

WITHOUT MEMBERSHIP WE CANNOT SHINE!

President Kathy Keizer

Our organization can't GROW OR SHINE without keeping our current annual members each year! As of January 10, we have over 500 members who have not renewed their membership and right now we are about 380 below last year's total membership!!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO DO THE FOLLOWING WHEN SENDING IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES AND REMITTANCE FORMS.

- Please fill in the upper portion of the D&R correctly. Under Department you should write "MI". Be sure write in the date you fill in the D&R and the contact information - not the Post address!
- Amounts you need to send into the Executive Secretary are as follows: Annual members who renew by 12/31 - \$25 ~~ Annual members who renew AFTER 12/31 AND New members - \$30 ~~ New and Renew Honorary members - \$10 (Honorary member form must be submitted for new honorary members) ~~ New Life and Renew to Life members - \$278 (Life member form must be submitted for either type of Life member) ***These amounts include your National portion for dues which we send in for you!***
- Renew to Life is a current annual member who decides to purchase a Life membership. Current Life members DO NOT renew. Local auxiliaries are required to send in a \$3 hospital donation for each of their current Life members whether you have collected it from the member or not!! It must be into the Department by December 31 each year. You do not need to list each Life member's name on a D&R because they are not sent into National. This is something Michigan does. All you have to do it write on one line of the D&R that you are submitting the hospital donation with the number of Life members you have as noted on the chart received in June each year.
- **Be sure your check is made out to "AMVETS Ladies Aux. Dept. of MI and is for the correct amount!**
- National has discontinued "Rejoins" so any member who did not renew by 12/31 should be sent in as a new member with the new member amount.
- Please list each type of member together on the D&R alphabetically. New, renew, etc.
- FYI - When you don't follow the above instructions, it could mean a delay in processing and/or the possibility of the return of all paperwork and check back to the local.