

2024/2025

Honors & Awards

Donors' Rules

~MEMBERSHIP AWARDS~

Department of Michigan Class A Membership Award

This award is presented to the Auxiliary who has the largest gain in membership over the previous year's total (including new, renewed and life members). This is a monetary award.

- 1. The Auxiliary must have a total membership of 81 or over by June 1.
- 2. The Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department by June 1.

<u>Judging:</u> The current Department 1st Vice President will calculate the winners, 1st place and runnerup, for the award AFTER comparing and matching figures with the Executive Secretary. She will give the list of winners to the Executive Secretary no later than ten (10) days before Convention.

The Department 1st Vice President will present the award during the Honors & Awards ceremony. In her absence, it will be presented by the Department President.

The Department 1st Vice President will have the right to revise these rules with the approval of the SEC.

Rules revised by the Honors & Awards Chairman and approved by SEC - October 2023

Department of Michigan Class B Membership Award

This award is presented to the Auxiliary who has the largest gain in membership over the previous year's total (including new, renewed and life members). This is a monetary award.

- 1. The Auxiliary must have a total membership of 41 to 80 by June 1 each year.
- 2. The Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department by June 1.

<u>Judging:</u> The current Department 1st Vice President will calculate the winners, 1st place and runnerup, for the award AFTER comparing and matching figures with the Executive Secretary. She will give the list of winners to the Executive Secretary no later than ten (10) days before Convention.

The Department 1st Vice President will present the award during the Honors & Awards ceremony. In her absence, it will be presented by the Department President.

The Department 1st Vice President will have the right to revise these rules with the approval of the SEC. Rules

<u>revised by the Honors & Awards Chairman and approved by SEC – October 2023</u>

Department of Michigan Class C Membership Award

This award is presented to the Auxiliary who has the largest gain in membership over the previous year's total (including new, renewed and life members). This is a monetary award.

- 1. The Auxiliary must have a total membership of 10 to 40 by June 1 each year.
- 2. The Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department by June 1.

<u>Judging:</u> The current Department 1st Vice President will calculate the winners, 1st place and runnerup, for the award AFTER comparing and matching figures with the Executive Secretary. She will give the list of winners to the Executive Secretary no later than ten (10) days before Convention.

The Department 1st Vice President will present the award during the Honors & Awards ceremony. In her absence, it will be presented by the Department President.

The Department 1st Vice President will have the right to revise these rules with the approval of the SEC.

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~CHILD WELFARE AWARDS~

PDP Kathy Biela Child Welfare Award

This award is presented to the local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in the Department of Michigan Child Welfare Program. To be eligible for this award, the following requirements must be complied with:

- 1. The Auxiliary must have a total membership of 10 to 65 members as of June 1.
- 2. The winning Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department of Michigan.
- 3. Both mid-year and final reports must be submitted on the current regulation Department report forms to the Department 2nd Vice President and be postmarked by the deadline dates set by the Department. Emails are NOT acceptable.
- 4. The Auxiliary must have contributed to the Dept. Child Welfare project thru the Department. Judging Criteria:
- a) The total evaluation shall be the deciding factor. In the event of a tie, the winning Auxiliaries will each have the plaque for 6 months, with the Auxiliary with the highest number of volunteers to have it for the first 6 months, then give it to the other winning Auxiliary for 6 months until Dept. Convention.
- b) Should there be any questions by the Honors and Awards Committee pertaining to a report, the donor is to be contacted before any decision is made.

This is a traveling plaque. When all the name plates are filled, this plaque shall be permanently awarded to the Auxiliary who has won it the most times. If the Donor is not available to present the award at Department Convention, it is to be presented by a member of her Auxiliary, or if none are present, by the Department 2nd Vice. The Donor reserves the right to revise these rules with the approval of the SEC.

Verified with Donor 7/2024. This award expires after Convention 2030.

PDP Nancy Middleton Child Welfare Award

This award is presented to the local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in the Department of Michigan Child Welfare Program. To be eligible for this award the following requirements must be complied with:

- 1. The Auxiliary must have a total membership of 66 or over as of June 1.
- 2. The winning Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department of Michigan.
- 3. Both mid-year and final reports must be submitted on the current regulation Department report forms to the Department 2nd Vice President and be postmarked by the deadline dates set by the Department. They may be submitted via email or US mail.
- 4. The Auxiliary must have contributed to the Dept. Child Welfare program thru the Department.
- 5. Each cash donation, with the exception of donations made thru the Department, in excess of \$1,000 must be verified by submitting a copy of the cashed donation check (front and back) with the service report. If check has not gone through the bank yet, a copy can be sent later, but must be received by the 2nd Vice 3 days prior to convention. Judging Criteria:

- a) The total evaluation of the Auxiliary shall be the factor in determining the winner.
- b) In the event of a tie, the number of hours shall be the determining factor.
- c) If the Honors and Awards Committee has any questions pertaining to a report, contact the Donor.

