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### FROM THE COMMANDER

Greetings! The October AMVETS meeting will be on Thursday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

We will be discussing the Honor Guard shirts [bring your shirts to the meeting and your receipt to get reimbursed]. We will also discuss the Honor Guard training.

**The Christmas Party will be on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon at the American Legion. There will not be a Dec. meeting.**

The Annual 'Respect the Flag' Program Will be held on Thurs. and Fri. mornings, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. The Veterans Day Program will be at the N.L. Middle School, 9 a.m., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.

We need your participation at these functions.

---Commander Armin

### EDITOR'S COMMENTARY



Here we are in November! We Are just a few weeks away from Thanksgiving Day...the one day each year that we get to 'pig out' Let us say a prayer to God.....

Lord, we thank you

for the goodness of our people  
and for the spirit of justice  
that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the  
land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest,  
for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord:

accept our thanksgiving on this day.

We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We will be dining at **the Pantry** on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:00, before the meeting. Hope to see you there!

### WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

- Nov. 30 – Dept. Fall Dance, Waupaca V.F.W.
- Dec. 1. – Dept. S.E.C. meeting Waupaca V.F.W.
- Dec. 9 – Post 45 Christmas Party, American Leg.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO:

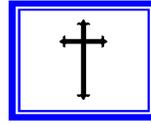
AMVET members – Dave Wochinski, Bob Polaski, Jeff Fletcher, Charles Coenen, Larry Dean Young & Pete Poepeke  
Aux. members – Theresa Reimers, Jeanne Tepolt

If I missed your birthday, please let me know.

## MEMBERSHIP

A total of 10 renewals have come in to date. Thank you! There are 8 annual members yet to renew. Please do so ASAP.

-Bob Dessort – V.C. of Membership



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*This makes one think for sure about everyday life and that which surrounds us and to appreciate the little things.*

### LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next monthly meeting will be on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:25. at the American Legion Clubhouse; please be prompt.



Our joint school program will be Nov. 8 & 9. We will be doing 3 schools each morning. This will make it easier for some of us. We will meet in the Chamber parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

Our annual National membership dues will be increasing on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> to \$17.50. If you know someone interested in joining our Aux. they should join now and save \$2.00.

The New London Middle School will be hosting a Veterans' Day Program at 9:00 a.m. on Nov. 12 in the gymnasium. If you plan to attend, be sure to get there early to get a parking place.

We are still collecting the 'Coats For Kids' Program. Drop your item off at the Washington Center. Give to Kim or take to the Salvation Army on Beacon Ave.

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

### POINTS TO PONDER

- One's character and one's garden both reflect the amount of weeding that was done during the growing season.
- Some people dream of worthy accomplishments, while others stay awake and do them.
- A good word is an easy obligation, but not to speak ill requires only our silence, which costs us nothing.

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle. I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home. As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure as they felt that Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion.

We sat together for a while after Belker's Death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives.

Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why." Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try and live.

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them;
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride;

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**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER (cont.)**

- Take naps;
- Stretch before rising;
- Run, romp, and play daily;
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you;
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do;
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass;
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree;
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body;
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk;
- Be loyal;
- Never pretend to be something you're not;
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it;
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently;

There comes a time in life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. You surround yourself with people who make you laugh, forget the bad, and focus on the good, so, love the people who treat you right. Think good thoughts for the ones who don't ~ life is too short to be anything but happy.

Falling down is part of LIFE...Getting back up is LIVING...DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD... FEW PEOPLE GET THE PRIVILEGE

**AMVETS POST 45 & AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS.**

**ATTEND THE POST / AUX. CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**SUNDAY, DEC. 9<sup>th</sup>, AMERICAN LEGION CLUBHOUSE.**

**WE WILL BE EATING AT NOON.**

**LADIES WILL BE EXCHANGING \$5.00 GIFTS.**

**BRING A DISH TO PASS AND BRING YOUR SPOUSE.**

**Application for Membership**

*(Please Print Information below)*

**AMVETS**

American Veterans NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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# Great Americans On Beer

Sometimes, when I reflect on all the beer I drink, I feel ashamed.

Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I did not drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. I think, it is better to drink this beer and let their dreams come true, than be selfish and worry about my liver.

**Babe Ruth**

"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading".

**Paul Horning**

"24 hours in a day and 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? I think not".

**H. L. Mencken**

"When we drink, we get drunk. When we get drunk, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to heaven. So, let's all get drunk and go to heaven".

**George Bernard Shaw**

"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy".

**Benjamin Franklin**

"Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, But the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza".

**Dave Barry**

"Beer: Helping ugly people have sex since 3000 B.C."

**W. C. Fields**

Remember "I" before "E," except in Budweiser.

**Professor Irwin Corey**

"To some it is a six-pack. To me, it is a Support Group. Salvation in a can".

**Leo Durocher**

One night at *Cheers*, a TV Sitcom, **Cliff Clavin** said to his buddy, Norm Peterson: "Well, ya see, Norm, it's like this ... A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first.

This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members.

In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But, naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers".

Only in AMERICA

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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.

## NFL BOYCOTT

Your teenage years were a struggle. You grew up on the wrong side of the tracks. Your mother was the leader of the family and worked tirelessly to keep a roof over your head and food on your plate.

Academics were a struggle for you and your grades were mediocre at best. The only thing that made you stand out is you weighed 225 lbs. and could run 40 yards in 4.2 seconds while carrying a football.

