



AMVETS VANGUARD RANDY P. HILL POST 1957

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Dear AMVETS Family Members,

It seems like June just started, but now it is over. Some of June's Post events are listed below:

- The Sons sponsored Eric Einhorn's band.
- The 40 & 8 installed the new Post officers in a ceremony held on June 14. Thank you to the Auxiliary for a wonderful dinner.
- The Gleaner's Flag Day Celebration included our Color Guard and members from the Riders in one of the more memorable events held, which included a WWII-era B-17 flyover.
- Texas Hold'em (only two more to go for this year).
- The Bus Party Picnic was a great success (thanks Josh). Many members showed up knocking out a big chunk of work, preparing it to be painted, and helping to run the new sound system inside.
- The Flag Retirement Ceremony was a beautiful and solemn event that had a good crowd in attendance. I would like to make it a "must attend" next year; it makes me proud to be an American just watching the ceremony.
- The Bill Brown Racecar, that both the Sons and AMVETS sponsor, is winning and in the points race. Keep up the good work!
- The AMVETS State Convention was held June 24-27.

Upcoming Events

- July 4 parade sponsored by the Post
- The Fourth of July AMVETS Riders events that will be held at the fairgrounds
- The Blissfield River Raisin Festival Beer Tent (July 9 & 10) will again be our big fundraiser for the summer. We will need workers (it's a great time) and Post members to come out and enjoy the events both nights.
- The Post Rummage Sale scheduled for July 17-18 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- The Vietnam Memorial rededication at Monument Park, July 17 at 11:00 a.m.
- The Lenawee County Fair starts July 25 with Veterans' Day held on Wednesday, July 28

I would like to personally thank Perry Miller for being our guest speaker at the Memorial Day Service held at Monument Park on May 31. It is hard to guess the number of people who came up to me after the ceremony to say what a great speech he delivered. Perry's words made us all understand why our servicemen and women deserve our respect for the daily decisions that they have to make protecting our country. **THANK YOU PERRY!**

Pray for our current service people and all our veterans.
GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

Rob Hosken
Post Commander

LADIES AUXILIARY

Hello again everyone,

I hope everyone has been enjoying the wonderful warm weather we have been having lately. Along that hot weather note, I want to start by saying thank you to everyone who participated in the Memorial Day Parade. It was amazing to see all of the different AMVETS groups out there walking (or riding!) in the parade.

Several ladies attended the Department Convention in June. We all learned a lot and had a good time doing it.

Please come join our meetings held on the third Monday of the month. We can always use some additional support!

Stay safe this summer,

Liz Feltman
Auxiliary President

SONS OF AMVETS

Welcome to July...the first full month of summer. Please be careful – the kids are out of school, and they know that you see them and will stop....right!

Thank you to the Sons who sold tickets for our cash raffle, and a special thank you and congratulations to the winners.

A reminder that our golf scramble is scheduled for September 11. You still have time to think about your team. If you are not playing, please consider helping out at the scramble. We still need sponsors. Please contact Josh if you want to help or have any ideas for sponsors.

The Blissfield River Raisin Festival is this month. The AMVETS has the beer tent, and this would be a good opportunity to help the Post. Please sign up if you can help.

“Wars may be fought with weapons but are won by men. It is the spirit of the men who follow, and of the man who leads, that gains the victory.” ~George S. Patton

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Meddick
Sons Commander

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We currently have 506 members paid for 2010. We would like to welcome the new additions to our family:

AMVETS-
Darrin Haley, Charles Moore Jr., & Kenneth Shonk
Auxiliary-
Leslie Ebright

SONS-
Mike Raymond Jr. & John Lewis Sr.

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

Greg Vessel, 1st Vice Commander
Membership Chair

Happy July Birthdays & Anniversaries to All!!

BE A VOLUNTEER

Highway Pickup

Please join me and your fellow AMVETS members to help clean up the city on Saturday, July 10 @ 7:30am
Clean-up begins at the TLC parking on the corner of US 223 and M52.

Your participation is very appreciated!

Bob Whipple
Coordinator

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.

June Winners:

Ron Roberts, Pete Hayes, LouAnn Engel, Raphael Burciaga, & Dennis Drazic

AMVETS RIDERS

Hey Everyone,

I just finished reading the DOD news release notifying us of another Michigan serviceman KIA.

Lt. Gentz from Grass Lake. Do I know him?...no. However, the Riders will be going up to Chelsea for the funeral to stand in a flag line outside the church with the Patriot Guard. All you need to do is see the look on the faces of the family as they walk out of the church and see hundreds of bikers (many are veterans), all holding the U.S. flag, standing together in respect for their loved one, and you will know why we do this. We have done this in the past and will do it again as needed. I tell you this only to let you know this is another way the Riders help our veterans and their families.

I can't tell you everything that's going on. First, I don't know all of it. Second, you should come to the meetings and down to the Post to read the board. It's that active thing. If we all are active with our Post, the more people see us, the more positive impact we have on our veterans and our community. The public will also see us having fun and more people will be interested in the AMVETS. Here are some events you might have heard about:

June 12: The second annual Riders summer party was a blast! Thanks everyone who helped out and made it a great time, especially the Brazees who hosted once again.

July 2-4: For the second year, the Riders are helping with Larry's Hog Wild Weekend at the Lenawee County Fairgrounds. There are bands on Friday and Saturday nights. You can learn to ride a wheelie without risk of getting hurt, brought to you courtesy of the Riders.

July 9-10: River Raisin Festival in Blissfield. Yes, the beer tent and so much more. Come on out!

August 28: Poker Run. You do not need a motorcycle to go on our run. Come out and have some fun!

How would you like to own a 42" LCD TV? Yeah, I thought so. Only a small number of tickets will be sold. We have two other raffles going as well: a flag pole kit and a cash raffle. Ask a Rider for tickets and details on any of the three raffles.

Be safe and have fun!

Greg Vessel
Riders President

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Pool tournaments every Friday @ 7:00

Cards every Sunday @ 4:00

Fourth of July Parade

Signing of the Korean War Armistice

July 27, 1953

Rummage Sale

July 17 & 18 (10-4)

Grey Goose Toast

July 28 @ 6:00pm

Vietnam Memorial Rededication

July 17 @ 11am Memorial Park

Highway Pickup

July 10 @ 7:30am

River Raisin Festival (Beer Tent)

July 9-10

Tiger Game

August 22 Tickets (sign-up) available @ the bar