This is a monetary award. The Donor reserves the right to revise these rules with approval of the SEC.

Verified with Donor 07/2024. This award expires after Convention 2030.

~COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS~

PDP Maureen Jackson Community Service Award

This award is presented to the local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in the Department of Michigan Community Service Program. To be eligible for this award, the following requirements must be complied with:

- 1. The Auxiliary must have a total membership of 10 to 65 members as of June 1.
- 2. The Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department of Michigan
- 3. Both mid-year and final reports must be submitted on the current regulation Department report forms to the Department 3rd Vice President and be postmarked by the deadline dates set by the Department. They may be submitted via email or US mail.
- 4. The Auxiliary must contribute to the Department Community Service project thru the Department.

This is a monetary award. The Donor reserves the right to revise these rules with approval of the SEC.

Verified with Donor 07/2024. This award expires after Convention 2028.

PDP Wendy L Lynema Community Service Award

This award is presented to the local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in the Department of Michigan Community Service Program. To be eligible for this award, the following requirements must be complied with

- 1. The Auxiliary must have a total membership of 66 or over as of June 1.
- 2. The winning Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department of Michigan.
- 3. Both mid-year and final reports must be submitted on the current regulation Department report forms to the Department 3rd Vice President and be postmarked by the deadline dates set by the Department. They may be submitted via email or US mail.
- 4. The Auxiliary must have contributed to the Dept. Community Service program thru the Department.
- 5. Each cash donation, with the exception of donations made thru the Department, in excess of \$500 must be verified by submitting a copy of the cashed donation check (front and back) with the service report. If check has not gone through the bank yet, a copy can be sent later, but must be received by the 3rd Vice 3 days prior to convention.

 Judging Criteria:

- a) The total evaluation of the Auxiliary shall be the factor in determining the winner.
- b) In the event of a tie, the number of hours shall be the determining factor.
- c) Should there be any questions by the Honors & Awards Committee pertaining to a report, the Donor is to be contacted before any decision is made.

This is a monetary award. If the Donor is not able to present the award at convention, a member of her local Auxiliary will present the award. If no local member is present, the Dept. 3rd Vice President will make the presentation. The Donor reserves the right to revise these rules with approval of the SEC.

Verified with Donor 7/2024. This award expires after Convention 2030.

~AMERICANISM/SOS AWARDS~ PDP Allison Aldrich Americanism Award

This award is presented to the local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in the Department of Michigan Americanism Program. To be eligible for this award, the following requirements must be complied with:

- 1. This award is for the local Auxiliary with 10 to 65 members as of June 1.
- 2. The Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department of Michigan.
- 3. Both mid-year and final reports must be submitted on the current regulation Department report forms to the Department Americanism Officer and be postmarked by the deadline dates set by the Department. Donor prefers the service report be sent by US mail instead of email. However, an emailed report will be accepted.
- 4. Local Auxiliary must have contributed to the Department Americanism project.

Judging Criteria:

a) In the event of a tie in the total evaluation, the number of hours of Auxiliary members shall be the deciding factor.

This is a traveling plaque award. If the Donor is not at the Department Convention to present this award, the current Americanism Officer shall present it. The Donor reserves the right to revise these rules with approval of the SEC.

Verified with Donor 07/2024. This award expires after Convention 2026.

PDP Pat Michalski Americanism Award

This award is presented to the local Auxiliary who has done outstanding work in the Department of Michigan Americanism program. To be eligible for this award, the following requirements must be complied with:

- 1. This award is for the local Auxiliary with 66 and over members as of June 1.
- 2. The Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department of Michigan.
- 3. Both mid-year and final reports must be submitted on the current regulation Department report forms to the Department Americanism Officer and be postmarked by the deadline dates set by the Department. They may be submitted via email or US mail.
- 4. The Auxiliary must contribute to the Department Joint Americanism fund.

5. This award is for Auxiliary participation only.

Judging Criteria:

a) This award shall be based on the total evaluation divided by the local Auxiliary membership.

This is a traveling plaque award. When all the name plates are filled, this plaque shall be permanently awarded to the Auxiliary who won it the most times.

If the Donor is not able to be at the Department Convention to present the award, the current Americanism officer shall present it. The Donor reserves the right to revise these rules with approval of the SEC.

