



# AMVETS NEWSLETTER

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## FROM OUR COMMANDER

To our AMVETS family and friends,

I would like to start by going over the sick call list of the Post:

- The kind thoughts and prayers regarding our Auxiliary member Pat Gilbert are starting to pay off as she is doing remarkably well after suffering a stroke in September.
- Son's Commander, Carl Meddick, has been spotted on many occasions since his hip replacement. Isn't that nice?
- Prayers and thoughts go out to Jim Faulhaber and his family and Dorothy Justice and her family.
- The Post was alerted that Jesse Gonzales is recovering from bladder surgery; we wish him well.
- Please notify the Post when you hear of members convalescing.

The Post had many events since the last newsletter worth mentioning:

- The AMVETS State Department's Fall Conference was held in Grayling, October 2-4. The Post was well represented, including delegates from the Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders who made our presence felt.
- The Sons' golf tournament was a great time, and I have heard players already mentioning next year. (Aaron Ricketts' and Max Powell's team came in first place; do you believe that????? HOW?????)
- The Auxiliary hosted the most delicious spaghetti dinner this past Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup>. We members are lucky to have such a great food and a great group of ladies!
- During our monthly membership meeting, this great Post agreed to donate to the following good causes:
  - \$500 to our Auxiliary to support of the Penrickton Hospital for Kids
  - \$300 to the National Association of Atomic Veterans. This group of veterans, who participated in the atomic bomb tests following WWII, have been battling with the VA for medical treatment for years.
  - \$209 to WLEN for Thank a Vet program
  - 40+ chairs were given to the 40 & 8 Locale 99

New business that members should be aware of:

- AMVETS members: make it easy on yourself and buy a life membership if you haven't already. WHY? Because National will be raising the costs shortly.
- Life Member Luncheon, November 7, starting at noon.
- November 11, VETERANS DAY Ceremony will be held at Monument Park at 11:00 a.m. The parade will start at 3:30 p.m. at the Armory, ending at Monument Park. **SUPPORT OUR VETERANS – PLEASE ATTEND**
- KAROAKE on Saturday November 28, presented by Jim and Carol Fischer. This is not open to the public, but feel free to bring and sign in guests.
- Future dates to mark on your calendar
  - o Saturday, December 19: The Post Christmas Party. Bring a white elephant gift to exchange.
  - o New Year's Eve Party hosted by the Sons
  - o Saturday, February 14, 2010, the Post will be hosting another "Oldies – Name That Tune Party."

Finally, I would like to thank our Auxiliary for making it possible to send two WWII veterans, Paul Hover and Don Mitchell, to Washington D.C., on October 17 to visit the WWII Monument at no cost to the veterans. I had the honor of serving as their Guardian during this one-day trip. We flew out of Detroit at 8:00a.m. to Baltimore and returned that night around 8:00p.m. There were approximately 35 WWII veterans in our group, including eight who were in wheelchairs. Unfortunately, the vast majority of that war's veterans are already dead or physically or medically unable to make such a trip today. As a reminder, WWII ended in 1945, 64 years ago. I had the privilege of listening to a vet explain his experience as a Navy corpsman who was ordered of his ship during the D-Day landing in France on June 6, 1944. This army did not have enough medics. He showed me his scrapbook that he kept all these years. When we landed in Detroit that evening, the events of the day had taken a physical toll on the gentleman, and he could not remember his name.

GOD BLESS VETERANS and have a Happy Thanksgiving

Rob Hosken  
Commander

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## **LADIES AUXILIARY**

Thanks to all who helped support our Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner and raffle. We were able to put \$606.00 into the Paul Hill Memorial Scholarship fund.

The Auxiliary will hold our Bake Sale on November 20 at TLC Credit Union (US 223 location), 9a.m.-?. Ladies, we need all the help we can get for this project. The proceeds are for our veterans' Christmas baskets. All money is spent on turkeys, fresh fruit, and gifts. We try to give a monetary donation. All will be greatly appreciated. The box for canned food donations for this project will be put out after Thanksgiving.

The Penrickton Center for Blind Children's open house is November 6 @ 11:00a.m. Anyone wishing to attend can call me at 423-4957.

