

SUGGESTED PROJECTS BY OFFICE

2ND VICE PRESIDENT - CHILD WELFARE:

- John Tracy Center - National Project - Through donations from members, Auxiliaries and Departments, help sponsor correspondence courses, which are provided by John Tracy Center for hearing impaired pre-school children.
- Sponsor projects in orphanages and/or children's homes.
- Sponsor a child by providing him/her with personal needs.
- Sponsor Scout Troops, baseball/softball, football, soccer teams, etc.
- Assist underprivileged children with:
 - Clothing
 - Dental Care
 - Medical Expenses
 - School Supplies
 - Recreational Equipment
- Sponsor holiday parties for underprivileged or institutionalized children.
- Contact Local or State Juvenile Courts to learn how you can help children in trouble.
- Support or sponsor community youth centers.
- Worchid (pronounced War Kid) - The primary purpose of the Worchid program is to see that the children of deceased veterans are not forgotten and that AMVETS and AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary assumes responsibility for these children.

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3RD VICE PRESIDENT – COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- PAWS With A Cause – National Program – Through donations from members, Auxiliaries and Departments, we help sponsor training of dogs which provides funding to PAWS With A Cause for hearing impaired and mobility impaired handicapped people.
- Attend local council meetings.
- Assist and support community health clinics.
- Cooperate with the local Safety Council.
- Promote Safety Programs such as:
 - Bicycle Safety
 - Pedestrian Safety
 - Driving Safety
 - School Patrols
- Provide assistance for underprivileged families with food, clothing, home furnishings, transportation, fuel, medical care, etc.
- Cooperate with fundraising for United Fund, Easter Seals, March of Dimes, Heart Disease, Cancer Society, Hurricane, Flood and Tornado Relief, and/or Juvenile Diabetes.
- Sponsor clean up campaigns in the community or help local senior citizens.
- Participate in Special Olympics for handicapped people.
- Plan a program at Ronald McDonald House or a local nursing home (*without* 24-hour doctor in service).
- Fisher House – located adjacent to some VA Hospitals, they provide food and lodging to the families of veterans who are hospitalized.

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AMERICANISM OFFICER:

Serve our servicemen and women – Service to our servicemen and women is equally important in peacetime as in war. It has been instituted for the purpose of bringing assistance, help, cheer, etc. to those serving our country. There are many ways to remember those in service to our country:

- Present writing kits and toiletries as they leave for the service.
 - Keep in touch with servicemen/women from your community on holidays, birthdays and/or send them a subscription to a local newspaper.
 - Send food and comfort packages to them overseas.
 - Letters mean a lot to anyone away from home, write to them!
- Founding Forward – Located in Valley Forge, PA, Founding Forward is dedicated to effectively communicate to young people the principles upon which our Nation was founded and the balance of rights and responsibilities of citizens in today's increasing diverse society. Founding Forward was established in 1949 by prominent business leaders to honor patriotism and good citizenship.
- Honor Flight (www.honorflight.org) – Honor Flight's mission statement is "To fly America's Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifices of themselves and their friends." Veterans fly FREE OF CHARGE.
- Citizenship:
- Sponsor "Get out and vote" campaigns; urge Auxiliary members to work at the Polls; Assist with new voter registration
 - Sponsor Citizen Day Programs
 - Participate in community and State patriotic holiday programs
 - Sponsor and participate in patriotic parades
 - Send letter to your Legislatures about issues (whether for or against).
- Positive Americanism:
- Present flags and flag information brochures to schools, institutions and other youth groups:
 - Present flag programs at your local schools
 - Sponsor AMVETS and AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Poster/Essay Contests.
 - Send a 9th Grader to the AMVETS National Youth Leadership Seminar held at Founding Forward in Valley Forge, PA in November.
- People-to-People:
- Anything directly benefiting active military and/or veterans.

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HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN:

The definition of "Hospital" as used in the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Hospital Program is: A hospital is defined as any institution providing health care services to the physically and mentally ill. This includes nursing homes and convalescent homes which are medically staffed.

