AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of Michigan

Local PRO/Historian Instructions 2023/2024

Congratulations on taking the appointment of PRO for your Auxiliary. PRO stands for Public Relations Officer. A PRO/Historian promotes the Auxiliary functions and events in local newsletters. You will record the events and works of your local through pictures and news articles which will go into a scrapbook. It will be a record of the Auxiliary's service year and a memory book for your Local President.

Helpful hints for making your scrapbook:

- Pick a theme and carry it throughout the entire book.
- Be sure to put dates on any newspaper clippings.
- Be sure to include names of people in your pictures and the event it was taken for.
- Make a Table of Contents.
- It should only contain material for the current year.
- If you plan to enter it for an award on the Department and/or National level be sure you follow the mandatory criteria in the order as it is written. If the proper order is not followed your scrapbook could be disqualified during judging.
- Start early so you are not overwhelmed before the deadline date.
- Remember Bigger is NOT necessarily better! Be sure you do not repeat items through the book.

Mandatory Criteria for a local Scrapbook (must be in this order).

- 1. Table of Contents
- 2. Name of Department (State), Auxiliary number, President's name, Historian's name and the year. (one page)
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Preamble
- 5. Code of Ethics.
- 6. Local bylaws (current and signed)
- 7. Charter Members
- 8. Officers

9. Copies of the local service reports signed by the appropriate service officer.

Judging: maximum of 100 points

- 1. Conformance: contains a Table of Contents and the theme was followed closely 15 points
- 2. Presentation: originality 30 points
- 3. Neatness: layout, general make-up and internal appearance 30 points
- 4. Newspaper: contains clippings, pictures and press releases 15 points
- 5. Miscellaneous: invitations, letters, programs, menus, thank-you notes, ads and souvenirs 10 points

Cover: is judged separately

You may or may not use the theme inside the book. The cover will be judged on appearance, presentation and neatness.

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