Your best friend was just like you, except he didn't play football. Instead of going to football practice after school, he went to work at McDonalds for minimum wage. You were recruited by all the big colleges and spent every weekend of your senior year making visits to universities where coaches and boosters tried to convince you their school was best. They laid out the red carpet for you. Your best friend worked double shifts at Mickey D's. College was not an option for him. On the day you signed with Big State University, your best friend signed paperwork with his Army recruiter.

You went to summer workouts. He went to basic training. You spent the next four years living in the athletic dorm, eating at the training table. You spent your Saturdays on the football field, cheered on by adoring fans. Tutors attended to your every academic need. You attended class when you felt like it. Sure, you worked hard. You lifted weights, ran sprints, studied plays, and soon became one of the top football players in the country.

Your best friend was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division. While you were in college, he deployed to Iraq once and Afghanistan twice. He became a Sergeant and led a squad of 19-year old soldiers who grew up just like he did. He shed his blood in Afghanistan and watched young American's give their lives, limbs, and innocence for the USA. You went to the NFL combine and scored off the charts. You hired an agent and waited for draft day. You were drafted in the first round and your agent immediately went to work, ensuring that you received the most money possible.

You signed for \$16 million although you had never played a single down of professional football. Your best friend re-enlisted in the Army for four more years. As a combat tested sergeant, he will be paid \$32,000 per year. You will drive a Ferrari on

the streets of South Beach. He will ride in the back of a Blackhawk helicopter with 10 other combat loaded soldiers. You will sleep at the Ritz. He will dig a hole in the ground and try to sleep. You will "make it rain" in the club. He will pray for rain as the temperature reaches 120 degrees.

On Sunday, you will run into a stadium as tens of thousands of fans cheer and yell your name. For your best friend, there is little difference between Sunday and any other day of the week. There are no adoring fans. There are only people trying to kill him and his soldiers. Every now and then, he and his soldiers leave the front lines and "go to the rear" to rest. He might be lucky enough to catch an NFL game on TV.

When the National Anthem plays and you take a knee, he will jump to his feet and salute the television. While you protest the unfairness of life in the United States, he will give thanks to God that he has the honor of defending his great country.

To the players of the NFL: We are the people who buy your tickets, watch you on TV, and wear your jerseys. We anxiously wait for Sundays so we can cheer for you and marvel at your athleticism. Although we love to watch you play, we care little about your opinions until you offend us. You have the absolute right to express yourselves, but we have the absolute right to boycott you. We have tolerated your drug use and DUIs, your domestic violence, and your vulgar displays of wealth. We should be ashamed for putting our admiration of your physical skills before what is morally right. But now you have gone too far. You have insulted our flag, our country, our soldiers, our police officers, and our veterans. You are living the American dream, yet you disparage our great country. I encourage all like-minded Americans to boycott the NFL.

### **National boycott of the NFL for Sunday November 12th, Veterans Day**

This weekend, boycott all football telecast, all fans, all ticket holders, stay away from attending any games, let them play to empty stadiums. Pass this post along to all your friends and family. Honor our military, some of whom come home with the American Flag draped over their coffin.

# SPECIAL MEMBERS PAGE

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

## MORE.....JUST PLAIN OL' GOOD INFO!

**The roar** that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

**Nine out of every 10** living things live in the ocean.

**The banana** cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

**Airports at higher altitudes** require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

**The University of Alaska** spans four time zones.

**The tooth** is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

**In ancient Greece**, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

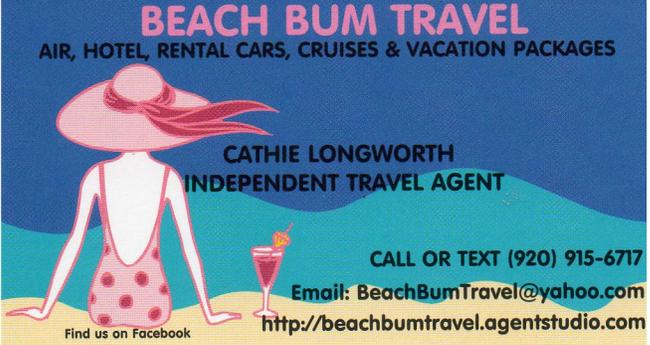
**Warner Communications** paid 28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday, which was written in 1935!

**Intelligent people** have more zinc and copper in their hair.

**A comet's tail** always points away from the sun.

**The Swine Flu** vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent.

**Caffeine** increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.



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## IT'S HUMOR TIME

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

Top 6 Morons of the year.... These are funny!!!

### 1. WILL THE REAL DUMMY PLEASE STAND UP?

AT&T fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked intellectual leadership. He received a \$26 million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.

### 2. WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS:

Police in Oakland, CA spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them in the police line, shouting, 'Please come out and give yourself up.'

### 3. WHAT WAS PLAN B?

An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines, wherein the kidnapper proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.

### 4. THE GETAWAY!

A man walked into a Topeka, Kansas Kwik Stop and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently, the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him.

### 5. DID I SAY THAT

Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words: 'Give me all your money or I'll shoot', the man shouted, 'that's not what I said!'

### 6. ARE WE COMMUNICATING?

A man spoke frantically into the phone: 'My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart'. 'Is this her first child?' the doctor asked. 'No!' the man shouted, 'This is her husband!'



My mouth is like a  
magician's hat. You  
never know what's  
gonna come out of it.