

# AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary



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**Wednesday, August 10, 2011**

2011 National Convention Chairman Diane Pruitt welcomed everyone to St. Louis, MO. She introduced the Past National Presidents and National Officers.

National President Dee Kreiling called the 65th Convention to order.

National President Dee Kreiling gave welcoming remarks.

National Chaplain Ruthann Bean gave the Invocation.

National Sergeant-At-Arms Marvell Ruppel presented the Colors.

National Sergeant-At Arms Marvell Ruppel led The Pledge of Allegiance.

National Americanism Officer Kathy Berning read the Definition of Americanism.

National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lynda Taylor read the Preamble.

National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Leslie Wunderle read the Code of Ethics.

National 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Linda McGriff read the Aims and Purposes.

National Executive Director Kellie Haggerty read roll call.

National Executive Director Kellie Haggerty read Correspondence.

National Executive Director Kellie Haggerty read Credential totals.

National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis read Convention Rules. IPNP Patty Piening, OH moved to adopt these rules as printed. National First Vice President Lynda Taylor, WI seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National President appointed Jeannie Mitchell, TN as Timekeeper. Jennine Reznik, OH moved to accept this. Karen Spittlemeister, WI seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Second Vice President Leslie Wunderle, AK moved to accept the agenda as printed in the book. National Third Vice President Linda McGriff, TX seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National First Vice President Lynda Taylor, WI moved to skip the reading of the 2010 Convention minutes and accept them as printed. National Americanism Officer Kathy Berning, IA seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

National President Dee Kreiling called for the National Officers Reports.

National First Vice President Lynda Taylor stated, "My report is on Pages 38-41. Welcome to our 2011 National Convention. My theme this year was "Focus on the Future." Without our membership we have no future. Thank you to those that recruited members this year. Welcome to our newest auxiliaries. We are pleased to announce that we have chartered 6 new auxiliaries this year: PA-7, FL-45, IN-13, AR-5, PA-85, FL-2. We are a little down from our totals from last year. Thank you to the Headquarters Staff. You helped us out tremendously. Madam President Dee, thank you for your friendship and keeping me informed this past year. It's been a privilege to serve as your National First Vice President. The Membership Committee met on August 8<sup>th</sup>. We did have a few suggestions and one recommendation. The Parliamentarian will cover this when she gives her report." Lynda handed out Membership Awards.

National Second Vice President Leslie Wunderle stated, "My report is on Page 42-43. Thank you ladies for all of your hard work. Our numbers were down a little, but we all know about the economic times we are in. Thank you to Headquarters staff. The Child Welfare Committee met on August 8<sup>th</sup>. We had general discussions regarding fundraising ideas for John Tracy Clinic. I will be hearing from Anne regarding the book bags. Madam President, thank you for visiting Alaska. We had a great time. Thank you."

National Third Vice President Linda McGriff stated, "My report is on Pages 49-56. Welcome to St Louis and National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Convention! I hope you all leave with a little more than you came with by "Sharing the Vision" with your Auxiliary Sisters. Have fun, learn lots and enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones. You all have worked hard this year, although the economy is bad and our numbers have declined a little, you have made me proud. Thank you for sending in your reports and for your continued support of all our Charities and our National Program, Paws With A Cause. Madam President Dee, I thank you for your friendship and guidance this year and I wish you a successful and productive Convention. Thank You also to all the officers this year. I have enjoyed sharing duties with you all and hope for your continued success in the years to come. To Headquarters Staff, Kellie, Tonya and Karen....You're the best and I appreciate each one of you. My committee met yesterday. We have no recommendations, but we had wonderful discussions. Thank you."

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore stated, "The complete finance report will be handed out tomorrow. We had an Executive Session and then we had a group meeting for our Finance Meetings. It has been both challenging and at time frustrating over the past 4.5 months. There have been a lot of changes, especially with the IRS. After reviewing the reports you will see we continue to operate on the receipt of membership dues and a very, very modest increase from our investments. Our investment counselors have requested a meeting with the National Treasurer in September to review our investments and advise us as to our future investments. The 990 was completed in July. Our audit ending costing over 3x what we budgeted, but it was beyond our control. Due to new IRS laws, we had to file the long 990 form. Thank you to Headquarters staff for their help. They do everything possible to save us money and use our

funds wisely. Thank you to the Finance Committee for your hard work and advice. I thank each of you for your friendship. Thank you.”

National President Dee Kreiling introduced Bruce McElhaney, National President, AMVETS Riders, who extended greetings.

National Americanism Officer Kathy Berning stated, “My report is on Pages 62-67. The numbers are larger in my report than what you are seeing. Please change volunteers to 4854, hours to 258915, total evaluation to \$4,539,450.00. Everyone was wonderful to work with. Keep supporting our troops and our flag. It has been a pleasure to work with you Madam President. The Americanism Committee met on August 8<sup>th</sup>. There was a resolution from the Department of Wisconsin, which we addressed and turned over to the Constitution and ByLaws Committee. We did receive a recommendation from the Executive Board to the Americanism Committee stating that Honor Flight was initially misrepresented. On review, 10% of the money sent from National to the OH office was used for administrative expenses and the balance given to special individual flights. This recommendation included discontinuing Honor Flight as a National Program. We as a committee feel it is a very worthwhile program and should be continued on the Department and Local levels. A motion was made and seconded by the committee to agree with this recommendation. The motion was carried.” Kathy moved to discontinue Honor Flight as a National Program and to encourage members to support it on their Department and Local levels to go into effect following this Convention. National Chaplain Ruthann Bean seconded. Debbie Johnson, CA stated, “Some of the other National Programs we donate to have expenses in running their office. Why just the 10% for administrative fees, when a large portion of the donation is being made to Veterans that would not be able to make the trip otherwise? Kathy stated, “The Executive Committee was concerned that the monies were giving were not sent to the individual states by the Honor Flights Headquarters, which what we believed would happen when we started this. We have had a hard time making contact with Honor Flight to find out how our funds are being distributed. Additional discussion was held how individual states were being handled. Jeannine Reznik, OH moved to table Honor Flight until we can verify allocation of funds sent to them by the National Department. Debbie Johnson, CA seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

