

AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary



2011 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary 2011 Spring NEC Meeting Minutes

National President Dee Kreiling called the 2011 Spring NEC Meeting to order.

National Chaplain Ruthann Bean gave the Invocation.

National Sergeant At Arms Marvell Ruppel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

National First Vice President Lynda Taylor read The Preamble.

National Second Vice President Leslie Wunderle read The Aims and Purposes.

National Third Vice President Linda McGriff read The Code of Ethics.

National President Dee Kreiling introduced the Junior AMVETS National President Brittany Williams and her Officers who extended greetings.

National Junior AMVETS Coordinator Evelyn McElvin stated, "My report is on Page 38. Thank you for the opportunity again this year to work with our youth, our children. Thank you."

National Americanism Officer Kathy Berning read The Definition of Americanism.

Name inaudible moved to adopt the NEC Agenda as printed. National First Vice President Lynda Taylor seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the vote.

MOTION CARRIED

National President Dee Kreiling stated, "My report and travels start on Page 14. I can't believe I only have five months left. We have lost two important ladies, PNP Susan Sisler and PNP Sylvia Lipowski this year. They will be missed by all of us. I have appointed PNP Brenda Kilgore Interim Treasurer until elections in August. I just want to make it clear to everyone Susie did her job up until she was too sick to do it. I have to commend the Finance Committee that was at Pigeon Forge for taking the time to go through paperwork. Kellie Haggerty has been a huge asset to keeping the books up to date and maintaining the finances in headquarters through out the transition.

We have made some job description changes at headquarters. We have changed Karen's job title from Database Coordinator to a Data Clerk. Karen is now doing only membership. Tonya Green and Kellie Haggerty have taken over the extra job duties. Please remember membership is processed and entered according to the date it is received in the office. Checks are processed immediately. Headquarters does not hold any checks.

We all have to remember our deadline dates. These dates need to be met. If you have any questions, please see me.

I have had a wonderful time traveling to the various Departments. Thank you to everyone for the great job you are doing for our Veterans, their families, and our communities."

National President Dee Kreiling introduced the White Clover Princess who welcomed everyone.

National Executive Director Kellie Haggerty read Roll Call.

National President Dee Kreiling recognized the attending Past National Presidents.

National First President Lynda Taylor moved that we accept the 2010 NEC minutes as printed. National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the vote.

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NEC Leslie Nell, IL moved that we accept the 2010 Convention Minutes as printed. National Third Vice President Linda McGriff seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the vote.

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National Executive Director Kellie Haggerty stated, "Michigan's report is printed and will be passed out. We had some miscommunication and the report was not included in the book.

I would like to thank Tonya for all of her hard work processing paperwork and depositing checks. The new database is coming along nicely. We will be able to show the database at National Convention. Thank you."

National President Dee Kreiling called for the National Officer's Reports.

National First Vice President Lynda Taylor stated, "My report is on Page 17-18. Welcome. I'm pleased that many of you have communicated with me this year. On the transmittal form for membership, we have clarified with the MAL, where the monies go. We have new auxiliaries in 4 departments since I have written this report. I would like to welcome them. Please check your membership totals. We are up approximately 2300 members right now compared to last year. Please do not hold renewals until the last minute. Make sure all your forms are filled out properly. Thank you for all of your hard work."

National Second Vice President Leslie Wunderle stated, "My report is on Page 19. I had a wonderful visit with the John Tracy Clinic in November. Thank you for getting your reports in on time. Please correct my data report. Youth Volunteers is 47 and the hours for the youth are 241. Madam President I wish you a successful NEC meeting and am looking forward to your visit in July. Thank you."

National Third Vice President Linda McGriff stated, "My report is on Page 21-22. Thank you to all of the NEC's for their reports. There were 7 states that I received no reports from. Please remember to be able to qualify for awards you have to turn in your mid-year and year end reports. I went to PAWS in October and had a wonderful time. I appreciate all of your hard work. Madam President I wish you a productive NEC. Thank you."

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National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore stated, "My report has been handed out. I would like to thank the members of the Finance Committee for the good work yesterday. I was in Headquarters on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. It is a very challenging job. I still have not reviewed all of last year as of yet. The files are with the auditors. We have received an extension of the 990. There are two items on the balance sheet that I need to research. One is the accounts receivable for \$10998.00 and additional accounts payable. There are some changes on the budget report for September 2010 – February 2011. Line 28 National Officers Fall Meeting should read \$6197.60. Please eliminate line 39. That should be 569 – National President's expense. Line 45 should be combined and should read \$3544.15. Please ignore the over/under column. Thank you."