The Childrens Christmas Party will be on December 6 @ 1:00p.m. The sign-up sheet for this event is at the bar. We will be collecting the list on November 28 @ closing. NO EXCEPTIONS!

The next Auxiliary meeting is November 16 @ 7:00p.m. I hope to see you there. Ther is no meeting in December.

Pat Miller  
Auxiliary President

## **SONS OF AMVETS**

Welcome to November and the beginning of the eating season. Hopefully, we can get through the holidays with limited weight gain.

Congratulations to the members who ran the golf tournament. It was successful, and we look forward to our third annual tournament next year. I am sure we can use more volunteers.

We have the second largest squadron in Michigan, and we look forward to seeing more members at meetings, and attending or helping with our events and events put on by the Riders, Auxiliary, and the Post.

Our next event is a money raffle to help with the expense of the New Year's Eve party. Watch for fliers at the Post when the tickets become available.

"No amount of ability is of the slightest avail without honor."  
~Andrew Carnegie

Carl Meddick  
Sons Commander

## **AMVETS RIDERS**

As I look around I can see another summer has passed us. The Riders accomplished some amazing things this summer. I can't say enough about the AMVETS family and the support we have received from all of you.

The Riders continue to expand in Michigan. There are currently five chapters, and three more are in the charter process. Our department met at the fall conference, and Jason Carr hosted a class on beret shaping and shaving. There were many compliments afterward, and as always I was proud of our Riders as Deryl Clark and Perry Miller researched the needed information.

Our November meeting on the 14th @ noon will tie-up many loose ends and plan our winter events. I hope that all Riders plan on attending so your voices can be heard. Help us shape the future of the AMVETS.

See you there!

Josh Feltman  
Riders President

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

~Friday Night Pool Tournaments every Friday @7:00

~November 7, Life Member Luncheon @ Noon

~November 11, Veterans Day

~November 21, OSU/U of M Game

~Sunday Poker every Sunday @ 4:30p.m.  
No cards on the 22nd

~November 26, Thanksgiving Dinner @ Noon

~November 28, Karaoke @ 7:30p.m.

~December 6, Childrens Christmas Party  
Deadline for signing up is November 28

## Retirees and Vets Allowed to Salute Flag

Week of October 19, 2009:

Traditionally, members of the nation's veterans service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag only while wearing their organization's official head-gear. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 contained an amendment to allow un-uniformed servicemembers, military retirees, and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag. A later amendment further authorized hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel. This was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed on October 14, 2008.

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## FREE CAR WASH ON VETERANS DAY

November 11, 2009 8am-6pm

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

### October \$5 Coupon Winners

Genie Busse, Chris Seegert, Dave Lamphier, and  
Kathy Coscarelli

**BYE-BYE Frosted Mugs!**  
The frosted mugs  
have been discontinued  
due to the retirement  
of our freezer.

**HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS &  
ANNIVERSARIES TO ALL!!!**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### **Life Member Luncheon**

All Life Members of our Post (AMVETS, Auxiliary, and Sons) are invited to our annual Life Member Luncheon at noon on Saturday, November 7. Come for a hot meal, cheap drinks and a little socializing! The dress is casual. Your host, Aaron Ricketts, will provide some entertainment - if you want to call it that. You may bring a guest, and you must RSVP to Gina at 264-5555. You can also leave a message. If you have any questions, please call Gina.

### **From the National AMVETS**

Life membership dues, effective January 1, 2010, shall be \$180. On January 1, 2011, this amount will increase to \$200, and on January 1, 2012, this amount will increase to \$250. To beat the price increase, AMVETS Post 1957 is offering life memberships for \$125 if you are an AMVETS member in good standing; \$150 to all NEW members; and if you have paid your 2010 dues, you can purchase a life membership for \$95! Think seriously about taking this step to secure your membership for life at these low prices. You must pay by December 15, 2009, to get the discounted rate. Stop by the Post, or send a check to AMVETS Post 1957. 122 N. Main St. **DON'T DELAY!**

Thank you for your commitment to AMVETS Post 1957.

Aaron Ricketts  
AMVETS Membership Chair