

AMVETS Department of Washington LADIES AUXILIARY

Greetings Madame President, National Officers, Past National Presidents, NEC Women, Department Presidents, and Auxiliary Members across the country:

It has been a year and a half since the Endemic soft re-opening of our state. One Auxiliary's Post home was damaged during "the Closure" and is now inaccessible by road. The American Lake VA is still closed to "Non-Essential" volunteers. The WA Soldiers' Home — Orting just opened for limited Bingo dates. And three (3) local Auxiliaries re-structured, re-organized, and re-validated in September / October.

Like the pioneer women of old, our Washington AMVETS Ladies have persevered. They've forged through the new protocols, overcome setbacks, and are adapting to this new Post-Pandemic world.

Two (2) of our six (6) Auxiliaries continue to support their AMVETS Post with morale-boosting activities, food drives, hot meals, community projects, and fundraisers to "keep the lights on." One (1) Auxiliary (Olympia) provides volunteer "door dashers," weekly, to pick up and deliver medications and groceries to house-bound Veterans. One (1) Auxiliary (Prosser) continues to raise funds to support our National Auxiliary's Projects. One (1) Auxiliary (Spokane) has the "Essential" VA-volunteers to provide onsite aid and support services, including: converting paper to electronic files, traffic control at the Veterans Food Bank, and assisting with facility-wide blood drives. Most WA Auxiliaries have joined forces with other Non-profits to provide clothing, comfort, food, gifts, goods, and supplies for Veterans, their Families and Community.

AMERICANISM:	2 Projects	3 Volunteers	6 Hours	Total Evaluation @ \$ 360
CHILD WELFARE:	6 Projects	4 Volunteers	17 Hours	Total Evaluation @ \$ 633
COMMUNITY:	123 Projects	21 Volunteers	334 Hours	Total Evaluation @ \$11,767
HOSPITAL:	7 Projects	4 Volunteers	81 Hours	Total Evaluation @ \$ 2,193
SCHOLARSHIP:	6 Projects	1 Volunteer	14 Hours	Total Evaluation @ \$ 973

With the Season of Giving and the New Year upon us, we look forward to reporting the new service projects, programs, and activities our WA Ladies support.

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