National Americanism Kathy Berning continued, “Discussion was held on Freedom’s Foundation. We will be bringing this up for a vote on the floor in 2012. It was a suggestion from the Committee that the Freedoms Foundation Seminar be opened up to the AMVET Family and that October may be a better month for the seminar. If you and a number of auxiliary members sit down and address cards, it is counted as one project such as Christmas or Easter. It is not considered one project per each card addressed. Coupons being sent overseas is considered Americanism. We received a new address for stamps: “Stamps for Wounded. P.O. Box 297, Dunn Loring, VA 22027. Thank you to everyone.”

National President Dee Kreiling stated, “National Hospital Chairman Sue Dick is not in attendance. Her report is on Page 68”

National Scholarship Officer Dorothy Wustrow stated, “Thank you for being such great people in recognizing and sharing your accomplishments in our Scholarship program. Thank you for getting your reports in on time. The reports show we are working diligently throughout our community to help our students. Thank you to Headquarters for all of their assistance. Thank you Madam President Dee, for your support, leadership, and friendship. At our Scholarship

meeting, we had an abundance of applications. We did have two recommendations: 1) At least one letter of recommendation must be on official letterhead if there is more than one from the same place. Dorothy moved to accept this recommendation. Jane Ross seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

2) Most current application can be obtained on-line and must be used by the individual candidate." Dorothy moved to accept this recommendation. National Americanism Officer Kathy Berning seconded. After some discussion regarding the correct version online, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Sergeant-At-Arms Marvell Ruppell stated, "My report is on Page 84. Thank you to the Departments that brought their Department Colors. Thank you to the Pages that have volunteered this week. Thank you to the Department of MO, you have been so helpful. My committee met. There were several recommendations made and our Parliamentarian will address those in her report. Thank you."

Joan Harshbarger, OH stated, "I would like to bring a recommendation back to the Americanism Officer for this floor's consideration. I would like to move to have Freedoms Foundation include the entire AMVET family. IPNP Patty Piening seconded and stated, "In the minutes, it states that we will bring this up again in 2012." National President Dee Kreiling clarified we will have to table this motion until 2012 and bring it up at the Spring NEC. Joan Harshbarger questioned, "There was no action taken on the motion, so we could rescind that motion and we could vote to direct our Chairman to be working with them to set a date since it will take time to get this all done." National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen stated, "The 2009 Convention, it was voted that the Freedoms Foundation Seminar be suspended for three years and after three years be evaluated in 2012 to determine the feasibility of reinstating the program. The motion made today by Joann Harshbarger to direct the Americanism Officer to begin discussions and preparations to bring information regarding the Freedom Foundation Seminar to the 2012 National Convention." IPNP Patty Piening seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

NEC Leslie Nell, IL moved to purchase new flag poles and accessories for National's flags with this motion being sent to the Finance Committee for consideration. Barbara Valley, OH seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Chaplain Ruthann Bean stated, "My report is on page 77. On pages 78-82 is the Deceased Member Listing, which totals 398. It's been my pleasure to serve as your chaplain. Thank you."

National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis stated, "My report is on Page 83. It's been a relatively quiet year. Anonymous communication cannot be addressed. Last year, our Constitution, ByLaws, and Manuals were revised and are available. It has been my pleasure to serve this year. There were three resolutions handed out. They will be read today and voted on tomorrow. 1) From the Dept. of Florida; Whereas the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of FL supports the Volunteer Incentive Program, Whereas we are very aware of the requirements

and that this is a very prestigious award, Whereas further we recommend a line be added to the form for the National Executive Committee Woman to sign verifying the hours submitted by the applicant and auxiliary, Be resolved that by adding this line will confirm that all volunteer hours submitted have been reported on a service report form and forwarded to the Department Chairperson; and be it further resolved that this recommendation be forwarded to the 2011 National Convention for further action. Heidi stated, "The Constitution and ByLaws Committee did approve this in Committee. (2) Received by the Council of NEC; Whereas AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary ByLaws, Article 5 Standing Committees, Council of NECwomen last line now reads, "The Council of NEC shall meet on Monday of Convention at a time specified on the agenda; Whereas AMVETS has the changed the opening session of the National Convention, changing the National Auxiliary agenda; resolution would be cost effective to NECWomen for lodging and other daily expenses; be it resolved that Article 5 Standing Committee read "The Council of NEC shall meet one day prior to the opening of Convention at a time specified in the agenda." This allows this ByLaw from being changed every time the AMVETS changes their opening. This was approved by the Constitution and ByLaws Committee. 3)Department of Wisconsin; Whereas presently the guidelines for AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary states that Memorial Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July are the only dates a member may report under Americanism her participation in parades and Whereas there are many other occasions where the American Flag is carried in a parade such as Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day, etc.; Therefore be it resolved, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin pleas anytime the American Flag is carried in a parade or present at public functions it is an act of patriotism and shall be reported under Americanism." This was rejected in committee because in our Manual on Pages 45 and 108, it states anytime you are participating in a patriotic parade, it is an americanism project. The Constitution and ByLaws Committee met on August 8. We had 41 people in attendance. The Committee also received recommendations from the Pages and Uniform Committee: 1) The Constitution and ByLaws Committee approved the Pages and Uniform Committee's recommendation to allow blue jeans or blue jean capris without holes, fraying, etc. to be worn on t-shirt day only. Karen Spittlemeister, WI moved to accept this recommendation. Linda Hahn, FL seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

