates, President Project raised \$84,115.00

St Jude Children Research Hospital donation \$50,234.33 Thank you from the Kids of St Jude.  
Carol Herbert announced some of the Americanism winners. The State will paid for the 9<sup>th</sup>  
graders and sent a receipt to the National Service Foundation for reimbursement.

Guests: National Junior AMVETS President Joseph Stopyra Jr introduced the incoming  
Junior AMVETS Officers:

President Joy Stopyra

Guest: AMVETS Riders National President John Reando Project Veterans Helping Veteran.

Motion/Carried: To accept Certificates/money to winners by the end of the month.

Local Auxiliary of the Year Tennessee #101

Department of the Year: Department of PA

PNP Patty Piening presented her Local Awards for Americanism 1<sup>st</sup> NY #08, RU OH #95

Next year Convention in Pennsylvania

Caucus:

National First Vice President Amy Stopyra: Theme "Linking Our Membership Together,

National Second Vice President Cindy Rice: Theme "Children Learn What They Live.

Inspire A Child" National Child Welfare project is John Tracy Center

National Three Vice President Mary A Lamphere: Theme "Working Together For A Stronger  
America"

National Americanism Officer Laura Rose Bugaj: Theme "Our History Will Guide the Future"

National Scholarship Officer Debra Gass: Theme "Paving a Way to a Higher Education"

Project is "Dollar for Scholars"

National Hospital Officer Laurie Shea: Theme "Show Our Hearts a healthy side, by finding a stress  
Free life together" Project is St Jude Children's Research Hospital"

National Chaplain Alice Delzer: Theme Jesus said, "My command is this: Love each other as I have  
Loved you.

National Sergeant-at-Arms Theresa Adkins: "Strong Women Don't Have Attitudes We Have Standards"

National VAVS Representative Marie Rorrio: Theme "Supporting Our Hospitalized Veterans"

National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary President Karin Simmons: Theme 'Honor, Remember, Teach".

President Project: "Fisher House"

Foundation. She shall obtain information from the AMVETS Legislative Representative and Sons of AMVETS Storm the Hill for distribution. The Americanism Officer shall serve on the Honors and Awards Committee and as Chairman of the Americanism Program.

Change to: Storm the Hill to read "Legislative Action Week" M/C

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Call to order by National President Joan Sirek  
Invocation by National Chaplain Alice Delzer  
Pledge of Allegiance by National Sergeant-at-Arms Debra Gass  
Roll call of Officers by National Executive Director Carol King

Reading of Election Rules by National Parliamentarian PNP Marvell Ruppel  
Final Credentials: 225 Total Votes – 113 Majority

Nominations and Election of National Officers: 2022-2023

National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Amy Stopyra  
National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Cindy Rice  
National 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Mary Lanphere  
National Treasurer Barbara Guth  
National Americanism Officer Cindy Bugaj  
National Scholarship Officer Debra Gass  
National Hospital Officer Laurie Shea  
National Chaplain Alice Delzer  
National Sergeant-at-Arms Theresa Atkins  
National President Karin Simmons

National President Karin Simmons; Thank everyone for their support, introduce family. Theme "Honor, Remember, Teach" and her project "Fisher House"

Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Benediction National Chaplain Alice Delzer  
Retirement to Colors National Sergeant-at-Arms Debra Gass

Sincerely,



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