

# 2018 FALL NATIONAL LINES



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**"PUTTING VETERANS FIRST"**



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I would like to say thank you very much for giving me this wonderful opportunity to serve as your National President for the year 2018-2019. **Together** with the great slate of National Officers you have elected this year I'm sure we can all look forward to a wonderful year.

To all the Local, District and Department Officers know that with your help and all of us working together we can serve our Veteran's, and their families with the needs they so deserve. No Veteran or their family should feel they are alone.

Working together with a sense of dedication and pride we will be fulfilling the Aims and Purposes of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary.

Staying a strong advocate for veterans depends on many things. We must all help to increase membership, support the lives of our children and this can be done through scholarship programs. By volunteering at the VA's and nursing homes. We must also look to our communities for ways we can help serve them better. Prayers for our veterans and our active military only takes a few moments of our time. Let's all show the true meaning of Patriotism.

**"Putting Veterans First"** is the theme I've chosen this year. AMVETS Diabetes Research Institute at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio is my project. Nearly one in four Veterans receiving care from the VA has diabetes. Many people are unable to work, some have a higher risk of heart disease in addition to other health issues.

In the 14 years since Past National Commander John Sisler started this project \$362,938 has been donated to help diabetes research. All donations have come from the AMVETS Family. Forty-nine students have been trained with some going on to become doctors. These students must be either a veteran or have had either a parent or grandparent in the armed forces. All donations go directly to the training of students in diabetes research. I hope you will join me in helping to stop diabetes in its tracks. Remember no donation is too small.

I hope to meet many of you on my visits throughout the year. Ideas and suggestions to make our organization the best it can be are always welcome. God Bless each of you and God Bless America.



# Barbara A. Valley National President's Project

AMVETS Diabetes Research Institute is the project I've chosen for the year. This project was started by deceased Past National Commander John Sisler in 2003. I'm not sure why PNC Sisler chose this project, but I can see the need for it.

AMVETS Diabetes Research Institute, located in Athens, Ohio, and is housed at Ohio University. Money donated to this project is for grants for students searching for a cure for diabetes. Over 24% of Veterans have Type 2 Diabetes and that number is growing. Because of diabetes, heart disease also is a known factor. That is why there is a great need for a cure.

For a student to receive a grant they must be a Veteran or have a parent or grandparent who served in the Armed Forces. 100% of all donations for this project goes directly to research via student training awards. Because of the way PNC Sisler set-up this project, all money goes directly to support the students, unlike other grants and donations; none of the AMVETS family donation money is used for administrative purposes.

To date, 49 students have been trained or are in training, 4 will graduate this year, all from donations from our AMVETS family. Many of these students have gone or are going to medical school or are now doctors. The AMVETS family has donated over \$362,938.00 since the beginning of this project.

I've chosen this project because diabetes runs in my family and I have seen what great damage it can do. I've watched loved ones taking shots, being put on strict diets, until it takes the life out of them.

With your help in having fundraisers, dinners, draws and such we can help find a cure for this dreaded disease. I also have a pin-up that can be sold; see below for an example. The pin-up can be found on the AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary website – [www.amvetsaux.org](http://www.amvetsaux.org). Your donations to my project would be deeply appreciated. Please send your donations, earmarked National President's Project, to AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary, 4647 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, Maryland 20706. Thank you for your generous support.

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## “Revving Up Membership”

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I thank you for electing me as your National First Vice President and promise to do all in my power to promote membership. I congratulate all newly elected First Vice Presidents and would like to thank you for taking on the job as Membership Officer. So now it is time to get to work!

### My Theme is “Revving Up Membership”

It is renewal time!! The membership year is January 1 – December 31. If we can get our members to renew early, it makes it easier to make sure **ALL** members are renewed! The first step needs to be - **NOTIFY** all members. Please post renewal information in your post homes, in any newsletters your post and/or auxiliary puts out and mail a postcard (very reasonable to do for even a big auxiliary – less than 40 cents apiece). Do this now, then in a month send another notice out and change signs at post home!! If neither of these notifications result in a renewed member – a phone call needs to be your next step. Let members know that if not renewed prior to 12-31-18, that dues are increasing, AND they will need to provide eligibility again.

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019** - At National Convention this year members voted to raise National’s portion of Annual and Life Membership dues. This will mean an Annual increase of \$2.00 to \$15.00 in chartered states and \$16.50 in unchartered states. Life Membership increased by \$25.00 to \$225.00 to National. This is just National portions!!! So please check with your Departments for correct amount!

Honorary members will now pay dues annually at \$10.00. They will still be processed through your Department the same way however they will be issued a new honorary card every year.

These price changes will NOT apply if you renew or join prior to 12-31-18 **AND** meet your Department’s and National’s Deadlines! So, recruit and renew today!!!!

