

# AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

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## BRING BACK THE BASICS

with President Gloria Hall



Here is another reminder about the Spring SEC meeting on Feb. 8th. This meeting is for all our Department Officers and hopefully I will have a lot to report next month. Right now, I am still recuperating from the Holidays and the two week vacation in Florida with my sister and brother-in-law. It was a wonderful time and we were on the go—constantly. I did not miss the snow at all—but I guess it missed me because we sure got dumped on in January. Spring starts on March 20—and it can't come fast enough for me.

With the help of Allison Aldrich, the Dept. will provide Pizza for lunch. Soda and water will also be available. I will provide the dessert.. **As in previous years, please wear your uniform for this meeting.**

A reminder for our Department Officers—the Convention Digest will be coming out around March 15th, so you will need your bulletins ready by the 1st of March.

### 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

It is now February, and we are working on matching everything that has come in. We are finding many mistakes on D&Rs, which has made it timely and much more work getting everything in. Secretary Nancy has sent out so many reminders and tips on how you should be doing your D&Rs. It makes our work much more labor intensive when D&Rs are not in alphabetical order.

I have had to make two trips so far from Springport to Grand Rapids just to pick up packets from Nancy which came back to her at no fault of hers (USPS errors). This is my first year and the challenges of the mail, D&Rs etc. has been interesting.

These are all reminders once again of errors we seem to find on D&Rs. Please take time to read through and become familiar. If you have questions do not hesitate to ask myself or Nancy. We want you to be successful.

- ♥ Send in the life member assessment.
- ♥ As of January, Life membership jumps \$75 more than it was. National has increased their portion.
- ♥ Honorary members pay \$15 per year
- ♥ List the names alphabetically on your D&Rs—last name first.
- ♥ 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 forms.
- ♥ Please fill in your checks correctly. Renewals are \$25, new members are \$30, Life assessments are \$3 each and Renew/New life memberships are now \$353.
- ♥ Honorary members whose dues were not received By December 10 will be removed from their rosters.
- ♥ Life membership assessments not received by the end of December, means your Auxiliary is not in good standing until the fee is received.
- ♥ Please remember, when filling out your DNR forms they are to be 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!!

Regards

Pam Lein, Department 1 st Vice

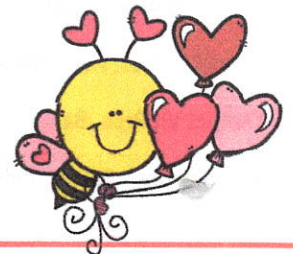


# PARLIAMENTARIAN

By Bert Lema

Hi Ladies . Wanted to let you know I won't have any submissions this month. I didn't want you thinking I'd forgotten.

Next month I should have quite a bit for sharing.







# COMMUNITY SERVICE



By Maureen Jackson, 3rd Vice President

Hopefully everyone knows Paws with a Cause is our Dept. Community Service Program.

Each Auxiliary is asked to sponsor one project for Paws during the year. If you haven't had one yet, there is still plenty of time. Any projects done by April 30th are eligible for your Community Service final report.

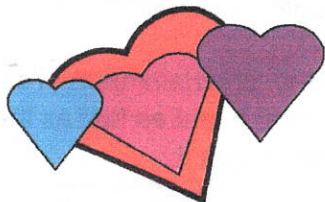
What else goes under Community Service? Any activity which benefits adults or both children and adults is considered Community Service. Assisting community health clinics, cooperate with the local Safety Council, Promoting safety programs, ( such as bicycle safety, driving safety, school patrols), assisting under privileged families, assisting the blind, fund raising for local and national agencies (such as United Fund, Easter Seals, March of Dimes, Hurricane, Flood, Tornado or fire relief.) community clean-up campaigns, Special Olympics etc.

As you can see there are numerous activities that come under Community Service. There are many others. So don't forget to report what you have done.

Please remember the flood victims in North Carolina and those suffering from the devastating fires in California. Please pray for them. Anything you donate to them is also reportable.

If you have any question or concerns please contact me:

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kdgmo2@gmail.com  
586-876-1827.



## FUNNIES!

What is better than Valentine's Day? The day after when all the chocolates are 1/2 price!

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular.

That tingly feeling you get when you meet someone you're really attracted to? That's common sense leaving your body.

My girlfriend said she wanted a fairy tale relationship. So I left her in the forest with a loaf of bread

Roses are red  
violets are blue  
Vodka cost less  
than a dinner for two.

## SGT.-AT-ARMS

by Jennifer Zelony, Sgt-at-Arms

During this time of year with all the rejoins and renewed memberships, make sure you are checking membership cards. This is when you can get those who may have missed getting renewed. Even though you are Sergeant-at-arms, you are supposed to be checking at every meeting

There is a chance to get people who have been missed or those who forgot it was the time of year or some who don't come or live in the area full time.

This is some of the most important jobs you have:  
#1 make sure those who come to the meeting are those who can or have been invited.

#2 keeping the meeting under control by controlling the volume of the group and not causing any disturbances to distract the others from listening to the person who is speaking.





