

## The Women's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association The 1940's

- 1940-41: Due to war conditions, meetings were small. States were involved in "war activities" with emphasis on home defense. Mrs. Samuel Clark Red, first president, became first honorary member (approved in 1941). States were allowed to elect delegates and alternates to Annual Convention. The annual convention was held in Cleveland, Ohio.
- 1942: Auxiliary has a central office in Chicago and hires an executive secretary (Margaret N. Wolfe). Even though gas and tires are rationed, Convention registration is 1,326; president-elect nominated and elected from house floor, Mrs. Eben J. Carey of Wisconsin, instead of candidate offered by Nominating Committee. Annual Convention held in Atlantic City, New Jersey.
- 1943: The following "Pledge of Loyalty" was written by Mrs. James P. Simonds of Chicago and was adopted at the annual convention in June 1943 in Chicago, Illinois, which was a meeting of the House of Delegates only:

*"I pledge my loyalty and devotion to the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association. I will support its activities, protect its reputation and ever sustain its high ideals."*

The members repeat the "Pledge of Loyalty" at the opening of the annual convention and the conference. It is used also at many of the meetings of the state and county auxiliaries.

- 1945: The 23rd annual meeting in 1945 was canceled in compliance with the travel restrictions of the Office of Defense Transportation. In her "President's Page" in the Bulletin, Vol. 6, No.4, Mrs. Thomas stated: "The constitution and bylaws does not make any provision for an election of officers by mail or at a meeting of the board of directors. Therefore, all national officers, both elective and appointive, will be retained until further notice."
- 1946: Auxiliary Board of Directors has first joint meeting with AMA Board of Trustees; physical fitness is a target program. Annual Convention held in San Francisco, California.
- 1947: The central office of the Auxiliary moved to the AMA building. In her message in May, President, Mrs. Hamer stated, with regard to this move: "There can be no question about the significance of this action by the AMA. It is a definite indication that the Woman's Auxiliary has proved its value as an ally to the medical profession."
- 1949: Emphasis is on AMA's 12-point program for the advancement of medicine and public health; President, Mrs. David B. Alman of New Jersey, offers to visit states to help with programs. Dr. Ernest B. Howard is appointed "a liaison between the auxiliary and the AMA to better correlate and coordinate our work."



# Past National Presidents The 1940's



1940-41  
Mrs. V. Eugene  
Holcombe



1941-42  
Mrs. Roscoe E.  
Mosiman



1942-43  
Mrs. Frank N.  
Haggard



1943-44  
Mrs. Eben J.  
Carey



1944-46  
Mrs. David W.  
Thomas



1946-47  
Mrs. Roy N. Gesme  
(Mrs. Jesse D. Hammer)



1947-48  
Mrs. Eustace A.  
Allen

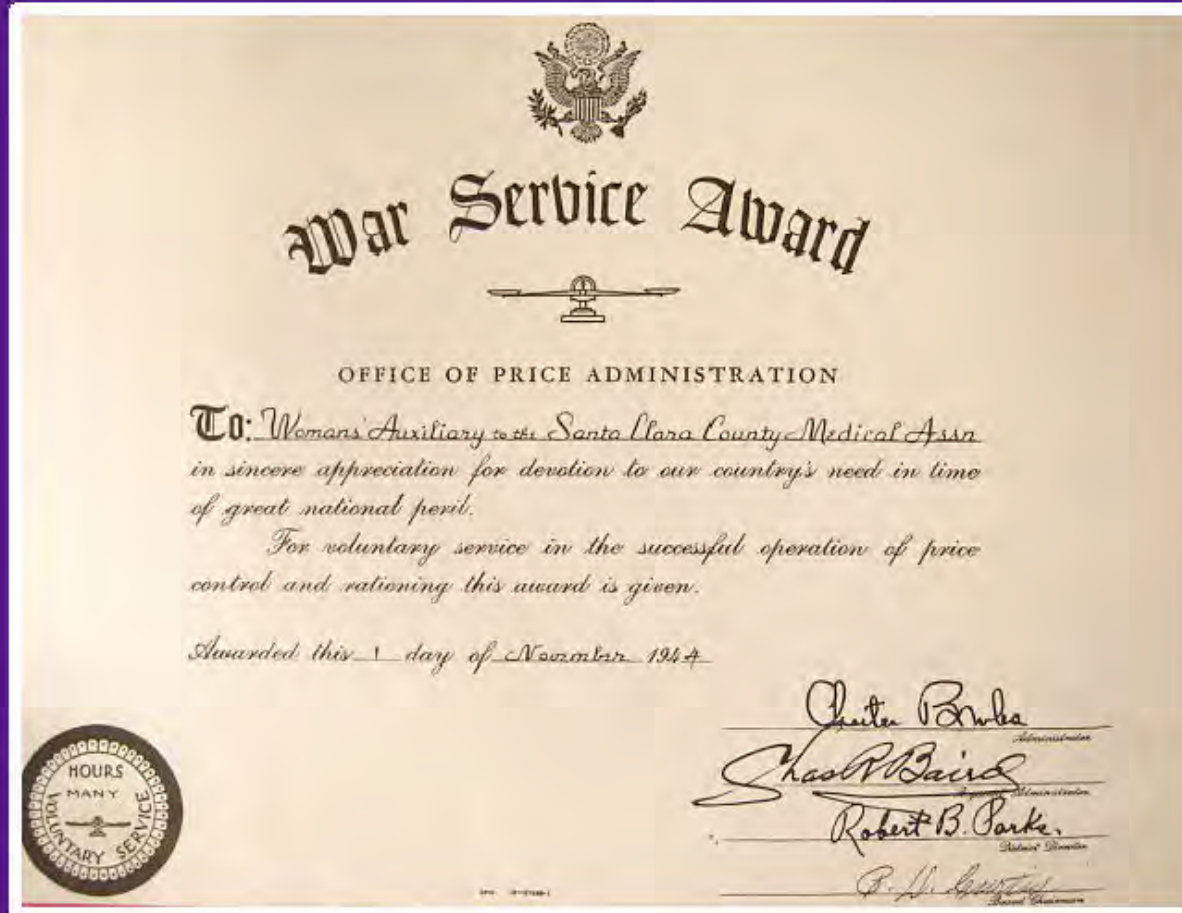


1948-49  
Mrs. Luther H.  
Kise



1949-50  
Mrs. David B.  
Alman

# The 1940's



War Service Award In Appreciation for  
Devotion to Our Country's Need in Time of Great National Peril

# WAAMA Annual Dinner

Atlantic City, New Jersey

June 12, 1947

