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## SECRETARY NOTES

**Jo Lynn Altvatter**

We were sorry to report that Tammy Napier resigned as Department Secretary.

Due to her resignation I volunteered to serve as Department Secretary for the remainder of the year. I will do my best, please be patient.

One thing I noticed when sending out the EBLAST on Tammy's resignation is that we have numerous incorrect email addresses. 2023-2024 Rosters

were given to the District Presidents at the August Council Meeting. Please check all your information and let me know so I can publish Roster Changes, thank you.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Despite the **blistering** heat, we large a rather large delegation in Phoenix to attend the annual National Convention of the VFW Auxiliary.

The festivities began with the annual Circle of Excellence Ceremony honoring many Department Presidents for their leadership during the 2022-2023 year. Illinois cheered and celebrated when Junior Past Department President Marvie Wisniewski was announced. We were so proud of her.



Congratulations Marvie and all the Department of Illinois Chairmen who won awards. We are proud of you!

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Americanism – Award #1 Conference to Auxiliary #7190, Jackson County in Murphysboro

Buddy Poppy/National Home – Group 9 Award #2 to Sarah Higginbotham

Historian – Group 9 Award #3 to Denita Ricci

Hospital – Group 3 Award #3 posthumously to Marilyn Crawford as the Conference Outstanding Hospital Volunteer

Legislative – Group 9 Award #3 to Lois Moore

Membership – Award #2 for Members with Karen Schere recognized for her recruiting

Group 9 Award #3 to second time winner Danielle Krull

Buddy Poppy Contest – Second Place, Category 2 went to Deb (Kirby) Poczatko of Hometown Murray VFW Auxiliary #9773

And congratulations to Ashlynn Campbell who was sponsored by Auxiliary #7190 on winning 3<sup>rd</sup> Place at the National Convention in the Get Excited for the Red White & Blue singing contest in the K-8 age group! Ashlynn will receive a \$200.00 gift card.

Thank you for the outstanding job you all did last year.

And **CONGRATULATIONS** go out to the Department of Illinois VFW for all the awards and recognition they received at the Convention.

## WEBSITE ADVICE

At times there are problems with the Illinois Website and Online Reporting. If you have trouble, please contact Colette Bishop as she is our Webmaster. Her mail is [daveandcolette@gmail.com](mailto:daveandcolette@gmail.com). She has some tricks that may help you get through your problems or she may be able to fix them for us. She recommends using Google Chrome browser to access our site and to use the menu options not saved links. Also, Department Chairmen when she asks you to check something, please reply and let her know you have checked it or answer the question she asked. This will give her feedback on what is happening. She can't fix something if she doesn't know it is broken.

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORTING: If you had any problems early in the 2023-2024 reporting year, please enter them again or check with the Graves Registration Chairman Danielle Krull ([danielle.krull@hotmail.com](mailto:danielle.krull@hotmail.com)) to make sure she received them. There was a problem on the website that we were not aware of that has been fixed.