National Americanism Officer Kathy Berning stated, "My report is on Pages 24-25. Thank you for honoring our men and women in service. I was able to attend the AMVETS Youth Seminar this year. I had a wonderful time. Please remember Honor Flight. They do need your help. Thank you Dee and to the members."

National Scholarship Officer Dottie Wustrow stated, "Thank you for your reports. I apologize to the Departments of Wisconsin and Alaska for not listing their numbers on my report. Please make sure the entire Scholarship form is filled out so it does not get disqualified. Thank you."

National Chaplain Ruthann Bean stated my report is on Pages 28-31. Some of the death notices are not making it to me and some are not making it to Headquarters. Tonya and I work together to make sure we have everyone. It is important that they got to all of the appropriate people. I appreciate all the prayers from our members for the people that we have lost. Thank you.”

National Hospital Chairman Sue Dick stated my report is on Pages 33-34. I did receive Wisconsin’s totals after the printing of this. Their totals were 15 Auxiliaries reported with 85 volunteers, 309 hours, with a total evaluation of \$95295.00. The new column total becomes \$105146.00. Thank you.”

National VAVS Representative Sylvia Rowland stated, “Right after Convention, its Annual Joint Review time for our Reps and Deps. Most are done in September. We are now up to 50 representatives. Attendance at VAVS committee meetings is a combined effort between the Rep and Dep. Communication is key. I am going to prepare a spreadsheet for the Departments with a listing of the hospitals and their reps and deps, if they have had their joint review, and their attendance. All VAVS hours are reported under Hospital. VAVS does not have a service report. Thank you.”

National First Vice President Lynda Taylor introduced Dutch Stivason, National Commander, AMVETS Riders, who extended greetings.

National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen stated, “Thank you for keeping me busy this year. We have successfully updated our manual, our Constitution and our ByLaws. They are available through Headquarters. I urge all members to get a copy. My report is on Page 36. The following Department ByLaws need to be reviewed this year: IL, LA, PA, SC, ME, MA, and ND. Thank you for the appointment. Thank you.”

National First Vice President Lynda Taylor called for reports and recommendations from the Committee Chairman.

PDP Marybeth Rohr, MO stated, “MO night tickets are available through the AMVETS website. Thank you.”

Honors and Awards Chairman PNP Carol King stated, “My report is on Page 39. It’s almost that time of year when you reflect on all the hard work your local auxiliary has done. Apply for awards. The Convention Digest contains all the information you need when applying for awards. Entries being mailed to HQ need to be there by July 15th and clearly marked Honors and Awards. Thank you.”

National President’s Scrapbook Judy Fry stated, “The President’s Scrapbook is in progress. If you have any pictures or memorabilia, please send them to me. Thank you.”

National Snappiest Karla Maddock stated, “We had a small but fun Fracas yesterday. My testimonial is April 9th. Have a great NEC. Thank you.”

Board of Trustees Chairman PNP Heidi Dineen stated, “The Board of Trustees met yesterday with 10 PNP’s present. We are looking for nominations for the Humanitarian Award. You can still submit them to Headquarters to be judged at National Convention. The Susan Sisler Scholarship will remain a memorial. Next year, PNP Charlene Kee will be presenting this award. This is the last year for the PNP Denise LeBatt award. Next year PNP Patty Piening will be taking over this award. Thank you.”

Council of NEC President Judy Fry stated, “We had 25 states represented and 8 guests. We had a productive meeting. We are still not receiving acknowledgements for our Service Reports we are sending in. Some of the monetary donations are not being acknowledged as well. We would like to change the Council meeting at Convention at 5:30pm. Thank you Kellie, for taking care of the NEC ladies and calling them regarding their reports. Thank you.”

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Training Committee Chairman PNP Betty Lawson stated, “In January, we had a great meeting and over 100 auxiliary members that attended. Thank you to everyone that helped me with the changes that came in January. At Convention, training will be an all day session on Thursday. We have been working with our National Officers. We are

going to have Program training. We are also going to have a birthday party concluding Thursday. Our National organization will be 65 years old. Please plan to celebrate with us. Thank you to everyone for their participation in our Quarter Auction. Our proceeds were right at \$1900.00. Thank you.”