- AMVETS Because We Care Day – Held the first Wednesday of April in VA Medical Centers between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- AMVETS Matching Funds Program – AMVETS Nation Service Foundation has a program by which AMVETS National Auxiliary can apply for matching funds to help sponsor programs at local VA Medical Centers, State Veterans Homes and VA Contracted Nursing Homes.
- AMVETS Personal Care Kits – These kits can be purchased inexpensively and can be used at carnivals, bingo parties, distributed on Because We Care Day, etc.
- Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week – This salute is a program sponsored by the VA and is held the week in February that contains Valentine's Day.
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital – Opened in 1962 and is the first institution established for the sole purpose of conducting basic and clinical research in catastrophic childhood diseases: mainly cancer.
- James H. Park Scholarship – The VAVS National Advisory Committee handles this Scholarship award which is awarded annually to a youth volunteer who has completed 100 hours of regularly scheduled volunteer service. We support this Scholarship with our donations.
- Adopt a Veteran Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF OHIO SCHOLARSHIPS:

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Ohio Scholarship applications can be found in the Guidebook or on the Department of Ohio AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary website.

➤ Betty & Paul Welsh and AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of Ohio Scholarship

- This scholarship has been established to recognize and reward academic achievement and potential of students, to stimulate recruitment of candidates for careers in our society today; and to reflect the interests and involvement of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and its membership. An application is required.
- This scholarship is awarded to the son/daughter or grandchild of a member of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary.
- The applicant must be in at least his/her second year of undergraduate study at any accredited college or university.
- An application is required.

➤ Department of Ohio Ladies Auxiliary Career Start Scholarship

- This scholarship has been established solely to recognize our members who non-traditional students, re-entering the work force, starting a new career, or changing career fields later in life. It does not include Master's Degree education.
- Each Scholarship recipient is awarded \$750.00.
- An application is required.

Department of Ohio Scholarship Applicants can receive one (1) Scholarship per year.

The deadline for applications is May 1st.

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NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

Donations to AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Fund are sent to National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Headquarters. National has donation cards which you should use to make donations in the name of a deceased person or to remember them on other occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

➤ AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary National Scholarship

- Two (2) scholarships for \$1,000 each and three (3) to five (5) scholarships for \$750 are available to members and their children annually.
- Applicants must be in at least their second year of undergraduate study at an accredited college or university.

➤ AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary National Career Start Scholarship

- One (1) to three (3) \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Members of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary who are re-entering the work force and need new and different skills or need to update their skills should apply.
- Applicants must have completed at least one (1) semester/quarter of study at an accredited technical college, business college, college or university.

➤ AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary National College Support Scholarship

- A possible total of two (2) scholarships of \$500 each may be awarded.
- Applicants must be a son, daughter or grandchild of a member of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and must be a graduating high school senior who has been accepted to an accredited college or university.

National scholarship applications can be obtained from AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary Headquarters or on the National website: www.amvetsaux.org. The applications must be sent to the National Scholarship Officer and postmarked no later than June 1st.

Scholarship winners will be announced at the National Convention.

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Scholarship Chairpersons are urged to support the Scholarship programs by National, Departments and their Local Auxiliaries with their contributions and by encouraging students to apply for the available scholarships. If your Local Auxiliary does not have a Scholarship Program, you are encouraged to establish one.

Miscellaneous Scholarship Notes:

- Explain to the membership what scholarships are available
- Include in your scholarship presentation that our scholarships are available from AMVETS and AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Department and National
- Send copies of the scholarship applications to the guidance or financial officer at high schools and colleges in your area
- Local members may be considering going back to the work force; tell them about the Career Start Scholarship
- Have a special Scholarship Cake at your birthday dinner; each member will make a donation to the Scholarship Fund for a piece of cake
- February is Scholarship month.

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FUTURE AND THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY.***