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## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

### Department of Ohio

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Department Officers, Delegates, and Guests,

Welcome to the Mid-Winter Conference! I hope everyone is staying warm and managing to get through our cold and snowy winter. I know we are all looking forward to the arrival of spring weather.

It was a pleasure traveling with AMVETS Commander Tom, Sons of AMVETS Commander Mike, and our Department 1st Vice Kat. We sincerely appreciated the hospitality and friendships shared by our AMVETS family during each of our visits. During our 9th District tour, we were fortunate to have Jason and Jayce Phillips transport us to each location, including Defiance 1991, Toledo 222, Wapakoneta 333, and Middle Point 698. Our travels continued through the 12th District, visiting Columbus 2000, 1312, 89, 1928, and Thornville 51. Thank you to the Ladies for sharing your concerns, ideas, and accomplishments during our visits.

I also had the honor of joining Cindy Rice as she presented her generous donation to the AMVETS Diabetes Research Institute at Ohio University in Athens. The program there is truly remarkable, and the students' achievements were impressive. Additionally, I thoroughly enjoyed meeting the Kettering Ladies Auxiliary during their meeting.

My theme this year is "One Loss Is Too Many - We Fight Together." My project, "1 Is Too Many" and "Silent Watch," is dedicated to the memory of my husband Jeff. Both initiatives focus on veteran suicide awareness—being present, offering support, and providing resources to prevent another life lost.

Our National President, Mary Lanphere, has chosen the theme "Standing With Our Heroes." Her project, "Tunnels to Towers" (T2T), directs 93 cents of every dollar donated to programs benefiting our nation's heroes.

Together, we strive to make a difference—sharing knowledge, compassion, and strength. I hope our collective efforts remind you that we are here, as a team, always ready to help.

Thank you all for your ongoing commitment and your incredible work in supporting our veterans.

Yours in Service,

*Joy*

Joy Brown

Department of Ohio President

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**Department of Ohio Ladies Auxiliary President - Expenses Mid- Winter Conference February 19-22, 2026**

Date	Description	Check	miles (0.65)	Lodging	Expense	Balance
9/28/2025	Balance					\$327.78
10/16-19/2025	Fall Conference - Columbus		102		\$66.30	\$261.48
10/19/2025	Expense check	\$ 1,500.00				\$1,761.48
11/8/2025	Bryan Training		188		\$122.20	\$1,639.28
11/13/2025	Kettering Auxiliary 2003		180		\$117.00	\$1,522.28
11/14-15/2025	Athens - Cindy Rice Diabetes presentation		292		\$189.80	\$1,332.48
	Hampton Inn -Athens			\$ 132.50		\$1,199.98
11/16/2025	District meeting Defiance		150		\$97.50	\$1,102.48
12/19-20/2025	9th District Tour		154		\$100.10	\$1,002.38
	Bryan Post 54					
	Defiance Post 1991					
	Toledo Post 222					
	Wapak Post 333					
	Midle Point Post 698					
	Hampton Inn Defiance			\$ 324.10		\$678.28
2/6-8/2026	District 12 tour					
2/6-7/2026	Marriott- Columbus			\$ 356.36		\$321.92
2/6/2026	Dinner - Mean Mugs Wings & Things				\$21.87	\$300.05
2/7/2026	Breakfast - Bob's				\$25.93	\$274.12
	Post 2000					
	Post 51					
	Post 1312					
	Post 89					
	Post 1928					
	<b>Balance as of February 8, 2026</b>					<b>\$274.12</b>



## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

### Department of Ohio

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Madame President Joy, Officers, Members and Guests,

A very warm welcome to everyone here at Mid-Winter Conference. I hope Everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season.

Thank you to everyone who donated to gifts to Department of Ohio Ladies Auxiliary Raffles this weekend. Please remember to stop by and get some tickets.

If you need any help with anything don't hesitate to stop by the registration desk and ask. We will do our best to point you in the right direction.

I hope we all learn a lot this weekend.

Keep supporting our VETERANS and our Service Members. Don't stop doing all that you do.

Have a safe trip home.

Yours in service to our Veterans.

*Dian Sims*

Conference and Convention Chair

## AUXILIARY PREAMBLE

We, the mothers, wives, widows, grandmothers, sisters, daughters, stepdaughters and granddaughters of the American Veteran and female veterans, fully realizing our responsibilities to the community, State and nation, associate ourselves for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to safeguard the principles of freedom, liberty and justice for all; to promote the cause of peace and good will among nations; to maintain inviolate the freedom of our country; to preserve the fundamentals of democracy and Americanism; to perpetuate the friendship and associations of the American Veteran and to dedicate ourselves to the cause of mutual assistance...this by the grace of God.

## CODE OF ETHICS

Because I am fortunate in being able to qualify for membership in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary; and because I am proud of our affiliation with the parent organization, AMVETS, I must always remember that it is my duty as a member –

1. To live up to the meaning of "Auxiliary", which is "to act in support of", or "to support."
2. To realize that our organization is a subordinate of AMVETS and for that reason I must be careful not to interfere with AMVETS internal organization and politics; and I must never attempt to dominate that organization.
3. To conduct myself in a manner that shall never cast any unfavorable reflection on AMVETS or AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary.
4. To think and act constructively.
5. To accept my duties as a member, a committee member or chairman, or an officer willingly, and to the best of my ability to do all in my power to promote the Aims and Purposes of our organization.
6. To be courteous at all times; to be considerate of others.
7. To show my interest in our organization by attending all meetings and be on time.
8. To accept the rule of the majority gracefully.
9. To assume leadership in right thinking and action.
10. To respect my officers, my fellow members and the opinions they may have.
11. To be temperate in my speech, habits and opinions.
12. To be extremely careful if I am honored by being elected to any office on any level, that the weight of my office is never used to unduly influence the affairs of our organization or of our parent organization, AMVETS.
13. To endeavor to follow all the purposes of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, as set forth in our Constitution, because by doing so, I am serving all mankind, regardless of race, creed or color.
14. Finally, believing that the Golden Rule, "All things whatsoever you would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them," applies to all of us, do my part to see that equal opportunity is given to each member to contribute to the good of the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary.

## AIMS AND PURPOSES

THE AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. To serve our country in peace as in war, to build and maintain the welfare of the United States of America toward lasting prosperity and peace for all its inhabitants.
2. To encourage, in keeping with the policies of our Government, the establishment of a concrete peace.
3. To inspire in our membership a sense of responsibility and to develop leadership for the preservation of our American democratic way of life.
4. To help unify divergent groups in the overall interest of American democracy.
5. To train our youth to become purposeful citizens in a republic with full knowledge of the responsibilities as well as the privileges of citizenship.
6. To cooperate with duly recognized existing veteran's organizations in the furtherance of the aims of the American Veteran.
7. To keep the public forever reminded that the American fought, served, and died to preserve peace, liberty and democracy for their nation.
8. To aid in the fulfillment of the Aims and Purposes of AMVETS, our parent organization.
9. To promote the welfare and fellowship of our members and families.
10. To expedite and assist in the rehabilitation of the veteran by sponsoring and giving support to educational opportunities, to recreational advantages, to hospitalization and personal problems, and to support the veterans in all legislation for veteran's benefits.
11. To recognize that the organization known as AMVETS, and chartered by Congressional action on July 23, 1947, is the parent organization, and that all organizational divisions of the Auxiliary exist to promote the interest of the parent body, therefore, they cannot act independently except as it favors the objectives of AMVETS.

### DEFINITION OF AMERICANISM

"AMERICANISM" is the unfailing love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the Flag; and a desire to secure the blessing of liberty to ourselves and posterity.

-Author Unknown -

AGENDA

**Friday, February 20, 2026**

Registration Desk Open:	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
VAVS Meeting:	10:30 am – 11:30 am
Gavaliar’s Lunch:	11:30 am – 12:45 pm
Officer’s Meeting:	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Finance Meeting:	3:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Executive Steering Committee	3:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Constitution & By-Laws Committee	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Saturday, February 21, 2026**

Legislative Breakfast:	8:30 am – 10:00 am
Registration Desk Open:	8:00 am – 10:00 am    1:00pm – 3:00 pm
Training Session:	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
First Business Session:	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Dinner:	
Dress: Business Casual	6:30 pm

**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

Registration Desk Open:	7:30 am – 9:00 am
Second Business Session:	8:00 am - ???

