

# FALL S.E.C. MEETING

**10/17/2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by President Pam Pearce.

National President Mary Lanphere was introduced.

Secretary Nancy Middleton did a roll call of Officers.

Present were: President Pam Pearce, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice/IPDP/H&A/Liaison Gloria Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Wendy Lynema, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Allison Aldrich, Treasurer/Parliamentarian KATHY Keizer, Americanism/SOS/Webmaster Jennifer Zelony, Hospital/Fall Conf. Chairman Trisha Rosenberg, Chaplain Doni Simon (in hallway sorting papers) , Sgt-at-Arms Christine Simon, NEC/Personnel Chair Pat Michalski, Ways & Means/District V President Patsy Watkins, Convention Chairman/Battle Creek VAVS Faye Richardson-Green, District II President/Aleda E Lutz VAVS Linda Marshall, Michigan Veterans Home GR Leora Williamson,

Excused were Higgins Lake Lodge Rep Roberta Robinson, Long Range Planning Chair Bert Lema. Jacobetti Rep. Judy Smith.

Absent was Scholarship Officer Dian Hengsley (Secretary note: Dian was present but because of a misunderstanding, was not allowed in the room – mark as excused)

(Although the VAVS and Reps for the Veterans Homes/Medical Centers are not required to attend SEC meetings, they are listed if they were in attendance and/or requested to be excused. Past Presidents are also voting members of the SEC but may not be listed on the roll call list.)

Approval of previous SEC & Convention minutes:

*\*\*Motion Linda Marshall/2<sup>nd</sup> Doni Simon to approve the SEC/Convention minutes.  
CARRIED*

Correspondence - none

## REPORTS:

President Pam Pearce turned in her activity report. She attended the Founding Forward seminar in Valley Forge PA. She found it very interesting and enjoyed it. It was also nice to meet several of our National Officers. She has been invited to the Veterans Days program at #22

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Gloria Hall turned in her activity report. She reported she attended National Convention and came home with Covid! The membership cards just arrived from National so membership comps were not completed yet.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Wendy Lynema turned in her activity report. She had nothing else to report at this time. When the date is set for the Penrickton tour, she will let everyone know.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Allison Aldrich reported the Paws tour will be on October 25. Right now, there are 15 attending. Allison invited the AMVET Commander and the Sons Commander but doesn't know if they will be there. The National 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice will be attending. The start time is 11am

Treasurer Kathy Keizer turned in her activity report. She reported on the Dept. Aux. net worth and 10/17/25:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Checking account (general)      | \$22,415.71       |
| Hospital checking account       | \$2,256.27        |
| Texas Hold'em account           | \$7,012.88        |
| *Savings #1 account (reserved)  | \$22,201.01       |
| *Savings #2 account (donations) | <u>\$4,268.21</u> |
| For a total of \$58,154.08      |                   |

3 Certificate of Deposit accounts: \$67,191.95

\*Kathy also included a breakdown of all sub accounts in the Savings #1 and Savings #2 accounts.

Faye Richardson-Green questioned the 2 CDs which will be expiring soon. (They will be rolled over.)

Kathy also reported the NEC expense for National Convention has been returned because the NEC was ill and couldn't attend. A copy of the current budget and so-far expenses was included in her report. PDP Gloria Hall doesn't have her PDP pin yet.

*\*\*Motion Doni Simon/2<sup>nd</sup> Trisha Rosenberg moved to accept the report – subject to audit. CARRIED*

Americanism/SOS Officer Jennifer Zelony turned in her activity report. At this time she had nothing else to report.

Hospital Officer Trisha Rosenberg turned in her activity report. At this time she had nothing else to report.

Scholarship Officer Dian Hingsley. Allison (as National Scholarship Officer) has offered to help Dian if she had any questions.

Chaplain Doni Simon turned in her activity report. She has also been sending newsletter articles. She would like to get more participation with the Sunshine fund. To date she has sent 2 gift cards.

Sgt-at-Arms Christine Simon as a new Officer, Cristine had a slight 'nerve' attack over trying to get the check lists done and arranged at the last minute. National President Mary suggested maybe the reports should be turned in earlier and we all work as a team to help. This would make it easier for the next person. (no action was taken on this suggestion)

NEC Pat Michalski turned in her activity report. She couldn't attend the National Convention because of health issues.

Parliamentarian Kathy Keizer turned in an activity report. (Secretary: on my notes, I have "Dian – prereg – no" and I am not sure what that means)

Ways 'n Means Patsy Watkins turn in an activity report. She has been submitting articles to the newsletter. She has raffle tickets and gas cards for sale.

Fall Conference Chairman Trisha Rosenberg. In the past, the Fall Conference Chairman was selected by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice at the Fall SEC (assuming the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice would be the next President)

*\*\*Motion Trish Rosenberg/2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Keizer: the next Fall Conference Chairman be appointed at the Spring SEC*

Why do they need so much time? After discussion, the motion was rescinded. It was also discussed that the Board find someone who could cover local instructions (No further action was taken). Trisha also passed out an agenda for this Fall Conference's training classes on Saturday.

