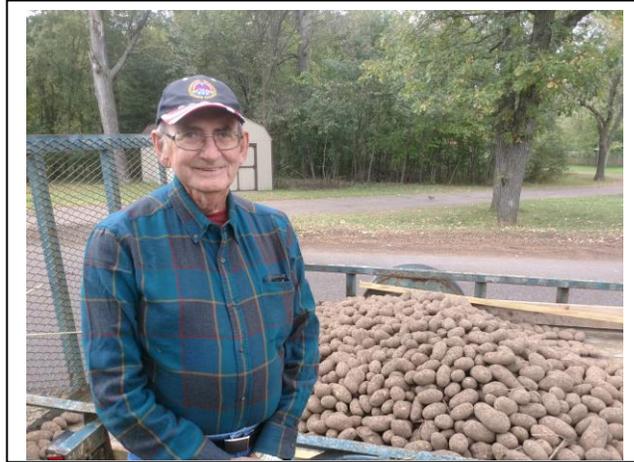


AMVETS DISTRICT 8 NEWS

October/November 2017



ORGANIZATIONS

Post 32 Chippewa Falls

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Post 654 Eau Claire

Post 1128 Menomonie

Post 1864 Colfax

Post 2017 Lake Hallie

Post 6440 Bloomer

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Riders 6440 Bloomer

KLEIN HALL DONATIONS

Recently, a familiar face has been seen at the Klein Hall facility. Klein Hall is one of three locations in the State of Wisconsin which is part of the Veterans Housing and Recovery Program funded by the Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs and the Federal VA. The facility houses homeless, or at risk of homeless male Veterans. The program relies heavily upon community relations and support.

Recently, District Commander Stephen Marris has made several visits and donations. Stephen Marris has donated over 800 pounds of potatoes, pumpkins, tomatoes, and apples. These items will be used to aid with meal preparation as well as for decorative purposes.

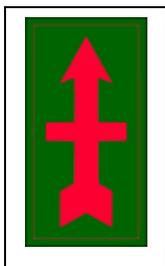
Klein Hall receives donations from organizations, businesses, and individuals that want to give back to those that served in the United States Armed Services. At times, donations may not be immediately needed, or may not be needed at all. When this happens, Klein Hall re-donates those items to other community organizations that do not re-sell them to ensure that people in need receive items free of charge.

“Saving 22 a day, every day”

AMVETS POST 32, CHIPPEWA FALLS

Red Arrow Post 32 is the foundation of our District. Since the formation of Post 32, Post 1128 was formed from then members of Post 32. It was only a few years later that Post 6440 Bloomer chartered as the William B Libersky Post. In the previous years, we witnessed the birth of Post 654 in Eau Claire, Post 1864 in Colfax, and Post 2017 in Hallie. Post 32 is currently led by Wendy Larson. Recently, the Post donated \$250.00 to Klein Hall for their Food for more Challenge from Feed my People. Their donation also brought an addition of 250 pounds of food through the match campaign from Feed mt People. Post 32 has the only Auxilliary in the District, they also donated to the Feed my People Challenge with an additional \$50.00 bringing Chippewa Falls donations to \$300! The Auxilliary is led by President Elly Whittrock, who happens to be the Mother Post 32 Commander.

The Post meets at 7:00 PM on the second Thursday of the month at 12 East Spring Street in Chippewa Falls.



AMVETS POST 654, EAU CLAIRE

AMVETS Post 654 in Eau Claire brings an interesting focus to the Millenial Generation. The members are made up of younger Veterans which are steadfast with their focus of Veteran Suicide along with maintaing a membership that is difficult to manage against family life and raising children. If you ever stop in to their monthly business meeting, you will see Vice Commander Travis Mohr holding his infant son while conducting business. The Post meets on the second Monday of the month in Eau Claire and relays heavily on social networking for up to date communication. The Post is led by Michael Ovaska, a current member of the National Guard as well as a Veteran of OIF. The members of Post 654 will be conducting a traditional White Clover distribution on December 7th, 2017 in Eau Claire.

The Post number “654” was chosen from the history of the 32nd Division in WWII. The Division had 654 days of continuous battle, more than any military unit in our nations history.

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AMVETS POST 1128, MENOMONIE

October has been an active month for Post 1128. Besides a White Clover distribution during the first weekend of October, we have been involved in “sharing the produce”. We were given 2,700 pounds of fresh potatoes from one of our potatoe farmers and we managed to distribute them to everyone that we identified as having a need. This included Klein Hall in Chippewa Falls, a non for profit establishment that prepares three meals a week for homeless or at risk of homeless citizens in Chippewa Falls, the senior center in Colfax, along with local families in Colfax that had a need. The very next day we were back at Klein Hall with four bushels of apples, and 20 pumpkins. In all, we had over 120 pumpkins so we distributed them in our area to include the senior center and families in need. Later, we visited an apple orchard which donated an additional four bushels of apples and those items were distributed similar to the previous donations. On October 17th, we received four boxes of Jerky from Jack Links which will be sent to troops in Afghanistan.

Stephen Marris, Adjutant

AMVETS POST 1864, COLFAX

Post 1864 has been busy this summer with numerous small Veterans projects this summer. In November, the Post is participating in the District 8 White Clover special fundraiser for Breast Cancer.

Also, we will be participating in the Veterans Day program at the Colfax Schools. We are also in the planning process of holding a joint Christmas party with the Colfax American Legion in December. This will be discussed at our November meeting.

Remember, our meetings are held at the senior center on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Bring a guest who may be interested in sitting in and understand what AMVETS does for the community.

-Ed Flint, Commander



AMVETS POST 2017, LAKE HALLIE

Post 2017 is focused on Women Veteran issues, the membership is currently made up of female Veterans, however, any honorably discharged Veteran or currently serving service member can join our Post. We meet on the last Thursday of the month at Marcon Shooting which is off of 40th Ave in Hallie at 7:00pm.

Post members recently participated in the Stand Down event in Eau Claire which handed out an assortment of goods along with information for Veterans focused on homelessness.

Another area of continued focus is the service dog project that places service dogs for Veterans free of charge. This fall will test the capacities of the program as five dogs will be going through the training. Good luck Denise and Sam Wenz as you focus on this challenge.



AMVETS POST 6440, BLOOMER

The William B. Libersky Amvets Post 6440 continues to seek out community projects and assist those in need. We are setting up our White Clover date which is anticipated to take place on December 7th.

The early planning phase has also began for our annual Christmas baskets for Veterans in Bloomer area nursing homes. This has become a regular program over the past few years and the Veterans are always appreciative for the baskets.

Remember, our meetings are held at the Veterans club house on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Bring a guest who may be interested in sitting in and understand what AMVETS does for the community.

6440 is also home to the District Sons organization led by Ed Cadwell as well as home of the Amvets Riders led by Brian Aasen.

Darren Knutson, Commander

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