\*\*\*\*\*AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*

## CONFERENCE RULES

### General Rules

1. Except as herein expressly modified by these rules, Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern proceedings of this Conference not otherwise provided for.
2. To expedite business, the printed agenda shall be followed as closely as possible.
3. No one shall be admitted to the Conference floor without evidence of being registered as either a Delegate, Alternate, Guest, State or National Officer.
4. No seating restrictions shall be invoked during the general sessions.
5. Fully accredited Delegates, Alternates or any member in good standing will be entitled to a voice in the meeting. Only accredited Delegates or their Alternates can vote on any subject matter before the Conference body.
6. Any person who desires recognition for the purpose of making a motion or addressing the body, must rise, proceed to the floor microphone, address the chair as Madam President, state her name and her Auxiliary and shall speak after she is recognized by the chair.
7. Debate shall be limited to two (2) minutes for the speaker. The floor shall be permitted but twice to any individual Delegate on any one subject, except however, a Delegate who proposed the matter may be accorded a two (2) minute rebuttal.
8. Vote on a motion shall be at the discretion of the presiding officer. Many routine motions can be voted on orally. When a motion requires a two-thirds vote, or on contested votes, the presiding officer may call a rising or hand vote and it shall be her privilege to use the closed ballot or roll call vote, if necessary.
9. Discussion of personal grievances, local conditions, or claims concerning an individual with respect to her personal interest, shall not be permitted before the Conference.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS****SATURDAY****SUNDAY**

President, Joy Brown

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1<sup>st</sup>. Vice, Katrina Phillips

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2<sup>ND</sup>. Vice, Marcia Bright

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3<sup>RD</sup>. Vice, Cecile Ardrey

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Treasurer, Paula Brown

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Executive Secretary, Lynn McCauley

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Parliamentarian, Jenny Miracle-Turner

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Legislative Liaison,

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Hospital Chairman, Fran Ganda

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Americanism, Deb Lambert

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N.E.C., Lynn McCauley

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Chaplain/Scholarship, Stacy Leggett

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PRO/Historian, Debbie Pittock

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Sgt-at-Arms, Ethel Phillips

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Jr AMVETS Advisor, Denise Speigle

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Gaveliers, Katrina Phillips

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Trainer, Jenny Miracle-Turner

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Bowling Chairman, Kathy Pero

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Credentials Chair, Dian Sims

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Honors &amp; Awards, Lynn McCauley

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Ways &amp; Means, Cathy McKinney

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**VAVS**

Chillicothe, Danielle Smathers

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Cincinnati, Pat Candelaresi

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Cleveland, Fran Ganda

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Columbus A.C.C., Susan Weyrick

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Dayton, Linda Spicer

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OVH, Sandusky, Cindy Rice

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**DISTRICT PRESIDENTS**

1<sup>st</sup> Patty Gordon

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9<sup>TH</sup> Jan Millere

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**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF OHIO  
ROLL CALL**

<b>AUXILIARIES</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
CHILICOTHE 04		
SANDUSKY 17		
FINDLAY 21		
VERMILION 22		
DAYTON 24		
SPRINGFIELD 25		
MANSFIELD 26		
BUCYRUS 27		
ONTARIO 31		
ELYRIA 32		
COSHOCTON 36		
LAKEVIEW 39		
MENTOR 40		
BELLVILLE 43		
SALEM 45		
LORAIN 47		
TIFFIN 48		
THORNVILLE 51		
BRYAN 54		
SHEFFIELD LAKE 55		
CENTERBURG 59		
HILLSBORO 61		
COVINGTON 66		
FOSTORIA 69		
FAIRFIELD 71		
ATHENS 76		
JACKSON 84		
MT. GILEAD 87		
TROY 88		
COLUMBUS 89		
ALBANY 93		
MOUNT VERNON 95		
ASHLAND 96		
VANDALIA 99		
DELAWARE 102		
DELAWARE 104		
MENTOR ON THE LAKE 109		
NEWTON FALLS 112		
FRANKLIN 120		
URBANA 121		
CANTON 124		
MEDWAY 148		
POLK 149		

**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF OHIO  
ROLL CALL**

<b>AUXILIARIES</b>		<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
HUNTINGTON 162			
RICHFIELD 176			
TOLEDO 222			
VIENNA 290			
WAPAKONETA 333			
FAIRBORN 444			
HUBER HEIGHTS 464			
MIDDLE POINT 698			
BOWLING GREEN 711			
ELDORADO 726			
UPPER SANDUSKY 777			
COLUMBUS 1312			
NEW PHILADELPHIA 1338			
LOGAN 1776			
BROOKVILLE 1789			
COLUMBUS 1928			
HAYESVILLE 1969			
PERRY 1971			
GALION 1979			
HAMILTON 1983			
LANCASTER 1985			
CINCINNATI 1988			
DEFIANCE 1991			
KENTON 1994			
COLUMBUS 2000			
KETTERING 2003			
CIRCLEVILLE 2256			
METAMORA 7574			

## **AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Mid-Winter Conference 2025 MEETING**

### **AGENDA**

**SATURDAY – February 21,2026**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:** Conferences/Convention Chairperson Dian Sims

**GRAND OPENING AND INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS AND PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS:**  
Conference/Convention Chairperson Dian Sims

**BIBLE OPENING AND ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS:** Sgt.-at-Arms Ethel Phillips

**OPENING PRAYER:** Chaplain Stacy Leggett

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Assembly – led by Sgt.-at-Arms Ethel Phillips

**INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS AND GUESTS:** Department President Joy Brown

**WELCOME:** Department President Joy Brown

**READING OF CONFERENCE RULES:** Parliamentarian PNP Jenny Miracle-Turner

**PREAMBLE:** First Vice President Katrina Phillips

**CODE OF ETHICS:** Second Vice President Marcia Bright

**AIMS AND PURPOSES:** Third Vice President Cecile Ardrey

**DEFINITION OF AMERICANISM:** Americanism Officer Deb Lambert

**PRESIDENT:** I now declare this Mid-Winter Conference of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of Ohio, duly open for the transaction of business. All taking part in discussion and for the purpose of making motions will rise, advance to the floor microphone and address the Chair stating your name and Auxiliary number. Discussion will be limited to TWO MINUTES.

**TIMEKEEPER:** I would like to entertain a Motion to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as timekeeper. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to appointment of timekeeper. Motion carried/defeated.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND AUXILIARIES:** Secretary Lynn McCauley

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:** Secretary Lynn McCauley

**President:** You have read the Condensed Minutes of the 2025 June Convention. Are there any additions and/or corrections? Hearing none, they stand approved as mailed.

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Conference/Convention Chairperson Dian Sims

**REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Joy Brown

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:** Katrina Phillips

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:** Marcia Bright

**THIRD VICE PRESIDENT:** Cecile Ardrey

**TREASURER:** Paula Brown

**AMERICANISM:** Deb Lambert

**HOSPITAL:** Fran Ganda

**CHAPLAIN/SCHOLARSHIP:** Stacy Leggett

**PRO/HISTORIAN:** Debbie Pittock

**SGT.-AT-ARMS:** Ethel Phillips

**TRAINER:** Jenny Miracle-Turner

**VAVS AND OVH REPORTS:**

**CHILLICOTHE:**PDP Danielle Smathers

**CINCINNATI:** Pat Candelaresi

**CLEVELAND:** PDP Fran Ganda

**COLUMBUS:** PDP Susan Weyrick

**DAYTON:** Linda Spicer

**OVH/SANDUSKY:** PNP Cindy Rice

**EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE:** Parliamentarian PDP Jenny Miracle-Turner

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:** PDP Jenny Miracle-Turner

**District Presidents:**

**1<sup>st</sup> District:** Patty Gordon

**9<sup>th</sup> District:** Jan Miller

**BOWLING CHAIR:** Kathy Pero

**SUNDAY – February 22, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT:** Joy Brown

**OPENING PRAYER:** Chaplain Stacy Leggett

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Assembly – led by Sgt.-at-Arms Ethel Phillips

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND AUXILIARIES:** Secretary Lynn McCauley

**INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS AND GUESTS:** President Joy Brown

**REPORTS CONTINUED**

**TREASURER:** Paula Brown

Are there any additions and/or corrections? Hearing none, the report will be filed for audit.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Treasurer Paula Brown

**READING OF BILLS:** Treasurer Paula Brown Motion to pay the bills by \_\_\_\_\_,  
seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. Motion carried/defeated.

