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The Official Newsletter of AMVETS Post 45 August 2018

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COMMANDER

NEW CMDR.
TO BE ELECTED
(see note in column two)

V-CMDR of MEMBERSHIP

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Our next meeting is on **Aug.2nd, 6:30** p.m. sharp at the N.L. American Legion Clubhouse. We will be voting for a replacement Cmdr. at this meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

There is still 1 member not yet renewed; please renew soon! There is a **X** on your label ---Bob Dessort, V-Cmdr/Membership



To those members who could not make it to our Post Picnic on Sunday, July 22nd, we had a fine surprising retirement party for Doc. Our Mayor, Gary Henke was there and presented Doc with a Proclamation in honor of Doc’s many years of service to the community, which can be seen on page 5 in its entirety.

Doc is a charter member of AMVETS Post 45. He has been a member since the early ‘80s when it was formed. (Exact Charter date not known)

His sister and her husband were on hand for the presentation. Doc now lives in the New London Washington Center.

We will be dining at **the Pantry** on Aug. 2nd, 5:00, before the meeting. Hope to see you there!

WHAT’S HAPPENING!!

Aug.12 – District Picnic & meetings – Hosted by Post 30, Greenville, to be held at JennerJohn Park, Greenville
Sept. 8 & 9 AMVETS King Weekend, W.V.H., King

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO:

AMVET members – Ken Jagoditsch, Ricci Dee Trigueiro, Dave Koch, Emil Kolbe, Anthony Moeller, Darrell Hansen, Mike Hoks, Kevin Burkot, & Robert Schmitz.
Aux. member – Marge Drier & Carrie Boehm

If I missed your birthday, please let me know.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next monthly meeting will be on Aug. 2nd at 6:25. at the American Legion Clubhouse; please be prompt.



The 4th District Picnic & meetings will be hosted by AMVETS Post 30. It will be held at Jennerjohn Park, in Greenville. On Aug. 12. Bring a dish to pass. Eat at noon.

The Timber Rattler will no longer be hosted by Post & Aux. 45. It will be hosted by Post 7, Oshkosh on Aug. 19th. The cost will be \$9.00 game ticket & \$7.50 lunch per person. The deadline is Monday, Aug. 7. Send your money with your rsvps. See info on page 3.

Although still a few months away, we will need some items to donate for the Casino 'Store' on AMVETS King Weekend, Sept. 7 – 9. We'll discuss more on this this at the meeting.

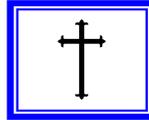
The Badger State dinner is on Aug. 9th, 5:30 p.m. at the Legion Clubhouse. Those we sponsored will be on hand to share their Badger State experiences. Bring a dish to pass.

At the Sept. meeting we will be accepting you annual membership dues.

Please keep Doc Borchardt in you prayers.

We will be doing our annual White Clover Drive in September on the 14th & 15th.

Keep on saving those milk caps, coupons, pop can pull tabs, greeting card 'face page', empty ink jet cartridges; hearing aids; eye glasses and parts; also, used cell phones. ---Helen Dessort, President



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

WHY TAPS IS PLAYED AT MILITARY FUNERALS

Here is something every American should know

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, 'Taps...' It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Elli was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Elli heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request

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POINTS TO PONDER

- If you are willing to settle for less than you desire, you will likely receive less than you would otherwise settle for.
- The trouble with a bore is that he has much more patience than his listeners.
- When it rains cats and dogs, would you say beastly weather is occurring?

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was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used at military funerals was born.

The words are:

Day is done...Gone the sun...From the lakes...From the hills...From the sky...
 All is well...Safely rest...God is nigh.

Fading light...Dims the sight...And a star...Gems the sky...Gleaming bright...
 From afar...Drawing nigh... Falls the night...

Thanks and praise...For our days...Neath the sun...Neath the stars...Neath the sky...
 As we go...This we know...God is nigh...

I too have felt the chills while listening to 'Taps' but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd pass it along. I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

Remember Those Lost and Harmed While Serving Their Country. Also Remember Those Who Have Served And Returned; and for those presently serving in the Armed Forces.



AMVETS DAY AT THE BALLPARK

Anyone wishing to attend 'AMVETS DAY AT THE BALL PARK' needs to make their reservations by Monday, Aug. 7th. The game is on August 19th. Our Post gave it up to Oshkosh Post 7. The cost is \$9.00 for the game and \$8.50 for the lunch per person. Send your money to Steve Chesna, 2156 W. 9th Ave. Apt. 1, Oshkosh, WI 54904. Make payable to: AMVETS Post 7 and earmark it for 'AMVETS Day'.