2) The Pages and Uniform Committee recommended the POW/MIA flag be present at all National Auxiliary meetings such as NEC and National Convention. Kay Gibbons, OH moved to accept this. National Third Vice President Linda McGriff seconded. After some discussion, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Heidi continued, "The Constitution and ByLaws Committee also received some recommendations from the Membership Committee: 1) It was suggested that a date line be added to the top of the transmittal form. National First Vice President Lynda Taylor moved to accept this. National Second Vice President Leslie Wunderle seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

2) On honorary member cards, to add an issue date. This was rejected in the Constitution and ByLaws Committee as we felt it is up to each local on how they want to handle their Honorary Cards.

3) Eligibility for membership into AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary to include the wives of the Sons of AMVETS. This was rejected in Committee.

Heidi continued, "The Constitution and ByLaw Committee has a clerical change in the Manual. When we revised the manual we added Gold/Green Recycling at \$.05 per item or per pound of paper. On page 104, we had said that hours spend in collecting cans, bottles, and paper for recycling may be reported but no reportable value is given. Please delete that from the manual. Thank you."

National VAVS Chairman Sylvia Rowland stated, "My report is on Pages 74-76. This has been the quickest three years of my life. At the National VAVS meeting, we have workshops such as Welcome to Facebook, VA Volunteering in the Maternity Program, as well as a Family Workshop. We are moving forward. We have received 50 Annual Joint Reviews this year. This year we have several large Departments such as Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and Ohio that completed 100% of their AJR's. Certifications keep changing every week. We are always trying to get more Deputies and increase our numbers. If you have a Rep or Dep that is no longer serving, please notify us. The Hospital/VAVS Committee met. We had 13 ladies present. We had a nice discussion about the changes with the VA. Our National Advisory Committee Meeting will be in Charleston, SC. Anyone can go to the National meeting, not just Reps or Deps. In 2013, the meeting will be in Raleigh, NC. Thank you."

National Training Chairman PNP Betty Lawson stated, "The people who come to training are the people who are interested in our organization, learning more, and hopefully one day become our National President. At the meeting in March, we did have a fundraiser and monies were distributed to all of our National Programs. FOCUS will be on Thursday. I am planning a training seminar again in January in Pigeon Forge, TN. We will be training on "Adventures in Attitudes." The number seems to grow every year. There has been a slight increase in cost, but its only \$10. Instead of \$150 it will now be \$160. It's been my pleasure to serve this year. Thank you."

National Snappiest Karla Maddock stated, "I hope we all have a great week. I am on the floor as your National Snappiest for another year. Thank you."

National President Dee Kreiling stated, "My report is on Page 30-34. It has been a great year. I had to make some changes at Headquarters. I had to change Karen's job description and unfortunately I had to dismiss her due to her inability to perform her duties. Currently, Kellie is the only one in National Headquarters. PNP Carol King will be going in 3 days a week to help her. Tonya is out of the office after having surgery and we hope to have her back late September. I'm at a loss of words to say about Kellie and Tonya. They have gone above and beyond. I want to thank everyone for their support. I want to thank everyone for their support for our Veterans. My travels were wonderful. Thank you again to everyone."

Council of NEC President Judy Fry stated, "Council of NEC met Monday night. There were 42 in attendance. Sharon Osborne was appointed the Secretary. Thank you Madam President for coming to greet us. We had no recommendations. We had discussion on mid-year reports. NEC should still send in a report with zero on it if they have nothing to report. We discussed Scholarships. The Council of NEC was wondering if the Americanism Officer could work with the AMVET Officer to get our children's essays and posters back in a quicker manner. A few were not getting the Convention Digest. We discussed the web site. Some of the MAC users can't get to all the information. The website has gotten better. The new President of the Council of NEC is Dee Baggett, FL. PNP NEC Rita Potvin requested that the Parliamentarian

update the NEC Guidelines and the new document has been handed out. Thank you for electing me to this position.”

In National History and Scrapbook Chairman Barbara Cahill's absence, Ruthann Bean graciously agreed to lead the Judging and Committee. Ruthann stated, “Thank you to the Departments of IN, MI, MO, OH, NC, and WI for their beautiful book. Thank you to the Local Auxiliaries KY-61, NY-4, NY-726, MO-113, NY-18, FL-8, and IN-5 for their Scrapbooks. Thank you to the committee members for their participation. Thank you.”

National President Dee Kreiling called for the NEC Reports and Recommendations

Department of PA – NEC Judy Fry stated, “My report is on Page 102-103. The ladies in PA have worked hard this year. Things were a little less this year due to the economy. We look forward to having Dee back. Thank you.”

Department of AK – NEC Karin Simmons stated, “We had a lot of hard work done this year. We enjoyed having Madam President over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. We have no recommendations at this time. The Department of Alaska is proud to present Leslie Wunderle for the office of National First Vice President. Thank you.”

Department of AZ – NEC Denise Campbell stated, “We had a good year this year. We have new officers this year. Our hours were good. Have a wonderful Convention.”

Department of CA – NEC Diana Honabarger stated, “We wish you a great Convention. Our report is on Page 91. We have no recommendations. Thank you.”

Department of FL – NEC Dee Baggett stated, “Gloria Jasinksi's outgoing report is on Pages 91-92. Thank you Madam President for joining us in February.” Dee introduced Department President Donnajeanne Hackler.