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Conference/Convention Chairperson Dian Sims

**LEGISLATIVE LIAISON:**

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** PDP Jenny Miracle-Turner

**SECRETARY:** Lynn McCauley

**NEC WOMAN:** PDP Lynn McCauley

**GAVELIERS:** PDP Katrina Phillips

**JUNIOR ADVISOR:** Denise Speigle

**FINANCE REPORT OF Mid-Winter Conference :** Conference/Convention Chairperson Dian Simms

**CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**RAFFLES/ETC.:**

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Chaplain Stacy Leggett

**RETIREMENT OF COLORS:** Sgt.-at-Arms Ethel Phillips

**PRESIDENT:** I now declare this Meeting adjourned until June Convention June 19-21, 2026 to be held at Marriott Columbus NW. Have a safe trip home and keep our troops and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

**\*\*\*\*AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE\*\*\*\***



<b>CREDENTIAL REPORT #</b>				<b>DATE</b>				
<b>AUXILIARY</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>PDP</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Delegate</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Guest</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Voting</b>
	<b>Officer</b>		<b>Chair</b>		<b>Delegate</b>			<b>Strength</b>
Huntington 162								
Richfield 176								
Toledo 222								
Vienna 290								
Wapakoneta 333								
Fairborn 444								
Huber Heights 464								
Middle Point 698								
Bowling Green 711								
Eldorado 726								
Columbus 1312								
New Philadelphia 1338								
Logan 1776								
Brookville 1789								
Columbus 1928								
Hayesville 1969								
Perry 1971								
Galion 1979								
Hamilton 1983								
Lancaster 1985								
Cincinnati 1988								
Defiance 1991								
Kenton 1994								
Columbus 2000								
Kettering 2003								
Circleville 2256								
Metamora 7574								
<b>TOTALS</b>								
<b>MAJORITY</b>								
<b>2/3 VOTE</b>								
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## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

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### Department of Ohio

Madame President, Officers, members, & Guests

Welcome to Mid-Winter Conference!!!

Hope everyone is staying warm, spring is right around the corner!

A few items to remember:

- Submit your membership at least monthly, do not wait and send a massive amount at one time.
- Our membership runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Any membership received after December 31<sup>st</sup> will be considered a rejoin (RJJ) on the due's remittance form.
- All membership is to be sent to Department; nothing is to be sent to National.

Membership is so important to help us grow and keep helping our veterans. Hold a membership drive, set up at a mall, vendors events, hold a raffle for a year's membership for new incoming members at your Post, get out there and grow your membership. "We can't grow without you."

If you ever need assistance, all you have to do is reach out to us. We are all here to help. If one of us cannot figure it out, all of us will work together to get you and answer.

Yours In Service,  
 Katrina "Kat" Phillips PDP  
 Department of Ohio 1<sup>st</sup> Vice  
[Kitkatkinky3@yahoo.com](mailto:Kitkatkinky3@yahoo.com)  
 419-344-0551

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

February 10, 2026

<b>Auxiliary #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Renewal</b>	<b>New Life</b>	<b>Life</b>	<b>Rejoin</b>	<b>Total</b>
4	CHILLICOTHE	8	54	0	125	1	189
17	SANDUSKY	40	148	4	202	0	396
21	FINDLAY	18	68	0	160	0	246
22	VERMILION	24	100	0	292	0	417
24	DAYTON	6	38	3	122	0	169
25	SPRINGFIELD	1	21	0	29	0	51
26	MANSFIELD	28	154	0	153	6	341
27	BUCYRUS	40	8	0	52	0	102
31	ONTARIO	4	19	0	72	0	95
32	ELYRIA	32	62	1	303	53	452
36	COSHOCTON	10	66	0	34	0	110
39	LAKEVIEW	42	104	0	235	11	393
40	MENTOR	0	0	0	34	0	34
43	BELLVILLE	2	49	0	32	0	83
45	SALEM	0	0	0	95	0	95
47	LORAIN	0	0	0	42	0	42
48	TIFFIN	7	137	0	147	7	298
51	THORNVILLE	55	496	2	199	0	752
54	BRYAN	5	48	0	51	3	107
55	SHEFFIELD LAKE	0	1	0	79	0	80
59	CENTERBURG	0	0	0	14	0	14
61	HILLSBORO	10	31	1	57	10	111
66	COVINGTON	13	65	0	86	0	164
69	FOSTORIA	0	1	0	18	0	19
71	FAIRFIELD	5	41	0	30	0	76
76	ATHENS	5	79	0	21	1	108
84	JACKSON	58	39	1	2	0	100
87	MT GILEAD	12	23	0	29	0	64
88	TROY	8	42	0	73	0	126
89	Columbus	0	15	0	65	0	81
93	ALBANY	6	21	0	29	0	56
95	MT VERNON	8	43	0	154	0	207
96	ASHLAND	1	55	0	62	0	118
99	VANDALIA	6	46	0	89	0	141
102	DELAWARE	18	57	0	35	19	129
104	DELAWARE	0	0	0	10	0	10
109	MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE	7	19	0	30	0	56
112	NEWTON FALLS	12	78	0	25	0	117
120	FRANKLIN	19	31	0	28	0	78

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

February 10, 2026

<b>Auxiliary #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Renewal</b>	<b>New Life</b>	<b>Life</b>	<b>Rejoin</b>	<b>Total</b>
121	URBANA	0	0	0	5	0	5
124	CANTON	0	0	0	13	0	13
148	MEDWAY	12	35	0	72	0	120
149	POLK	3	0	0	29	0	32
162	HUNTINGTON	0	0	0	2	0	2
176	RICHFIELD	6	46	0	32	0	85
222	TOLEDO	0	0	0	31	0	31
290	VIENNA	12	29	0	8	0	49
333	WAPAKONETA	3	47	0	41	3	94
444	FAIRBORN	3	16	1	28	0	49
464	HUBER HEIGHTS	16	59	0	43	0	118
698	MIDDLE POINT	2	37	1	17	0	57
711	BOWLING GREEN	3	25	0	60	0	88
726	ELDORADO	3	22	0	23	0	48
777	UPPER SANDUSKY	0	0	0	48	0	48
1312	COLUMBUS	2	27	0	28	0	57
1776	LOGAN	27	84	0	89	13	214
1789	BROOKVILLE	12	33	0	22	0	69
1928	COLUMBUS	19	91	0	44	6	160
1969	HAYESVILLE	15	0	0	12	27	54
1971	PERRY	42	66	0	28	0	136
1979	GALION	4	63	0	93	0	160
1983	HAMILTON	22	204	0	76	0	302
1985	LANCASTER	0	0	0	68	0	68
1988	CINCINNATI	5	47	1	15	0	68
1991	DEFIANCE	36	114	0	271	10	431
1994	KENTON	17	41	0	68	3	131
2000	COLUMBUS	12	24	0	19	0	55
2003	KETTERING	0	4	0	45	29	78
2256	CIRCLEVILLE	0	0	0	141	0	141
7574	LYONS	0	0	0	1	0	1
9999	MAL	0	0	0	665	0	665
<b>Grand Totals</b>		<b>786</b>	<b>3373</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5452</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>9828</b>



## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

### Department of Ohio

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Madam President, Officers, Members and Guests,

Welcome to Mid-Winter Conference!

The start of the New Year is a good time for New Beginnings, and new experiences. Our children deserve those chances too. I would like to remind you of my theme this year **"Giving our Children a chance at a brighter future"**. My project this year is **Ohio Children's Alliance**. Ohio Children's Alliance is an Ohio based non-profit with over 50 years of dedicated services to help children succeed. They accomplish this by working with children, families and community-based agencies.

Debra Gass is our National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President this year; her theme is **"Your Voice can be Their Shield"**. In her letter Debra has reminded us that Child Welfare also includes protecting them from a wide range of abuse that may be forced upon them. Debra also reminds us, the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary also supports AMVETS AGAINST DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE (AADAA).

As we are planning our functions for the next few months, remember that April is John Tracy Center month. John Tracy Center provides services for children of all ages with various levels of hearing challenges. John Tracy Center is the National Child Welfare Project.

It is our hope this conference will bring new ideas and friendships along the way to continuing to support our veterans.

I will be available to answer any questions that may present themselves. If I do not know the answer, rest assured, I will find it and share it with you. I look forward to working with each of you this year. Feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Yours in Service,

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## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

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### Department of Ohio

Dear Madam President, Officers, Members and Guests:

Welcome to Mid-Winter Conference.

Again I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice this year.

Thank you to all who submitted reports. Upon review there are a few areas for improvement we cannot include Vets or Sons on our reports they can check to see if they can report to their entity. The reporting time is May 1 – Oct 31 and Nov 1 to Apr 30. Please send your annual Community Service Reports in a timely manor to my email, [ciardrey@yahoo.com](mailto:ciardrey@yahoo.com). Please make sure you are following the Community Service guidelines. You can contact me if you have any questions.

A few community service ideas are to volunteer at Special Olympics, Meal delivery, Senior transportation, Senior Citizens Community Centers; host fund raisers or telethons in your community, Blood Banks; crafting for a cause; support local charities by organizing food or clothing drives; set up social engagement activities such as phone check-ins, organizing book clubs or game nights. CPR Training or other Community education.

**Coupons for Our Troops**, manufactures coupons that are expired within the past six months or not expired. Can be used by Military Families to offset living expenses; **Water Bottle Caps**, there are multiple options for recycling the bottle caps; **Limbs for Life**, prosthetic care for individuals who cannot afford it and raising awareness of the challenges facing amputees

If you need additional information on any of these ideas please contact me and I will do my very best to assist you in any way.