National First Vice President Lynda Taylor called for NEC reports.

Department of Pennsylvania – NEC Judy Fry stated, “Thank you to all of the Departments that Madam President has visited for taking care of her. Her testimonial dinner is in Pittsburgh on April 30th. She introduced Department President Debbie Beaston who extended warm wishes.

National President Dee Kreiling introduced AMVETS National Commander Jerry Hotop who gave warm wishes for a successful meeting.

National President Dee Kreiling approved the Council of NEC request to hold the NEC meeting at Convention from 5:30pm – 7:30 pm on Monday evening.

Department of Alaska – NEC Karin Simmons stated, “My report is on Page 42. Our numbers are a little low, but we are working on it. Please support Leslie Wunderle for the office of National First Vice President. Thank you.”

Department of Arizona – NEC Denise Campbell stated, “My report is on page 42. AZ is doing the best we can. Have a nice NEC. Thank you.”

Department of Florida – Alternate NEC PNP Charlene Kee stated, “Gloria Jasinski was hospitalized on Monday. She is home doing better. Her report is on Pages 43-44. We enjoyed having Madam President in Florida. We have no recommendations at this time.” She introduced Department President Dee Baggett.

Department of Georgia – NEC Lorie Williams stated, “Thank you for all that you have done. Thank you to Kellie for all of her help in trying to organize two new auxiliaries. The report is on Page 44. We have done very well in Community Service. Thank you.”

Department of Illinois – NEC Leslie Nell stated, “Greetings. On behalf of our Department we would like to thank everyone for their prayers during the loss of Susie. We do have a slight increase in our reports from last year.” She introduced Department President Ruthann Sanders.

Department of Indiana – NEC Sharon Osborne stated, “My report is on page 44. We are the state that hosts the National Sons Commander, Robert Hammett. Indiana is moving along. I am announcing that PNP Barbara Guth will be running for the office of National Treasurer.” She introduced Department President Dawn Dennie who extended greetings.

Department of Iowa – NEC Donna Fischer stated, “Our membership is coming in slowly this year. We have chartered a new auxiliary. We are pleased to announce the candidacy Kathy Berning for the office of National Scholarship Officer. Thank you.”

Department of Kansas – NEC Peggy Miller stated, “I apologize for not having my report in the book. Thank you to National for all of their help. Thank you.”

Department of Kentucky – NEC PNP Barbara Guth stated, “My report is on Page 42. We are starting to get our membership in. We have no recommendations at this time. Thank you.”

Department of Louisiana – NEC Nancy Taylor stated, “Greetings. We are working very hard. Thank you.”

Department of Maine – NEC PNP Rita Potvin stated, “Greetings from Maine. We are looking forward to Madam President’s visit next week. We have a lot of issues to be pursued. Next year will be our 60th anniversary as a department. Thank you.”

Department of Maryland – NEC Martha Knott stated, “Greetings from Maryland. We would like for the Membership Chairman to consider putting an expiration date on the Honorary Cards. Thank you to Headquarters staff for all of their help. Thank you.”

Department of Massachusetts – NEC Marie Rorrio stated, “Membership renewals are slow coming in. The Officers have been working hard. Our totals are above last year.” She introduced Department President Juanita Marchand who stated, “Please join us in supporting Marie Rorrio for National Hospital Chairman at National Convention.”

Department of Michigan – NEC Pat Witcher stated, “My report is the handout you should have received. Thank you Madam President for visiting us. I am proud to announce that we have Ruthann Bean as a candidate for National Chaplain for a second term.” She introduced Department President Yvette Rusak.

Department of Missouri – NEC Doris Boll stated, “I apologize my report is not in the book. Our President’s project is female veterans. We are working hard. Thank you.”

Department of Nebraska – Department Secretary Karen Christener stated, “Our NEC report is on Page 49. We continue to struggle but do the best we can. Thank you.”

Department of New York – NEC Jane DeSanctis stated, “New York has 25 auxiliaries and have been doing outstanding work. My report is on Page 89. We would like to announce we are proud to endorse Dottie Wustrow for the office of National Third Vice President for the second term. Thank you.”

Department of North Carolina – NEC Margie Rabb stated, “My report is on pages 50. We are moving right along. Have a wonderful NEC meeting.” Margie introduced Department President Pat Pulliam who extended greetings.

National President Dee Kreiling introduced AMVETS National Sons Commander Robert Hammett who gave a warm welcome.

