



AMVETS VANGUARD RANDY P. HILL POST 1957

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MAY 2010

FROM THE COMMANDER

Dear AMVETS Family Members,

As always, I have a lot of good things to report:

- The Post had a profitable 1st quarter, thanks for your wonderful support.
- A **\$50** donation to support our Ladies Auxiliary in a fundraiser for the Veterans House for Homeless Vets in Detroit
- A **\$100** donation on behalf of our Ladies Auxiliary to the Ann Arbor VA Hospital.
- An **American Flag, with pole and stand**, was donated to Cub Scout Pack 707.
- **\$300** table sponsor donation was made to Associated Charities for the Knight of the Round Table fundraiser to be held August 28th.
- The bus (A-Bus) is progressing!
 - The interior is nearly complete. When finished, passengers will enjoy a new stereo system, a restroom, and other great amenities to make trips more enjoyable.
 - The exterior design was chosen, and surprisingly Jason Carr and Kim Schaffer submitted quite similar designs and thus shared in the \$50 prize money.

Mark your calendars for the following:

- May 8th, 1945 Germany's unconditional surrender was signed ending WW-2 in Europe.
- The Bill Brown racecar sponsored by both the AMVETS and the Sons is running at Oakshade Raceway every Saturday.
- The Group "A" pool tournament for players equivalent to a handicap of 6 or less in Valley or 4 or less in APA on May 1st.
- May 22nd is packed with fun for everybody:
 - 1st Annual Team Pool Tournament Invitational is scheduled for the 22nd and 23rd. Entry fees for a 4 person team are \$25 per person.
 - Our AMVETS softball team (they are really good) is sponsoring a tournament in Clinton.
- Mini 9-Ball tournaments will be held every Wednesday throughout the summer.

MAY 1ST, BY LAW, AMVETS WILL BE SMOKE FREE.

Gleaners Life Insurance is committed to the ARMY **P**artnership for **Y**outh **S**uccess (PaYS). This is a new Army program that helps soldiers leaving active duty choose a specific job skill with a particular partner such as Gleaners. I will be working with Gleaners Life Insurance in the future to promote this program in Lenawee County as I learn more about it. Also, pick up information at the Post regarding discounted life insurance for veterans, police, and firefighters.

Special Event: Friday May 28th, Our Post Color Guard will be presenting the colors and the Star Spangled Banner for *MITCH RIDER and the Detroit Wheels* at the Siena Hts. Field House. *Mid Lyfe CrYSIS* (Yea! Local band) will be the special guest opening the show. For more information visit www.vteamproductions.com.

Plan on attending the following important events in the future, in addition:

- May 31-Memorial Day Parade under the direction of AMVETS.
- Monthly AMVETS bus trips to Oakshade Raceway starting in June (when the bus is legal).
- Aug. 22-The Tigers Baseball Game transportation by the A-Bus and the 40 & 8 Train.

Check the Post e-mail blast regularly for new happenings!

Memorial Day commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in the military service. Over 1 million Americans died so that you can have the "freedom of choice" enjoyed today. Is it asking too much for you to help observe the *DAY* as a *PATRIOT* of this great nation?

Rob Hosken
PROUD to be your Commander

LADIES AUXILIARY

Happy Spring!

I wanted to start my first newsletter submission by saying thank you to Pat Miller, our past Ladies Auxiliary President for all of her hard work and dedication to this Ladies Auxiliary that has made it what it is today. We wouldn't have nearly the organization that we do without you. So, thank you so very much!

The Ladies Auxiliary would also like to thank the AMVETS for hosting our installation dinner. The food and the hospitality was wonderful and greatly appreciated by all of us Ladies. Thanks again for all of your support throughout the year.

The applications for the 2010 Paul Hill Memorial Scholarship will be posted to the website beginning May 1. The applications are due back to the Post by June 15. We will be announcing the date for the Scholarship presentation later in May (we are thinking that it will be sometime in July).

