

United in Service to America



The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Dept. of MI weekend was held last weekend, 4/12-14/24 at AMVETS Higgins Lake Lodge. 16 Auxiliary members attended from Aux. 22, 23, 57, 93, 126, 1988 and 4064. We had two out of state guests: Cindy Rice, National 1st VP from Ohio and Debra Gass, National Americanism Officer from Illinois. Michigan's own Allison Aldrich, National Scholarship Chairman was also with us. It was great being with everyone and meeting members we had not met before. Thanks to all who attended. A special "Thank You" to Roberta Robinson who did the shopping for me and making sure we had whatever we needed.

We had a Roundtable discussion on Saturday afternoon. Bert Lema, Chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee, gave a presentation on the results of the Survey which was sent out to each Officer that was listed on each Auxiliary's Revalidation sheet. A few in attendance are Local Officers and claimed they did not receive a survey. Bert suggested looking in the SPAM folder. If you are a Local Auxiliary Officer and did not receive a survey, please contact Bert at lema81@wowway.com. If you did receive a survey but have not yet responded-please do so. 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.

Time now to concentrate on the Department convention which will be held June 20-23, 2024 at the Doubletree Hotel in Grand Rapids. A tentative agenda was in the Convention Digest – there will be updated versions until the convention, so check the website and Newsletters for any updates. If you are mandated to attend a committee meeting, or if you are interested in attending, please check the Tentative agenda. Some meetings are "closed" and will be indicated on the agenda; however any member may attend a committee meeting if they chose to do so (if it is not marked as closed). Also, Registration forms for Delegates were included in the Digest. There is an Early Registration fee, so check the forms to be sure to get the early rate.

I have been scheduled to attend Aleda Lutz VAVS on Tuesday, 4/23/24; John Dingell VAVS on Tuesday, 4/30/24 for an official tour of the facilities. I have also been invited to attend District V for an official visit on Sunday, 5/19/24. I am looking forward to these events.

Pat Michalski, President