Please consider sponsoring a membership drive in your Locals and Departments. Programs cannot be accomplished without members. Just imagine if **every** member reading this (all members receive this mailing!) sponsored a new member!!! I promise I will sponsor at least one – will you?

Membership criteria can be found in our Constitution which can be found on our website – [www.amvetsaux.org](http://www.amvetsaux.org) , Article IV: Membership and Dues. Please make sure all members know the correct eligibility for membership and everyone should always have an application on them! I keep one with my membership card. I have talked to other Ladies who keep one tucked into their hats or in their hat bag.

Every one of us has somebody we work with, go to school with, attend church with or are related to that is eligible to join AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary (plus, other women!). Most potential members have never been asked! Holding a function is a great way to let potential members know what we are all about. It can be a “Tea”, Ice Cream Social or anything that would work

for your local. Just make sure that you let everyone know what your auxiliary is doing!!! Most ladies will want to belong if you can show them all the great programs we have. Let your attendees also know what items you collect and what programs you are need of volunteers for.

Set those goals now!! Make your membership drive fun and set some goals. Please acknowledge everyone who sponsors a member. Prizes for the top recruiters might be a great way to get everyone involved! National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary presents pins that can be worn on your hat if you recruit 10 or more members (these must be applied for).

I look forward to working with you and look forward to hearing all the great ideas that you have. Please feel free to contact me with questions, comments and concerns. Please share those success stories on membership drives with me and I will pass them on to our auxiliary sisters. **SO.....Let's Rev up our Membership together!!**



**To all Departments – large or small!!  
Here's a great incentive to win \$100.00.**

**For a chance to win this you must have the highest percentage of annual (new/renewal) membership by December 31, 2018 vs. May 31, 2018 membership.**

**I encourage all Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents to take the time to contact each of your Local Auxiliary 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents and reach out to members and get those renewals in early. Make a phone call, send an email - it just takes a few minutes of your time.**

**We also have so many ladies out there that are eligible to join our organization, they just need to be asked.**

**Be the first Department this year to take advantage of this opportunity for a great award.**

**Any questions call or e-mail me.**

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**“Children are our Future,  
Let them Lead the Way”**

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I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your National Second Vice President. I am honored and look forward to working with each and every one of you.

My theme this year is “Children are our Future, Let them Lead the Way”. We need to get our youth involved in supporting our projects, not only in Child Welfare Projects but, all of our programs. Helping the children now will help them become leaders in the future.

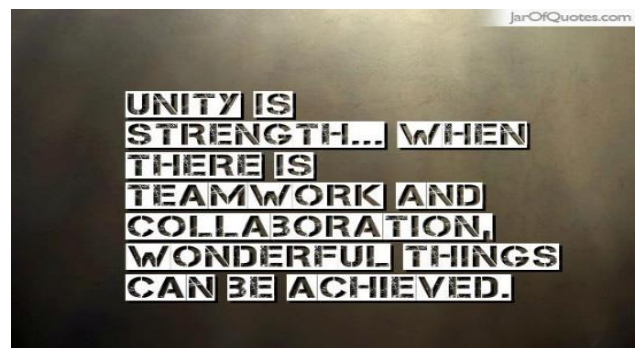
John Tracy Clinic (JTC) is the National Program for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Child Welfare Chairman. JTC is the recognized leader in the field of deaf education and is the world’s largest private provider of comprehensive services to your children with hearing loss including audiology, counseling, teaching education, parent guidance and child development.

April is John Tracy Clinic month. There are unlimited projects and fundraising ideas for Child Welfare. All Departments NEC’s and Department Second Vice Presidents should have received a packet from me, with information about (JTC) and Fundraising and Project ideas.

If you need anything, please feel free to contact me any time. I look forward to a great year, and remember “Children are our Future, let them Lead the Way”. Get our youth involved.

**“Be the Unity in Community”**

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Thank you for electing me your National 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. I will be challenging you to get out into your community and see what you can do to make it stronger. Spread the word that the Auxiliary is there to help in any way possible. Let’s make the AMVETS Auxiliary’s name a known source in the community to turn to for assistance. There are so many volunteer opportunities

and I look forward to hearing about what your auxiliaries are doing and I will be sharing these with you throughout the year.

I look forward to my visit to PAWS With A Cause and can't wait to hear about the great projects you are doing to raise funds for this program. I will share these ideas with you throughout the year. Remember – the funds raised by the Auxiliary are earmarked primarily to provide a Veteran, or Veteran's family member with a service dog.

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year. If you have any questions or want to share some terrific volunteer/fund-raising ideas, please email me at the address listed above.

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters:

I want to thank Madam President Barbara Valley for appointing me to the office of National Parliamentarian. I will do my very best to serve you. It has been several years since I have done reports and composed articles for our National Organization, but again, I promise to do my best.