I'm excited for our new officers to take on their new positions and we would all love to hear any comments or suggestions regarding the programs or projects that we are a part of. Please come to one of our meetings to share your thoughts! We look forward to seeing you there!

Until next month,

Liz Feltman

AMVETS RIDERS

AHHH...Spring time changes! New officers for the Riders. First of all I would like to thank the Riders for allowing me to serve you as President. Also, Josh...THANK YOU! We all know the hard work that you have done in getting our chapter up and running. If you're not familiar, just ask Josh. I'm sure he will be more than happy to tell you all about it. Of course, THANKS to ALL of this year's officers for stepping up.

As we get into the summer/busy time of the year please do not forget who we are and what we do. Everyone needs to be active in our post no matter how much you decide; it is all important! Remember we are only as strong of a post as we are active. You do run the risk of having a lot of fun.

Key date:

- MAY 16-SEC @ Post 69 Westland. Nominations for state officers. If you would like to go contact myself or Josh Feltman.
- MAY 22-Adrian Eagles Poker Run
- JUNE 12-Riders summer party @ Kevin & Teresa Brazee's.

Watch out for more up coming Riders events & remember our meetings are held on the 2nd SAT @ 10:00.

Look out for us 2 wheelers we are out and about. Be safe and have fun.

Greg Vessel
President AMVETS RIDERS CHAPTER 1957
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SONS OF AMVETS

We now have 143 paid members. 8 of them showed up at our April meeting to select Officers for the 2010/2011 Squadron year. I would like to quote from the AMVETS Rider's report in the Spring 2010 issue of the Michigan AMVETS News:

"Why do you choose to come to your local AMVETS Post? Cheap drinks, friends, bingo and many other reasons are always there. How often do you attend a meeting? How often do you assist your Post with a fundraiser? Do you treat the AMVETS like any other bar you attend? I really hope that you choose to make the AMVETS more like a family than your bar."...Thank you Josh.

The officers for 2010/2011 are:

Commander: *Carl Meddick*
1st Vice Commander: *Kim Shaffer*
2nd Vice Commander: *Gaylord Hill*
Judge Advocate: *Bob Duke*
Finance Officer: *Bill Brown*
Provost Marshal: *Chris Seegert*
Chaplain: *Kim Shaffer*

There has been a change in the date of our golf tournament. It will be held on Saturday September 11, 2010.

"Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their up sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all."
~Sam Ewin

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl J. Meddick
Son's Commander

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We currently have 489 members paid for 2010. AMVETS would like to welcome the new additions to our family:

AMVETS-
Robert Near
SONS-
Vitalii Maximov & Jeffrey Smith
AUXILIARY-
Sharon Jones

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

Aaron Ricketts, 1st Vice Commander
Membership Chair

Happy May 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.

April Winners:

Sam Wells, Christine Taylor, John Correa, & Robert Near

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Memorial Day Parade

May 31st @ 11:00

Pool tournaments every Friday night @ 7:00

Tacos every Friday from 5-9

Mini 9-ball tournaments every Wednesday night @ 7:00

Group A Pool Tournament

May 1st @ 11:00

Cards every Sunday @ 4:00

Sunday Hours

Beginning May 2nd opening @ 12:00

Post Closed

May 3rd Maintenance

Texas Hold'em Tournament

May 15th @ 1:00

Team Pool Tournament Invitational

May 22nd & 23rd @ 10:00

Color Guard

May 23rd Church of the Nazarene

(please contact the post for confirmation of attendance & more information)

May 28th Siena Heights

IN APPRECIATION



Pictured from left to right:

Kim Shaffer, Bill Brown, Josh Feltman, Bob Perez, Marc Holtz, Bob Whipple, Greg Vessel, and Chris Seegert.
Not pictured: *Aaron Ricketts & Lori Caza*

Thank you to all the volunteers we had for the Highway Pick-up in April.

Bob Whipple
Highway Pick-up Coordinator



Happy Mothers Day
May 9, 2010



MEMORIAL DAY

05.31.2010



We cherish too the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies.

Moina Michael

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