Verified with Donor 07/2024. This award expires after Convention 2032.

~S.O.S. AWARDS~ AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary #22 S.O.S. AWARD in Memory of P.D.P. Sharon Colley (Membership of 10-65)

This award is presented to the local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in the Department of Michigan S.O.S. Program. To be eligible for this award, the following requirements must be complied with:

- 1. The Auxiliary must have a membership of **10 to 65** members by June 1.
- 2. The winning Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department of Michigan.
- 3. Both mid-year and final reports must be submitted on the current regulation Department report forms to the Department American/S.O.S. Officer and be postmarked by the deadline dates set by the Department. They may be submitted via email or US mail.
- 4. The Auxiliary must have donated to the Department S.O.S. program thru the Department.

The rules may only be revised with the approval of the S.E.C.

Rules reviewed by the Honors & Awards Chairman and changes approved by SEC – January 2025

<u>Department of Michigan S.O.S. AWARD</u> in Memory of P.D.P. Millie Foss (Membership of 66 and over)

This award is presented to the local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in the Department of Michigan S.O.S. Program. To be eligible for this award, the following requirements must be complied with:

1. The Auxiliary must have a membership of 66 and over by June 1.

- 2. The winning Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department of Michigan.
- 3. Both mid-year and final reports must be submitted on the current regulation Department report forms to the Department American/SOS Officer and be postmarked by the deadline dates set by the Department. They may be submitted via email or US mail.
- 4. The Auxiliary must have donated to the Department SOS program through the Department.
- 5. This award is to be presented by Bonnie Rojeski, Auxiliary #93.

Rules reviewed by the Honors & Awards Chairman and changes approved by SEC – January 2025

~HOSPITAL AWARDS~ PDP Seletha Robertson Hospital Award

This award is presented to the local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in the Department of Michigan Hospital Program. To be eligible for this award, the following requirements must be complied with:

- 1. This award is for the local Auxiliary with 10 to 65 members as of June 1.
- 2. The Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department of Michigan.
- 3. Both mid-year and final reports must be submitted on the current regulation Department report forms to the Department Hospital Officer and be postmarked by the deadline dates set by the Department. Reports may be sent via email or the US Postal Service.

Judging Criteria:

a) In the event of a tie in the total evaluation, the number of hours shall be the deciding factor.

This is a monetary award to be used in continuing work in the Hospital program. The Donor reserves the right to revise these rules with approval of the SEC.

Verified with Donor 7/2024 This award expires after Convention 2033.

PDP Kathy Keizer Hospital Award

This award is presented to the local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in the Department of Michigan Hospital Program. To be eligible for this award, the following requirements must be complied with:

- 1. The Auxiliary must have a total membership of 66 or over as of June 1.
- 2. The winning Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department of Michigan.
- 3. Both mid-year and final reports must be submitted on the current regulation Department report forms to the Department Hospital Officer and be postmarked by the deadline dates set by the Department. They may be submitted via email or US mail.

Judging Criteria:

b) In the event of a tie, the hospital hours will be the determining factor.

This is a monetary award to be used in continuing work in the Hospital program. The Donor reserves the right to revise these rules with approval of the SEC.

Verified with Donor 07/024. This award expires after Convention 2030.

~SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS~ PDP Neva Colley Scholarship Award ~ In Memory of PDP Janice Hapner

This award is presented to the local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in the Department of Michigan Scholarship Program. To be eligible for this award, the following requirements must be complied with:

- 1. The Auxiliary must have a total membership of 10 to 65 members as of June 1.
- 2. The winning Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department of Michigan.
- 3. Both mid-year and final reports must be submitted on the current regulation Department report forms to the Department Hospital Officer and be postmarked by the deadline dates set by the Department. They may be submitted via email or US mail.
- 4. The Auxiliary must have donated to the Department Scholarship fund thru the Department.
- 5. The Auxiliary must have participated in one (1) or more scholarship program(s).
- 6. This award is for Auxiliary participation only.

Judging Criteria:

a. In the event of a tie, hours will be the deciding factor.

This is a monetary award. If the donor is not present at the annual Convention, this award shall be presented by the President of Auxiliary #126. The Donor reserves the right to revise these rules with approval of the SEC.

Verified with Donor 07/2024. This award expires after Convention 2027.

Department of Michigan Scholarship Award

This award is presented to the local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in the Department of Michigan Scholarship Program. To be eligible for this award, the following requirements must be complied with:

- 1. This award is for the local Auxiliary with membership of 66 and over as of June 1.
- 2. Both mid-year and final reports must be submitted on the current regulation Department report forms to the Department Scholarship Officer and be postmarked by the deadline dates set by the Department. They may be submitted via email or US mail.
- 3. The Auxiliary must contribute to the Dept. of Michigan Scholarship fund thru the Department.