I also want to thank PNP Betty Lawson for all the work she did this past year on making the changes to our Constitution and Bylaws.

After going through the Parliamentarian box, I have found the following Departments that will need to review their Bylaws for this upcoming year:

California  
Kansas  
Kentucky

Nebraska  
North Carolina  
South Carolina

Virginia  
West Virginia

Remember when you review your Bylaws, it does not mean you have to make any changes. If they are satisfactory as currently written, simply use the proper form to notify me. If you have questions regarding your Bylaws, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Many of the questions that come up in Local and Department meetings can be solved by simply reading your Local and Department Bylaws and procedures. Our National Manual also has answers for you – be familiar with it. You can purchase the Manual from National Headquarters. Go to the Auxiliary site – [www.amvetsaux.org](http://www.amvetsaux.org) and click on the FORMS tab and print off the Quartermaster Item Order Form. Fill it out and send to National Headquarters for processing.



## **Let's raise Dollars For our Scholars!!**

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My mission this year will be two-fold. First to raise funds for our Scholarships and second to get across to everyone the correct scholarship to apply for and to complete them entirely and make sure all information attached is correct and complete. We have far too many scholarships that are disqualified because of the smallest items that are not completed.

We have three (3) different scholarships, each one has its own specific qualification of individuals. The College Support Scholarship is for the graduating senior who has been accepted to an accredited college or university. They must also be a child or a grandchild of an AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary member. The second is the Auxiliary Scholarship for the student that is in at least their second year of undergraduate study at an accredited college or university. The third is the Career Start Scholarship. This is for Ladies Auxiliary members that are looking to expand, update and/or reenter the work force. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU APPLY FOR THE CORRECT SCHOLARSHIP.** We don't want to disqualify you for filling out the wrong application.

Different ways to raise money for the National Scholarships are raffles, 50/50's, mystery gifts, Dinners, breakfasts, and many other events.

Let's see how many ways we can **Raise dollars for our Scholars!!**

### **TEACHING GOOD CITIZENSHIP and PATRIOTISM to our PROMISING YOUTH**

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Thank you all for your show of support in allowing me the opportunity to serve you and to share ideas with you about Americanism. Congratulations to all the incoming National Officers. I look forward to working with you this coming year and providing a great time filled with lots of ideas and productive fundraising.

My theme for the 2018-2019 year is **"TEACHING GOOD CITIZENSHIP and PATRIOTISM to our PROMISING YOUTH"**. If you bring in the children the parents will follow. Get them all interested, and you have new members. For example, teach the children about folding the Flag. This can be done at the Post on meeting night, have the Veteran show the children how to fold the Flag. Then have the children fold it by themselves. It opens up conversations with



the parents and the Veterans and our youth. Teach them about the Flag. Why is it red, white and blue? Why does it have 13 stripes? Why are there so many stars on it? Have a dialogue with the children, show them a good time and that learning can be fun and so can our organization.

The theme this year for the Americanism Poster and Essay contests is "Why should we say 'Thank You' to a Veteran?" Remember this contest is open to all youth. Get the word out by contacting your schools, local youth sports teams, local boy and girl scout troops and 4H clubs.

### **AMVETS Individual Americanism Youth Awards**

**Flag Coloring Contest:** Best Flag coloring submitted by a student in Kindergarten and 1st grade which addresses the theme. An entry form, supplied by AMVETS, must be attached to each entry.

**Essay Writing Contest:** Best essay, based on the current year's theme, submitted by a student in each of the following grades: 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th. An entry form, supplied by AMVETS, must be attached to each entry. 9th grade Department winners go to the AMVETS "Spirit of America" Youth Conference held annually in November.

**Poster Drawing Contest:** Best poster, based on the current year's theme, submitted by a student in each of the following grades: 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th. An entry form, supplied by AMVETS, must be attached to each entry.

**NOTE:** All entries for the individual Youth Awards must be submitted to AMVETS National Headquarters, 4647 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, Maryland 20706

Check with your Department on judging procedures. All entry forms will be found on the [AMVET.org](http://AMVET.org) site. If you have any problems, please contact me.

### **AUILIARY AMERICANISM AWARDS**

#### **Awards for Departments**

PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis Award - Department doing the most outstanding work in Americanism

#### **Awards for Local Auxiliaries**

PNP Patty Piening Award - Local Auxiliary doing the most outstanding work in Americanism

#### **Awards for Individual Members**

National Award - For the member doing the most outstanding work in Americanism

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Thank you for re-electing me to the office of National Sergeant-at-Arms. I am honored to serve in this position and proud to represent the AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary. I will do my best to fulfill the duties of my position.

I would like to congratulate our newly elected National President, National Officers, Department, District and Local Officers.