Department of GA – NEC Thelma Adcock stated, “The Department of GA brings greetings from the Peach State. President Evie Wright has led us another year. We wish for you a successful Convention.” Thelma introduced Department President Mary Duncan who extended greetings.

Department of IL – NEC Leslie Nell stated, “My report is on Page 92. It was an honor to have Madam President visit us. Thank you.” Leslie presented Dee with a gift.

Department of IN – NEC Sharon Osborne stated, “My report is on Page 93. Thank you for coming to our state convention.” Sharon introduced Department President Inez Hall who extended greetings.

Department of IA – NEC Donna Fischer stated, “My report is on Page 94. Thank you Dee for coming to Iowa. The ladies in Iowa is very proud of Kathy Berning as she has served as National Americanism Officer and ask for your support for her as National Scholarship Officer. Donna introduced Department President Clarice Caslavka.

Department of KS – Peggy Miller stated, “Greetings. We are still small, but we are growing. Our auxiliary members work hard. Thank you.”

Department of KY – NEC PNP Barbara Guth stated, “My report is on Page 95. Sorry you were unable to visit us this year. Our doors are always open. The Department wishes for a

successful meeting.” Barbara introduced Department President Laura Risen who extended greetings.

Department of LA – NEC Margie Dies stated, “My report is on Page 95. Greetings from the Bayou State. I wish you a successful Convention. Thank you.”

National President Dee Kreiling introduced the Taiwanese Delegation who extended warm wishes and greetings to everyone.

Department of ME – NEC PNP Rita Potvin stated, “Thank you so much helping us through a rough year in Maine. I bring you greetings from all of our members. We have struggled through another year of trying to train our officers on the Local and Department levels in regards to officer procedures. Five of our six auxiliaries turned in outstanding service reports. All of our auxiliaries are accredited and our ByLaws have been reviewed and approved. Thank you Dee for all of your help this year. We look forward to our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. This is my last report to National. Thank you.” Rita introduced NEC Kathy Kiely who extended greetings.

Department of MD – Linda Huffman, Department First Vice stated, “Unfortunately our NEC woman was not able to attend. Her report is on Page 96-97. It was a pleasure to have Madam President. I hope you have a successful Convention. Thank you.”

Department of MA – NEC Beverly Studebaker stated, “Greetings from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We have been working very hard even though our numbers are down. We enjoyed Dee’s visit in April. I am proud to announce Marie Rorrio will be running for National Hospital Chairman. Please support her. Thank you.”

Department of MI – NEC Patricia Whitcher stated, “My report is on Page 97-98. I would like to thank Madam President for visiting Michigan. It has been a pleasure serving with you. The Department of Michigan is proud to announce that Ruthann Bean is running for her second term as National Chaplain. Please support her.” Patricia introduced Department President Neva Colley who extended greetings.

National President Dee Kreiling stated, “I will be presenting a check to PNC Jim King for his retirement and it will be taken out of the president’s budget.”

National Chaplain Ruthann Bean gave the Benediction.

National President Dee Kreiling recessed the meeting.

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**Thursday, August 11, 2011**

National Chaplain Ruthann Bean gave the Invocation.

National Sergeant-At Arms Marvell Ruppel led The Pledge of Allegiance.

National Executive Director Kellie Haggerty read roll call.

National President Dee Kreiling entertained a motion to move the reading of the budget to the first thing on the agenda this morning. National Second Vice President Leslie Wunderle moved to accept this. National First Vice President Lynda Taylor seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Executive Director Kellie Haggerty updated Credentials.

National Honors and Awards Chairman PNP Carol King and IPNP Patty Piening read the first reading of the proposed budget.

National President Dee Kreiling continued NEC Reports.

Department of MO – NEC Doris Boll stated, “My report is Page 98. Welcome to St. Louis.” Doris introduced the Department President Janice Ramsey who extended greetings.

Department of NE – NEC Jane Nelson stated, “Greetings. Our newly reelected Department President is Tracy Stauss and our new NEC is Fran Gauchat. Our primary goal still is to aide and assist our AMVETS. Thank you.”

Department of NY – NEC Jane DeSanctis stated, “We are sorry Madam President was unable to make a visit. My report is on Page 99. Most of our categories exceeded last year’s totals. National Officers congratulations on another year. The Department of New York is proud to endorse and support Dottie Wustrow for the position of National Third Vice President. Thank you.”

Department of NC – NEC Margie Rabb stated, “My report is on Page 100. I apologize to Sylvia for not reporting you are running for Community Service. Please give her your support. Enjoy the Convention.”

Department of ND – NEC Karla Maddock stated, “My report is on Page 100. Thank you for coming to visit us Madam President. Thank you.”

Department of Ohio – NEC Kay Gibbons stated, “My report is on Page 101. Ohio is doing pretty well. Our membership is holding steady. We were blessed to have the VAVS meeting in Cincinnati and all of our Reps were in attendance. I bring you greetings from Ruth Singler. PDP Barbara Valley is a candidate for National Sergeant-At-Arms. Thank you for coming to

visit us Madam President.” Kay introduced Department President Sonja Limer who extended greetings.

Department of TN – NEC Jeannie Mitchell stated, “It is my pleasure to be here. My report is on Page 103. We are trying to obtain two more auxiliaries by the end of the year. It is my pleasure to announce PNP Brenda Kilgore for National Treasurer. Please give her your support.” Jeannie introduced Department President Cindy Carter who extended greetings.

Department of TX – NEC Jackie McFalls stated, “Greetings from Texas. We are 100% in a drought. Keep us in your prayers. We are still working hard. I would like to announce Linda McGriff as a candidate for National Second Vice President.” Jackie introduced Department President Michele Silva who extended greetings.