Judging Criteria:

a) In the event of a tie, the total hours will determine the winner.

This certificate award is sponsored by the Department of Michigan Ladies Auxiliary until a Past Department President requests sponsorship. The rules may only be revised with the approval of the SEC

Rules reviewed by the Honors & Awards Chairman 7/2024

~SPECIAL AWARDS~

PDP Patricia Whitcher Penrickton Award

This award is presented to the local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in the Department of Michigan for Penrickton.

To be eligible for this award, the following requirements must be complied with:

- 1. The award is open to all Auxiliaries regardless of size.
- 2. The winning Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department of Michigan.
- 3. A completed application <u>along with Department project sheets</u> outlining Penrickton projects must be sent to the Department with the final service report forms.
- 4. A mid-year and final service report must have been submitted by the required dates to the Department 2nd Vice / Child Welfare Officer.

- 5. All projects listed for Penrickton are also to be included on the Child Welfare report.
- 6. Check with the requirements of the Donor for the award you are applying for regarding how the report must be submitted to the Dept. Officer.

Judging criteria:

- a) The deciding factor will be the total evaluation divided by membership.
- b) If a tie occurs, the number of projects will be the deciding factor.

This is a traveling award for five (5) years. When filled, it will be retired and given to the Auxiliary which has earned it the most times. If the Donor is not available to present the award at the Department Convention, it is to be presented by a member of the Donor's Auxiliary. The Donor reserves the right to revise these rules with the approval of the SEC.

**The Penrickton Award Application is on page #2 of application documents attached to the donor rules.

Verified with Donor 7/2024. This award expires after Convention 2026.

Department of Michigan AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary PENRICKTON Award Application

Local Auxiliary Reporting	
Number of Volunteers	
Hours donated	
Number of Miles	
EVALUATIONS:	
Hours @ \$30.00 per hour	
Mileage @ \$0.75 per mile	
Refreshments	
Cash Donations	
New Materials	
Used Materials	
TOTAL EVALUATION	
Chairman's Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Phone Number email	

PDP Faye Richardson-Green Paws With A Cause® Award

This monetary Award is given in recognition of outstanding work benefiting Paws with a Cause® from a local AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary in the Department of Michigan.

- 1. The local Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department to win this award.
- Both mid-year and final reports must be submitted with the final Community Service Report to the Department Officer) and be postmarked by the deadline dates set by the Department.
 They may be submitted via email or US mail.
- 3. All Paws With A Cause projects must be summarized **on its own** project evaluation sheet and be attached to the Paws With A Cause® application form. All the projects must also be included on the Community Service report.
- 4. The completed application for this award is to be submitted with the final Community Service Report to the Department 3rd Vice President/Community Service Officer.
- 5. The local Auxiliary must have donated thru the Department to the Paws with a Cause® Community Service program.

Judging Criteria:

- a) This recognition is awarded based on the total evaluation on Paws With A Cause® Application form. In the event of a tie, the number of hours will be the deciding factor.
- b) If there are any questions by the Honors & Awards Committee, contact the Donor before any decisions are made. c) This is a monetary award.

The Donor reserves the right to revise these rules with approval of the SEC.

**The Paws With A Cause® Award Application is on page #2 of application documents attached to the donor rules.

Verified by Donor 07/2024. This award expires after Convention 2030.

Department of Michigan AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

PAWS WITH A CAUSE Award Application

Local Auxiliary Reporting	
Number of Volunteers	
Hours donated	
Number of Miles	
EVALUATIONS:	
Hours @ \$30.00 per hour	
Mileage @ \$0.75 per mile	
Refreshments	
Cash Donations	
New Materials	
Used Materials	
TOTAL EVALUATION	
Chairman's Name	

Address		
City, State, Zip Code		
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Phone Number		
email		

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Department of Michigan PRO Scrapbook Award

This award is given to the local Auxiliary with the most outstanding PRO Scrapbook in the Department of Michigan. To be eligible for this award, the following requirements must be complied with: 1. This award is open to all Auxiliaries regardless of size.

- 2. The Auxiliary must be in a good standing with the Department.
- 3. The National Auxiliary criteria is used to judge this local Scrapbook award and must be accurately followed.

