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BRING BACK THE BASICS

with President Gloria Hall



Hello Ladies

Saying "Happy New Year to All" is the first order of my day. So here goes:

Happy New Year!

My wish to everyone is for your health, prosperity and happiness.

Let's play catch up. Our Long-Range Planning Committee Chair Bert Lema, has rescheduled a visual meeting on line and moved it to January 16th at 6:30 with a consensus. Have all committee members checked in with Bert to confirm their acceptance? Bert Lema has been dealing with respiratory issues which has sidelined her from conducting this meeting. As we know, she has wanted this meeting for some time. We wish you well Bert.

Patsy Watkins, our Ways and Means Chair has a calendar of fun things she included in our last newsletter.. Please review it. If you forgotten or missed what it was, be sure to participate if you can. She asks for your support of her project, as it benefits our budget. It is very much appreciated.

On February 8th, we have our Spring SEC. It will be your chance to cover issues before our convention in June. The Honors and Awards Committee will be meeting at 11:00am. A pizza lunch will be provided by the Department at 1:00pm. A small variety of beverages will be provided (Coke, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Pepsi). If you favor a different brand, you may want to BYOB—(bring your own beverage). I will bring in cupcakes or cookies or maybe both. SEC will commence at 2:00pm.

I would like to thank Allison Aldrich for her help in securing Post 4064 for the SEC meeting and locally calling to get our pizza lunch. Many thanks Allison.

If you have questions please call me. You have my number or email me at ghall0054@gmail.com.



SPRING S.E.C.

FEBRUARY 8, 2025

AMVETS POST #4064

601 N Main St
Perry MI 48872

Honors & Awards -11am

Lunch—1pm

SEC—2pm



MEMBERSHIP



Pam Lein, 1st Vice President

Happy New Year

The Chairman Contest with annual members numbered and a number was chosen on the last day of the month of November. The number chosen was 574 which was Karen Moore from Aux. 122. She has not renewed so we had no winner—again. BUT when it was time to draw for the December drawing—we finally got a Winner!! - Deanna Chase from Aux. #126. She will be sent a check for \$50.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING:

- ★ Letter RL is not for sending in the life member assessment. RL is Renew to Life
- ★ As of January, Life membership increased by \$75. National has passed it to be \$300 plus the Dept. portion of \$53 for a total of \$353.
- ★ Honorary members pay \$15 a year (this is a National charge)
- ★ List the names alphabetically (by last name) on your D&Rs
- ★ Please list names by their group, such as Renew, Rejoin, New, New Life, or Life.
- ★ Please include the New Honorary, Renew to Life, or New Life National forms with the D&R
- ★ Please fill in your checks correctly. Renewals are \$25, new members are \$30, Life member assessment is \$3 each and must be received by the Department on or before 12/31/24. If this assessment is not received by the end of December, your Auxiliary will not be in good standing.
- ★ Please remember, when filling out your DNR forms they are current, last name first, and in alphabetical order. Also, it is important if you are handwriting these to make sure your spelling is clear and precise, please!!

Please don't hold memberships for a long period of time. Send them to Nancy Middleton at least once a month.

Regards

Pamela Lein, Department 1st Vice

PS D&R stands for Dues and Remittance. It is not DNR which stands for Do Not Resuscitate!

I KNOW THIS IS LATE
 Nancy Middleton, Exec. Secretary

Honest, I really tried to get this newsletter out on time but the last 6 to 8 weeks have been a real challenge. I had to make the decision between the newsletter, membership, holidays, 8 days of Texas Hold'ems, doing a Children's Christmas Party, eating and/or sleeping. Plus a half dozen other projects I needed to do. I spent much of the day on Christmas Eve still wrapping gifts for my family. I spent 5 hours on Christmas day working on membership. So, I am not apologizing. I did the best I could. Membership this year has been a big challenge with so many problems. But—here is your newsletter.

Better late than never????

Don't complain.

If more Officers sent in news articles, I wouldn't have room for these cliparts and one-liners



LOIS WESTMAN

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary #122

Lois Westman is a member of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary #122 and has been serving the Michigan Veterans Home D.J. Jacobetti for over 20 years. She has accumulated over 3,600 hours of lifetime service. She is also involved with the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 114. Lois has a special role which allows her to help plan, sponsor and execute specialty events. She also is popular with her singing talent and music on multiple instruments. In addition to her dedication to the Jacobetti Home, she also serves at the Retired & Senior Volunteer Programs. With her big grin and hearty laugh, Lois brings great joy to everything she does and everyone she serves.

In recognition of her service, Lois was recently honored as a recipient of Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer's "Governor's Service Award" for her outstanding volunteer service to our country's veterans.

Submitted by PDP Judy Smith



CHILD WELFARE

Nancy Middleton, 2nd Vice President

So, have all the Auxiliaries been busy over the Christmas Holiday doing stuff for the kids in our community? I would love to know what special things you did during the holidays.

I filled 65 gift bags for the STEM Program students (3rd to 6th grade), Chaired a Christmas Party for the kids at my Post, worked Texas Hold'em with the share of the hours I worked going to Penrickton, worked Friday night meals to benefit Penrickton, which was not a very successful program, but President Gloria and I tried. I also donated stuff to the Toys for Tots program.

