



AMVETS VANGUARD RANDY P. HILL POST 1957

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"You can be sure that the American spirit will prevail over this tragedy." -Colin Powell speaking about 9-11

September 2011

Thoughts from the Commander:

AMVETS is the third largest Veteran Service Organization and 10,000 Michigan members strong. Our primary function is to assist Veterans who are in need. Our primary State Department function is to aid veterans in need of government benefits, medical or monetary. Due to the economic downturn, especially in our state, MAJOR cuts have been made to the Service Organization budgets that assist Veterans in obtaining benefits. As the District 1 Commander, I have a seat on the State Department Executive Committee, along with Rob Hosken. We know the dire financial situation in which our Service Organization is currently involved. Without Service Officers, our Veterans will suffer – plain and simple. Funding for these people is critical and necessary. The many reports and meetings that Rob and I have read and attended have shown that getting the help these veterans need is also essential to our State's economy. Millions of dollars in compensation are awarded and collected by vets in our State from the Federal Government, money that they spend here, in Michigan, in our economy.

I write of this because we need to let our State Legislators know how we feel. Providing the funding for Service Officers may cost a few million each year, but the tens of millions of federal dollars that are collected and spent by our veterans go right back into our State's economy. Nancy Jenkins, State Representative, can be contacted at 517-373-1706, and State Senator Bruce Caswell can be contacted at 517-373-5932. Remember, providing assistance to veterans in need is our primary goal. Call, write, or email your legislators today!

Yours in Service,

Aaron Ricketts, Commander

Beef & Bean Chalupa Night

Sponsored by the Sons of AMVETS

Friday, September 16th- 3 pm to 8 pm

\$1.75 Regular Chalupa - Beans, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese

\$2.00 Beef Chalupa - All of the above plus ground beef

Post Lounge Hours

Monday
3:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Thursday
3:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.
Friday
3:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M.
Saturday
12:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M.
Sunday
12:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

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Take advantage of Our
Member Appreciation Nights
at the Lounge:

Tuesday- Free Pool, 50¢ off
Drafts, Bottled Beer, and
Well Mixed Drinks

Friday- Pool Tournaments

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Hi everyone,

I hope that everyone has enjoyed their summer and I find it so hard to believe that it is almost over! Where has all of the time gone? The Auxiliary has been busy with several events over the past few months and we have some upcoming as well. We cooked pancakes and sausages for Relay for Life at the Christian Family Center and also cooked hot dogs for the Sons car show at Sears. We raised almost \$300 dollars from our hot dogs, chips and pop that day and we are donating that back to Sears Holdings Heroes at Home, which was the whole purpose of that day's car show and events. Also, between the AMVETS and the Auxiliary, we donated \$500 to Relay for Life this year.

The Auxiliary wants to thank everyone for their generous donations for the Catherine Cobb Domestic Violence Shelter. The director and a staff member joined us for our August meeting and informed all of us about the services the Shelter provides and the needs of the organization. The director was overwhelmed by the donations and was so grateful. Thank you!

Put October 29th on your calendars now! The Auxiliary is going to have another of our infamous dinners (menu to be announced later) and we are also going to be hosting a costume Halloween Party that night. I believe that we are also having Jammin' Jerry at the Post that night to provide some additional entertainment (but don't hold me to that quite yet). More details will be announced soon!

As always, please let an Auxiliary officer know if you have any comments or suggestions. We are always willing to help in whatever way we can.

Until next time,

Liz Feltman
Ladies Auxiliary President

Sons Report

The Sons sponsored a grill raffle in June and May and raised over \$1,000 to fund and support bus trips. We were the lead sponsor for the Home for the Heroes – Sears Car Show on August 13th. All proceeds went for Veteran programs. We sponsored the bus trip to Oakshade Raceway on August 27th. Please see our information, in this addition of the newsletter, for the Sons Golf Outing. Remember, the Sons are the patriotic arm of the AMVETS and we support veteran issues and functions by being a part of this great organization.

Gaylord Hill, Sons Commander

July and August Contributions

Volunteer Work

Americanism

Hours- 65

Value- \$1388.40

Fund Raising

Hours- 50

Value- \$1075.00

Adopt a Highway

Hours- 20

Value- \$427.20

Homeless Veterans

Hours- 6

Value- \$128.16

Donations

Blissfield Festival Softball Sponsorship - \$145.00

Relay for Life - \$75.00

County Fair Figure 8 Car Sponsorship - \$100.00

Adopt a Highway Meal - \$55.00

Lenawee Humane Society - \$25.00

Total Contributions

Hours- 141

Donations- \$3521.16

Karaoke Nights with Jammin' Jerry

8 pm to Midnight

September 17th
October 1st, 15th, & 29th

Riders Report

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Paul Hill Challenge Poker Run. We raised \$893 for the scholarship fund. A special thanks to Bev Sanford for staying at the Post and handling things there, Rod Sanford for getting the items for the Chinese auction, Aaron and Karen Ricketts for preparing the food and to the many others that helped make the poker run a success.

A reminder to all Riders that are meetings are the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Deryl Clark
Riders President

Attention Life Members!

Our annual Life Member Lunch is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th at noon. The AMVETS provides a great lunch and a drink or two and maybe a little entertainment for you and your guest. AMVETS, Sons and Auxiliary Life Members and a guest are invited. Invitations will be sent to you to RSVP in October. This is our way of thanking US Life Members for OUR commitment to AMVETS.

The Post hosted a 'going away' party for our very own Chad Rodgers on August 13th. Chad is heading to Afghanistan in early September with his National Guard unit. We pray for Chad's safety and quick return to his home and family.

Fire Keepers Casino Trip

September 20th – Bus leaves the UAW Hall on W. Beecher at 10 am and returns at 5:45 pm. Cost is \$25 per person- \$20 in Play, \$5 in food at the Casino. Sign up at the Post & please pay with sign up. Only 20 seats available so register now or miss out!

Call Cheryl with any questions- 517-403-3322

Sons of AMVETS
presents:
The 4th Annual Golf
Scramble

Where:
Woodlawn Golf Club

When:
October 1st @
10:00am

Shotgun Start - Four
person teams
\$200.00 per team
Skins \$5.00 per
person

Prizes for: 1st, 2nd,
and 3rd place
teams, Closest to
the pin, Longest
drive, Skins



Dinner to follow at
the Post 1957

Additional meals
\$10.00

Go to:

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