Mandatory in this order

- a) Table of Contents,
- b) Name of Department, Auxiliary #, President, Historian and Year
- c) Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble, Code of Ethics
- d) Bylaws (up to date/signed)
- e) Charter Members and Officers
- f) Year-end Local Service Report Forms signed by Local Auxiliary Chairman

Judging: 100 points

- a) Conformance: Table of Contents and theme followed closely 15 pts.
- b) Presentation: Originality 30 pts.
- c) Neatness: layout/general make-up and internal appearance 30 pts.
- d) Newspaper: clippings, pictures, press releases 15 pts.
- e) Miscellaneous: menus, invitations, thank you notes/cards/letters, ads, souvenirs, letters, etc.- 10 pts

Contents: Contents are pictures, press releases, certificates, awards, letters of recognition for service work in the community, copies of reports and newspaper clippings including the newspaper name and date.

NOTE: Scrapbooks should contain material for the current year and are only for local Auxiliaries.

HELPFUL HINT: Pick any theme you like for your scrapbook BUT remember to carry this theme throughout the book.

Judging Criteria:

- a) Scrapbooks must be to the PRO/Scrapbook Committee before the Pre-Convention SEC meeting.
- b) The Department of Michigan PRO/Historian shall be the Chairman of this committee
- c) The decision of the scrapbook judging committee is final.
- d) In case of a tie, the cover's appearance, presentation, and neatness will be the deciding factor.

The certificate award is presented by the Department of Michigan AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary until such time as a Donor is available. These rules may be revised with approval of the SEC.

Rules reviewed by the Honors & Awards Chairman - 7/2024

DISTRICT II Outstanding Local Auxiliary Award In Memory of PDP Bernadette Robinson

This award is presented to the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in the service programs sponsored by the Department of Michigan. To be eligible for this award the following must be complied with:

- 1. This award is open to all Auxiliaries regardless of size.
- 2. The Auxiliary must be in good standing with the Department of Michigan.
- 3. All midyear and final reports must be submitted per the requirements of each Department Donor's service award rules.
- 4. Qualified Service report forms must be submitted for each of the Department service programs: Child Welfare, Community Service, Americanism, SOS, Hospital and Scholarship.
 - 5. They must have contributed to the General Fund (Ways & Means)
- 6. Judging Criteria:
- a) All judging shall be based on the total evaluation of all six (6) service program reports.
- b) In the event of a tie, the total evaluation of hours spent in all service programs shall be the deciding factor.

This award will be a traveling plaque which shall be presented at Department Convention by the District II President or designee.

Verified with Donor 07/2024. Award expires end of Convention 2027

PDP Bertha Zeno Lema Outstanding Member of the Year Award

This award is presented to a Local Auxiliary member for the work, dedication, and inspiration she has offered to her Auxiliary. Criteria for this award are as follows:

- The nominee must be a member in good standing for at least the past five (5) consecutive years.
- The entry must be in an essay form of not more than 250 words stating why the nominee should receive this award.
- Activities done on behalf of the Local Auxiliary in support of veterans, their families, children, or the community are the only ones which will be considered.
- Supporting documentation is limited to no more than five (5) pictures and three (3) pieces of other material.
- A completed entry form (provided on next page) is required. The accompanying essay and supporting material are to be attached to the entry form with the nominee's name noted on each.
- Mailed entries MUST be received by the Honors and Awards Chairperson at least fourteen
 (14) days prior to the scheduled begin date of the Convention. Hand-delivered entries will not
 be accepted.
- Members of the Honor and Awards Committee will act as judges. They will meet in closed session at a designated time before Spring SEC to make their selection. The judges' decision is final.
- In the event only one qualifying nominee has been submitted, along with the required entry
 form and essay (photos and other materials, if provided) by the stated deadline, the Honors &
 Awards Chair may provide scanned copies of the nominating documents to the committee
 members and request a confidential vote in advance of Convention. The winners name will
 then be shared with the Donor for the purpose of having a plaque correctly engraved in
 advance of Convention. The confidentiality requirement by all who know the winner's name in
 advance of Convention is expected.
- If the recipient's name is unknown in advance of Convention judging, the winner will receive an engraved plaque without her name to be added afterwards. At her request, it can be presented again at a time and place convenient to both the recipient and donor.
- This award will be presented to the winner by the Donor or designee during the Honors and Awards Program at the annual Department Convention.
- If clarification regarding the award nomination criteria is needed, the Honors & Awards Chairman should contact the Donor at 586-214-1019 or lemas1@wowway.com.
- · The winner will retain her award.
- The Donor reserves the right to revise these rules with the approval of the SEC.

Donor changes approved by SEC 10/2023. Award expires at the end of Convention 2032.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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