Department of VA – NEC Barbara Johnson stated, “My report is on Page 105. Thank you.” Barbara introduced Department President Belva Matherly who extended greetings.

Department of WA – NEC Gloria George stated, “My report is on Page 105. Greetings from the Evergreen State. Thank you Dee for your visit. Thank you and we wish you a successful Convention.

Department of WI – Joan Sirek stated, “My report is on Pages 106-107. Wisconsin is so proud to announce our candidate of Lynda Taylor for the office of National President and the candidacy of Marvell Ruppel for the office of National Americanism Officer. Thank you.” Joan introduced Department President Emily Ratichek.

National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis read the Final Reading of the Resolutions.

1) From the Dept. of Florida; Whereas the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of FL supports the Volunteer Incentive Program, Whereas we are very aware of the requirements and that this is a very prestigious award, Whereas further we recommend a line be added to the form for the National Executive Committee Woman to sign verifying the hours submitted by the applicant and auxiliary, Be resolved that by adding this line will confirm that all volunteer hours submitted have been reported on a service report form and forwarded to the Department Chairperson; and be it further resolved that this recommendation be forwarded to the 2011 National Convention for further action. Karen Spittlemeister, WI motioned to accept this resolution. Leslie Nell, IL seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

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3)Department of Wisconsin; Whereas presently the guidelines for AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary states that Memorial Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July are the only dates a member may report under Americanism her participation in parades and Whereas there are many other occasions where the American Flag is carried in a parade such as Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day, etc.; Therefore be it resolved, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin please anytime the American Flag is carried in a parade or present at public functions it is an act of patriotism and shall be reported under Americanism.” This was rejected in committee because in our Manual on Pages 45 and 108, it states anytime you are participating in a patriotic parade, it is an americanism project.

PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpi stated, “The Board of Trustees met August 9<sup>th</sup>. We had 12 PNP’S in attendance. PNP Carol King brought us up to date on the Board of Trustees Bank Account. The Board discussed some of the changes from the Honors and Awards Committee. Beginning next year, the National President will present the Department of the Year Award, a \$75 award along with a certificate. The Board of Trustees will now present the Local Auxiliary of the Year Award, a \$50 award along with a certificate. We also discussed communication amongst the Board and National Headquarters. We did vote on a Humanitarian Award Recipient and we are waiting on approval from the AMVETS Honors and Awards Committee. PNP Charlene Kee has declined her position as Board of Trustees Chairman next year. PNP Patty Piening will now serve. Thank you.”

The Business Session was adjourned to do FOCUS.

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National President Dee Kreiling entertained a motion to move the budget to the first thing on the agenda this morning. National Second Vice President Leslie Wunderle moved to accept this. National Americanism Officer Kathy Berning seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Executive Director Kellie Haggerty read roll call.

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National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis read the Election Rules.

National Honors and Awards Chairman PNP Carol King and IPNP Patty Piening read the second reading of the proposed 2012-2013 Budget.

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to approve the Total Income of \$406,450.00. Second Maureen Jackson, MI. After some clarification, National First Vice President Lynda Taylor called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to approve the Total Expenses for Headquarters of \$211,912.00. Second Kay Gibbons, OH. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National First Vice President Lynda Taylor called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to approve the National President Expenses of \$37,000.00. Second Karen Spittlemeister, WI. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National First Vice President Lynda Taylor called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to approve the National Officers Expenses of \$47,850.00. Second Jeanne Reznik, OH. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National First Vice President Lynda Taylor called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to approve the National Programs/Service Expenses of \$9,300.00. Dee Baggett, FL seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National First Vice President Lynda Taylor called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to approve the National Publications Expenses of \$30,000.00. Second, Dawn Dennie, IN. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National First Vice President Lynda Taylor called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to approve the National Miscellaneous Expenses of \$1,450.00. Maureen Jackson, MI. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National First Vice President Lynda Taylor called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to approve the 2012 Budget as proposed. Second Dee Baggett, FL. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National President Dee Kreiling introduced AMVETS National Commander Jerry Hotop and National Executive Director Jim King who both extended warm wishes.

National President Dee Kreiling introduced Robert Hammett, National Commander, Sons of AMVETS, who gave greetings.

National First Vice President Lynda Taylor handed out some Membership Certificates.

National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis stated, "The 2012 Humanitarian Award Recipient is Peter Trovato, MA through his work for raising funds for education for children of fallen veterans in Massachusetts."

National Honors and Awards Chairman PNP Carol King stated, "The Honors and Awards Committee met on Sunday. All members were in the attendance. We went over final plans for the Honors and Awards program. The committee voted to approve the recommended change from the Department of FL to the VIP Award application. The evaluation for egg cartons will be \$.05 per carton keeping in line with the current evaluations for other recyclables. Purchased magazines donated will be considered used materials and evaluated at \$.50 per magazine. Third party donations will not be counted. The committee proposes that all National Awards be presented as cash awards rather than plaques due to the fact that some Local and Departments do not have a permanent headquarters to display them. A cash donation is a good starting point for the following years' projects. A certificate will be presented as well. Starting in 2012, the Department of the Year Award will be a cash award presented by the National President. This will come out of her budget. The Local of the Year will be a cash award presented by the Board of Trustees. Certificates will be issued as well. Thank you."

National President Dee Kreiling opened nominations for National First Vice President.

NEC Karin Simmons, AK nominated Leslie Wunderle for National First Vice President. National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis seconded the nomination.

National President Dee Kreiling called for any other nominations for National First Vice President. After hearing none, she closed nominations.

National President Dee Kreiling and National Second Vice President introduced John Tracy Clinic and the JTC family who gave thanks and extended greetings.

National President Dee Kreiling opened nominations for National Second Vice President.