Application for Membership

(Please Print Information below)

AMVETS

American Veterans
 NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
 4647 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, Maryland 20706-4380



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NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE _____ YEAR ENTERED SERVICE _____ YEAR DISCHARGED _____

SERVICE NUMBER _____ TYPE OF DISCHARGE _____ SEX: M F

DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____ I CERTIFY THAT I MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR

MEMBERSHIP IN AMVETS. IF I JOIN AS A MEMBER AT LARGE, I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY BE ASKED TO

PROVE MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY BY SHOWING A DD214 TO ENTER AMVETS POST FACILITIES.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____ POST _____

RETAIN THIS CARD FOR POST RECORDS

AUTHORIZING OFFICER

AMVETS

TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP CARD

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DATE _____ POST _____ STATE _____

THE SUM OF \$ _____ IN PAYMENT OF AMVETS
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 HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM:

NAME _____

PERSON RECEIVING DUES

NAME _____

PHONE (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____

Signature of person receiving dues

Take a knee...

I don't think I've ever read anything more powerful than this piece.
It was written by Ted Nugent

Take a little trip to Valley Forge in January. Hold a musket ball in your fingers and imagine it piercing your flesh and breaking a bone or two. There won't be a doctor or trainer to assist you until after the battle, so just wait your turn. Take your cleats and socks off to get a real experience.

Then, take a knee on the beach in Normandy where man after American man stormed the beach, even as the one in front of him was shot to pieces, the very sea stained with American blood. The only blockers most had were the dead bodies in front of them, riddled with bullets from enemy fire.

Take a knee in the sweat soaked jungles of Vietnam. From Khe Sanh to Saigon, anywhere will do. Americans died in all those jungles. There was no playbook that told them what was next, but they knew what flag they represented. When they came home, they were protested as well, and spit on for reasons only cowards know.

Take another knee in the blood drenched sands of Fallujah in 110 degree heat. Wear your Kevlar helmet and battle dress. Your number won't be printed on it unless your number is up! You'll need to stay hydrated but there won't be anyone to squirt Gatorade into your mouth. You're on your own.

There are a lot of places to take a knee where Americans have given their lives all over the they fought as a source for your displeasure, you world. When you use the banner under which dishonor the memories of those who bled for the very freedoms you have. That's what the red stripes mean. It represents the blood of those who spilled a sea of it defending your liberty

While you're on your knee, pray for those that came before you, not on a manicured lawn striped and printed with numbers to announce every inch of ground taken, but on nameless hills and bloodied beaches and sweltering forests and bitter cold mountains, every inch mark-ed by an American life lost serving that flag you protest.

No cheerleaders, no announcers, no coaches, no fans, just American men and women, delivering the real fight against those who chose to harm us, blazing a path so you would have the right to "take a knee." You haven't any inkling of what it took to get you where you are, but your "protest" is duly noted. Not only is it disgraceful to a nation of real heroes, it serves the purpose of pointing to your ingratitude for those who chose to defend you under that banner that will still wave long after your jersey is retired.

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The History of AMVETS – Truly AMVETS was born in the midst of war. For it was in August 1943, with victory still two years away, that a new organization, later to be known as American Veterans of World War II, had its beginning. Overseas the tide of battle was turning. The Allies had swept through North Africa and Sicily. In the Pacific, fighting raged in New Guinea. Thousands of Americans had made the supreme sacrifice. Thousands more were being mustered out of uniform with battle wounds and medical discharges. These men who fought in history's greatest war found it natural to seek each other's company. They were united by similar experiences – in jungles, in the Arctic, in deserts, in mountains, at sea, and in the skies. Thus, out of such comradeship, AMVETS came to be.

Two independent veterans clubs in Washington, D.C. – one formed on the campus of George Washington University, the other among veterans employed by the federal government – joined together to sponsor a serviceman's party. By September 1944 other such veterans clubs organized throughout America. On Nov. 11, 1944, Veterans Day, an article titled "12,000,000 in Search of a Leader" appeared in *COLLIER'S* magazine. This story, written by Walter Davenport, introduced the clubs and outlined their mutual aims: 1) to promote world peace, 2) to preserve the American way of life and 3) to help the veteran help himself.

In December, 18 leaders, representing these groups, met in Kansas City, Missouri. There, on Dec. 9, 1944, a national organization was formed known as the American Veterans of World War II – or AMVETS, as newspaper headline writers took to calling it. The White Clover, meaning "remember me", was chosen as the official flower of AMVETS. Found not only in America but throughout the world, it symbolizes the states from which U.S. Armed Forces were drawn and the worldwide battlefields on which they fought.

In October 1945, two months after the end of World War II, the first national convention was convened in Chicago. The next year AMVETS petitioned Congress for a federal charter. In the words of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the organization being "organized along sound lines and for worthy purposes . . . having demonstrated its strength and stability, is entitled to the standing and dignity which a national charter will afford." On July 23, 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the AMVETS charter.

