

## Parliamentarian Bulletin - January 2025

It is a New Year and another opportunity to take a review of whether or not each of us is fulfilling our obligations as a member of our organization.

On this note, I encourage every one of our members to read the Auxiliary Code of Ethics which can be found on our website. Clicking on this link <https://www.amvetsauxdeptmi.org/forms-information/> will take you to its exact location. Among several expectations outlined in this document are the following:

*6. To be courteous at all times; to be considerate of others.*

*10. To respect my officers, my fellow members, and the opinions they may have.*

I have been notified of a couple of incidents at Local Auxiliaries which lead me to believe some members and officers may be unaware of our Code of Ethics. We are expected to treat each other with respect. If we are concerned about the actions of a particular member, we do not whisper behind her back and spread rumors. We research, gain facts, and manage each concern in an appropriate manner. Please do some personal reflection and if you are stepping over the edge of appropriate treatment of our members, stop.

Please also refer to the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary National Constitution, Article XII Discipline, Section I, A-H for information about disciplinary action which can be taken for failure to comply with any of our stated obligations as members, including the Code of Ethics. We never want to take such drastic action, especially when we should be able to manage any issue in a manner which respects the rights of all members.

As always, when you have a question, you can email me at [lema81@wowway.com](mailto:lema81@wowway.com) or give me a call at 586.214.1019 and leave a message. I try to return calls and messages within 24-48 hours.

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