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BRING BACK THE BASICS

with President Gloria Hall



Hello Ladies

It is time again to remind you of our deadline for the department Service Reports. If you are thinking of going that extra step, you can contact the local officers and ask if you can be of assistance in getting their service reports submitted. Hey, who knows, maybe you might get another report sent in because of your one-to-one contact.



I also want to mention the Department SEC which took place on February 8th at Perry Post 4064. The weather cooperated for us to travel there.

Then it did a 360 for us to get home. It was not pretty (or good driving), especially at night. Many of us white knuckled it all the way home. One even took lodging and stayed the night. A big thank you to those who traveled to the meeting.

A small take on what went on at the SEC meeting. Ladies, Roll Call was taken and some of you did not call in to get excuse. Remember it is your responsibility to call the President for an excused absence. Some of you have not responded to a lot of what your duties require you to perform (i.e. as in newsletters and bulletin submissions to name a few). Newsletter articles go to Nancy Middleton, and bulletins to Pat Michalski. Your activity reports are still a requirement. If you haven't done so, please send it to me and I will forward them. Parliamentarian Bert Lema asked for your input for Officers Instructions changes - mainly your own. Many of you did not even respond with 'no changes at this time'. Just silence! Not what she nor I wanted to hear. Bert presented her changes at the SEC for approval of changes. It was a long process with still plenty more to go. I received an email from PDP Pat Michalski stating this was a Parliamentary procedure which did not need SEC approval. It's always good to have checks and balances for what happens at meetings. A video cam was in the works to continue the rest of the changes for approval. At this time, it probably will not be needed.



The Auxiliary Weekend was discussed. Madam Commander Witte contacted me on the morning of our SEC meeting in response to my earlier questions as to

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President's Article

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how much we could get the lodge and cabins for use on April 25th and Saturday 26th. We are looking at \$575 for the lodge which includes cleaning and \$175 per cabin. These are great prices. And even better if you can get more ladies to attend the cheaper it will be. The lodge rooms are single rooms, with a double bed. And the cabins are four individual rooms in which people can sleep in a double bed or two singles per room. I would love to get a tentative count by March 31st. We have been going up to AMVETS headquarters at Higgins Lake for a number of years and all the ladies have enjoyed the peaceful weekend of relaxation and comradery. All members are invited. In the past we used to go out to restaurants for meals. Now we plan for breakfast, lunch and supper at the lodge. Cabins are also equipped with amenities to make your own meals. The consensus is usually meals at the lodge. Everyone brings items to share for breakfast, lunch or dinner, snacks and/or beverages of your choice. A list will be going out next month or you can say what you want to bring, and I will add you to the list.

Lastly, see the Auxiliary Website for Convention information. Convention will be the weekend of June 20th– 22nd for members. Add on Thursday, June 19th for Officers on the SEC board for meetings. We need all members to be involved. Your presence is crucial for the development and productivity of your Department. If you live in the local area, be aware you do not need to stay overnight at the hotel which is reduced for our AMVET family to \$110 per night plus taxes. You can commute daily to the Double Tree Hotel 4747 28th St SE., Grand Rapids, MI. More information is available which will be on the website and check out your newsletter by mail. Website: amvetsauxdeptmi.org. This website is your Auxiliary lifeline. Please take the time to review it. It is very informative to assist you should you have questions. Or you can email me at ghall0054@gmail.com. Hint: Look at what catches you eye on the website, click on it, then scroll up to view the info.

Thank you for your attention,

Gloria Hall, Dept. President



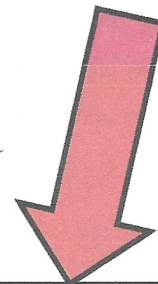
THIS MARCH NEWSLETTER

Normally we do not have a March Newsletter because we have the Convention Digest which comes out that month. BUT.... There are a few very important items and/or dates which just can't wait.

This is a small newsletter because I only received a few entries—but they are all important. Please read it carefully—and take notes!

IMPORTANT!!!!!!!

NEW CHANGE



REVALIDATIONS FOR 2025/26 ARE TO BE SEND TO THE EXEC. SECRETARY:

Nancy Middleton—1535 48th St SE—Kentwood MI 49508 49508



MEMBERSHIP



Pam Pearce, 1st Vice President

We are in full swing for filing D&R's. It has been nothing but challenging both on what we are receiving, and now my computer.

It is vital that you understand the importance of sending in your D&R's correctly. It has been challenging with them not being in alphabetical order and not sending in your life membership assessments early. If you hand-write names, make sure we can read it and you check to make sure the spelling is correct. What we get is what we print and send.

If you have any questions (as some have—thank you) please call me at 231/3578-6010. If I cannot answer you, I will make sure I get the answer and get back to you in a timely way. I am thrilled to see new members being signed up, but sad seeing annual members not resigning. Remember my theme is not only to Recruit, but to Retain.

Thank you for all you do on membership. I look forward to seeing you at our convention in June and hope you are making plans to attend.