A Proclamation Honoring
Melvin 'Doc' Borchardt
for 45 years of Exemplary Service

To all those present, let it be known that Melvin 'Doc' Borchardt, dedicated employee and friend to the Community, began his service to the AMVETS in 1973, serving many of those years as Commander for Post #45, until his retirement in July 2018,

WHEREAS, Borchardt was an avid promoter of the City of New London; and

WHEREAS, Borchardt served his country as a US Marine, stationed at Camp Pendleton in 1960, until he was honorably discharged,

WHEREAS, upon his return to our City, he joined his father working at the Borchardt Clinic, and also was known for his house painting.

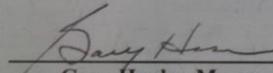
WHEREAS, Borchardt was active in Legion Baseball, both as a Coach and Manager for 20 years, 'Doc' also could be found at the Golden Hour Bowling Alley, enjoying bowling and working, and later at Sommer's Midtown as a bar tender. Doc also was known to be the Ice Cream Man at New London Youth Baseball tournaments and Veteran's functions. He was also the burger flipper at Heritage Day, Rail-fest and for 37 years! at the Big Whopper Weekend.

I, Gary Henke, Mayor of the City of New London, now hereby proclaim that Melvin 'Doc' Borchardt, upon his retirement after 45 years of exemplary service, shall have, in his honor, this day named Doc Borchardt Day; and

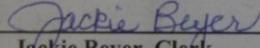
Do wish, with all my fellow citizens of New London, Melvin 'Doc' Borchardt a wonderful retirement and give a hearty thank you for his contributions and exemplary service to our Community.

Proclaimed this 22nd day of July, 2018





Gary Henke, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Jackie Beyer, Clerk

SPECIAL MEMBERS PAGE

An extra page just for member's personal ads, announcements, and miscellaneous

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If you really feel the need to take a knee, come with me to church on Sunday and we'll both kneel before Almighty God. We'll thank Him for preserving this country for as long as He has. We'll beg forgiveness for our ingratitude for all He has provided us. We'll appeal to Him for understanding and wisdom. We'll pray for liberty and justice for all, because He is the one who provides those things. But there will be no protest. There will only be gratitude for His provision and a plea for His continued grace and mercy on the land of the free and the home of the brave. It goes like this, **GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

Growing old is

Hard work...

The mind says
"yes"

But the body says
"What the hell are you
thinking!"



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MORE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW
BUT PROBABLY DON'T

- *13. Most lipstick contains fish scales (eww).
- *14. At onetime, Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants.
- *15. Ketchup was sold in the 1830's as medicine.
- *16. Upper- and lower-case letters are named 'upper' and 'lower' because in the time when all original print had to be set in individual letters, the Upper case' letters were stored in the case on top of the case that stored the smaller, 'lower case' letters.
- *17. Leonardo Da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time, hence multi-tasking was invented.
- *18. Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during World War II were made of wood.
- *19. There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.
- *20. The name Wendy was made up for the book Peter Pan; there was never a recorded Wendy before!
- *21. There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with: orange and purple.
- *22. Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors. Also, it took him 10 years to paint Mona Lisa 's lips. *
- *23. A tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion will make It instantly go mad and sting itself to death *
- *24. The mask used by Michael Myers in the original 'Halloween' was a Captain Kirk's mask painted white.
- *25. If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar (good to know.) *
- *26. By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you can't sink in quicksand (and you thought this list was completely useless.)
- *27. The phrase 'rule of thumb' is derived from an old English law, which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.



IT'S HUMOR TIME

*Heard a funny story?
Put it in The Liberty Press.*

ONLY IN WISCONSIN...(continued)

You can leave your ice cream in the car while you go into Fleet Farm, and it won't melt.

You always believed that vacation meant "going up north."

Every sweatshirt you own is either red and white or green and gold.

At every wedding you have been to you have had to dance the hoky poky & the chicken dance.

Your mechanic is John Deere certified.

Your definition of a small town is one that only has one bar.

You have dumped a girl because you found out she was a Vikings fan.

The local gas station sells live bait.

You went to a wedding reception in a bowling alley.

Your grandmother made you eat lutefisk.

At least twice a year, the kitchen doubles as a meat processing plant.

You know what "farmer's suntan" is.

You laugh out loud every time you see a news report about a blizzard shutting down the entire east coast.

You know that Dells Ducks can't fly, but they can swim.

Your mom asks, "Were you born in a barn?" and you know exactly what she means.

(still more to come)

worrying won't stop
the bad stuff from happening
it just stops you
from enjoying the good.

