



July 2018

Next Meeting: July 10th, 2018

(Picnic only not a business meeting)

Sawdust Days Are Here

Setup 9am - July 2nd

Festival begins 7/3 through 7/7

Takedown 7/8 9am

Open 12noon to 10pm

Commander's Message

Commander Jeff Bedward

Summer's finally here! Hard to believe that it was only about 2 months ago that our Dartball was almost snowed out! But we pulled that off with a lot of help from our and the Auxiliaries memberships. Now we drive on and we've already completed a Clover Drive, supported the Oshkosh Memorial activities and just recently put the Department Convention to rest. Thanks to all our members and our Auxiliary for all the help they've given in making these events successful. Now comes our busy season and we will need the help of everyone out there! I want to extend my congratulations to our Chaplain, Mike Hert who was recently elected as the DAV State Commander. We know he will do a great job.

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If you haven't registered with the County Veterans Service Office, do so today. Check with Joe Aulik and his staff today to learn about your rights and benefits as a veteran.

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Adjutant's Report

Adjutant Ron Griffin

In June the members present voted to donate \$500 to the state's White Clover Princess program and \$500 to the Department's general funds. We also voted to buy \$100 in the state Auxiliary's raffle tickets. In addition, the members voted to donate \$1000 towards the Old Glory Honor Flight.

The Finance Officer reported the results of the Clover Drive as approximately \$5069. Also he reported that one of teams that had received a cash prize at Dartball, the Sons of AMVETS, donated the \$50 in prize money back to us. Commander Bedward reported that we also received \$103 in dividends from the stock left to us by Rose Pitz.

Bruce Williams reported that the Salute Golf outing we participated in raised around \$38,000 for the Fox Cities Veterans Fund.

The July meeting will be the Post picnic and no business meeting is scheduled. The Post provides the main course and beverages and all members are asked to bring a plate to pass.

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Mike Hert

As we step in to the 4th of July Holiday season the following Bible verse tugs at my heart. 2 Corinthians 3:17 states "Now the Lord is in the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom." This time of year is when we joyfully reflect upon the birth of our Nation and the gifts we experience of freedom and liberty. Yet let us never forget that God has blessed this land and its people. As we gather with our friends and family, getting the grill started plus watching with amazement the fireworks, let us take a silent moment and thank our Creator for all that he has provided to us. Amen and Happy Birthday America!

If you know of any Post members that are ill, in the hospital or are home bound and in need of visit, please call me at 920-410-2994. Should be noted in the event of death, Active

Post members are eligible that their next of kin is awarded a Bible on behalf of the Post, receive a final veteran's salute at the funeral service plus may have a graveside ceremony performed by the AMVETS Chaplain.

July Birthday's

(This list is taken from the Post's official roster. However some birth dates do not appear on that roster. If your birthday is not included in the Bugler, please forward your birth date to the Department to be verified at National.)

Reba Eichhorst 7/2

Dan Klein 7/3

Chester Main 7/5

Mike Robinson 7/6

Mark McAuley 7/14

Chris Martell 7/16

Bruce Sallee 7/23

Ed Clements 7/25

Wanda Tratz 7/25

Department Convention Report

The State Convention was held from June 21st through the 24th. Our Post was well represented this year as always with 12 delegates registered (we were allowed 20). Our newsletter took 2nd place this year in the Post with membership of 150 and higher. Also the Post did receive Post of the Month status for one month. Commander Bedward who is also 4th District Commander was honored by being named as District Commander of the Year. Finally, the new White Clover Princess was named and is Amara Hill, and is sponsored by Post 7. Amara is the grand daughter of Phil Hill and step grand daughter of Angie. This is the third year in a row where I Post has been the sponsor of the Princess.

By joining AMVETS, you share in a commitment with others who think like you – veterans with the same values. As an AMVETS member, you also share the pride that comes from belonging to an organization devoted to helping veterans and improving the quality of life for this nation's citizens.



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY 7

July 2018

Dear AMVETS, Auxiliary Members, and friends,

It is hard to believe another month has rolled by and it is time to write another article for the Bugler. As I sit and write this article it is the night before Convention and I certainly hope to see many of you at the Convention; at least for part of the Convention if you cannot make the whole Convention. Convention this year will be at the Radisson Convention Center in Green Bay. This is the time you hear and see all the awards given out to those Posts and Auxiliaries who have done so much work throughout the year. Business meetings are held to give us the latest updates and the new State Officers are elected for the upcoming year. For me personally when I attended a State Convention was when all the things we do throughout the year started making more sense to me. We also have some fun events in the evenings as well as working hard we get to some fun time too.

After Convention we go right into Saw Dust Days. Remember we have a food and beverage tent the Veterans sponsor all five days so any hours you can work at the tent even if it is only a few helps so much. "Many hands make light work", so we hope to see you even for a few hours during these days. The dates are July 3rd -7th this year which is Tuesday –Saturday. We close an hour earlier this year at 10pm so the days will not be quit as long as in the past.