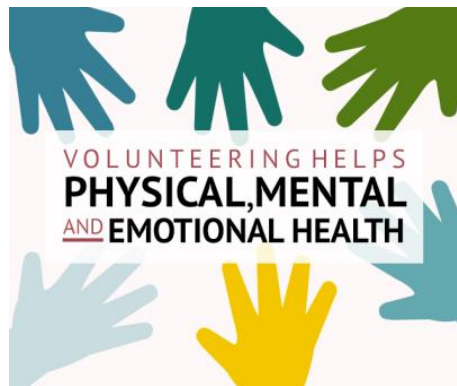
As we head into fall there are several opportunities to carry our flag in parades and ceremonies throughout your communities. Therefore, proper flag etiquette will prove to be a valuable tool in ensuring proper etiquette is being followed. There are two important holidays coming up soon. Veterans Day, November 11th and Pearl Harbor Day, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please fly your flags proudly. On Pearl Harbor Day your flag should be flown at half-staff to show respect for our fallen heroes and special ceremonies will be held in your cities and around the country on both days, please give of your time and participate and wear your uniform and represent our Auxiliary proudly. There are so many ways you can outreach in your community; parades, visiting veterans in care facilities, go to the schools and teach flag etiquette and give the children flags after. Tell the children in school how to show respect for our flag by standing and placing our hand over the heart when it passes in a parade or when singing the National Anthem.

I would like to go over a few pointers that we should know regarding our Office.

- It is our job to make sure our members wear the proper Uniform
  - a) White blazer, Auxiliary patch on the left breast
  - b) Forest green pants, A-line forest green skirt (no more than 2 inches below the knee or A-line forest green dress
  - c) White or gold jewel neckline blouse
  - d) Black shoes with closed heels and toes
  - e) Hat; local green with gold braiding, District white crown with green cuff gold braid and gold letters, Department white with green braid and green letters, National White with gold braid and gold letters.
- You can wear your hat without your uniform, but you should wear your hat with your uniform and only earned pins are to be placed on your hat.
- A Sergeant-at-Arms passes out written information or reports to the members and escorts guests to the dais after notifying the President of their arrival and her approval.
- Salute the Flag and lead the Pledge of Allegiance and close the meetings with the proper hand salute.
- Hold the American Flag higher than any other and point the eagle forward like it is flying but outward when placed in its stand.

I have received some magazines in the mail recently with the color of pants needed as part of your official uniform; Blair September 2018 magazine page 35 Bistro Green TP7-B12444, also page 93 TP7-B12261, Bedford Fair Fall page 87 TPD-P52253, Old Pueblo Traders Summer sale catalogue page 85 TRK-P59377. Walmart also has the pants right now. So, if you are in need,

go get them before they are gone as these are winter colors. Please share this information with your Department and locals as it will assist us in building a bigger and better organization.



### **Volunteering to Heal**

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My theme for this year is "**Volunteering to Heal**". A simple smile, a thank you, or a short visit goes a long way. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is our National program and touches the heart of every Auxiliary member. We all want to be a part of fighting childhood cancer. I have been on several different tours and have seen first-hand how much our efforts mean to these children and the medical teams who care for them. Our contributions are so important for research and development. November is St. Jude month, and I will be encouraging our members to think of innovative and creative ways to raise funds for this cause. In addition to financial support, I also want to work closer with St. Jude to keep our relationship strong and see if there is a need for anything besides cash donations.

According to our manual, the hospital program for AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary has many facets since volunteer work can, and should, be done in all types of hospitals and nursing care facilities. We should remember, however, that our program is unified in its objective to bring cheer and diversion to the hospitalized Veterans and their dependents.

***AS LONG AS ONE PERSON SUFFERS, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP.***

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### **Annual Joint Review Time**

September is Annual Joint Review month for all VAVS Representatives. I received thirty-six (36) Annual Joint Reviews (AJR) in FY 2017. We all need to do our part to complete our AJR during the month of September. When you complete your AJR please ask the Chief of Voluntary Service to email a copy to me or you can mail one just to make sure you are counted. Remember, if you cannot complete your AJR, ask one of the VAVS Deputies, they are part of your team.

## **Veterans**

As we approach the holidays, remember the hospitalized Veterans, homeless Veterans, and Veterans of all ages. Visiting a hospitalized Veteran is one way to show your support and honor him/her as a hero. You will have an opportunity to participate in many activities at your VAMC to show you appreciate their service to our country. Remember them as holiday activities are planned; let's unite together and make a commitment to honor our American Heroes in a special way this year.

## **VAVS Committee Meetings**

FY2018 is about to come to a close, with September meetings. Remember, your attendance at these meetings is important to maintain AMVETS Auxiliary's membership on the VAVS Committee. **VHA Handbook 1621.1 states: "Termination of Membership. Organizations will be removed from the VAVS Committee when none of the certified members is in attendance at three consecutive meetings."** At least one of the certified representatives should be in attendance at all meetings.