My theme is: **Everyone deserves the opportunity to be included.**

**My approved project is: Heart of a Warrior Horse Farm** located at 6545 Beecher Road, Granville, OH (614) 881-2506 [heartofawarriorfarm.com](http://heartofawarriorfarm.com). They are dedicated to improving the confidence and well-being of individuals through the use of horses and other farm animals. With a focus on agricultural education and therapeutic riding lessons, they provide a nurturing environment for individual students of all ages and abilities to discover their potential and thrive. This includes opportunities for our Veterans. Volunteering opportunities are available for those looking to make a difference, while general riding lessons offer the chance to experience the magic of horses for all ages. Visitors can also enjoy a farm tour, getting up close with the furry friends that call Heart of a Warrior Farm home. With their commitment to fostering self-esteem and building healthier mindsets, Heart of a Warrior Farm is a haven of innocence, joy, and renewed self-worth

Respectfully,

Cecile I. Ardrey

Department of Ohio Auxiliary 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice

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**NEC STATISTICAL REPORT FORM**  
**SERVICE OFFICES**

May 1, 2025 - October 31, 2025

#	Reports #	Volunteers	Hours Donated	Miles Traveled	# of Projects	Hrs @ \$30	Miles @ \$65	Refresh	Cash Donation	New	Used	Lodging	Total	Mid-Yr, Y/N	Combo
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	1	5	220	582	18	\$6,600	\$378			\$25.00			\$7,003		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	1	28	426	1972	25	\$12,780	\$1,282	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$800.00	\$11,840.00		\$29,202		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	1	8	48	10	1	\$1,440	\$7				\$480.00		\$1,927		
	1	15	203	1063	5	\$6,090	\$691		\$1,365.00				\$8,146		
	1	52	39	90	2	\$1,170	\$59			\$420.00			\$1,649		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	1	1	9	10	2	\$270	\$7						\$277		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	1	10	122	0	2	\$3,660	\$0	\$50.00					\$3,710		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	1	25	654	1330	51	\$19,620	\$865	\$700.00	\$2,080.00		\$500.00		\$23,765		
	1	NTR				\$0	\$0						\$0		
	1	NTR				\$0	\$0						\$0		
	1	5	10	15	1	\$300	\$10				\$28.00		\$338		
	1	35	329	3853	24	\$9,870	\$2,504	\$514.00	\$110.00		\$3,150.00		\$16,148		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	1	21	527	1445	18	\$15,810	\$939	\$5,113.00	\$1,322.00				\$23,184		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
	NTR					\$0	\$0						\$0		
ALS	12	205	2587	10370	149	\$77,610	\$6,741	\$8,377	\$5,377	\$1,245	\$15,998	\$0	\$115,348		



## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

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### Department of Ohio

Madam President, Department Officers. Delegates and Guests,

Welcome to Mid-Winter Conference. I hope you are all making it through this frigid winter with no problems.

I received 24 reports for the first half of the year. I was impress with the great work that you ladies are doing. Keep up the good work.

It is once again time for the poster/essay contest. Please encourage the kids to get involved. Remember you can go to your area schools, churches, girl/boy scouts, friends and neighbors. This is a great opportunity for them to earn money for their college tuition. This year's theme is: "What Does It Mean To Be An American?" I hope to see many entries when we grade at state level.

I am always her to answer any questions you may have. If I do not know the answer I will do my best to find the answer for you. All my information is listed below, feel free to email, call or text and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours in Service,

Deb Lambert

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## NEC STATISTICAL REPORT FORM SERVICE OFFICES

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Reports #	Volunteers	Hours Donated	Miles Traveled	# of Projects	Hrs @ \$30	Miles @ \$.65	Refresh	Cash Donation	New	Used	Lodging	Total	Mid-Yr, Y/N	Combo
1	4	5	40	2	\$150	\$26	\$222.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$698	Y	
1	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	Y	
1	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	Y	
1	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	Y	
1	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	Y	
1	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	Y	
1	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	Y	
1	17	598	2,711	12	\$17,940	\$1,762	\$750.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,425.00	\$1,420.00	\$0.00	\$27,297	Y	
1	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	Y	
1	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	Y	
1	14	105	30	1	\$3,150	\$20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,170	Y	
1	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	Y	
1	3	3	30	1	\$90	\$20	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$310	Y	
1	1	1	30	1	\$30	\$20	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250	Y	
1	7	26	75	3	\$780	\$49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,249	Y	
1	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	Y	
1	8	29	32	1	\$870	\$21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$948.00	\$137.00	\$0.00	\$1,976	Y	
1	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	Y	
1	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	Y	
1	1	10	10	2	\$300	\$7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$248.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$555	Y	
1	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	Y	
1	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	Y	
1	12	120	510	3	\$3,600	\$332	\$0.00	\$1,768.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,700	Y	
1	2	4	60	1	\$120	\$39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$359	Y	
1	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	Y	
1	3	706	1,903	23	\$21,180	\$1,237	\$148.00	\$308.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,873	Y	
					\$0	\$0						\$0		
					\$0	\$0						\$0		
					\$0	\$0						\$0		
					\$0	\$0						\$0		
					\$0	\$0						\$0		
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					\$0	\$0						\$0		
					\$0	\$0						\$0		
					\$0	\$0						\$0		
24	72	1607	5431	50	\$48,210	\$3,530	\$1,120	\$5,476	\$4,541	\$1,557	\$0	\$64,434		



## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

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### Department of Ohio

**Ladies,**

Welcome to Mid-Winter Conference

Thank you to all who turned in their mid-year service reports.

It was a sad showing I received 30 of 66 Chaplain and only 20 of 66 Scholarship, I did enjoy reading about the projects. I know many of you save reporting your projects for your year-end report, I look forward to reading those.

I did get some reports on old forms some that have been revised at least twice. I tried to email the newest form to all who sent the old one. If you need one, please let me know. I have them with me.

Don't forget to apply for the Scholarship awards by May 1<sup>st</sup>, you can find them online or in the Guidebook pages 125-127.

- PDP Betty Turk Memorial Scholarship Award
- PDP Susan Weyrick Scholarship Award (Auxiliaries with more than 150 members)
- PDP Cindy Rice Scholarship Award (Auxiliaries with less than 150 members)

**Scholarship applications are due May 1<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Department of Ohio Auxiliary (2)**

Application and more information can be found in your Guide Book Pages 133-135

#### **National Auxiliary (4)**

Links, forms and more information can be found online at [amvetsaux.org](http://amvetsaux.org)

Click on Scholarships in the black banner at the top of the page

#### **National Sackette Nursing (1)**

Links, forms and more information can be found at [amvetsaux.org](http://amvetsaux.org)

Click on the Sackettes Drop Down (yellow banner)

I want to remind you all again that I have held this position for four years and I am not allowed to run again, if you are interested, please see me or any other officer. It is not difficult or time consuming. I will help you in any way I can. If you are looking to dip your toes into the Department arena this is a good place to start and learn from.

Yours in service,

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## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

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### Department of Ohio

Ladies of Department of Ohio,

Welcome to the Mid-Winter conference. I am Ethel Phillips your Sgt-At-Arms. I am very thankful for this position and the trust you have put in me. Nominations of Officers will be at this conference. Please have respect for everyone that is nominated and show your support.

Please respect the dress code of no ripped jeans, spaghetti straps or flip flops. Skirts and pants are not to be shorter than 2 fingers above the knee. Pack comfortable clothing.

Cell phones should be turned off or on vibrate. Please keep talking to a minimum because it is hard for other people to hear what is going on if there are a lot of conversations going on.

The newest service report for Sgt-at-Arms is located at [amvetsohioauxiliary.org](http://amvetsohioauxiliary.org) and the latest is dated 6/2019. You will find the form under the "More" tab and then "Forms". End of year reports from May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026 need to be postmarked by May 1, 2026. They can either be emailed to the appropriate officer or mailed. Please do not mail to the Department office.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

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### Department of Ohio

Madam President, Department Officers, Members, and Guests:

Hopefully, your local Auxiliary scrapbook is starting to take some type of form, or, at least, you've started to think about it. Creating an Auxiliary scrapbook is your opportunity to preserve and show off all the hard work done by your Auxiliary. It is a means to not only remember all the projects and programs that you did throughout the past year, but also to provide a guide for ideas for future projects and programs.

You don't need to be a scrapbooker to put together your Auxiliary's book. Just use your amazing imagination. Remember, "life is a collection of memories, capture them before they slip away. Our National Pro/Historian, Paulette Joy, also said it effectively with her theme, "Memories Last Forever." Those memories can be documented with pictures, flyers, Facebook page screen shots, and other mementos.