I would love it if you could send me an email (nancmidd@gmail.com) to let me know what you or your Auxiliary did for kids this past month (nancmidd@gmail.com)

I am looking for new ideas. I would like to share them with all the Auxiliaries who may also be looking for some new ideas.



From Lee Williamson

FUNNIES!

The thing about new beginnings is they call for something else to end.

Online shopping? No - because it is frowned upon to be in a store with no bra, sweat pants and a glass of wine!

What's the best part about Valentine's Day? The day after when all the chocolate goes on sale.

I can totally keep secrets. It's the people I tell them to who can't.

A clean house is the sign of a broken computer

HOSPITAL NEWS

by Trisha Rosenberg, Hospital Officer

Happy holidays and blessings to all. As we start a new year, please look into your heart and consider projects for our Veterans in the hospital facilities and the homeless Veterans to support our department hospital representatives. Thank you for all you do and enjoy this new year!

Trisha Rosenberg
Hospital Officer



PARLIAMENTARIAN NEWS

by Bert Lema—Parliamentarian

It is a new year and another opportunity to take a review of whether or not each of us is fulfilling our obligations as a member of our organization.

On this note, I encourage every one of our members to read the Auxiliary Code of Ethics which can be found on our website. Clicking on this link: <https://www.amvetsauxdeptmi.org/forms-information/> will take you to its exact location. Among several expectations outlined in this document are the following:

#6 To be courteous at all times; to be considerate of others.

#10 To respect my Officers, my fellow members and the opinions they may have.

I have been notified of a couple of incidents at local Auxiliaries which lead me to believe some members and Officers may be unaware of our Code of Ethics. We are expected to treat each other with respect. We are concerned about the actions of a particular member, we do not whisper behind her back and spread rumors. We research, gain facts and manage each concern in an appropriate manner.

Please do some personal reflection and if you are stepping over the edge of appropriate treatment of our members.....Stop!

Please also refer to the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary National Constitution, Article XII Discipline, Section 1 A-H for information about disciplinary action which can be taken for failure to comply with any of our stated obligations as members, including the Code of Ethics. We never want to take such drastic action, especially when we should be able to manage any issue in a manner which respects the rights of all members.

As always, when you have a question, you can email me at lema81@wowway.com or give me a call at 586.214.1019 and leave a message. I try to return calls and messages within 24 to 48 hours.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Karen Krumm, Chaplain

I hope everyone had a great holiday. Post #1988 has 3 past Presidents with health problems: Anita Adams, Sharon Locke and Carol Smith. We pray that you get to feeling better soon.

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and posts since I was in the hospital. If you have anyone who is under the weather, please let me know so I can reach out to them.

Praying for a great 2025.

From Nancy Middleton

FUNNIES!

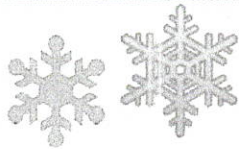
Behind every angry woman is a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong.

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

If you're not supposed to eat at night, why is there a light bulb in the refrigerator?

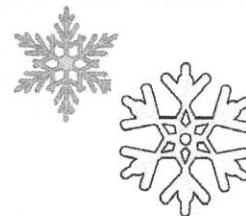
My psychiatrist told me I was crazy and I said I want a second opinion. He said okay, you're ugly too.

If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea, does that mean that one enjoys it?



WAYS and MEANS

by Patsy Watkins, Chairman



Greetings Everyone! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I apologize for forgetting to put instructions and information to send your reply with the January W&M Calendar. Each day of January, you do what that day says. I forgot to include the tally sheet. (See Tally Sheet on last page of this newsletter) At the end of the month, add it all up Make a check payable to AMVETS Ladies Aux. Dept. of MI for the amount and mail it to me by February 7th. (address below)

Tickets for the Convention raffle will be available at the Spring SEC meeting in Perry on February 8th.

Patsy Watkins, Ways & Means Chairman
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February newsletter deadline—January 15—

FEBRUARY S.E.C. MEETING

February 8th at the Perry Post (#4064)
601 N Main St.—Perry MI

The Honors & Awards Committee meeting will start at 11am for the Chairman and all the Service Officers (2nd Vice, 3rd Vice, Americanism, Hospital and Scholarship).

The Department will provide a lunch for the SEC committee beginning at 1:00pm.

The SEC meeting will begin at 2:00pm.

Please have your activity report complete. Refer to Officers' Instructions as to how many copies are needed and if you are required to attend the meeting.

You may have noticed there weren't a lot of Bees in this newsletter. Our President took them to Florida with her during the Holidays and they refused to come back to the cold in Michigan! A few came back but they were immediately covered by the snow. They should be back in February.



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PRESENTS STICK BINGO PARTY

FOR
"Paws With a Cause"
TUESDAY January 28th 2025
6:00PM - 8:00PM
IN THE HALL

STICKS COST \$1 -GOOD FOR 3 GAMES

GREAT PRIZES (GIFT BASKETS, GIFT CARDS ETC)
LIGHT SNACKS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**COME JOIN US AND
HELP THIS GREAT CAUSE!**