



September 2018

Next Meeting: Sept.11th, 2018

Commander's Message

Commander Jeff Bedward

Summer is fast approaching it's end and with it the time for most of our fund raisers and service projects. That's not to say we don't have several events coming up; in October is our fall White Clover Drive; the Post continues to sponsor Oshkosh's Pearl Harbor Memorial event; also, in December is the Post's Christmas party and; we hope to be able to add other service events and fund raiser's in the future. So, let's not get too relaxed, the service work our Post does will be continuing.

Thanks to all those that helped in the last few events of the year including the Lion's Club Carpfest, the AMVETS Day at the Timber Rattlers tail gate party. Unfortunately, the response at the Winnebago County Fair for the parking project was not good and we may not repeat this fund raiser next year.

One important project that I am championing is the establishment of a Sons of AMVETS Squadron in Oshkosh. It is my goal to be at the point of organization that we can receive the charter at the state convention which of course will be held in Oshkosh. Our Post is also very close to organizing an AMVET Riders chapter here. A few more members for each of the organizations are needed.

One final note, thanks go out to Barbara Belmont who stepped up to fill the position of 3 Year Trustee. Mark Mennen had to resign this position due to changes in his job that prevented him from fulfilling his duties.

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Adjutant's Report

Adjutant Ron Griffin

Prior to the August membership meeting the Executive Committee met to approve a revised Constitution and Bylaws for the Post. This was necessary because the Department Judge Advocate did not approve our existing version as it did not match up with the recommended version required of the Department. The approved new Post version was approved by the Executive Committee and written copies of this revised version will be distributed at the September meeting for approval of the membership.

One administrative announcement made in August was that the 3 Year Trustee, Mark Mennen had resigned due to changes in his work duties and the Commander appointed Barbara Belmont to complete his term of office. Other items on the agenda that were discussed included the initial report on Sawdust Days. Finance Officer Chesna reported we wtil had not received all the bills but he could report that total sales for the event were down and the cost paid to the Sawdust Days Committee were up due to increased fees by the City. Donations were approved towards an outdoor musical instrument display at Carl Traeger. A suggestion that the Post begin a program of "Buddy" visits to veterans in area nursing homes was discussed and reservations for the AMVET Day at the Timber Rattlers game were taken. (We were the sponsor Post for the event this year.

At the joint meeting with the Auxiliary, Ellen Schmidt reported on Sawdust Days and reported that because of the poor attendance the committee does not have the funds to continue the event next year. If that is the case the Post has to look for new fund raisers. Commander Bedward reported that there was a very slim volunteer turn out for the parking at the County Fair and that he does not believe we should continue with this fund raiser next year so we will have to replace this income as well.

A final item discussed was the recent changes in the State's tax laws that now allows veterans groups to purchase some items without paying sales tax. However, this exemption does not include anything involving food including preparation equipment such as grills etc. If you are asked to make a purchase of items for a Post project you must see Steve Chesna for a form or the supplier cannot deduct the sales tax.

Sept. 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.)

Glenna Meyer 9/1
Jay Weinstock 9/1
Bart Eichorst Sr. 9/3
Dan Blackwood 9/9
Lynn Holey 9/16
Shawn Monroe 9/18
Amber Nikolai 9/19
Joe Spanbauer 9/19
Mike Larsen 9/19
Gerald Gumz 9/23
Richard Huber 9/25
Todd Blanchette 9/28

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Mike Hert

Whenever I attend a meeting, I always marvel at the distinct personalities within our Post. In scripture whether it's Isaiah 11:2-3 or the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12. Each one of us is given gifts by our Creator. In that same vein each of us has talents, skills or strengths that can be used for the greater good. Our challenges become whether we have boldly stepped forward and implemented those gifts whether within our family, workplace, community or even our Post. I encourage each of us to reach out with our God given gifts and make a difference in our world.

If you are known 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.



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY 7

July 2018

Dear AMVETS, Auxiliary Members, and guests:

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our First V.P. Julie Hert for leading our meeting last month in my absence. I heard you did an excellent job, Julie. Julie is a newer member and has really stepped forward to help make our Auxiliary greater.

The next biggest event coming up is King Weekend. September 7-8-9. I gave quite a thorough description of what goes on at King Weekend in our last Bugler so will not repeat it again. However, I will reiterate that this is a very big three-day project we take on for our Veterans at King, The more hands available the easier the work. Also, I want to remind everyone to bring a batch or two of cookies. We give these cookies out during the Casino Day to the members along with a beverage. We also use what is left over of the cookies for the Ice Cream Social in the halls on Sunday. Our members at King look forward to this event all year. If you feel you cannot attend the whole weekend at least try to help for part of the weekend.

King weekend is fun, not really work. If you cannot attend, we would appreciate a batch of homemade cookies, the veterans love them.

Also, according to the calendar of events in last month's Bugler, September 8th is the MVM's Vietnam Veterans "Welcome Home Picnic" at Shelter #2 in Winnebago County Park. I am sure some of our AMVETS will be working at that. Both events will take place before our next Post meeting on September 11th; so, we can get a full report on these events at our next meeting. State Campout is coming up as well as the State Executive Meeting on September 29th in Beaver Dam. Again, more information will be coming out at our meeting. However please take time to read the Bugler as it takes time and effort to put these articles together. Ron Griffin puts many hours into this job each month to make sure we get important information.

For our Auxiliary members all dues are sent to Julie Hert our membership chairman, she will probably send out notices. We like to have 100% renewals in by October 1st. to be eligible for the early bird drawing. Membership will be going up after January 1, 2019. Annual membership is \$15.50 will go up \$2 a year and lifetime membership are \$230 and will go up by \$25. This is just another reason to try to get new members into our Auxiliary early this year. I will have membership forms with me at the next meeting if anyone would like to take some along with them.

Again, I want to thank Amanda and Chris for bringing the meal and I understand we had two people bring food so thank you Angie and Phil and we will look forward to your meal in September. That leaves October and November for people to cover the meals until the end of the year as the Christmas Party is in December.

All Auxiliary members and even AMVETS if you have any new thoughts or ideas to get our name out in the community or do some service projects, please let us know. It is important to be involved in these projects to keep our name in the public eye.

Last but certainly not least, I want everyone to keep Ann Augsburg and Char Griffin in your prayers. Both have been dealing with some serious health issues. Right now, Ann is at home and Char is a patient at Parkview for rehab.

Respectively submitted,
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Post and Auxiliary Calender

Sept. 8th MVM's Vietnam Veterans "Welcome Home Picnic"
Shelter #2 – Winnebago County Park

Sept. 7th, 8th and 9th King Weekend
King Veterans' Home.

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

Sept. 21st – 23rd District Campout
Brussels, WI.

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

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

Oct. 27th Dept. Auxiliary Fund Raiser
Oshkosh Elks Club

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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Categories Used In Reporting Service Activities

Below are the categories used on the National Program Reporting site. These are provided to assist members in self reporting.

- 9/11 (Sept Only)
- Task Force DVD
- AADAA
- Americanism
- Patriotism – Flag
- Blood Drives
- Care Bear
- Clothing & Food
- Homeless Veterans
- Organ & Bone Marrow Donors
- POW/MIA
- ROTC
- S.A.V.E./Suicide Awareness
- Safe Driver
- Scholarship Assistance
- Scouting
- Sick & Hospitalized Vets.
- Special Olympics
- Support for National Guard Troops
- Support Our Troops
- Vet History Program.
- White Clover
- Women Veterans
- Other – Community Service
- CODE Career Center Team Member
- Communications/PRO Activity
- Legislative Activity
- Membership Activity
- Vet Service/Claims Activity