I also need your help keeping track of President Joy as she travels around the State of Ohio. Please send me any pictures, flyers, news articles, etc., when she visits your Auxiliary, or a District meeting, or any Department function. It is going to take all of us to make a memorable scrapbook for her. I really appreciate your help. You can send me information by text, email, Facebook messenger, or any other means that is available. All my contact information is listed below. Please feel free to contact me with any of your questions. I am always available for you.

Yours in service,

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## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

### Department of Ohio

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#### *Hospital Report - Mid-Winter Conference 2026*

Madam President, Officers, Delegates, and Guests:

Thank you to all Auxiliaries that sent me their Mid-Year Hospital Service Reports. Our organization is based on caring for Veterans and seeing that they receive whatever they need. We have Auxiliaries in Ohio that do programs to benefit our Veterans, make donations and volunteer. Please report this information when you send me your Final Service Report which must be emailed or postmarked by May 1, 2026.

Our VAVS Representatives and Deputies have been busy once again throughout their VA Facilities. Our Representatives have taken items needed by the Veterans in their VA facilities and are having functions such as lunches, dinners, and bingo. If you would like to donate items, please contact your local VAVS Representative and work out a time to meet at the VA for distribution.

The needs of our Veterans are what AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary is all about. We should always strive to ensure that they are well cared for, their needs are met, and that they feel important and needed.

I know I tell you this all the time, but once again here are some items that can be donated to your VA Hospitals or nursing homes. Items which are accepted include —

- 3 in 1 shampoo, conditioner and body wash
- Deodorant
- Razors and shave cream
- Combs and hairbrushes
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- T-shirts and underwear for men (sizes L, XL, 1X and 2X)
- Regular white and diabetic socks for men and women
- Sweatpants and sweatshirts for men (sizes L, XL, 1X and 2X)
- Sweatshirt and sweatpants for females (sizes M, L, XL, 1X and 2X)
- Bras and underwear for females (sizes M, L, XL, 1X and 2X)
- Individually packaged items such as:
  - Chips
  - Cookies
  - Crackers
  - Candy (regular and sugar free)
- Phone cards
- Bus tickets

- Sewing kits
- Body lotions, lip balm, nail files, large nail clippers
- Individual tissue (Kleenex, etc.), Individual hand sanitizers
- Word Searches, crossword puzzles, small pads of paper and pens

When donating items at any VA Facility in Ohio there is a form called a Donation Slip that must be turned in to the Center for Development & Civic Engagement Office (formerly Voluntary Services). You can obtain these Donation Slips from your CDCE Office.

My project is to raise funds for our VAVS Programs. I would ask Auxiliaries to please have fundraisers and donate money to each of our VAVS Representatives and Ohio Veterans Home Representative for their facilities. Department gives each Representative money throughout the year; however, this is not enough. In order for our Representatives to be able to provide for our Veterans to the best of their ability they could use more money. Please consider having a fundraiser for the VAVS Representative in your area. Below is a list of each of our Department VAVS Representatives, their phone numbers, and the facility where they volunteer:

Chalmers P. Wylie VAACC:	PDP Susan Weyrick - 614-208-2037
Chillicothe VAMC :	PDP Danielle Smathers - 740-973-4241
Cincinnati VAMC:	Pat Candelaresi - 513-807-3391
Cleveland VAMC:	PDP Fran Ganda - 216-401-7379
Dayton VAMC:	Linda Spicer - 937-875-6061
Ohio Veterans Home:	PDP Cindy Rice - 440-967-9466

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas please do not hesitate to talk to me this weekend, and if not, you can either call or email me. I have an open-door policy. Communication is the key to success and I want Ohio to have another successful year with our Hospital Program.

Madam President, I wish for you a successful and educational Mid-Winter Conference.

In Service to AMVETS and our Veterans,

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**HOSPITAL OFFICER**  
**NEC STATISTICAL REPORT FORM**  
**1ST REPORT - 5/1/15 TO 10/31/25**

X #	Reports #	Volunteers	Hours Donated	Miles Traveled	# of Projects	Hrs @ \$30	Miles @ \$.65	Refresh	Cash Donation	New	Used	Lodging	Total	Mid-Yr, Y/N	Combo
7	1	NTR				\$0	\$0						\$0	X	
1	1	NTR				\$0	\$0						\$0	X	
2	1	11	267	1,393	14	\$8,010	\$905	\$1,892.00	\$1,000.00	\$431.00			\$12,238	X	
4	1	4	24	109	1	\$720	\$71		\$368.00				\$1,159	X	
5	1	NTR												X	
6	1	NTR													
2	1	9	378	1,416	70	\$11,340	\$920	\$46.00	\$1,300.00				\$13,606	X	
9	1	NTR				\$0	\$0						\$0	X	
1	1	NTR				\$0	\$0						\$0	X	
4	1	NTR				\$0	\$0						\$0	X	
6	1	NTR												X	
1	1	N													
8	1	2	90	60	6	\$2,700	\$39		\$600.00				\$3,339	X	
9	1	NTR				\$0	\$0						\$0	X	
5	1	NTR												X	
9	1	NTR				\$0	\$0						\$0	X	
12	1	NTR				\$0	\$0						\$0	X	
18	1	NTR				\$0	\$0						\$0	X	
76	1	NTR												X	
22	1	NTR												X	
14	1	NTR												X	
34	1	NTR				\$0	\$0						\$0	X	
38	1	NTR												X	
26	1	NTR												X	
89	1	NTR				\$0	\$0						\$0	X	
28	1	7	140	2,640	6	\$4,200	\$1,716						\$5,916	X	
71	1	NTR												X	
88	1	NTR				\$0	\$0						\$0	X	
91	1	NTR				\$0	\$0						\$0	X	
94	1	NTR				\$0	\$0						\$0	X	
ALS	30	33	899	5618	97	\$26,970	\$3,652	\$1,938	\$3,268	\$431	\$0	\$0	\$36,259		



## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

### Department of Ohio

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Madame President, Department Officers, Delegates and Guests,

Hope this finds everyone well and safe from Mother Nature.

In January, our Chief of Voluntary Services retired. Until the position is filled, we have an interim Chief, Thomas Yerian.

The Chillicothe VA will go live with the Electronic Health Record (EHR) on June 06, 2026. With the EHR, Chillicothe VA is hoping to use the enhanced tools to integrate computer systems so Veterans can benefit from a faster, easier system of medical care in the future.

Current donations requested are tennis shoes with or without strings and clothing. For the food pantry, donations of canned items are needed. This includes canned protein, vegetables and fruits.

Upcoming events include Spring Fest (open to the public) scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> 11 am to 2pm. This event includes a car show, live music, resource fair and a 5k run. The Summer Inpatient Carnival will be held June 13, 2026, 11 am to 2 pm and the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Appreciation Day will be held on July 25, 2026.

As always, there are multiple opportunities to volunteer at the Chillicothe VA. Examples include the Veteran Coffee Program, which distributes coffee and snacks, clothing room volunteers, which are needed to assist with distributing clothing, CLC volunteers, which are needed to spend one on one time with the Veterans, and CLC escorts, which are needed for both patient and chaplain services. If you can volunteer, please let us know.

#### Financial Report:

**Beginning Balance: \$1,713.46**

**Deposits: \$1,300.00**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Payable to</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
10/30/2025		Deposit – VAVS Funds from Department	\$1,300.00	\$3,013.46
12/19/2025	122	Check Payable to Danielle Smathers Sams Club- 200 Christmas Goody Bags	\$906.26	\$2,107.20

12/23/2025	123	Check Payable to Danielle Smathers Walmart- 14 Pair Men's Tennis Shoes	\$254.94	\$1,852.26
01/20/2026	124	Check Payable to Danielle Smathers Amazon Valentines Day Cards Walmart- Conversation Hearts	\$332.70	\$1,519.56
01/24/2026	125	Check Payable to Mary Hart Walmart- Coats	\$228.36	\$1,291.20
02/02/2026	126	Check Payable to Danielle Smathers Amazon – Hats and Gloves	\$215.34	\$1,075.86
02/08/2026	127	Check Payable to Danielle Smathers Sams Club- Food Pantry Donation	\$571.82	\$504.04
		<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$504.04</b>	

Yours in Service,  
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## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

### Department of Ohio

Greetings Madam President, Officers, Members and Guests,

Welcome to the Mid-Winter Conference 2026. I hope everyone survived the "white death" and "arctic refrigerator" in one piece. Now it is time for Mid-Winter Conference which means we are getting closer to Spring!

We are still visiting the Cincinnati CLC Unit the first Tuesday evening of each month for Bingo and treats with the residents. If anyone is interested in visiting the Cincinnati CLC residents, please feel free to contact me at 513-807-3391. If I do not answer leave me a message and I will give you the name and phone number of the contact at the CLC and I will help you set up an event.