Regards
Pam Pearce
Dept. 1st Vice President

ANNUAL PENRICKTON TOUR

Monday, March 31, 2025

1:00 pm

Penrickton Center

26530 Eureka Rd

Taylor MI 48180

CHILLIN' WITH MY GNOMIES



Contact Nancy Middleton with an attendance count by 3/25/2025

616/455-4525 or nancmidd@gmail.com

Although we love seeing 'old bees',
I want to see some Newbees too.

Come on you old bees.....

Bring some Newbees with you!



FROM THE DEPT. TREASURER'S DESK

by Kathy Keizer, Dept. Treasurer



With the end of the service year fast approaching, here are some helpful tips and reminders for our local Treasurers when submitting checks to the Department:

ALL checks for membership are to be made out to: AMVETS Ladies Aux Dept of MI – be sure they are made out for the correct amount, correct date and **SIGNED**.

Membership amounts are as follows: Rejoin and New - \$30, Honorary renew and new - \$15, New and Renew to Life - \$353 and Life member assessment is \$3 per Life member as of June 1 each year.

ALL checks for donations to the Department service programs are to be made out to: AMVETS Ladies Aux Dept of MI – be sure they are made out for the correct amount, correct date and **SIGNED**. If you are donating to several programs, you can write one (1) check but please be sure to include a list of each program names and amounts being donated to each.

All donation checks **MUST BE** postmarked by May 5 to be eligible for awards at convention.

DO NOT make the checks out to the specific charity, such as: Paws With a Cause, Penrickton, etc. or to our Executive Secretary, Nancy Middleton. We cannot deposit them and they will have to be returned to you.



FUNNIES!

Does you remember George Carlin? I thought he was one of the funniest comedienne's I ever heard. For the funnies. I am printing some of my favorite Carlin quotes which still fit in today's world

"Never argue with an idiot. They will only bring you down to their level and beat you with experience."

"Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backward."

"Just 'cause you got the monkey off your back doesn't mean that the circus has left town."

"In America, anyone can become president. That's the problem."

"The reason I talk to myself is because I'm the only one whose answers I accept."

"Tell people an invisible man in the sky created the universe, and they believe you. Tell them the paint is wet, and they have to touch it to be sure."

"Men are from Earth, Women are from Earth. Deal with it."

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

REMINDER (again)

Revalidations for 2025/26

are to be sent to

Nancy Middleton

1535 48th St SE

Kentwood MI 49508

NAME CHANGE

In case you didn't notice the change of names for a couple of our Department Officers listed on page #1 (left side column):

Pam Lein is now Pam Pearce

Andrea Ray is now Andrea Williamson

I'll bet you didn't believe me and had to go back and look. Did you think I would lie about something like that?!



DATES FROM THE DEPT. PRESIDENT

by Gloria Hall, President

March 11-15, 2025, Tuesday thru Saturday - National Ladies NEC Meeting Washington, PA

March 31, 2025, Monday, Penrickton Center for Blind Children Tour 1:00PM Please confirm your attendance with Nancy Middleton: 616 455-4525. Make it your goal to bring a member or two of those who have never attended.

April 5, 2025, Saturday, Department President's Testimonial Price:\$35 Send reservations to: Louise Brougham 216 Griggs St. SE, Grand Rapids MI 49507. Make checks payable to: AMVETS Aux #126

April 11-14, 2025, Thursday through Sunday - Department's Texas Hold'em Grand Rapids

April 25-27, 2025, Friday through Sunday - Auxiliary Weekend – AMVETS Headquarters at Higgins Lake 106 Thorpe Ave. Roscommon MI 48653 Call in reservations, leave your name, how many in your party State preference Lodge cost: \$ 36.00 total for 2 day stay per person State preference Cabin cost: \$ 60.00 total for 2 day stay per person Includes tax, clean-up and tip. Call: 616 591-3302

May 18, 2025, Sunday President's Official Visit to District V. Post 126 Time:TBD
2929 Marshall, Grand Rapids MI . Also includes Americanism
Awards program for locals & District

June 19-22, 2025, Thursday through Sunday - Department State Convention Double Tree Hotel by Hilton 4747 28th Street, Grand Rapids MI 49512. Reserve early for a blocked room rate. The Price is \$122.10 per room taxes are included in pricing. Thursday is for committee and SEC meetings. Sunday is for elections and SEC meeting for newly elected board members. This year make it a point to attend this convention. All members are always invited!

MAY YOUR DAY
be touched with a bit of
Irish Luck
brightened by a song
in your heart
AND WARMED WITH SMILES
by the people you
LOVE

PRESIDENT TESTIMONIAL

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary #126

Grand Rapids MI

Is proud to sponsor a Testimonial dinner to honor

Gloria Hall

Department of Michigan President

Saturday, April 5, 2025

5:30pm

At the Viewpond Banquet Hall

1665 Viewpond Dr SE

Kentwood MI 49508

\$35

RSVP

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