## **Membership Qualifications**

Before appointing a new VAVS Rep or Dep please verify that they have the following.

- A sincere interest in the welfare of Veteran patients and a desire to help them
- Ability to work with others
- Leadership-Most essential trait for selecting Reps/Deputy Reps
- Knowledge of organization (both the organization they represent and VA)
- Ability to communicate and disseminate information
- And the most important qualification...
- ABILITY TO ATTEND THE QUARTERLY VAVS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Remember to document your hours and contributions to the VAVS program and report them to your local hospital chairman. Feel free to call or e-mail me if you have questions or need assistance. HAVE A GOOD YEAR!

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Love  
Care  
Goodness \*giving \*prayer  
Encourage \*honesty\*joy  
Peace  
Bible  
Bless

Greetings to all my Auxiliary Sisters across this great Nation. It is with much honor and pride that I serve you as this year's National Chaplain. I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me.

As we approach this year, keep in mind that we are part of our Lord's large family. We need to remember that we are sisters working towards common goals. My theme this year is **"OPEN YOUR MINDS, OPEN YOUR HEARTS, OPEN YOUR HANDS."** Do not be quick to judge others, listen, everyone's circumstances are not the same. Be giving and caring, as our Lord taught us while on this Earth. Reach out to others with hands of friendship and kindness.

Epistle to the Galatians 5:22 "Fruits of the Spirit are joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

As a reminder, deceased notification forms are located on the AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary website; look under FORMS. The most up-to-date forms are found here. National will send out sympathy cards to our deceased Sister's Next of Kin up to 2 months from date of death. After that, I can send a Thinking of You card for up to 4 months from date of death. This is why it is extremely important to notify National as soon as possible, with all pertinent information filled in. Be mindful of the instructions at the bottom of the form. Familiarize yourselves with Ceremonies and Rituals found in AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary Manual. Chaplains, have prayers ready for any circumstance that arises. Be your Locals' or Departments', Spiritual and Inspirational Leaders. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me any of the ways listed above.

I look forward to meeting you whether it be by phone (please leave your name and number if I don't answer), Facebook, E-mail, messenger, or, preferably in person. As we want to share and support you through tougher times, (deaths, illnesses), keep us also informed about the special happenings in your lives. Everyone loves hearing about births, weddings, anniversaries, etc.

Again, thank you for this special opportunity to serve you. May God Bless each and every one of you. God Bless our Military and GOD BLESS AMERICA.

*John 13:34*

*A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*



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Madam President, National Officers, and Auxiliary Sisters:

Congratulations to all National Officers on your election! I hope you have a wonderful, safe, healthy and enjoyable year. Thank you again Madam President Barbara for appointing me as your History and Scrapbook Chairman. I will try my best to fulfill my duties.

I encourage all Auxiliaries to make a History and Scrapbook and submit it for judging. It is the best way to 'show off' your hard work and accomplishments for our Veterans, Children, and Community. You should be proud of your events you held, donations you made, and awards you have earned and won. By making a History and Scrapbook, you help give other Auxiliaries ideas of events, projects, etc. that maybe they haven't thought of or tried. I have sent letters and the criteria out to the Ladies.

If you would like to be on the History and Scrapbook Committee to judge next August, email me or call me and I will add you to me list.

God Bless You, Your Families, Our Veterans and our Great USA!!

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At this time, I would like to thank Madam President Valley for appointing me the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Junior Coordinator. This position is dear to my heart and a great passion. Our Juniors are fine young people that are the future of not only our great organization, but of our country.

The National Convention in Orlando, Florida was represented well by Junior AMVETS, from many different states. All the Juniors attended meetings, raised monies for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and organized a pancake breakfast fundraiser. The President's Testimonial and National Award Luncheon was also held. Congratulations to all the winners!



Congratulations Jovan Rosado, National Junior AMVETS President and to all the newly elected /appointed officers for the 2018-2019 year. Jovan's project is the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, with his theme being "Finding a home for those who can't." Attached you will find the contact list of the new National Junior AMVETS officers and coordinators. I am confident they will serve their offices well and with great pride.



The Junior AMVETS have many deadlines to meet in the upcoming months, as follows:

First, **service reports** for the mid-year (June 1 thru November 30, 2018) will be submitted with a postmark no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>. If there is nothing to report, you must still submit a report stating as such. Both the mid-year and year end reports must be submitted on time to be eligible for National Awards at National Convention - Louisville, Kentucky in August. Please send a copy to the National Junior President, National Junior Vice President and the National Auxiliary Coordinator.