National Honors and Awards Chairman PNP Carol King nominated Linda McGriff for National Second Vice President. Dawn Dennie, IN seconded the nomination.

National President Dee Kreiling called for any other nominations for National Second Vice President. After hearing none, she closed nominations.

National President Dee Kreiling opened nominations for National Third Vice President.

NEC Margie Rabb, NC nominated Sylvia Rowland for National Third Vice President. PNP Janice Hapner seconded the nomination.

NEC Rosemary Blachowskie, NY nominated Dottie Wustrow for National Third Vice President. Mariam Woodward, NY seconded the nomination.

National President Dee Kreiling called for any other nominations for National Third Vice President. After hearing none, she closed nominations.

National President Dee Kreiling introduced The Sad Sacks and National Snappiest Karla Maddock who gave thanks and extended greetings.

National President Dee Kreiling opened nominations for National Treasurer.

National Training Chairman PNP Betty Lawson nominated PNP Betty Lawson for National Treasurer. National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis seconded the nomination.

NEC Kay Gibbons, OH nominated PNP Barbara Guth for National Treasurer. NEC Thelma Adcock, GA seconded the nomination.

National President Dee Kreiling called for any other nominations for National Treasurer. After hearing none, she closed nominations.

National President Dee Kreiling opened nominations for National Americanism Officer.

NEC PNP Rita Potvin, ME nominated Marvell Ruppel for National Americanism Officer. NEC Joan Sirek, WI seconded the nomination.

National President Dee Kreiling called for any other nominations for National American Officer. After hearing none, she closed nominations.

National President Dee Kreiling opened nominations for National Hospital Officer.

National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis nominated Marie Rorrio for National Hospital Officer. NEC Beverly Studebaker, MA seconded the nomination

National President Dee Kreiling called for any other nominations for National Hospital Officer. After hearing none, she closed nominations.

National President Dee Kreiling opened nominations for National Scholarship Officer.

NEC Donna Fischer, IA nominated Kathy Berning for National Scholarship Officer. IPNP Patty Piening, OH seconded the nomination.

National President Dee Kreiling called for any other nominations for National Scholarship Officer. After hearing none, she closed nominations.

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Nancy Middleton, MI nominated Ruthann Bean for National Chaplain. IPNP Patty Piening, OH seconded the nomination.

National President Dee Kreiling called for any other nominations for National Chaplain. After hearing none, she closed nominations.

National President Dee Kreiling opened nominations for National Sergeant-At-Arms.

NEC Pat Witcher nominated Kathy Biela for National Sergeant-At-Arms. National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis seconded the nomination.

NEC Kay Gibbons nominated Barbara Valley for National Sergeant-At-Arms. PNP Charlene Kee seconded the nomination.

National President Dee Kreiling called for any other nominations for National Sergeant-At-Arms. After hearing none, she closed nominations.

National President Dee Kreiling opened nominations for National President.

NEC Joan Sirek, WI nominated Lynda Taylor for National President. IPNP Patty Piening seconded the nomination.

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**MOTION CARRIED**

National Chaplain Ruthann Bean gave the Benediction.

National President Dee Kreiling recessed the meeting.

**AMVETS NATIONAL LADIES AUXILIARY  
2011 NATIONAL CONVENTION  
MINUTES**

**Saturday, August 13, 2011**

National Chaplain Ruthann Bean gave the Invocation.

National Sergeant-At Arms Marvell Ruppel led The Pledge of Allegiance.

National Executive Director Kellie Haggerty read roll call.

National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen read the Election Rules.

National First Vice President Lynda Taylor moved to adopt the Election Rules. National Second Vice President Leslie Wunderle seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National President Dee Kreiling gave her final report. "It has been my pleasure to serve as your National President. I hope I served you well. I never thought I would be here twenty years ago. This year has been bitter sweet with the death of PNP Susan Sisler, PNP Sylvia Lipowski, and AMVETS Provist Marshall Eugene Farmer. Thank you to my partner and best friend Rege Riley. I appreciate all your support. Thank you to the Training Committee for all of your hard work and to the Department Officers for getting all of your reports in on time. To the PNP's my sincerest thank you for all of your service to our great organization. To Commander Hotop, thank you for a wonderful year. Thank you for coming to my Testimonial Dinner. To my home post, there are not enough words to express my appreciation. Thank you to Kellie and Tonya for all of their hard work. Kellie has been my right arm. She had a part time job that she gave up in order to help us with the changes over the last year. Thank you to Charlene and the ladies that volunteered at registration this Convention. Thank you to God and to my family. Thank you again."

National Executive Director Kellie Haggerty read the Final Credentials Report and the voting strength was counted.

National President Dee Kreiling re-opened the nomination of National First Vice President. NEC Karin Simmons, AK moved that nominations be closed and Leslie Wunderle be elected by acclamation. Seconded inaudible. National President Dee Kreiling asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National President Dee Kreiling re-opened the nomination of National Second Vice President. After hearing none, President Dee named Linda McGriff National Second Vice President by acclamation.

National President Dee Kreiling re-opened the nomination of National Third Vice President. President Dee closed nominations and a vote was taken. Sylvia Rowland was named National Third Vice President.

National President Dee Kreiling re-opened the nomination of National Treasurer. President Dee closed nominations and a vote was taken. PNP Barbara Guth was named National Treasurer.

National President Dee Kreiling re-opened the nomination of National Americanism Officer. NEC Joan Sirek, WI moved that nominations be closed and Marvell Ruppell be elected by acclamation. No second. National President Dee Kreiling asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION CARRIED**

National President Dee Kreiling re-opened the nomination of National Sergeant-At-Arms. President Dee closed nominations and a vote was taken. Barbara Valley was named National Sergeant-At-Arms.

