AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

Post-Convention NEC Meeting

National Convention, Norfolk, VA

Saturday, August 12, 2017

Meeting was called to order by National President Marvell Ruppel (WI).

Invocation by Chaplain Peggy Liss (MI)

Presentation of Colors by Sgt-At-Arms Cindy Rice (OH)

Roll call of NEC women by National Executive Director PNP Carol King

Reading of the approved budget for the 2018 National Convention. The income for Orlando will change because of raffles etc.. held at this convention but not yet totaled. Budget passed.

PNP Linda McGriff was elected to a one year term as a member of the Finance Committee.

No nominations were received for the Humanitarian Award.

2017-2018 Officers Themes:

**President Marvell Ruppel** – “Never Forget” – we should never forget, we need to educate our children on what it means to be, for example, a Medal of Honor Recipient, a Gold Star Mother, an active duty service person, a veteran.

**President’s Project** – Freedoms Foundation – she would like to focus on replacing and expanding the lighting an outdoor pathways.

**1st Vice Barbara Valley** – “Move Up to Membership”- will be sending out a mailing to all Department 1st Vices.

**2nd Vice Dee Baggett** – “Pay it Forward” – Children see what we do, when we do good things or volunteer, they will model that. Back to school projects are in need.

**3rd Vice Joan Sirek** – “Open Doors & Reach Out in Your Community” – National project is PAWS with a Cause. There are many more opportunities, food banks, blood drives, senior centers, Fisher House, Ronald McDonald House, animal shelters.

**Americanism Maureen Jackson** – “Let Patriotism Live” – the project is in conjunction with the National President’s project. To replace the lighting at Freedoms Foundation. You can also march in parades, decorate veterans’ graves, fly your flag, vote.

**Scholarship Karin Simmons** – “CHANGE a life with a Scholarship” – there are 3 types of scholarship, the Auxiliary Scholarship, Career Start and College Support.

**Hospital Amy Stopyra** – “Temperature’s A Rising for Hospital” – the National project is St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

**Chaplain Peggy Liss** – “Worshiping with Others in Love and Faith” (WOLF). Please remember to submit 3 copies of your deceased member form as soon as possible. DO NOT hold them.

**Sgt-At-Arms Cynthia Rice** – “Respect and Defend the Red, White and Blue, Our American Flag” – pass on or learn proper flag etiquette. She will be mailing out information on this to each Auxiliary.

Presidents Appointments:

??? ??? – Kathy Burning

2018 Convention Chair – Charlene Kee

Parliamentarian – Betty Lawson

Junior AMVET Coordinator – Fran McGerk

Honors and Awards Chairman – Linda McGriff

History book – Cathy Tratz

President’s Scrapbook – JoAnn Leinweber

Training Chairman – Betty Lawson

VAVS Rep – Marie Rorrio (2nd year)

Benediction – National Chaplain Peggy Liss

Retirement of Colors – National Sgt-At-Arms Cynthia Rice

Meeting adjourned by National President Marvell Ruppel

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy L. Lynema

For NEC Woman Patricia Michalski