Second, **membership** is to be submitted by December 31, 2018. Those members not submitting their dues by this date will be considered "not in good standing" and will need to re-establish eligibility. Locals that do not have a Department Junior AMVETS are to mail dues directly to the National Auxiliary Coordinator. Locals that have a Department Junior AMVETS are to mail their dues to the department (which includes the department and national portions). The department will then forward the national dues to the National Auxiliary Coordinator. Copies of the D&R's are also to be sent to the National Junior President, National Senior Vice President and National Auxiliary Coordinator.



I am looking forward to working with the Junior AMVETS and their Coordinators for the upcoming year. A mailing is being prepared for our department and local coordinators filled with ideas and opportunities to put in motion in their communities. This mailing will also include award information, forms, and many other items to keep you informed. Should anyone have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. There is no "I" in "Team". It takes all of us to help the Junior AMVETS be a success!



Interested in starting a Junior AMVETS at your local post or wanting a little information on what they are all about? Please give me a ring or send an email, I would love to talk to you. It can be very rewarding being involved with these young people.

**Debbie Deem**

National President's Scrapbook  
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Pictures can be such a wonderful thing to look back on, reflection on all the wonderful things that has happened throughout the year.

As I will be putting together National President Barbara's scrapbook, please send me pictures as she visits your Auxiliaries and Departments or any event you see her at. Please add the who, what when and where or each event. These can be sent by snail-mail, email and to my phone; all are listed above.

Please help me make a wonderful scrapbook for Barbara so she will have many memories of her year as our 2018 – 2019 AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary President.

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Greetings! I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank-you again for making this a memorable year.

To the National Officers who served with me – THANK YOU – for all your hard work and dedication throughout last year supporting our National Programs, sending out prayers and cards, and working to share information, promote programs, and increase membership.

To the Departments that I visited with – THANK YOU – for your warm hospitality! I had a wonderful time attending trainings, quarter auctions, horse races, seeing the beautiful countryside of your states, learning about all the great work you're doing, and most of all just getting to talk with you and getting to know you better!

To those Departments that invited me, but I was not able to visit, I'm sorry we weren't able to get something on our calendars that worked.

To all my Auxiliary sisters – THANK YOU – for supporting my project--combined with the Americanism project to replace the antiquated outdoor lighting at Freedoms Foundation. Our goal was to raise \$30,000, which would have replaced 2/3rds of the lighting. Through your generosity nearly \$60,000 was raised! This means that all the old lighting will be replaced and new lighting will be added in many areas of the campus.

Most of all – THANK YOU – all for your work and dedication to promoting the ideals of democracy, citizenship, respect for our flag, education surrounding the history of this country, our Constitution, Pledge of Allegiance, and Declaration of Independence. This past year our Americanism evaluation totals exceeded all our other National evaluations! **"NEVER FORGET"**

*A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work*  
– Colin Powell.

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*A special thanks to all of you for your thoughts, prayers and get well wishes during my recent surgery. I received so many beautiful cards with precious little notes and flowers and phone calls, too. My sincere thanks to each of you. I love you and cherish your friendship! PNP Betty S. Lawson*

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**"HOW MANY SHADES of RESPECT"  
2019 LEADERSHIP TRAINING  
PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Come join us for training January 25-27, 2019 at the Oak Tree Lodge in Pigeon Forge. Our theme will be "HOW MANY SHADES OF RESPECT". The cost of the seminar is \$185.00 which includes your room (2 paying seminar attendees per room) for Friday and Saturday nights, events for Friday and Saturday, breakfast each morning and all training materials. If you request a king fireplace room the cost will be \$10.00 extra PER NIGHT. If you wish to come early, the room cost will be an additional \$64.00 per room PER NIGHT or \$32.00 each if you are sharing a room PER NIGHT. All early arrivals must be booked through the Auxiliary to get the special rates. All rooms are non-smoking however there are many rooms with patios or balconies.

If you are flying, an additional \$20.00 will be added to the fee to cover shuttle service. When making your plane reservations, please keep in mind it is an hour drive from the hotel to the airport. Be considerate and book a flight that will get you in and out of Tennessee at a reasonable time.

There will not be training in Pigeon Forge for AMVETS, however, should your AMVET like to attend, please contact Betty for pricing options. **PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLE SO I CAN READ IT!!**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ROOMING WITH \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_

ALL ROOMS ARE NON-SMOING HOWEVER Patio/Balcony rooms available for smokers if requested \_\_\_\_\_

SHUTTLE SERVICE NEEDED \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**COST: STANDARD 2 QUEENS \$185 – KING \$205 – IF FLYING - \$20 SHUTTLE SERVICE**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AMVETS NATIONAL AUXILIARY AND MAIL TO PNP BETTY S. LAWSON, 3595 TALLY ROAD, MORRISTOWN, TN 37813. PHONE 423-258-5257 OR e-mail [law846@comcast.net](mailto:law846@comcast.net)**

**Seminar costs - Half due by November 30, payment in full by December 31. NO REFUNDS after 12/31.**



# FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

ALL Department have their pre-print cards and rosters in hand. YIPPEE!!