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**MOTION CARRIED**

Certificates were handed out.

National President Dee Kreiling called for any announcements.

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National President Dee Kreiling gave closing remarks.

National Chaplain Ruthann Bean gave the Benediction.

National Sergeant-At-Arms Marvell Ruppel retired the Colors.

National President Dee Kreiling closed the 2011 National Convention.

## POST NEC

### Saturday, August 13, 2011 Minutes

National President Dee Kreiling called the Post NEC to order.

National Chaplain Ruthann Bean gave the Invocation.

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

National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen read Roll Call.

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore read the 2012 Proposed Convention Budget.

Total Income - \$24, 540, Total Expenses - \$22,000; National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to accept the 2012 Convention Budget. Second inaudible. National President Dee Kreiling asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National President called for Nominations for the Finance Committee. PNP Patty Piening nominated PNP Carol King. NEC Judy Fry, PA seconded. National VAVS Representative nominated Margie Rabb, NC. NEC Karin Simmons, AK seconded. President Dee closed nominations and a vote was taken. PNP Carol King was named to the Finance Committee for a term of one year.

National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen informed the body that Mr. Peter Trovato, Founder of Massachusetts Soldier's Legacy Fund, will be receiving the 2012 Humanitarian Award.

National First Vice President Leslie Wunderle stated, "My theme is: "Joining Together for Vets." We need to retain our existing members and get new ones. Get your committee appointments in. Have a great year." Leslie moved to approve her theme. Second inaudible. National President Dee Kreiling asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Second Vice President Linda McGriff stated, "My theme for this year is; "Because We Care We Share." My program is John Tracy Clinic. I will be visiting there soon. Thank you." Linda moved to approve her theme. Second inaudible. National President Dee Kreiling asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Third Vice President Sylvia Rowland stated, "My theme is: "Let Your Light Shine For Community Service." We will be working with PAWS this year." Sylvia moved to approve her theme. Second inaudible. National President Dee Kreiling asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Americanism Officer Marvell Ruppel stated, "My theme is: "Keep the Pride in America Alive." I am looking into the Honor Flight and Freedoms Foundation. We will be participating in America Week and several other programs. Marvell moved to approve her theme. Second inaudible. National President Dee Kreiling asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Hospital Officer Marie Rorrio stated, "My theme is: "Give Thanks for Our Healthy Children; and Walk for the Children of St. Jude's." St. Jude's will be hosting along with their Yard Sales a 5k walk. It has been expanded to 80 different communities this year." Marie moved to approve her theme. Second inaudible. National President Dee Kreiling asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Scholarship Officer Kathy Berning stated, "My theme is: "Make Change with Scholarship." Please encourage everyone to submit an application for a Scholarship. Please have them to me by July 1. Kathy moved to approve her theme. Second inaudible. National President Dee Kreiling asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National President Lynda Taylor stated, "Keep Patriotism Alive-Remember the Vet." My theme is two-fold. As auxiliary members we can promote Patriotism in our schools and communities. We can make a difference.

I have chosen the USO as my special project – specifically the Trevor Romain DVD – "With You All The Way" program. This helps our military children ages 6-12 deal with deployments, parent/s coming back home changed, or returning home as a fallen hero, basically the stresses of military life on them, the good times and the bad." Lynda announced the following appointments:

Finance Committee – Immediate Treasurer and Immediate Past Treasurer  
2012 Convention Chair– PNP Charlene Kee, FL  
National Parliamentarian – PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis, MA  
Junior AMVETS Coordinator – Evelyn McElvin, FL  
Honors and Awards Chairman – PNP Carol King, IL  
History and Scrapbook Chairman – Karin Simmons, AK  
President's Scrapbook – Paula Cummings, WI  
Training Chairman – PNP Betty Lawson, TN  
VAVS Representative– PNP Patty Piening

Lynda moved to accept her appointments and theme. PNP Brenda Kilgore, TN seconded. National President Dee Kreiling asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Sergeant-At-Arms Marvell Ruppel retired the colors.

National Chaplain Ruthann Bean gave the Benediction.

National President Dee Kreiling adjourned the 2011 Post NEC Meeting.

## 2011 National Convention - MOTIONS

National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis read Convention Rules. IPNP Patty Piening, OH moved to adopt these rules as printed. National First Vice President Lynda Taylor, WI seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National President appointed Jeannie Mitchell, TN as Timekeeper. Jennine Reznik, OH moved to accept this. Karen Spittlemeister, WI seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Second Vice President Leslie Wunderle, AK moved to accept the agenda as printed in the book. National Third Vice President Linda McGriff, TX seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National First Vice President Lynda Taylor, WI moved to skip the reading of the 2010 Convention minutes and accept them as printed. National Americanism Officer Kathy Berning, IA seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Americanism Officer Kathy Berning stated, "My report is on Pages 62-67. The numbers are larger in my report than what you are seeing. Please change volunteers to 4854, hours to 258915, total evaluation to \$4,539,450.00. Everyone was wonderful to work with. Keep supporting our troops and our flag. It has been a pleasure to work with you Madam President. The Americanism Committee met on August 8<sup>th</sup>. There was a resolution from the Department of Wisconsin, which we addressed and turned over to the Constitution and ByLaws Committee. We did receive a recommendation from the Executive Board to the Americanism Committee stating that Honor Flight was initially misrepresented. On review, 10% of the money sent from National to the OH office was used for administrative expenses and the balance given to special individual flights. This recommendation included discontinuing Honor Flight as a National Program. We as a committee feel it is a very worthwhile program and should be continued on the Department and Local levels. A motion was made and seconded by the committee to agree with this recommendation. The motion was carried." Kathy moved to discontinue Honor Flight as a National Program and to encourage members to support it on their Department and Local levels to go into effect following this Convention. National Chaplain Ruthann Bean seconded. Debbie Johnson, CA stated, "Some of the other National Programs we donate to have expenses in running their office. Why just the 10% for administrative fees, when a large portion of the donation is being made to Veterans that would not be able to make the trip otherwise? Kathy stated, "The Executive Committee was concerned that the monies were giving were not sent to the individual states by the Honor Flights Headquarters, which what we believed would happen when we started this. We have had a hard time making contact with Honor Flight to find out how our funds are being distributed. Additional discussion was held how individual states were being handled. Jeannine Reznik, OH moved to table Honor Flight until we can verify allocation of funds sent to them by the National Department.