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
	Balance forwarded			123.34
9/17/25	Check 108 ofc supplies (copies)	51.43		71.91
10/07/25	DC UDF CLC refreshments	15.98		55.93
10/07/25	Sam's Club CLC refreshments	10.98		44.95
10/21/25	Mid-Winter deposit		1300.00	1344.95
11/04/25	DC CLC cookies	10.98		1333.97
11/04/25	DC CLC ice cream	15.98		1317.99
11/24/25	DC CLC postage stamps for Thanksgiving	280.80		1037.19
11/26/25	DC CLC cookies	7.48		1029.71
12/02/25	DC (CLC bingo money (see below)	60.00		969.71
12/02/25	ATM terminal surcharge	3.00		966.71
12/02/25	DC CLC ice cream	16.98		949.73
12/02/25	DC CLC cookies	19.96		929.77
01/06/26	DC CLC bingo money (see below)	60.00		869.77
01/06/26	ATM terminal surcharge	3.00		866.77
01/06/26	DC CLC ice cream	15.98		850.79
01/06/26	DC CLC cookies	7.48		843.31
01/22/26	Replace monies from ck 108 bingo money		111.43	954.74
01/22/26	Replace 1/06/26 bingo money		60.00	1014.74
02/04/26	Replace ATM charges		6.00	1020.74
	Ending balance			

Hope everyone has a safe trip home.

Yours in Service,

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# AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

## Department of Ohio

VA Northeast Ohio Health Care System

VAVS Mid-Winter Report 2026

Madam President, Officers, Members and Guests:

First, I want to thank Elyria Auxiliary #32 for their donation of \$300.00 to me to help out at the VA Northeast Ohio Health Care System. It sure did come in handy and I am so appreciative of their support.

We have been busy at the VA. Here are some of the things we are doing: We have held Pizza Parties and Bakes Potato Bars on the Hospice Unit and Spinal Cord unit.

We continue to do Bingo and Treats on the Spinal Cord Unit every Friday.

I continue to volunteer on the Hospice Unit making cookies and visiting with the Veterans and their families. We also held a Chili & Soup Cook-Off. We made Gingerbread Houses with the Veterans on the Hospice Unit during Christmas.

The following events are scheduled on the Hospice Unit: on February 9 we will have a Pizza Party. April 24 we will have a Baked Potato Bar. May 29 we will have a Nacho Bar. We also have Pizza Parties and Bingo scheduled on the Spinal Cord Unit of the CLC.

Below you will find my financial report:

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>			<b>\$1,021.97</b>	
<b>Deposits:</b>		<b>Funds from Department</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>	
		<b>Funds from Auxiliary #32</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Check No.</b>	<b>Payable to</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
09/29/25	DC	Giant Eagle (2 dozen donuts) (Bingo Treats for Spinal Cord Unit of CLC)	\$19.98	\$1,001.99
10/6/26	DC	Giant Eagle (2 dozen donuts & 4 Gatorades) (Bingo Treats for Spinal Cord Unit of CLC)	\$30.31	\$971.68
10/05/25	DC	BJ's Warehouse (2 boxes of Poise pads & Fixodent) (Female Veterans)	\$117.69	\$853.99
10/5/25	DC	BJ's Warehouse (2 bags of candy) (Hospice Unit)	\$37.98	\$822.01
<b>Date</b>	<b>Check No.</b>	<b>Payable to</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>

10/09/25	DC	<b>Amazon</b> (Crest Toothpaste, Colgate Toothbrushes, ChapStick Lip Balm) (Hospice Unit)	<b>\$60.07</b>	<b>\$761.94</b>
10/08/25	DC	<b>Giant Eagle</b> (9 packs of cookie dough) (Hospice Unit)	<b>\$44.91</b>	<b>\$717.03</b>
10/10/25	DC	<b>Dollar Tree</b> (3 in 1 Body Wash, deodorant, bar soap) (Hospice Unit)	<b>\$41.85</b>	<b>\$675.18</b>
10/09/25	DC	<b>BJ's Warehouse</b> (Deodorant & Schick razors) (Hospice Unit)	<b>\$58.07</b>	<b>\$617.11</b>
10/14/25	DC	<b>Giant Eagle</b> (2 dozen donuts) (Bingo Treats for Spinal Cord Unit of CLC)	<b>\$19.98</b>	<b>\$597.13</b>
10/14/24	5001	<b>Marc's</b> (Pop) (Hospice Unit)	<b>\$14.00</b>	<b>\$583.13</b>
10/21/25		<b>Deposit</b> (Funds from Department)	<b>\$1,300.00</b>	<b>\$1,883.13</b>
10/23/25	DC	<b>Aldi</b> (Chili Mix) (Chili & Soup Cook-Off on Hospice Unit)	<b>\$10.88</b>	<b>\$1,872.25</b>
10/23/25	DC	<b>Save-A-Lot</b> (Ground Meat) (Chili & Soup Cook-Off on Hospice Unit)	<b>\$51.52</b>	<b>\$1,820.73</b>
10/23/25	DC	<b>Marc's</b> (Pop, butter, crackers, tomato sauce, Ketchup kidney beans, onions) (Chili & Soup Cook-Off) on Hospice Unit)	<b>\$51.51</b>	<b>\$1,769.22</b>
10/23/25	DC	<b>BJ's Warehouse</b> (Potato Chips) (Chili & Soup Cook-Off on Hospice Unit)	<b>\$6.38</b>	<b>\$1,762.84</b>
10/23/25	DC	<b>Circle K</b> (Chip Dip) (Chili & Soup Cook-Off on Hospice Unit)	<b>\$10.58</b>	<b>\$1,752.26</b>
10/23/25	DC	<b>Giant Eagle</b> (2 dozen donuts, cookies & Gatorade) (Bingo Treats for Spinal Cord Unit of CLC)	<b>\$44.22</b>	<b>\$1,708.04</b>
11/03/25	DC	<b>Amazon</b> (11 pairs of pajama pants) (Hospice Unit)	<b>\$195.78</b>	<b>\$1,512.26</b>
11/03/25	DC	<b>Giant Eagle</b> (2 dozen donuts) (Bingo Treats for Spinal Cord Unit of CLC)	<b>\$19.98</b>	<b>\$1,492.28</b>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Payable to</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
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11/04/25	DC	<b>Work Smart</b> (24 t-shirts) (Hospice Unit)	\$76.47	\$1,415.81
11/07/25	DC	<b>Giant Eagle</b> (2 dozen donuts & Gatorade) (Bingo Treats for Spinal Cord Unit of CLC)	\$32.89	\$1,382.92
11/11/25	DC	<b>Gordon Food Services</b> (Italian Sausage, chicken, cheeses) (Pizza Party on Hospice Unit)	\$51.47	\$1,331.45
11/12/25	DC	<b>Marc's</b> Pop, pizza sauce, mushrooms, black olives, Napkins, onions, green peppers) (Pizza Party on Hospice Unit)	\$95.05	\$1,236.40
11/13/25	DC	<b>Marc's</b> (Pop) (Hospice Unit)	\$17.96	\$1,218.44
11/13/25	DC	<b>Gordon Food Services</b> (Chips, pepperoni, cheeses, nacho cheese) (Pizza Party on Hospice Unit)	\$76.92	\$1,141.52
11/13/25	DC	<b>Mediterranean Market</b> (Pizza Bread) (Pizza Party on Hospice Unit)	\$27.00	\$1,114.52
11/13/25	DC	<b>BJ's Warehouse</b> (2 packs of brownies) (Pizza Party on Hospice Unit)	\$15.98	\$1,098.54
11/14/25	DC	<b>Giant Eagle</b> (2 dozen donuts) (Bingo Treats on Spinal Cord Unit of CLC)	\$19.98	\$1,078.56
11/18/25	DC	<b>Giant Eagle</b> (Cookie Dough) (Hospice Unit)	\$37.19	\$1,041.37
11/17/25	DC	<b>BJ's Warehouse</b> (Cookie Platter) (Baked Potato Bar on Spinal Cord Unit of CLC)	\$19.99	\$1,021.38
11/18/25	DC	<b>Marc's</b> (Pop, cheese, Cheez Whiz, Salse, mushrooms, Bacon bits, aluminum pans and foil) (Baked Potato Bar on Spinal Cord Unit of CLC)	\$126.08	\$895.30
11/25/25		<b>Deposit</b> (Auxiliary #32)	\$300.00	\$1,195.30
11/28/25	DC	<b>Giant Eagle</b> (2 dozen donuts) (Bingo Treats for Spinal Cord Unit of CLC)	\$19.98	\$1,175.32
12/05/25	DC	<b>Michael's</b> (6 gingerbread houses, extra frosting) (Hospice Unit)	\$63.92	\$1,111.40

