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FROM THE COMMANDER

Dear AMVETS Family Members,

This past May was a month to remember. Many of our wonderful members returned from spending their winter down south, it is great to see everybody again. It's also a month of remembrance because of the deaths of two wonderful members, *John Rottman* and *John Harvey*.

- *John Rottman* was known to the veterans not only in Lenawee County but on a state level. He served as a delegate to the AMVETS state conventions for many years. The love and care he showed to his wife Lana, as she fought against Huntington's disease, will always be remembered.
- *John Harvey* befriended many members of our AMVETS family over the last couple of years. I remember him always having a smile. He was generous in his support but did it in a quiet way.

BUT, on the reverse side *Toby Brown* gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. Also, my daughter, *DeDe Lindeman* also gave birth to a beautiful baby girl making Eloise and I grandparents.

May was extremely wet which meant we were not able to paint the bus. We have to paint the outside; that requires 4-5 days when added to the prep time. Of course if any of you have a large indoor area that could be used, we would be very grateful.

50 Detroit Tigers tickets will go on sale July 18th, payment in advance is required.

- The AMVETS softball team (really good) plays every Wednesday night at Heritage Park.
- June 5th, Eric Einhorn's band will be performing, come on down and party.
- On Monday June 14th, the Flag Day celebration will again be at Gleaners Life Insurance. All of the county color guards, including us will be attending. This is going to be a unique celebration and I urge you to go to hear about Gleaner's partnership with the U.S. Army's Partnership for the Youth Success (PaYS) program. The program includes the following:
 - The main speaker will be Brigadier General Arnold N. Gordon-Bray, commemorating the Gleaner signing.
 - A Humvee, a rock climbing wall and a drill team will be present.
- Blissfield River Raisin Festival on July 9th and 10th

You should sign up for email blasts or visit the Post often to keep up with all of events, which includes **BLOODY MARY** days for most Color Guard assignments, band and DJ entertainment, bus trips, golfing events, free pool on Tuesdays (members only), Friday Night pool tournaments, Saturday trips to Oakshade Race Track to cheer on the Brown Racecar, golf tournaments, playing cards, Texas Holdems scheduled, our Rider's Poker Run events, etc, etc, etc.

The **SMOKING BANN** has been a doubled edge sword for us. The front of the building and the interior has been painted and walls look bright and clean. The non-smokers obviously like it a lot. But the smokers have been treated badly and although I do not smoke anymore I have stuck up for their rights and feel the new law is way too stringent.

- An ashtray has been mounted on the wall next to the back door and I ask you to smoke out back and not throw your butts on the ground.
- Please refrain from smoking at the front entrance of the building when possible in consideration for our neighbors. Although I know when it rains, it becomes a different story.

Congratulations to our new AMVETS District 1 commander, Aaron Ricketts

Do not ever forget our military personnel and the great sacrifices they have had to endure.

Rob Hosken
Commander

LADIES AUXILIARY

Greetings!

I hope that everyone is starting to enjoy the warmer weather that is finally upon us.

As a reminder, the Paul Hill Memorial Scholarship requirements and applications have been posted to the website. The applications are due back to the Post by June 15. We have determined that the presentation for the Scholarship winners will be on July 10 at noon. We would love to have as many AMVETS, Sons, Ladies Auxiliary and Riders members present as possible to show support for the scholarship recipients and the program as a whole.

We decided at our last meeting that we are going to keep the minutes from each of our meetings somewhere in the Post so that they are available for any Ladies Auxiliary member to read and find out what the group is up to. As soon as the exact process is figured out, I will be sure to let everyone know how to obtain them so everyone can be in the know!

Congratulations *Tobi* and *Billy Brown* on the birth of your baby! We wish you all the best!

Until next month,

Liz Feltman

AMVETS RIDERS

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of John Rottman. John, Thank You, may you rest in peace.

12 June starting at 1400 come on out to Kevin and Teresa Brazee's for a party see the flyers for details.

AMVETS Riders in the state of Michigan continue to grow. Myself and state president Josh Feltman rode up to Bay City on 16 May to present them with their charter and to install their officers, this makes 7 chapters and on 22 May Josh will ride up to Kentwood for the same, this makes # 8. Our Riders continue to grow and do good things as well. The AMVETS Riders is another way that allows the AMVETS as a whole to grow and do great things for our communities and veterans.

Many veterans have a strong connection to the motorcycle life style, so the AMVETS Riders is a great way to connect.

Keep you eyes peeled for up coming events from the Riders. Bus, where's the bus?

May is motorcycle awareness month. Keep your eyes peeled for us and we will be looking for all of you 4 wheelers hopefully we will only come together at the post. Stay safe and have fun !

Greg Vessel
Riders President

SONS OF AMVETS

We now have 146 paid members. Installation of officers was held on May 24th and we would like to thank the AMVETS for providing our dinner. We kept it casual with pizza & beer.

Don't forget the golf outing on September 11

Carl meddick
Sons Commander

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We currently have 498 members paid for 2010. AMVETS would like to welcome the new additions to our family:

SONS-
Kent Emerson

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

Aaron Ricketts, 1st Vice Commander
Membership Chair

Happy June Birthdays & Anniversaries to All!!

COUPON DRAWING

Every week a name is drawn from the membership database to receive a \$5 coupon to use at the Post. This coupon is a thank you for your membership and commitment to AMVETS Post 1957.

May Winners:

Linda Campbell, Bill Brown, Todd King, & Sonya Clouse

THINGS TO REMEMBER

**Happy Birthday ARMY
June 14, 1775**

Pool tournaments every Friday @ 7:00

Tacos every Friday from 5-9

Mini 9-ball Tournaments every Wednesday @ 7:00

Cards every Sunday @ 4:00

Executive Committee Training

June 5 @ 9:00am

Band

June 5 @ 8:00pm

Texas Hold'em Tournament

June 19 @ 1:00

Flag Retirement Ceremony

June 13 Whipples residence @ Noon