



AMVETS NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM THE COMMANDER

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season so far and that you are planning to attend the Son's New Years Eve party as the Post.

Many great events took place over this past month:

- The Sons, along with the Eagles Club, had a chili cook-off, and the winner's trophy is displayed proudly at our Post.
- The Children's Christmas Party, hosted by the Auxiliary, was magnificent, and Santa thrilled the children.
- The AMVETS and the Sons hosted a total of 5 teams that participated in the Rock for Tots bowling fund raiser for the Associated Charities children's toy program. The event in total raised over \$3,000 plus a truckload of toys. We rock!

On the 19th everybody was busy:

- The Auxiliary with the Riders distributed many veterans' food baskets
- The Color Guard participated in the 5th annual Adrian Meijer/Adrian Police Shop With A Hero Program. We accompanied children who were given money cards to shop throughout the store for Christmas gifts. One child used the \$50 card to buy groceries for the family. It really touched our hearts.
- The White Elephant Christmas Party was a blast. Larry Meredith kept us dancing all night long. The gift exchange was a riot to participate in or watch.

This coming year should be another good year for our Post. To keep up with everything going on, I strongly suggest signing up for the e-mail newsblasts and/or visit our website weekly between the newsletters. Many times we have events that come up on the spur of the moment.

It has been an honor to be your Commander, and I look forward to helping the Post be prosperous and grow in 2010.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, and never forget our military people serving this great country.

Rob Hosken

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Thanks to everyone for the food and monetary donations for the veterans' Christmas baskets. It was outstanding and heartwarming to all of us who put together the baskets and saw the families on Saturday morning.

Please note that as Jan 11 is a joint meeting at 7:00 p.m., there will not be an Auxiliary meeting on January 18.

February 15 is the next Auxiliary meeting and a very important one. Nominations for new officers of the 2010-11 year will take place. Please try to attend this meeting for there are several openings this year. See you there!

We all hope 2010 is a better year for our troops wherever they are stationed in the world.

Pat Miller
Auxiliary President

SPECIAL DAYS OF RECOGNITION IN JANUARY

January 17, 1991
Operation Desert Storm began

January 27, 1973
Signing of the Vietnam Peace Accord

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SONS OF AMVETS

I would like to wish all of the Sons a very Happy New Year.

Looking back, 2009 was a very good year for our Squadron. I would like to thank all of the officers and members for their interest and hard work. We started the year with a Social to get everyone together to enjoy a beer and pizza and to get an idea of what we are all about.

Our first moneymaking event was a gas grill give away. As the year went by we sponsored Billy Brown's racecar, a youth hardball team, a trip to Oakshade Raceway, the Post Pool team's jackets and a bowling team in the Associated Charities "Rock for Tot's"

We made a contribution to the family of a deceased life member, a contribution to the Associated Charity's "A Knight at the Round Table", one for the rebuilding of the Vietnam Memorial in monument park, and one to the Rider's Christmas basket program.

And don't forget our second annual "Not quite the end of summer" golf scramble in October. We finished the year with a cash lottery; and of course the first annual (?) New Years Eve Party.

Did I mention that we got an award for the largest increase in membership in the state? We are now the second largest squadron.

Thank You

"We should be too big to take offense and too noble to give it"

Abraham Lincoln

THINGS TO REMEMBER

~Friday Night Pool Tournaments @ 7:00~

~Sunday Poker @ 4:00~

~January 9th~Booze Cruise~

~January 11th~Joint Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

EVERYONE is WELCOME!!~

January 23rd~Karaoke @ 7:30~

AMVETS RIDERS

I hope that everyone's holidays went well and that everyone could enjoy some time with their families and friends.

Thank you to all of the members who supported the motorcycles at the bar. Because of you we were able to raise over \$125 for the Christmas baskets.

The Riders would also like to thank the Sons for their generous donation towards canned and other non-perishable goods.

Also, a big thank you to the AMVETS for sponsoring a year's membership for those veterans receiving a basket from our post this year.

I am now the chairperson of the bus committee. For anyone who is interested in donating ideas or time to the bus, please contact me at (517) 605-5225.

The spring SEC meeting will be held on February 27, 2010, in Auburn Hills. If you are interested in attending, please see me and I will get you the details.

For those of you who don't know, Pat Gilbert has moved to Provincial House. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she continues her recovery.

I'm looking forward to the Booze Cruise on January 9. There are still a few seats available, so hurry up and sign up at the bar.

It's \$30 per person and a guaranteed good time.

Please keep our troops in your prayers,

Josh Feltman

***Happy January Birthdays
& Anniversaries to all!!!***

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

2010 is here and you must possess a 2010 membership card, receipt for payment of 2010 dues or be a Life Member, to be served. (Spouses of members are exempt from paying dues however, we encourage all spouses to join - and most are members)!

Our bartenders will be asking everyone for their cards so please be proud and show your card!

Thank you to all life members and those that have paid for 2010. You can pay your dues at the Post or mail in your check. Let me know if you have any problems, lost your receipt or have not received your card. Life members; if you would like a new life membership card, the cost is \$2. You can mail in your request or have the bartender make your request on a receipt of your \$2. Call the Post if you have questions. Gina is there to help. Thanks, Gina!

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

Aaron Ricketts
1st Vice Commander
Membership Chair

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.

December Winners:

*William Hoffman, Teresa Brazee, Timothy Cook,
Roger Rakes, and Robin Gerhart*

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