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<b>12/23/25</b>	<b>DC</b>	<b>BJ's Warehouse</b> (2 boxes of Poise pads, Polident & Fixodent) (Female Veterans)	<b>\$128.48</b>	<b>\$982.92</b>
<b>01/03/26</b>	<b>DC</b>	<b>Giant Eagle</b> (Cupcakes, muffins, cookies) (Party on Hospice Unit)	<b>\$30.96</b>	<b>\$951.96</b>
<b>01/09/26</b>	<b>DC</b>	<b>Giant Eagle</b> (2 dozen donuts & Gatorade) (Bingo Treats on Spinal Cord Unit of CLC)	<b>\$27.54</b>	<b>\$924.42</b>
<b>01/16/26</b>	<b>DC</b>	<b>Walmart</b> (Laundry Bags & nail clippers) (Hospice Unit)	<b>\$82.52</b>	<b>\$841.90</b>
<b>01/23/26</b>	<b>DC</b>	<b>Amazon</b> (Sleep Pants) (Hospice Unit)	<b>\$141.44</b>	<b>\$700.46</b>
<b>01/26/26</b>	<b>DC</b>	<b>BJ's Warehouse</b> (3 packs of Schick Razors) Hospice Unit)	<b>\$49.77</b>	<b>\$650.69</b>
<b>02/04/26</b>	<b>DC</b>	<b>Amazon</b> (Sweatshirts) (Hospice Unit)	<b>\$69.74</b>	<b>\$580.95</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE OF DEPARTMENT FUNDS AS OF FEBRUARY 4, 2026</b>				<b>\$580.95</b>

I want to thank everyone for allowing me to continue to do what I love. There is nothing more enriching than to help someone in need, and our Hospitalized Veterans need to be taken care of and made to feel important.

In Service to AMVETS and our Veterans,

*Fran Ganda*

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## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

### Department of Ohio

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Madam President, Officers, Members and Guests:

Welcome to Mid-Winter Conference! I hope that you are all staying well, warm, and out of the snow. Since my last report, the Chief of Voluntary Services at the Columbus VA passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. This has left the Columbus VA in a state of flux. We currently do not have a Chief, and several staff members have left or moved on. As a result, I still have not had my annual joint review. I check on the status of this important meeting on a weekly basis and so far, it has just not happened.

I continue to shop for and deliver snacks and drinks to the Voluntary Services Office. I was also able to purchase 9 sweatsuits of assorted sizes for those Vets who come in with tattered and/or soiled clothes. I worked at the annual holiday party put on by the VA and held at the National Veteran's Memorial. I always work in the Secret Santa station and although it is very tiring it makes you feel good in your heart. One of my goals for the next year is to provide teddy bears for Secret Santa.

Most recently I have been assisting with the Valentines for Veterans Dinner Dance hosted by the VA and held at the Villa Milano. Thanks to your generosity I was able to purchase 75 red heart shaped balloons with weights. Then the task became getting them all filled and delivered to the venue. I am writing this before this takes place, so wish me luck!!

My financial information is as follows:

Date	Check	Vendor	Items	Cost	Balance
Balance Forward					\$818.26
10/21/2025		Bank	Deposit Dept	\$1,300.00	\$2,118.26
			6 - 35 Pk Sprite, 5 Case Ginger Ale, 1-35 Pk Diet Sprite, 1 Case PB Soft cookies, 1 Case, Ritz Bits, 5-case Apple Juice, 1 Case Bkfst bars, 1 Case Peanut butter crackers, 1 case variety juices, 1 case, Gatorade 1 case assorted cookies, 1 case chips.		
10/24/2025	DC	Sams	Candy canes for Christmas Part	-\$366.60	\$1,751.66
12/15/2025	DC	Amazon	Interest	-\$219.80	\$1,531.86
		Bank	Holiday Party	\$0.01	\$1,531.87
12/20/2025			9 Sweatsuits		\$1,531.87
12/27/2025	DC	Amazon	Interest	-\$185.68	\$1,346.19
				\$0.03	\$1,346.22

1/27/2026	DC	\$ Tree	Balloons/Weights	-\$179.69	\$1,166.53
2/14/2026	Time		Set up VD Party for Vets		\$1,166.53
Department funds available:					(\$290.14)

I encourage everyone to spend time volunteering at your local VA or nursing home. It is so rewarding and helping our Veterans is the reason this great organization exists.

Yours in Service,

PDP Susan Weyrick  
VAVS Representative



## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

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### Department of Ohio

Madam President, Officers, and Guests:

Hope everyone has had a great holiday season and got through all the snow we have had. I am ready for Spring.

I had my Thanksgiving Dinner at the VA. We had turkey, dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, dressing, and gravy. We also had desserts. We played bingo, gave out lots of gifts. The Sons of AMVETS at Post #24 gave me \$300.00 to buy Domino Pizza gift cards for bingo. AMVETS Post #66 gave me \$200.00 which I used to purchase items for the dinner. We had members from AMVETS, Auxiliaries, and Sons of AMVETS from Posts #24, #444, and #464 who helped either financially or came to help with the dinner. We had a wonderful time. I want to thank all of my helpers that go and help at the VA.

There isn't much going on at the VA. You can only have one party scheduled at a time. Because of this I was not able to have a Christmas Party because of the Thanksgiving Dinner.

My next Quarterly Meeting will be held December 11, 2025.

My financials are as follows:

	Beginning Balance:	\$802.30	
	Deposit	\$1,300.00	\$2,110.30
12/3/25	Walmart (stuffed animals)	\$84.12	\$2,018.18
1/30/26	Kroger's (Domino's Gift Cards)	\$300.00	\$1,718.18
2/5/26	Rural King (Jeans, socks, t-shirts)	\$359.68	\$1,358.50
2/5/26	Walmart (Sweatpants & Hoodies)	\$456.57	\$901.93
2/5/26	Walmart (Gift Cards for Comfort Corner)	\$500.00	\$401.93
	Ending Balance (Including Funds from Auxiliaries)		\$401.93

In Service to Veterans

*Linda*

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## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

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### Department of Ohio

Madam President Joy, PDP's, Department Officers, Members and Guests,

Welcome to Midwinter Conference. I am so happy winter is half over and, on its way, out soon. Hope you all are staying healthy and safe.

Ohio Veterans Home has increased in numbers exponentially. We now have 325 residents and can accept more since the domiciliary has been renovated. We as the Department of Ohio and Auxiliary 95 with a \$500.00 donation provided more wheelchair covers (wool ones for the winter) winter coats in larger sizes, and much needed sweatpants. We had the OVH Christmas party on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December serving 100-115 veterans pulled pork and chicken with baked beans and mac-n-cheese. We provided the door prizes \$1000.00 worth as it was suggested to do that instead of items.

I would like to thank Auxiliary #32 for their donation of \$300.00 to the Christmas money that was put in each resident's bank account again this year. We donated \$250.00 in 300 residents this year. Thank you also to post 22 Auxiliary for their donation of 4-\$25.00 gift cards for door prizes. The other residents came in after the donations were made. Next year we will need even more donations. If you sent the donations directly to the VAC committee, I did not see that list and apologize for not knowing who you are.

I have been playing monthly bingo at OVH along with Post 22 and my deputy. I also participated in Wreaths across America this year, A very humbling experience. They showed us how to properly lay each wreath and it was solemn process. We get monthly calendars and help at functions when available.

Beginning Balance		\$404.56
10/23/25 Deposit		\$1300.00
12/5/25 Interest		\$.02
Balance		\$1704.58
12/8/25 CK# 1119	Cash \$1000 for gift cards for Christmas Party	\$1000.00
1/15/26 CK# 1120	Cindy Rice reimburse for Amazon for sweatpants, wheelchair Covers, winter coats. Cost was 1212.38-500 from Aux 95	\$700.00
1/5/26 Interest		\$.01
Balance		\$4.59

Our next VAC meeting is March 28<sup>th</sup>. We had our last meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup> before the Christmas Party and both my deputies and myself were present.

Thank you, Madam President for this appointment. Have a wonderful, informative and productive conference.

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## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

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### Department of Ohio

Madam President Joy, Department Officers, Delegates and Guests:

Welcome to Mid-Winter Conference! I hope that everyone has been staying safe and warm during this awful weather.

As the Department Parliamentarian, I will do everything in my power to assist you in understanding "The Book" and all that it includes:

- Department of Ohio Standing Rules;
- AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department, District and Local Uniform By-Laws;
- National By-Laws; and
- National Constitution.

All of the Department publications can be found on our website at [www.amvetsohioauxiliary.org](http://www.amvetsohioauxiliary.org) and the National publications can be found on the National website at [www.amvetsaux.org](http://www.amvetsaux.org). Please remember that you are not allowed to "bend" the rules to your benefit; everyone is expected to follow the rules and guidelines.