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Department of North Dakota – NEC Karla Maddock stated, “My report is on page 50. We only have 4 auxiliaries in ND. We had to cancel our Dec. SEC due to attendance. We are trying. Thank you.”

Department of Ohio – NEC Kay Gibbons stated, “Greetings. We wished Madam President had more time to visit in OH. We are continuing to strive in our membership. We report over 11,000 members. We appreciate Headquarters staff and what they do. We do have a candidate for National Sergeant-At-Arms, PDP Barbara Valley.” She introduced Department President Linda Hahn who extended greetings.

Department of South Carolina – NEC PNP Mary Barrow stated, “My report is on Page 52. Our numbers are down. We only have three auxiliaries. Thank you.”

Department of Tennessee – Department President Jeannie Mitchell stated, “Brenda’s report is on Page 52. We are doing very well. We are asking for your support for the candidacy of PNP Brenda Kilgore as National Treasurer. Thank you.”

Department of Texas – Alternate NEC Myra Clark stated, “The report is on page 53. We are working hard on all our projects. Our membership totals are about the same as last year. Linda McGriff is a candidate for National Second Vice President. Thank you.”

Department of Virginia – NEC Barbara Johnson stated, “We are just 5 auxiliaries, but we’ve been doing fairly well. My report is on Page 53.” Barbara introduced Department President Peggy Santuk.

Department of Washington – NEC Gloria George stated, “Greetings from the Evergreen State. Our report is on page 54. Our numbers for this year are up a little. Thank you.” Betty introduced Department President Patty Maerkl and our alternate NEC Linda Morris.

Department of West Virginia – Department President Irene Smith stated, “Our state convention is May 13-14. We have a new post and hopefully a new auxiliary. Thank you.”

Department of Wisconsin – NEC Joan Sirek stated, “My report is on page 55. We are working hard to support our National Programs. The Department is proud to endorse Lynda Taylor for the office of National President and Marvell Rupell for National Americanism Officer. We enjoyed Madam President’s visit. Thank you.” She introduced Department President Darlene Hempel.

National President Dee Kreiling called for reports from the Unchartered States.

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National Sergeant – At- Arms Marvell Ruppel stated, “My report is on Page 32. Everyone looks wonderful in their uniforms. Thank you for turning off your cell phones. Our auxiliary does not have a POW/MIA flag. If you have personal experience with the use of the POW/MIA flag in other organizations, please let me know. Please pre-register for Convention. It helps us with numbers and setting the room up correctly. I am still looking for Pages. Thank You.”

National President Dee Kreiling called for any new business.

Honors and Awards Chairman PNP Carol King stated, “On Tuesday at National Convention, the Training Committee will be doing a short training on “The Responsibilities of the President, NEC & Convention Delegate.” The cost is \$5.00.

NEC Pat Whitcher stated, “The Department of MI would like clarification from National. Under Community Service, it states members took empty egg cartons to farmers and claimed \$1.00 for each carton. We felt that \$1 is too much and would this be considered recycling. Per the Council of NEC, it was suggested it be \$.05 for each carton and to make sure they do not receive anything in return.” Honors and Awards Chairman PNP Carol King stated, “That needs to come to the Honors and Awards Committee so they can set the evaluation and where it would be reported under. Then it would be brought to the National Parliamentarian to be brought up on the floor. We can’t change this right now.” Pat continues, “Under Hospital, a member picks up magazines and puzzle books from a bookstore and delivers them to the hospital. There were several copies of each magazine and book monthly that are taken. They use the price of the new issues and put it under new materials. The committee thought that it should not be new materials as they were not sure when the new issue was.” PNP Carol King stated, “To me it is not current so it would be under used materials.” Further discussion was held. National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen stated, “I am not going to make a decision at this moment. There needs to be a discussion.” PNP Betty Lawson moved that we present this letter to the Honors and Awards Chairman at National Convention. PNP Carol King seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the vote. **MOTION CARRIED**

There was some discussion regarding whether St. Jude’s is accepting greeting cards again. (Members did not go to the microphone so a lot of the discussion could not be heard.)

National Executive Director Kellie Haggerty stated there are no announcements.

PAWS with A Cause gave a short demonstration.

National Chaplain Ruthann Bean gave the Benediction.

National Sergeant At Arms Marvell Ruppel retired the Colors.

National President Patty Piening adjourned the 2011 NEC meeting.

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