



# AMVETS VANGUARD

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

To our AMVETS Family:

Last year was a great year for the Post. Our membership increased dramatically. At the same time, the Post enjoyed numerous events and functions that made it exciting to be a member.

Last year also saw our AMVETS Family perform numerous good deeds for our veterans, family members, and community. I am proud to announce that we donated approximately \$10,000 to the causes previously listed. AS I HAVE BEEN REMINDED BY OUR MEMBERS, **THAT IS OUR JOB AND IT IS WHAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO DO.**

The nearly 20 volunteers who showed up to start planning for the Post bus were amazing. I haven't seen so many people want to help since the Blissfield Beer Tent. Committees have been formed to start planning the interior seating and what the exterior lettering will look like.

2010 should be even better. The Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders are all very active and appear to be on track to surpass 2009.

- NAME THAT TUNE party will be held February 13.
- We have Karaoke with Jim Fisher scheduled for the Saturdays February 27 and March 27.
- The annual Tigers game bus trip will be Sunday, August 22, at 1:05p.m. against the Cleveland Indians.
- Keep tuned in for the AMVETS bus trips to Oakshade Raceway to watch Bill Brown drive the AMVETS car to victory. Numerous trips are to be expected.
- A casino trip is on the agenda - further details will be announced.
- There is also talk of a Toledo Mud Hens trip.

On February 25 from 1:00-3:00p.m., AMVETS, along with the DAV and other countywide organizations, will be hosting with WLEN an informational meeting, at our Post, designed to make veterans and their family members aware of the resources available to local veterans.

We will also introduce "Uniting Veterans & Supporting Families", a meeting run by veterans for veterans and their families to share information and hope.

If you know someone who needs information or somebody to talk to, ask them to call 211 and mention "Uniting Veterans & Supporting Families".

Finally, **the Mission of our Post is to help Veterans.** Auxiliary President Pat Miller and I took a trip to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. They are in desperate need of volunteers to spend time with their patients. This can be as simple as taking time to just sit and listen all the way up to helping to run BINGO on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. It is very easy to become a volunteer, and I can guarantee you all will be asked to help at one time or another during the year. This is what veterans' organizations such as AMVETS are suppose to do.

This newsletter cannot begin to cover all the events that take place and pop up during the month. The only way to do that is to be at the Post every day or sign up for the e-mail blast. It only takes a minute or three to do, then you won't miss a thing.

God bless our military, their families, our veterans, and our members.

Rob Hosken, Commander

## LADIES AUXILIARY

The Commander and I took a trip to the VA Hospital, and we are now official volunteers, which they desperately need. It is very easy to become a volunteer, and I urge you to consider it. Helping veterans is why we are here. I would be glad to accompany anyone who is interested. Contact me at 423-7957.

A little birdie (*Eloise*) went to visit *Pat Gilbert* and brought to my attention that her room could use a little brightening up. Some of our Auxiliary went to see her on Wednesday, January 27, to do just that! It was amazing to see how something as little as adding some festive Valentine decorations brought so much joy to her room and her mood! I urge you to take five minutes or an hour and stop by the Provincial House, Room D12, to add a little hint of sunshine to her day.

Remember that nominations for new 2010 officers will be held February 27 at 7:00p.m.

Pat Miller, Auxiliary President

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## COUPON DRAWING

Every week a name is drawn from the membership database to receive a \$5 coupon to use at the Post. This coupon is a thank you for your membership and commitment to AMVETS Post 1957.

January Winners:

*Phil Morse, Michael Baughey, Sonya Green,  
and Dallas Thiel*

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## THINGS TO REMEMBER

~Friday Night Pool Tournaments @ 7:00~

~Sunday Poker @ 4:00~

~Super Bowl Party on the 7th @ 5:00~

~Name that Tune on the 13th @ 7:30~

~Nascar Party on the 14th @ 1:00~

~Karaoke on the 27th @ 7:30~

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*Happy February Birthdays  
& Anniversaries to All!!*

## SONS OF AMVETS

Welcome to February, the dearest and most importantly, the shortest month of the year.