If your Local Auxiliary is having issues, obviously you should handle those internally. However, if you are unable to get them resolved on your own, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to help you navigate the situation to benefit of all involved.

We are currently at only two (2) auxiliaries that are not in good standing, but we are working hard to get these situations resolved as quickly as possible. Hopefully we can get these situations cleared up and get 100% compliance.

I am always here to help so please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

*"We are not a team because we work together. We are a team because we respect, trust and care for each other."*

Yours in Service,

*Jenny*

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## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

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### Department of Ohio

Madam President Joy, Department Officers, Delegates and Guests,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Mid-Winter Conference. The office has been bombarded with your 2026 membership. Thank you for all the hard work by your membership officers. I was caught up as of last Saturday, January 31, 2026, and now I am being hit again. These renewal of memberships will be counted as rejoins. I understand that your membership was postmarked by January 31. However, I had to have them done and postmarked by that same date to National. The next deadline will be June 30 for me. I will have to send membership to National to ensure that they receive a pre-print for 2027. Please be sure that you check your math. If you use the worksheet, it will be extremely helpful to both of us. Use of less staples will be good for me. Some of them are so stapled, it takes me much longer to unbundle them. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday. Have a great conference.

Respectfully,

Lynn McCauley Executive Secretary  
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**Attention: Please stop sending your Auxiliary registration to the AMVETS. It comes to the Auxiliary.**



January 21, 2026

Madam President, State Officers & Members:

It is hard to believe we are in the midst of winter and the end of the service year is quickly approaching! I hope that everyone has safe travels to and from conference.

Our Department Junior AMVETS President Colton Mills has chosen Operation Second Chance as her project. Operation Second Chance (OSC) are patriotic citizens committed to serving our wounded, injured and ill Veterans. They support Veterans and their families by offering an unparalleled range of services guided by the founding principle that we treat wounded warriors and their loved ones as if they were our own family. OSC believes in aiding our troops and their families on the ground where the greatest need exists and where OSC's support will have the greatest impact. OSC is dedicated to promoting public awareness of the many sacrifices made by our Armed Forces while helping these heroes move on! More information on his project can be found at [www.operationsecondchance.org](http://www.operationsecondchance.org).

For those of you that have children in your post, please consider forming a Junior AMVETS. Each year we lose Juniors to the age limits, not to mention Ohio is losing it's status as the largest department of Junior AMVETS. The attrition is crazy! Membership nationwide keeps dwindling from year to year. In order to *maintain* and *grow*, we need to focus on getting more children involved at the local posts that already have Juniors. However, we also need to charter new Juniors at posts that have many youth volunteers that are eligible to be Juniors. ***Remember, these children will be the future Veterans, Auxiliary and Sons members that will carry-on all the AMVETS organization's goals and purpose in the future.***

The Juniors will be very busy working on a service project for the VA's at this conference. We will be testing our skills with sewing machines this weekend! I am sure they will do fantastic!!! They always put forth their best efforts to show their appreciation to our veterans. Their projects are divided among the VA's and given to the Auxiliary VA reps for distribution. These projects are done with the hopes to bring a smile to our veterans and to give them the feeling that they are not forgotten and appreciated for their service.

An outing will be planned for the Juniors on Saturday afternoon according to the attendance numbers weather and how far we get with our projects. Of course, a pizza party will happen as well.

As a friendly reminder, Juniors will be selling their raffles on Saturday evening in the hospitality rooms and on Sunday morning during the Auxiliary Early Bird.

This concludes my report and I wish you a successful conference.

Yours in service,

Denise Speigle  
Department of Ohio AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary  
Junior AMVETS Coordinator



## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

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### Department of Ohio

Greetings Madam President, Officers and Guest:

Here is an update on the 1<sup>st</sup> District AMVETS Ladies Auxiliaries. They all seem to be staying busy at their Auxiliaries one way or another by doing dinners, raffle baskets, 50/50 raffles, etc. I have attended some of their events throughout the 1st District this year and had a great time at their functions. Also, I went to Athens, Ohio with the Past National President Cindy Rice, PDP Susan Weyrick, Department of Ohio President Joy Brown, Department Americanism Officer Deb Lambert, 1<sup>st</sup> District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Stacey Ross Hicks, and 1<sup>st</sup> District 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Robin York. We went there to watch PNP Cindy Rice present a check to Ohio University for Diabetes Research.

After the ceremony we went to AMVETS Post #76 Athens. We all had a great time with those fine folks. Terrie Baringer was a super host and my sides still hurt from all the laughing we did. Thank you again for the great time. I really do want to go back to Post #76 again.

By the time you read this the 1<sup>st</sup> District Pool Tournament will be over. It was held January 31 and February 1 at AMVETS Post #24 in Dayton. Everyone had a great time and the food proved was appreciated. Also, the 1<sup>st</sup> District Dart Tournament will be March 7 and 8 at AMVETS Post #464 in Huber Heights. I believe they will have a great turnout this year as well.

I have already attended a lot of Auxiliary Meetings in the 1<sup>st</sup> District. I had to reschedule a few for February because they were either not ready or due to bad weather; however, I will finish all of my visits before June. The 1<sup>st</sup> District Ladies Executive Board has been working on the challenge I made to ever Auxiliary in Ohio to raise funds for the Department Hospital Officer's Project which is to raise funds for all of the VAVS Representatives throughout the state. The last time we raised \$7,000.00 with the help of a few Auxiliaries outside of the 1<sup>st</sup> District. I challenged the AMVETS Family in Ohio hoping that we can raise \$14,000.00 together. I honestly believe we can do this with the help of the AMVETS, Auxiliaries, Sons, and Riders. This will help the six VAVS Representative help our Veterans in VA Facilities, on the Hospice Units, and in the CLCs.

Please follow our Facebook page for all events. (1<sup>st</sup> District AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary). If you are not already a member of the Facebook page, just push the Join button and you will be approved. Thank you everyone for everything that you do. It never goes unnoticed and is always appreciated. Everyone, have a safe trip home in your travels. God Bless Our Veterans and God Bless America.

Yours in Service  
 Patty Gordon  
 1st District Ladies President

PS Our next District Meeting is March 15 at AMVETS Post #148 Medway.



## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

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### Department of Ohio

Made with President Joy, Officers, and Members,

I can't believe it's January already and I hope everyone had a Wonderful Christmas with their families and a Happy New Year. Did you all survive the cold bitter weather we had in December without getting sick?

District 9 Auxiliaries held Christmas parties for the kids with Santa making his appearance. And took food boxes, gift cards and cash to Veterans for Christmas.

It's a New Year and time to regroup invite your new members to your meetings and get them involved in your activities they may have some great ideas for your Auxiliary. Invite them to go with you to the District Meetings and Conferences if only for the training session.

District 9 still holds their meetings on the third Sundays at noon in Mar., Apr., May, July, Sept, and Nov. with the first meeting for 26 being held at Amvets 1994 Post on Mar 15<sup>th</sup>.

Yours in Service,

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Huntington 162								
Richfield 176								
Toledo 222								
Vienna 290								
Wapakoneta 333								
Fairborn 444								
Huber Heights 464								
Middle Point 698								
Bowling Green 711								
Eldorado 726								
Columbus 1312								
New Philadelphia 1338								
Logan 1776								
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Columbus 1928								
Hayesville 1969								
Perry 1971								
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Cincinnati 1988								
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*1949-50	Evelyn Flasco (Deceased)
1950-51	Margaret Hakes (Deceased)
1951-52	Helen Pabst (Deceased)
1952-53	Marie Bonham (Deceased)
*1953-54	Kathleen Hengely (Deceased)
*1954-55	Alice Oana (Deceased)
1955-56	Mary Cummings
1956-57	Harriet (Spagnola) Lenart
1957-58	Mary Jane Mamie (Deceased)
1958-59	Shirley Greenfelder (Deceased)
1959-60	Betty Welsh (Deceased)
1960-61	Jane Eggerton (Deceased)
1961-62	Mardy Kimes (Deceased)
*1962-63	Betty Wineland (Deceased)
1963-64	Fredia Bahr (Deceased)
1964-65	Betty Marks (Deceased)
1965-66	Rose Wyatt (Deceased)
1966-67	Dorotha Williams (Deceased)
*1967-68	Lila Bassinger Longworth (Deceased)
1968-69	Catherine Nixon (Deceased)
1969-70	Marilyn Murphy (Deceased)
1970-71	Erma Travis (Deceased)
1971-72	Christine Chandler (Deceased)
1972-73	Laura Magarowski Love (Deceased)
*1973-75	Ruth Singler (Deceased)
1975-77	Alice Scott
1977-78	Lillian Brown (Deceased)
1978-79	Marie Swab (Deceased)
1979-80	Wanda Hatcher (Deceased)
1980-81	Theresa Servitelli (Deceased)
1981-82	Jean Rauch (Deceased)
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