



AMVETS JAMES T. SLATTERY POST 128
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October 2018 AMVETS Newsletter

Dear AMVETS and Guests,

Please take the time to read this newsletter. It contains information that could be helpful to you and other Veterans. Feel free to share. Remember this is your newsletter also and should you have information for it, please feel free to let me know.

Call to meeting on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 7PM. This is the "last post meeting" of the year.

AMVETS 1st District meeting will be held at the Rice Lake Veteran Center on Monday, November 12, 2018 at 7PM. I'm committed that night and hope that someone from our group can attend this meeting.

AMVETS Membership Renewals due are \$25 for the 2018-2019 year. We have about three individuals that have not paid yet. Make checks out to AMVETS Post 128. You can send that to me at Lenny Shier, P.O. Box 277, Chetek, WI 54728 or bring check/money to the meeting. Those that have renewed will receive their new AMVETS cards at this month's meeting. Again to all a big thank you for renewing. I also like to thank the Life Members also.

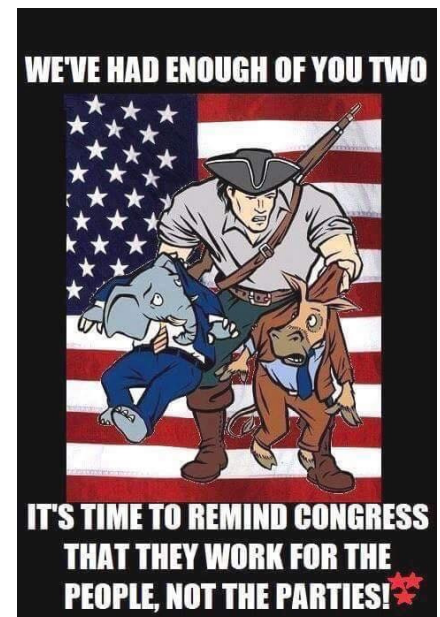
AMVETS 20th Annual Appreciation Dinner has been locked in for the R-Bar (1190 25th Street, Cameron, WI // 715-859-6556) for Saturday, November 10, 2018. Social Hour (cash bar) kicks off the event at 12:30PM, followed by dinner at 1PM. Banquet Menu; Beef Tips, Baked Chicken, and Sliced Baked Ham. Baby Reds and Mashed Potato with gravy, California Blend Vegetables, Green Salad with dressings, and Assorted Dinner Rolls. Coffee will also be served. Members are encouraged to let me know (**RSVP**) who is attending by Friday, November 2, 2018 so I can inform the R-Bar on the number attending and for their planning. Call or email me. See information in signature block. Note: Veteran Center Honor Guard have been invited to attend this year.

AMVETS SEC Meeting was attended by your Commander. I'll have a separate report on this at our monthly meeting.

Flu Shot Vaccinations time has come to the VA. You will have different opportunities through the MPLS VA Medical Center (24 & 25 October; 8:30AM till 3PM), VA Community Clinics (schedule an appointment) or Walgreen Pharmacies (Veteran's ID card required). These are at no cost to the Veteran.

Veteran Ticket Foundation (www.vettix.org): This foundation (Give Something to Those Who Gave) provides tickets to events to all branches of currently-serving Military and Veterans, including immediate family of troops KIA. They secure tickets to sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational and family activities across the nation. You must sign up online and they verify your service. Once you become a VetTixers, you can request tickets to events that interest you, then pay a small delivery fee to receive your ticket. I have heard of this from many Veterans that have used this foundation for sporting events. Give it a try?!

Facebook and AMVETS: As I had mention in the past I was looking a creating a page for our AMVETS Post 128. I have not done so to date but plan to. More at the meeting.



Up Coming Events/Meetings:

Saturday, November 3, 2018: AMVETS "Walmart Only" White Clover Fundraiser.

Saturday, November 10, 2018: AMVETS Post 128 **Annual Appreciation Dinner**, at the R-Bar. Also inviting the Rice Lake Honor Guard. More at meeting. **RSVP by Friday, November 2, 2018.**

Monday, November 12, 2018: AMVETS 1st District Meeting at 7PM. Location the Rice Lake Veteran Center.

Technology has come to our Post. Our members went in with DAV Chapter 52 on this purchase. Between the two Veteran Organizations we have the use of this 50" Flat Screen TV. A computer and this flat screen much can be done to share with our members. That visual aid helps us to see reports, etc. Additionally any links from the AMVETS National or AMVETS State websites aid in making us more informed.

Veterans Day 2018: Many of us recognize and appreciate our veterans, active-duty, guardsmen and reservist of the U.S. Military. This great brotherhood and sisterhood bonds us. No matter which branch you served in, whatever your job or path or how many years you served, raising your hand and committing yourself to service in the military was a brave and selfless act. One that results in few guarantees – of where you would be assigned; whether and where you might deploy; and, in some cases, if you would return home in one piece, or at all. Thank you for serving and to those that continue to serve, in or out of uniform. God Bless you all, and the United States of America.

COLA (Cost of Living Allowance) **Increase** for retirees, disability, social security recipients will see a 2.8 percent pay increase in their monthly checks in 2019. This is the biggest increase in seven years.

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

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