Convention Chairman Faye Richardson-Green turn in an activity report. Faye made a sight visit to the Hotel = Courtyard by Marriott. President Pam and Secretary Nancy accompanied her. It is a very nice hotel on the University campus in Mt Pleasant - and the price is reasonable.

Liaison Gloria Hall: Gloria had not heard from the AMVETS about sending in a finance report for the Fall SEC

Aleda E Lutz VAVS Linda Marshall turned in an activity report and has written articles for the newsletter.

Battle Creek VAMC Faye Richardson- Green turned in activity report. The VA had their picnic this summer. It went well. They are still looking for volunteers to work at several locations in Michigan which fall under the Battle Creek VA. They can also use donations for the coffee rooms/fund and for Christmas.

Michigan Veterans Home V – GR Rep Leora Williamson reported on several trips the residents can go on, including camping trips. The Home had their annual banquet to honor volunteers. The volunteers were allowed to bring one guest so Lee took her daughter. Lee turned in a copy of a MVH newsletter which had several wish lists, current needs and a list of items they can no longer accept (including used items including clothing, games, puzzles, personal care items, books, DVDs, blankets, perishable food, walkers, wheelchairs, etc.)

Texas Hold'em information – Kathy Keizer, co-chair: The next Dept. Hold'em is 10/30 to 11/2, 2025 and again on Dec. 4-7, 2025. There is also one in January Jan. 15-18, 2026. Right now we have 2 Chairmen (Kathy K and Nancy M). We need at least one more for a back up. There must be a Chairman on site for the event. If one gets sick or injured, the other must cover a double shift for each of the 4 days. That would be about 11 hours straight each day. *(No further action was taken at this time.)* Kathy Keizer agreed to be a Chairman for 2026.

District II President Linda Marshall – no report at this time

District V President Patsy Watkins turned in her activity report.

Webmaster Jennifer Zelony There are still a few 'glitches' to be worked out, but it is working out.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Secretary Nancy Middleton thanked Lee Williamson for the blue lanyards for Fall Conference. She also donated many of them for the Dept. Convention last June. Many of our members don't like the string kind so Nancy is asking them to leave the lanyards from Lee on the table when we are finished tomorrow. They will be picked up for future use. It was also stated we just received the membership cards from National but we do not have the rosters or blank cards. They should be coming soon.

Rose Solak has changed Hospital accounts, but the Secretary has not been put on the account yet. It has been requested several times. This is a requirement per the by-laws.

*\*\*Motion Kathy Keizer/2<sup>nd</sup> Doni Simon until the Secretary is added to the John Dingel Hospital account, the allotment checks will be suspended. CARRIED*

The Dept. Auxiliary has a very large podium which we very seldom use. It has been stored at the Treasurer's house. Faye Richardson-Green suggested we donate it to a non-profit. Maybe we could put it on a social media or check with other AMVET Posts. Kathy Keizer offered to take a picture of the podium and send it to be posted on the website.

### NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held about the Dept. Auxiliary having a Facebook page.

*\*\*Motion Faye Richardson-Green/2<sup>nd</sup> Gloria Hall to put a Facebook page for the Department online. Jennifer Zelony volunteered to do it.*

Faye Richardson-Green asked, "Can an Auxiliary send someone to the Adult Founding Forward or help send a youth to the Seminar". She asked us to think about it.

*\*\*Motion Allison Aldrich/2<sup>nd</sup> Faye Richardson-Green to hold the Spring SEC in Perry on Feb. 7th or 2<sup>nd</sup> choice Feb. 23. CARRIED (most preferred 2/7/26)*

Hospital Officer Trisha Rosenberg brought up having to return finance records of the Reps who were not at Convention. The cost was \$20.20 and she had a receipt.

*\*Motion Soni Simon/2<sup>nd</sup> Gloria Hall to reimburse Trisha the cost of postage for returning the audited books to the Reps who were not at Convention. CARRIED*

National President Mary thanked us for the invitation to our Fall Conference. She has a great time when she comes to Michigan. She talked about her project – Tunnel to Tower and said all donations and support would be appreciated. Dept. President Pam presented Nat'l. President Mary with a couple gifts. A pair of NFL Buffalo Bills Earrings (Mary is a big Bills fan). Going along with Pam's theme, she also presented Mary with a beautiful suncatcher turtle.

The benediction was delivered by Chaplain Doni Simon

The retirement of colors was led by ?????

The meeting was adjourned at ?????

Respectfully submitted  
Nancy Middleton  
Dept. Executive Secretary  
October 21, 2025

Approved/corrected by  
Pearce on (2/19/26)

Approved/corrected by  
Kathy Keizer 2/19/26

NOTE: It was discovered at the Spring SEC that the Fall minutes were not received by the President and Parliamentarian. They were not allowed to be put on the website without approval so the posting of them was completely overlooked. The President and Parliamentarian have sent their approval for the posting. The actual SEC approval will have to be done at the pre-convention SEC. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.