



President's Perspective.

Fall 2024

Hello Auxiliary members and perspective members. If you attended the 2024 National Convention in Pittsburgh, I hope you had a great time. For those who weren't able to attend, we missed you.

The hospitality room was manned mostly by Auxiliary members, where we had some great snacks, water, and sodas. Beer was a bit harder to get but the Seabees found an ABC store and got a good variety. Tables in the room displayed the auction items and items for sale by vendors. Thanks to all who donated the auction items.

The meeting on Friday was very productive. A new member joined us and learned a lot about the auxiliary business. All resolutions passed thanks to those who sent in their votes and those present at the meeting. A box lunch was given to all Auxiliary members in attendance after the meeting.

This year the Member at Large who traveled the furthest was Patricia Montuori of Boca Raton, FL. The Island Auxiliary that had the greatest percentage increase in membership was Island X-11 Tampa, FL. The Island Auxiliary that had the most members in attendance was Island X-23 Crystal River, FL.

The Memorial Service practices resulted in a VERY beautiful remembrance service. Thanks to all who volunteered to read the 155+ names of deceased NSVA and Auxiliary members, place flowers, and perform other parts of the service.

The trip to the Veteran's Hall and Museum was attended and enjoyed by many.

The Banquet on Saturday night included a great guest speaker, Pittsburg X-3 Seabee, Judge Mike McCarthy. The POW/MIA Table and the Military Children's Table presentations were very moving. After the youngest and oldest Seabees were found and presented with flags, they cut the cake. Then we got to find the winners of the various drawings. Finally, we got to eat cake!

Next year we will meet in Orlando, FL and hope to see many of you there. Further information will be coming.

If you are not yet a member, check [NSVA.ORG](https://www.nsva.org) under the SVA Auxiliary tab for an application. If you do not live near an auxiliary, you can become a Member at Large (MAL) with voting privileges at the next National Convention, where it will be time for Auxiliary Officer elections. Think about becoming an officer.

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