

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

Happy New Year to the AMVETS Family

The last couple of months have gone bye so quickly that not only me but some of the other officers who usually contribute to the newsletter every month weren't able to get their articles finished. I'm using the *Holiday Season* for my excuse.

It has been a great couple of months. Many, many things have happened that make us all proud we are associated with AMVETS.

- Thanksgiving dinners
- Auxiliary and Riders Christmas Baskets
- The Children's Christmas Party put on by the Auxiliary
- The phenomenal Sons' New Year's Eve Party
- Numerous AMVETS Bus trips enjoyed by all
- Riders' BOOZE Cruise
- Wall mural Open House

Just a quick reminder, **dues have to be paid for 2011**. The bartenders will be asking you to show your 2011 card or at least a receipt showing your dues are paid for this year. They are only doing their job and this happens every year in January and February.

Please go to our website to keep up with everything going on. I could fill a whole page of upcoming events over the next few months.

We will be hosting Texas Hold'em in March and May out to LA Café. These will be 4 day events and we expect good turnouts.

Our membership continues to grow at a pretty fast pace. It is great to see all the young new faces in our Post. In 5 years, our AMVETS family has more than doubled in size. You all contribute to that remarkable growth.

The New Year's Eve Party was a real eye opener to me. We had approximately 150 people partying away the night and I only recognized maybe 50% of them. It was a good blend of old and many new members in attendance.

Finally, I must thank everybody for supporting our Post in 2010. The Post was able to donate approximately \$12,000 to Veteran and Community Charities. Please remember that is what our mission is as a non-profit Veteran based organization. It is to take care of Veterans and provide support to our Community. Always keep our service people in your thoughts and prayers.

Rob Hosken, Cmdr.

Special Day of Recognition:

April 11, 1991 – Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire

Come in for a free drink if you were serving on this date

LADIES AUXILIARY

I want to start this update by thanking everyone who helped with all of our Christmas activities, from the Kid's Christmas Party to our Christmas Baskets. Everything turned out wonderful and I know that those that received gifts and food from us were grateful for what we were able to accomplish together.

This month's meeting will be held on **February 21 at 7:00 p.m.** We will be having our nominations for officers, so if you are interested in helping direct the future of our Ladies Auxiliary, please attend and let your voice be heard. We are also planning on having another fund-raiser dinner on April 9. More details will be announced at a later date, but please mark your calendar's and plan to attend and help support the Auxiliary and the projects that we do.

Please let me or any of the Ladies Auxiliary officers know any comments or projects that you would like to see us support. We appreciate everyone's input.

Until next month,

Liz Feltman
Ladies Auxiliary President

SONS OF AMVETS

February 28 – Monthly Meeting @ 6 p.m.

AMVETS RIDERS

March 12 – Monthly Meeting @ 10 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We currently have **422** members paid for 2011. We would like to welcome the new additions to our Family:

AMVETS-

Alicia Alcorta, Mark Denske, David Flores, Richard Golden, Annette Stone and Robert Wise

Auxiliary-

Jennifer Bailey, Katie Brown-McLaughlin, Jody Denske, Bonnie Duke, Crissandra Gould, Lori Hillard, Julie Koehn, Heather Kuhn, Sally Marvin, Kathryn Navarro, Lona Pettit, Cindy Rodriguez and Marsha Vaughn

Sons-

David Black, Jim Craig, Kent Emerson, Benjamin Farquhar, Jose Faz, Kevin Holt, Jerry Kuhn, John Lewis Sr, John Maren,

Scott Marvin, Jacob Meredith, Rence Meredith, Jack Palmo, Chris Pate, Dennis Pinter, Mike Raymond Jr, Allen Sanford, Dan Simpkins, Jeffrey Skampo, Jeffrey Smith, Dustin Thompson and Daniel Wielfaert

Thanks again for your membership to the fastest growing Veterans organization, AMVETS

Greg Vessel, 1st Vice Commander
Membership Chair

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

February 5

Live Band – Secret Weapons

8 – Midnight

February 6

Super Bowl Sunday

February 14th

6 p.m. – AMVETS Meeting

7 p.m. – Executive Committee

March 20 - 23

Texas Hold'em (LA Café)

May 22 - 25

Texas Hold'em (LA Café)

April 9

Auxiliary Fundraiser Dinner

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