It appears that our New Year's Eve party was a success. I have heard nothing but good things. I guess we will plan another one.

We started the year off by participating in a bowling tournament for the Lookout baseball team we help sponsor. A big thanks to Bill Brown for co-sponsoring our team. We also sponsored a lane. I hear the team took a fourth, just out of the money.

I want to welcome our new members and mention that we meet the fourth Monday of the month at 6p.m. We will be planning the upcoming events.

Don't forget the Name That Tune party on February 13 at 7:30p.m. Let's support the Post and have a good time doing it.

“Genius is nothing but a greater aptitude for patience”  
B. Franklin

## AMVETS RIDERS

Over the last few months I have thought to myself, do I belong at the AMVETS?

My question for you. Do you feel like you belong at the AMVETS? Are you really a part of our greater family? I ask these questions not to question your membership, but to solidify your reasons for being a member of our post.

Over the last four years I have seen a great amount of change at our post. We have grown from 250 members to over 500 members.

Obviously we are doing a large amount of things correctly, however we continue to fail as a whole on a few. I really believe that we have an amazing post and that we have our members and leadership to thank for our success. I want to focus on one aspect of our group today, communication.

As a whole, we take a sense of pride and ownership in our post. Everytime I walk into our post I look around at the collection of friends that I have made and feel as if I just walked into an episode of *Cheers*. Everyone knows my name, and I feel as if I belong. That is an amazing feeling to experience. I hope you feel the same when you walk through the door. We have an amazingly diverse group of members that bring many different points of view and ideas to our post. I believe that we care so much about our post that we lose sight of the greater picture. Many times I have taken ideas and criticism poorly and I am not proud of that. I am sure that at sometime all of our members have also done the same. The question is, how do we continue to grow and discuss ideas that we think will better our post without hurting each other's feelings?

I think that if we realize our post is an ever changing group of people, we will begin to know how to communicate effectively. Our collective feeling of ownership for our post can divide us or bond us. I truly believe that communication and realization that we all want what is best for the post will get us past any problem that we face.

The next time that you walk through our door look around you and say hello to your family. Be proud that you are a member of a great Veterans club and do everything you can to remember why you decided to renew your membership. If we all remember why we are here, we can make sure we will want to continue to call the AMVETS our home for a long time to come.

Josh Feltman, Riders President

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We currently have 443 members paid for 2010. AMVETS would like to welcome the new additions to our family:

### AMVETS-

Gerald Marine, Edwin Claudia, Burke Castleberry, Pamela Fetters, Mike Sexton, John Spray, John Beatty, Kevin Driskell, Joe Ely, Will Hunt, Dale Lee, David Nowland, Norman Redlin, Raymond Engel, and Tom Valentine.

### SONS-

Mike Bussing, Jim Cole, Leon Anderson, Timothy Barnett, Curt Crabtree, Todd Barnett, Raphael Burciaga, Jesse Beatty, Royce Brazee, Michael Guzman, Larry Patton, Kyle Rychener, Dallas Thiel, Mike Kortas Jr., Larry Whelan, Richard Garno, Tracy Todd, Jake Shaffer, Jes Petty, Kevin Gaydosh, Marc Simpkins, Troy Ehinger, Timothy Sauter, Robert Duke, James Goodfriend, Brian O'Connor, Tyler Phenicie, and Edward Gilbert.

### AUXILIARY-

Michelle Patterson, Vicki Webb, Nancy Smith, Ruth Cole, Kathy Coscarelli, Richelle Petty, Cathy Goodfriend, Rhonda Hosler, Peggy Creech, Carol Deneffisher, Cindy Rodriguez, Paula Dietz, LouAnn Engel, and Kathy Feltman.

Thanks again for your membership to the fastest growing veterans organization, AMVETS.

Aaron Ricketts, 1st Vice Commander  
Membership Chair