The website is being updated as new information becomes available. Be sure to check under each tab for new files, flyers and more. The bi-weekly email blast continues and updates to the website are listed there. We're also on Facebook!

As previously mentioned in National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dee Baggett's article at National Convention this year members voted to raise the National portion of Annual and Life Membership dues **EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**. This means a \$2.00 increase to \$15.00 for annual membership in chartered states and to \$16.50 in unchartered states. Life Membership dues increased by \$25.00 to \$225.00 to National. Those are the new amounts due to National Headquarters when submitting annual membership.

Honorary members will now pay dues annually at \$10.00. They will still be processed through your Department the same way however they will be issued a new honorary card every year.

These price changes do **NOT** apply if you renew or join prior to December 31, 2018 **AND** meet your Department's and National's Deadlines! Check with your Department on their deadline date.

All membership forms will be updated in December to allow for proper processing associated with the dues increases.

Once the Constitution and Bylaws have been updated they will be put on the website and you will be notified by email blast and on our Facebook page. When the Manual is updated, you will be notified the same way and will be able to purchase it through Headquarters.

## 2018 HONORS AND AWARDS WINNERS

### MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

New Auxiliaries      **Department of Kentucky (2), Pennsylvania, Washington**

Highest percentage of annual (new/renewal) membership by November 30, 2017 vs. May 30, 2017 membership      **Department of New York**

Largest numerical gain in membership as of May 31<sup>st</sup>      **Department of New York**

Largest percentage gain in membership as of May 31<sup>st</sup>      **Department of Florida**

Largest percentage of renewals as of December 31<sup>st</sup>      **Department of New York**

**CLASS A: Department of Washington**

**CLASS C: Department of New York**

**CLASS B: Department of Alaska**

**CLASS D: Department of Florida**

### CHILD WELFARE AWARDS

PNP Cathy Fishero Award – Department **Winner – Nebraska** **Runner-up –**  
**Wisconsin**

PNP Leslie Wunderle Award – Local – **Winner – OH #95** **Runner-up – NY**

John Tracy Clinic Award (Local) – PNP Dee Kreiling-Riley, Donor – **Winner – FL #8**  
**Runner-up FL #1992**

### COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

PNP Lynda Taylor Award – Department **Winner – New York** **Runner-up**  
**- Maine**

PNP Linda McGriff Award – Local - **Winner – NY #8** **Runner-up – KY**  
**#125**

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

PNP Charlene Kee Award – Department - **Winner – North Dakota**  
**Runner-up - Massachusetts**

PNP Carol King Award – Local **Winner – OH #95** **Runner-up – KY**  
**#125**

### AMERICANISM AWARDS

PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis Award – Department **Winner – Florida** **Runner-up –**  
**Wisconsin**

PNP Patty Piening Award – Local **Winner – MI #57** **Runner-up – FL**  
**#1992**

Individual Americanism Award **Winner – Mary Conley – FL #1992**  
**Runner-up – Angie LeKander – ND #7**

### NATIONAL HOSPITAL AWARDS

PNP Mary Barrow Award – Department **Winner – Wisconsin** **Runner-up – New**  
**York**

PNP Brenda Kilgore Award – Local **Winner – NY #8** **Runner-up – FL**  
**#1992**

PNP Barbara Guth Nursing Home Award – Local **Winner – MI #9** **Runner-up – FL**  
**#8**

## VAVS AWARDS

James H. Parke Scholarship – Department	Winner – Maryland	Runner-up – PA
		Runner-up - OH
Local	Winner – AK #2	Runner-up – VA
#7		
	MD #7	

## HISTORY AND SCRAPBOOK AWARDS

PNP Kathy Berning Award – Dept. Historybook NC	Winner – Wisconsin	Runner-up
PNP Beverly Box Award – Local Scrapbook #9	Winner – IA #49	Runner-up – ND
PNP Betty Lawson Award – Dept. Historybook Cover	Winner – NC	Runner-up WA
PNP Sylvia Rowland – Local Scrapbook Cover #9	Winner – OH #51	Runner-up – ND

## SHOW AND TELL AWARD - PNP Virginia Hays, Donor

Winner – MO #106	Runner-up – WA #92
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## AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE NATIONAL COMMANDER'S/PRESIDENT'S BANQUET