Debbie Johnson, CA seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

At our Scholarship meeting, we had an abundance of applications. We did have two recommendations: 1) At least one letter of recommendation must be on official letterhead if there is more than one from the same place. Dorothy moved to accept this recommendation. Jane Ross seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

2) Most current application can be obtained on-line and must be used by the individual candidate." Dorothy moved to accept this recommendation. National Americanism Officer Kathy Berning seconded. After some discussion regarding the correct version online, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Joan Harshbarger, OH stated, "I would like to bring a recommendation back to the Americanism Officer for this floor's consideration. I would like to move to have Freedoms Foundation include the entire AMVET family. IPNP Patty Piening seconded and stated, "In the minutes, it states that we will bring this up again in 2012." National President Dee Kreiling clarified we will have to table this motion until 2012 and bring it up at the Spring NEC. Joan Harshbarger questioned, "There was no action taken on the motion, so we could rescind that motion and we could vote to direct our Chairman to be working with them to set a date since it will take time to get this all done." National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen stated, "The 2009 Convention, it was voted that the Freedoms Foundation Seminar be suspended for three years and after three years be evaluated in 2012 to determine the feasibility of reinstating the program. The motion made today by Joann Harshbarger to direct the Americanism Officer to begin discussions and preparations to bring information regarding the Freedom Foundation Seminar to the 2012 National Convention." IPNP Patty Piening seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

NEC Leslie Nell, IL moved to purchase new flag poles and accessories for National's flags with this motion being sent to the Finance Committee for consideration. Barbara Valley, OH seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Constitution and ByLaws Committee met on August 8. We had 41 people in attendance. The Committee also received recommendations from the Pages and Uniform Committee: 1) The Constitution and ByLaws Committee approved the Pages and Uniform Committee's recommendation to allow blue jeans or blue jean capris without holes, fraying, etc. to be worn on t-shirt day only. Karen Spittlemeister, WI moved to accept this recommendation. Linda Hahn, FL seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

2) The Pages and Uniform Committee recommended the POW/MIA flag be present at all National Auxiliary meetings such as NEC and National Convention. Kay Gibbons, OH moved to

accept this. National Third Vice President Linda McGriff seconded. After some discussion, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Heidi continued, "The Constitution and ByLaws Committee also received some recommendations from the Membership Committee: 1) It was suggested that a date line be added to the top of the transmittal form. National First Vice President Lynda Taylor moved to accept this. National Second Vice President Leslie Wunderle seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National President Dee Kreiling entertained a motion to move the reading of the budget to the first thing on the agenda this morning. National Second Vice President Leslie Wunderle moved to accept this. National First Vice President Lynda Taylor seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis read the Final Reading of the Resolutions.

1) From the Dept. of Florida; Whereas the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of FL supports the Volunteer Incentive Program, Whereas we are very aware of the requirements and that this is a very prestigious award, Whereas further we recommend a line be added to the form for the National Executive Committee Woman to sign verifying the hours submitted by the applicant and auxiliary, Be resolved that by adding this line will confirm that all volunteer hours submitted have been reported on a service report form and forwarded to the Department Chairperson; and be it further resolved that this recommendation be forwarded to the 2011 National Convention for further action. Karen Spittlemeister, WI motioned to accept this resolution. Leslie Nell, IL seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(2) Received by the Council of NEC; Whereas AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary ByLaws, Article 5 Standing Committees, Council of NECwomen last line now reads, "The Council of NEC shall meet on Monday of Convention at a time specified on the agenda; Whereas AMVETS has the changed the opening session of the National Convention, changing the National Auxiliary agenda; resolution would be cost effective to NECWomen for lodging and other daily expenses; be it resolved that Article 5 Standing Committee read "The Council of NEC shall meet one day prior to the opening of Convention at a time specified in the agenda." MOVE AND SECONDED INAUDIBLE. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION CARRIED**

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to approve the Total Income of \$406,450.00. Second was inaudible. After some clarification, National First Vice President Lynda Taylor called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to approve the Total Expenses for Headquarters of \$211,912.00. Second inaudible. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National First Vice President Lynda Taylor called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to approve the National President Expenses of \$37,000.00. Second inaudible. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National First Vice President Lynda Taylor called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to approve the National Officers Expenses of \$47,850.00. Second inaudible. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National First Vice President Lynda Taylor called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to approve the National Programs/Service Expenses of \$9,300.00. Dee Baggett, FL seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National First Vice President Lynda Taylor called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to approve the National Publications Expenses of \$30,000.00. Second inaudible. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National First Vice President Lynda Taylor called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to approve the National Miscellaneous Expenses of \$1,450.00. Second inaudible. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National First Vice President Lynda Taylor called for the question.

**MOTION CARRIED**

National Treasurer PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to approve the 2012 Budget as proposed. Second inaudible. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Dee Kreiling called for the question.

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**MOTION CARRIED**