July 10th is our Post and Auxiliary Picnic at the Marine Corp League. This is a time we like you to bring your spouse or significant other, so they can become involved in some of the things we do also through the year. Maybe we can even recruit a couple of new members at the picnic. The AMVETS furnish the meat and buns and we ask everyone else including the AMVETS to bring a dish to pass. There is no business meeting held in July, so our next meeting will be August 14th. This should allow all those that are going to National Convention to be home in time for the meeting

Amanda has graciously offered to make the meal for the August meeting, but we still need to fill all other meeting night meals. They do not have to be elaborate and you can turn in your slips for reimbursement. Usually if you spend somewhere in the range of \$50-\$60 the AMVETS come out almost even from the \$2 they collect for the meal. These meals can be made by AMVETS as well as Auxiliary members.

Don't forget to come to Sawdust Days and enjoy some food and beverage at the Veterans tent. Please remember we celebrate this Holiday for all the freedom we enjoy because of the Veterans who have given so much to maintain that freedom.

Ron and I wish all of you a safe and Happy Fourth of July.

Respectively submitted,

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"Only our individual faith in freedom can keep us Free".....Dwight D. Eisenhower

Post and Auxiliary Calender

July 2nd – 8th Sawdust Days, setup (9am), Festival and tear down (9am).
12pm. to 10 p. m. during event

July 10th Post Picnic – (Tentative)
Marine Corp League Clubhouse – 6:30pm dinner.

Aug. 1st – 5th County Fair
Volunteers needed for parking cars.

Aug. 12th Lion's Carpfest
Butte de Morte Lion's Park – 12:00noon

Aug. 14th Post Business Meeting
Marine Corps League Clubhouse – 6:30pm dinner, 7pm meeting.

Sept. 11th Post and Auxiliary Business Meeting
Marine Corps League Clubhouse – 6:30 dinner, 7pm meeting.

Sept. 29th State Executive Committee
Beaver Dam Veterans Center.

Oct. 9th Post Business Meeting
Marine Corps League Clubhouse – 6:30pm dinner, 7pm meeting

Nov 13th Post Business Meeting
Marine Corps League Clubhouse – 6:30 dinner, 7pm meeting

Nov. 30th State Dance

Dec. 1st State Executive Committee
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Changes to Reporting Individual Service Activities

In order for the national organization to maintain IRS non-profit status, it is required that each individual member of AMVETS must report all the activities they have performed under the service programs of AMVETS. In the past, reporting was done by the Post 2nd Vice Commander directly to the National and Department Headquarters, using the Individual Post Programs Report Form (see reverse). This form was completed by each member on a monthly basis and forwarded to the 2nd Vice at the regular monthly business meeting or mailed to the 2nd Vice by the meeting date. The 2nd Vice Commander/Programs was one of only a few Post members allowed access to the online reporting program on the AMVETS National web page.

Unfortunately because many members were not able to make all meetings, service related activities by these members were not being fully reported. Because of this, the National Headquarters now allows each individual member to be able to directly access the reporting programs on line. While the report form can still be used and reported to the Post 2nd Vice, members are encouraged to report their activities directly when they are not able to make meetings. Even members who are living out of state can record their activities into Post #7's report through this system.

To use the system all you have to have is your Member ID (found on your membership card) using the following procedures: Go to the AMVETS National web page at <http://amvets.org>; highlight the membership tag on the top tool bar and scroll down the membership drop-down menu to the "submit reports" function; click on program reports which opens the log in screen; 1st time users should register and set their password by following the instructions and using their membership number – returning users should log in using their member number and password; once on the Add new program data page, select a program category from the drop down menu on each line needed; under comments add the number of the month (i.e. June enter 6) so that the Department 2nd Vice can sort the data by month; Add the number of volunteers, hours, milage, activity costs (unreimbursed costs) and any cash donations into the appropriate spaces; Click on the preview data box on the bottom after all lines are entered for all activities you are reporting and after reviewing your entry click on submit.

Do not report activities you have entered directly to the web page, to the Post 2nd Vice to ensure these hours are not over reported. You can estimate hours, milage etc. but do not falsly report activites that you have not actually performed. IRS rules do not allow reporting meetings but if you conduct fund raising activites during the meeting or the purpose of the meeting is for training you can report the hours etc. as Communications & P.R.O. Activity" or as Fund Raising. Since one of the purposes of AMVETS is community service and Post 7 has established a written program to encourage community services, activities conducted to assist citizens other than veterans, are reportable. These may include fundraising activities for organizations other than AMVETS organizations, cutting a neighbors grass, changing a stranded motorists tire or any other activity as long as you receive no paid compensation (other than donations to AMVETS or another non-profit organization) and you should identifiy yourself in some way as being associated with AMVETS. This can be verbal and as simple as wearing an AMVET shirt or hat.