



## AMVETS JAMES T. SLATTERY POST 128

1404 Macauley Avenue, Rice Lake, WI 54868

August 2018 AMVETS Newsletter

Dear AMVETS and Guest,

There is a change to our monthly meeting this month as a result of an AMVETS 1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting. So, rather than the last Monday of the month, we'll be meeting on **Monday, August 20, 2018 at 6PM**. The district meeting will follow our meeting starting at 7PM. I hope you're able to attend both meeting on that night? Also there will be food provided by one of the post. So come a little hungry.

**AMVETS Post 128 on Facebook:** Looking at establishing a Facebook page for our post. It will be a way to expose our post and hopefully work on obtaining new members. May of our members may or may not have Facebook accounts. However, how about other Veterans? Our younger Veterans? So hoping to get that up this month. More at our meeting.

**Appreciation Dinner 2018:** Planning is in the works. Also looking at inviting the Rice Lake Honor Guard. The Honor Guard invitation is to thank them for the service they perform. Also, I would like to encourage the members to seek out door prizes for this event. Best to start now rather than later. I putting this on the memberships back rather than always on only one or two individuals. Teamwork is needed here.

**AMVETS Programs:** At each meeting I ask everyone for any volunteerism that you might have done. I report this information online. It's a form that most if not all Veteran Organizations do. These are hours that AMVETS National collect and share with our Congressional members.

**AMVETS Apparel:** Thank you to Ronald "Airborne" Loyas for locating Northwoods Promotions. They have moved to 113 N. Main Street, Rice Lake, WI. We have purchased an AMVETS die with them years ago. They can embroider our logo on items. Our post has used them for t-shirts, baseball caps to name a few items. I know I've done a few shirts with them. Feel free to go and purchase, your cost, a shirt or items on your own. We still have about two baseball caps (\$15) left. I can bring some items in at our meeting this month.



**TRICARE Beneficiaries Future Options for Vision and Dental Coverage:** There are changes coming down the road with an open enrollment. If you're a retiree or someone that uses these programs, "you" need to be pro-active. Don't be reactive!

**Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD):** There are some upcoming events and locations for retiree's to go and learn about what one is entitled to and especially with the changes coming in 2019 as mentioned above. You owe this to your loved ones and especially you – the Veteran.

**County Veteran Service Officers:** When was the last time you visited with them on your veteran issues? It pays to visit with them and see on updates. It also lets them know that you're doing okay. Give them a call and set up an appointment and handle the business on hand. I find them very helpful and informative on issues I call or visit with them.

**Barron County Veteran Picnic:** Sunday, September 16, 2018 at the Pioneer Village Park, Cameron, WI starting with Church Service in the Chapel at 11am. Meal kicks off at around 12 noon.

### Up Coming Events/Meetings:

Monday, September 24, 2018: AMVETS Post 128 Monthly Meeting at 7PM.

Saturday, September 29, 2018: State Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting. Location, Beaver Dam, WI.

Monday, October 29, 2018: AMVETS Post 128 Monthly Meeting at 7PM.

Saturday, November 3, 2018: TENTATIVE – AMVETS White Clover Fundraiser.

**Note:** There are "no" AMVETS Post 128 Monthly Meetings during the month of November and December.

Sunday, November 11, 2018: TBA – LCO POW-WOW.

Monday, November 19, 2018: 1<sup>st</sup> AMVETS District Meeting at 7PM.

Saturday, December TBA: State Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting. More information to follow.

“Stand Up, Hook Up, Check Equipment, Sound Off, Stand in the Door, Go”

*Lenny*

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**Items of Interest:**

Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC): [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com) (or call 800-724-9988)

Army Echoes: [solderforlife.army.mil/retirement](http://solderforlife.army.mil/retirement)

Honors: [www.mccoymilitary.com](http://www.mccoymilitary.com)

Minneapolis VA Health Care System: [www.minneapolis.va.gov](http://www.minneapolis.va.gov) or [www.VISN23.va.gov](http://www.VISN23.va.gov)

(1-866-414-5058)

myPay: <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx> (or call 1-800-321-1080)

The Senior Citizens League: [www.seniorsleague.org](http://www.seniorsleague.org)

**Membership Application**

Annual Membership: \$30.00

Life Membership: \$250.00

Make check/money order out to AMVETS Post 128 and mail to:

AMVETS Post 128, Commander Lenny Shier, P.O. Box 277, Chetek, WI 54728

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone and Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: All emails are placed in “BCC” so no one sees your email address.)

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Year Entered Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Month/Year Discharged: \_\_\_\_\_