# GRAND RAPIDS HOME

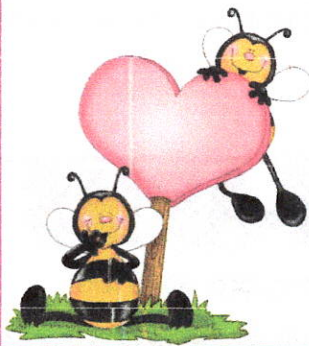
by Leora Williamson, Dept. Representative



Once again it was my honor to escort one of the Veterans to an event at the Grand Rapids Vets Home. The theme was very much like a Boy Scout exercise. The members had to complete certain projects in order to win a badge. In this situation, the badge was a sticker to affix to a project roster.

The first project was to participate in a "Campfire" sign-a-long with S'mores afterwards. The 'campfire' was made of Army green heavy material with orange and yellow flames. Songs were provided by a play list on the phone of the Activity staff. Members were assigned to this portion of the fun. A microwave oven softened the marshmallows for the S'mores.

Bird Watching was second on the roster. Seven birds were placed high and low around the Bistro area. Participants had to point out each one to get their badge.



For Arts and Crafts. Pet Rocks were decorated with paints and glued on eyes.

The fourth event took place at an indoor 'rifle range'. A variety of Nerf guns were available for shooting at the targets which were placed on chairs or taped to windows.

Members of the staff provided the 'entertainment'. Teams of three women and three men had to unroll, set up and enter a tent as fast as they could. The women won easily, but the men got the most laughs!!

## IMPORTANT REMINDER!!

### AMERICANISM / S.O.S.

By Cindy Wolkens, Americanism Officer



I hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday. I'm working on my own deadlines and touching base again with my local schools. I hope your schools are participating in our Americanism contest.

Please remember to donate to both the Department Americanism and the SOS programs when you are working on your projects.



Also, please remember to promote positive Americanism and serving our Service men and women.

### **There is no March newsletter.**

**If you have been watching the chart on the website, there is a list of when articles are due to me for the newsletters and when bulletins are due to Pat Michalski for the website.**

**Your bulletin for the March Convention Digest is due to me by March 1st. Every Officer and/or Chairman is supposed to put something in the Digest. It is normally a full page in most cases. Some Officers have more pages to send. Please do not be late—the deadline is March 1st and it is firm!!! You have almost a month to get this done.**

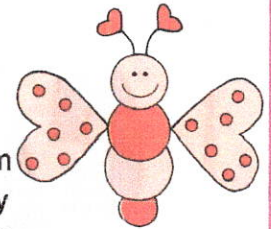
**Nancy Middleton, Secretary**





# CHILD WELFARE

by Nancy Middleton, 2nd Vice President

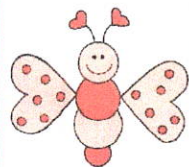


We are halfway through our 24/25 year. Doesn't time fly when you are having fun?!?!? I am optimistic about our local Auxiliaries making their donations to Penrickton. This is one of my very favorite programs. They do such amazing work. These children are all legally blind plus they have at least one other disability.

A date has not been set yet for a tour of the facility. I am waiting for the SEC in February to make a decision. As the Dept. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, it is in my instructions to set up a date and time. I am curious to see how many of our members would actually go on the tour of Penrickton. It is a fabulous place and I wish everyone could see it. One of my issues is we are not getting new people to attend. I don't know why but I would really like to know. Is there a certain time or date which would be better for you. Send me as quick email (nancmidd@gmail.com) and let me know. We seem to get the same people every year – which I understand because once you have been there, you are a big fan and want to see it again and again. Let's see as few of our new members attend or maybe some of our long time members who have not been there. You will not regret it.

In the meantime, please work towards a donation from your Auxiliary, so we can present a hefty check at convention. This amazing place survives on donations. They have big corporations donating equipment. The walls and sleeping rooms are decorated by artists from various companies.

Last year Bonnie Rojas did an amazing job of getting our Auxiliaries involved. They raised \$9,777.13. If we can keep up last year's total and add an additional \$222.87 we can donate \$10,000. Wouldn't that be outrageous?



Maybe I can't do it and you can't do it and she can't do it—but with all of us helping, I honestly believe WE can do it.

## #57's FLURRY OF CASH

We are going to have a "Flurry of Cash" raffle drawing. There are 30 chances to win and you can win multiple times. The profits from the raffle will go towards our programs—Child Welfare, Community Service. Scholarship and Americanism/SOS.

There are 30 drawings in all and a maximum of 400 tickets are going to be sold—so you have a good change of winning—maybe more than once! Please contact me for more information.

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### AMVETS AUXILIARY #57 PRESENTS FLURRY OF CASH RAFFLE



DAILY DRAWINGS:

February 1st to March 2nd.

Monday thru Saturday Drawings: win \$20

Sunday Drawings: win \$50

Also

February 14 (Valentines Day) win \$200

March 2nd—win \$300



If your ticket is drawn, it will be put back in the container for additional drawings, so you can win multiple times!



TICKETS ARE \$10



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Contact Maureen Jackson for tickets.

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or 586-876-1827





# SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday,  
April 5, 2025**

**AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary #126  
will be hosting  
a Testimonial Dinner  
honoring  
Michigan's Department President**



**Gloria Hall**

**Watch for more information coming soon—  
but..... *SAVE THE DATE!!***