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Our Spring SEC meeting was held on 2/17/24 at the Perry Post. The minutes of this meeting have been posted to the Department Auxiliary website. Kathy Keizer, as Liaison Officer) and I attended the AMVETS Mid-Winter Break (Spring SEC) which was changed to a Zoom Meeting on 2/24/24.

Time now to concentrate on the Department convention which will be held June 20-23, 2024 at the Doubletree Hotel in Grand Rapids. The Convention Digest has been mailed and you should have received it by now. I hope all Local Presidents share this information with their members. There is a Tentative Agenda, Convention Chairman's article, Donor Rules for Honors & Awards, Registration forms and Revalidation forms included in the Digest, along with other information.

Regarding the Long-Range Planning Committee, the Committee, which is chaired by PDP Bertha Lema, is meeting via a Teams meeting on Thursday, 3/21/24. After that meeting and if approved, there will be a survey going out to each Local Auxiliary officer if they have an email address listed on the last Revalidation form sent into the Department. This survey can be completed online. We have two Local Auxiliaries who show no emails. They will be sent the survey by mail and will have to write out their responses. There will be a deadline for surveys to be returned. We encourage each Officer to complete the survey as we would like to know the answers to these concerns, for us to plan accordingly for future events. We truly want your input. Our attendance has been down for Fall Conference and Department Conventions, and we would like to know why. We also would like to know why half of the Local Auxiliaries are NOT reporting their Service Work.

All Local Auxiliary Officers are to be elected and installed prior to the last day in April. Revalidation forms are to be sent to the Department Parliamentarian.

Pat Michalski, President