### Member of the Year

Rose Wendt – North Dakota

Auxiliary of the Year  
Florida #1992

Department of the Year  
New York

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

National Scholarship - \$1,000.00  
Nathan Lemke - Wisconsin  
Megan Lemke – Wisconsin  
Courtney Thompson – North Carolina  
Sydney Dickenson – Ohio  
Chelsea Thompson – North Carolina  
Chase Moyer – Maryland  
Alexis Misner – Maryland

College Support - \$1,000.00  
Molly Flatoff - Michigan  
James Dixon, IV - Michigan

College Support - \$500.00

Colin Fairman - Massachusetts  
Kristin Willhide - Missouri

Career Start - \$1,000.00  
Ashley Dineen – Massachusetts

# Americanism



## Americanism Contest Winners

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>Kindergarten Flag Coloring Contest</b>	Nicholas Helbing Berwick, PA	Caroline Corbaugh Decatur, TN	Rae Lynn Jones Manassas, VA
<b>1st Grade Flag Coloring Contest</b>	Madison Hoyle Lincoln, NE	Elsa Swogger Brillion, WI	Zayne Birch Thornville, OH
<b>2nd Grade Poster Contest</b>	Collin Grubbs Findlay, OH	Katama Dzombo Manassas, VA	Bryan Gonzalez Daytona Beach, FL
<b>3rd Grade Poster Contest</b>	Andon Bulow Valley City, ND	Gabriella Urena East Islip, NY	Nathan Lemon Ridley Park, PA
<b>4th Grade Poster Contest</b>	Caitlin Small Ridley Park, PA	Sophie Bruno Potsdam, NY	Avaleena Choe Holly Hill, FL
<b>5th Grade Poster Contest</b>	Jamie Vedders Grand Rapids, MI	Elizabeth Tomassetti Milmont Park, PA	Hailey Bourque Leominster, MA
<b>6th Grade Essay Contest</b>	Cyler Davis Hartford, TN	Isabella Lathrop Stevens Point, WI	Ambria Reese Annandale, VA
<b>7th Grade Essay Contest</b>	Olivia Mowry Albany, OH	Brooklyn Evanoff Redding, CA	Isabella Rose Mount Holly Springs, PA
<b>8th Grade Essay Contest</b>	Isabella Ribeiro Tulare, CA	Emelia Thielman Fargo, ND	Brianna Hoyle Lincoln, NE
<b>10th Grade Essay Contest</b>	Samantha Lee Wortham, TX	Ally Kleiner Stevens Point, WI	Oliver Brown Nescopeck, PA
<b>11th Grade Essay Contest</b>	Clay Durham Paris, TN	Bonnie Medtart Sparrows Point, MD	Brandon Westfall Armada, MI
<b>12th Grade Essay Contest</b>	Joseph Floyd Louisburg, NC	Ian Gray Massena, NY	Derek Hale Wortham, TX



**Kindergarten – 2nd Grade**

First Place: Khyle Carigara,

Daytona Beach, FL

Second Place: Madeline Keil,

Reedsville, WI

Third Place: Madison Hoyle,

Lincoln, NE

**3rd – 5th Grade**

First Place: Kimora Lazo,

Daytona Beach, FL

Second Place: Isabella Bolle,

Reedsville, WI

Third Place: Valeria Ramirez,

Daytona Beach, FL

**6th – 8th Grade**

First Place: Callista Colwell,

Kemp, TX

Second Place: Emily Morohn,

Reedsville, WI

Third Place: Brenna Lewis,

Wortham, TX

**9th – 12th Grade**

First Place: Whitney Wasmuth,

Greenleaf, WI

Second Place: Allison Henderson,

Jefferson City, MO

Third Place: Claire Johnson,

Corsicana, TX

## AMERICANISM 2018 ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

### Grade 6

**First Place:** Cyler D., TN

**Second Place:** Isabella L., WI

**Third Place:** Ambria R., VA

### Grade 7

**First Place:** Olivia M., OH

**Second Place:** Brooklyn E., CA

**Third Place:** Isabella R., PA

### Grade 8

**First Place:** Isabella R., CA

**Second Place:** Emelia T., ND

**Third Place:** Brianna J. H., NE

### Grade 10

**First Place:** Samantha L., TX

**Second Place:** Ally K., WI

**Third Place:** Oliver B., PA

### Grade 11

**First Place:** Clay D., TN

**Second Place:** Bonnie M., MD

**Third Place:** Brandon W., MI

### Grade 12

**First Place:** Joseph F., NC

**Second Place:** Ian G., New York

**Third Place:** Derek H., TX

## AMVETS AGAINST DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE 2018 ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

### Grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>

**First Place:** Calista C., TX (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Second Place:** Emily M., WI (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Third Place:** Brenna L., TX (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### Grades 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>

**First Place:** Whitney W., WI (11<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Second Place:** Allison H., MO (11<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Third Place:** Claire J., TX (10<sup>th</sup> Grade)