



AMVETS VANGUARD RANDY P. HILL POST 1957

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Dear AMVETS Family Members,

The summer has gone by rather quickly, it seems like there was a function going on every week.

- The color guard led the Clayton Summer Festival, raised the flag at the opening ceremonies of the Relay for Life Fund Raiser and also led the Medical Care facility Parade.
- The Detroit Tigers Baseball game on Sunday, the 22nd, was wonderful. They beat Cleveland 8 to 2. The weather was perfect.
 - The AMVETS Bus made its inaugural voyage to the game and the passengers rode in comfort.
- On a somber note, our AMVETS Family lost an Auxiliary Member, Beth Almay. The profits from our Texas Hold'em, run by Cheryl Bilou were donated to the family. 50/50 raffle proceeds held over a two day period was run by Greg Vessel, with the proceeds going to the family. Approximately \$400 was donated in total to the family.
- The AMVETS Bus is finished and when you see it, it will make you proud. It is painted red, white and blue and holds 27 passengers in comfort. I would like to thank the members and their families that donated their time and skills to complete the project.
 - A special thanks goes to Bill Brown who has stored the bus since day one and has provided facilities and tools needed to work on the bus.



The Post has many things planned for September and I cannot list them all but I will highlight a couple.

1. The Post Picnic is on the 4th; don't miss it because it is absolutely GREAT!
2. The 11th, is the Son's 3rd Annual Golf Scramble @ Woodlawn Golf Club.
3. The POW/MIA Ceremony held at Monument Park will be hosted by our Post and we encourage every member to attend.

Please watch for the email blasts or visit or call the Post for more information on all the activities scheduled for the Post and the details of the events listed above.

Thank you for the great support given to our AMVETS Family; it's an honor to be your Commander.

Rob Hosken
Post Commander

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BE A VOLUNTEER

Highway Pickup

Please join me and your fellow AMVETS members to help clean up the city on Saturday, September 25 @ 8am
Clean-up begins at the TLC parking on the corner of US 223 and M52.

Your participation is very appreciated!

Bob Whipple
Coordinator

SONS OF AMVETS

Is it September already? I hope everyone has had a great summer. School will be open soon so please be careful and don't run over the crossing guards.

Don't forget that our Golf tournament is September 11th. You still have time to sign up your team. Also, the AMVETS summer picnic is September 4th. We meet the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Post. We are the second biggest squadron in the state. We will never be the biggest but come join us and help us be the best.

"I think a hero is an ordinary individual who finds strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."
Christopher Reeves

Respectfully submitted
Carl Meddick
Squadron Commander

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We currently have 517 members paid for 2010. We would like to welcome the new additions to our family:

AMVETS-
Aja Spicer, Anthony Hall, & Craig Morris
Sons-
Jeffrey Skampo & Daniel Weilfaert

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

Greg Vessel, 1st Vice Commander
Membership Chair

FYI

AMVETS membership annual dues for **2011** have increased to **\$35**. On **September 1, 2010** the life membership rate will increase to **\$200** and **\$250** beginning **January 1, 2011**

COUPON DRAWING

August Winners:

Rudy Poupard, Craig Morris, Melissa Kimbrell, & Josh Feltman

Happy September Birthdays & Anniversaries to All!!

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Friday Night Pool Tournaments @ 7pm

Sunday Cards @ 4pm

AMVETS Family Picnic

September 4 @ 3pm (Post Closed)

Happy Birthday Air Force

September 18, 1947

Sons Golf Scramble

September 11 Woodlawn Golf Club

DJ Dennis Rodriguez

September 18 @ 8pm

POW/MIA Remembrance Day

September 17 @ 7pm Monument Park

Texas Hold'em

September 18 @ 1pm

Highway Pickup

September 25 @ 8am TLC

DJ Larry Meredith

September 25 @ 8pm

AMVETS RIDERS

And I thought August arrived fast! The riders have had a busy month. Josh, Liz and I went to AMVETS RIDERS national convention in Louisville, KY. We learned some things, had a lot of fun and even managed to conduct a lot of business for the RIDERS on a national level. Michigan had representation from 5 of the 8 chapters with a total of 14 out of 63 delegates, very nice. Michigan as a whole had a positive and lasting impact on the RIDERS. Camp Hope is the national program that the RIDERS have adopted again this year. Check out www.amvetridersnational.org and follow the link to Camp Hope. You will find that this is a great thing for our wounded veterans.

On a sad note the RIDERS also attended two funerals. John "Chub" Vise, army veteran, is Cheryl the "patch lady's" husband. Cheryl designed our chapter patch and did a lot of sewing and donations to our chapter over the last several years. Both are very dedicated to helping veterans anyway they can. We then found our way up to Grand Ledge, Mi. for the funeral of SPC Bradley Rapport, 24, ARMY RANGER, then rode in the escort to Ft. Custer National Cemetery in Battle Creek. SPC Rapport was killed in Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. There were approximately 130 riders from different groups and clubs that stood together to form the flag line. The picture shows a small part of this flag line.



We also participated in 4 local poker runs and pulled off the 7th annual Paul Hill Challenge, our poker run. We helped raise money and awareness for Breast Cancer, the Hope Center here in Adrian, the American Heart Association, childhood epilepsy and our own scholarship program. We also helped out our old buddies from across town the Eagle Riders. THANK YOU to everyone who helped organize and participate in any and all of these events! We truly have a GREAT group of people.

Be safe and have fun !!

Greg Vessel
Riders President

LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi everyone-

I can't believe that summer is almost over already. Where has all the time gone?

At our meeting, the Ladies Auxiliary decided that we were going to have another Spaghetti Dinner like we had last year. The dinner will be on October 23 from 5 - 7pm. I will provide everyone with more details as soon as we have them available.

We are also going to be ordering Ladies Auxiliary polo shirts. Please see any Ladies Auxiliary officer if you are interested in ordering one. The cost is expected to be approximately \$16 per shirt. We will hopefully be placing the order at our next meeting, which is scheduled for September 20 at 7pm. Please feel free to attend.

I encourage everyone to participate in all of the upcoming events. There are a lot of great events coming up that I hope will be well attended.

Until next month,

Liz Feltman
Ladies Auxiliary President