

AMVETS VANGUARD

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"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."
-Elmer Davis

FROM THE COMMANDER

February and March have flown by and I'm glad they are gone. We had a blizzard and a devastating ice storm in February. But, we were still able to have a good time because of the following events:

- February 5th, the band Secret Weapon had the place rocking
- February and March Scotch Doubles Pool Tournaments (last Friday of the month) have been a great success. In this type of tournament, you don't have to be good to win because you don't know who your partner will be until the teams are drawn when the tournament starts.
- We had well attended parties for the Super Bowl and The Daytona 500
- Our Texas Hold'em held at LA Café was a great success, thank you volunteers, players and Cheryl Bilyou. We have another one scheduled in May.
- The card parties at the Post are getting bigger; all members are invited to play. They are held Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons.
- Chip Kiest did a great job streaming the Adrian College playoff games on to the big screen TV.

"Da Bus" has been busy.

- The Booze Cruise was a blast
- Members have used it for private functions multiple times
- It has taken its 4th trip to the Firekeeper's Casino.
- Contact, Aaron, Liz Feltman or Bill Brown for information on using "DaBus" for private functions.

We have (3) new 42" Plasma TVs. Many thanks go out to Perry Miller, Deryl and Matt Clark for mounting them

- Additional big thanks to the Auxiliary for donating the monies for the 3rd TV.
- A "silent auction" will be held to dispose of the 3 old TVs - on Sunday, April 10th at 6:00pm.

The housekeeping party held Sunday Morning, March 20th was a big success. I am guessing that approximately 20 volunteers including Sons and Auxiliary participated. Ceilings, walls, floors, shelves and light fixtures were scrubbed making the Post look clean and bright. A lot of hard work was put into the 2nd floor, **THANK YOU ALL!**

Please don't ever forget that Pat Gilbert is a patient at the Provincial House and she would like visitors.

Finally, I am proud to report that the AMVETS, Department of Michigan has almost completely recovered from its financial and leadership problems from a few years ago.

Please don't ever forget our great service people who are protecting us 24/7, 365 days a year. Finally, always remember that it is because of all the **wonderful Veterans**, that we live in the greatest country on earth.

Rob Hosken, Cmdr.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Happy spring!

First, we would like to invite everyone to an all-you-can-eat Nacho Bar on April 9 from 5-7pm. The proceeds from this event will be benefiting Paws with a Cause. As many of you have probably noticed, we are also selling Paw Prints for \$1.00 at the bar with all of those proceeds being donated to Paws with a Cause as well. If you would like more information on Paws, please see an Auxiliary Officer.

We elected new officers at our last meeting and our installation of those officers is being held in place of our April meeting. We will be having installation at 6:00pm on Monday, April 18. Please join us for this event.

We are also going to be participating in a Texas Hold 'em Tournament at the L.A. Cafe from May 15-18. We are hoping that this will be a great fundraiser for us and we hope that you will come out and play a few hands!

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events! As always, we welcome any comments or suggestions from any of our members!

Liz Feltman
Ladies Auxiliary President

SONS OF AMVETS

A (\$400) grill raffle will be held the end of May with proceeds supporting AMVETS Bus Trips.

HOME FOR THE HEROES car, truck and motorcycle show will be held August 13th, benefiting Veterans.

Gaylord Hill, President

AMVETS RIDERS

The poker run is planned for August 20th

Membership: 450 total members including 9 new members since January.

Things to remember about our Post

- If, you are not receiving our email blasts (1-2 week), go to the Post website (www.amvets1957.com) and re-register. It's the best way to stay on top of all the events going on.
- The Post has wifi and is hot. It is common to find members enjoying the internet on their laptops.
- A computer-w/printer is always available at the Post for use by the membership
- Every Tuesday, \$1 drafts and free pool for all members
- Thursday and Sunday, Card parties, open to members
- Friday nights, pool tournaments open to members
- Monday and Wednesday and Fridays – **Bingo** at the UAW Hall

Change of drink prices are effective Friday, April 1, 2011 come and check out the *lowered mixed drinks and shot prices.*

New Prices for Beer

Draft Beer - \$1.50

Pitcher - \$5.00

Domestic Bottle Beer - \$2.00

Upcoming Events – mark you calendar

Saturday, April 9, Auxiliary Nacho Bar, 5:00 p.m. – 7 :00 p.m. (Paws with a Cause)

Monday, April 11th, Amvets Membership – officer nominations for the 2012 year

Sunday, April 10th, Video Poker Tournament, 3:00pm - Silent Auction for 3 old TVs @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 18, Auxiliary Officers installation, 6:00pm

May 15-18, Texas Hold'em (Auxiliary) at LA Café

May 22-25, Texas Hold'em (AMVETS) at LA Café

May 17th, Tribute to John Rottman at 7:00pm

July 16th, Auxiliary Scholarship Luncheon
TIGERS BASEBALL GAME (Vs Chicago White Sox)

July 17th, 29 tickets available at \$60 each.

Saturday, Aug 13, Home for the Heroes Sons' Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show at the Adrian Mall