



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

Our Post just continues to move forward and it seems like every week something new has happened. Let me just point out a few good things that have recently happened.

- The Post, the Auxiliary, the Sons and the Riders made a strong showing at the State Conference held in Grayling, MI.
 - Aaron Ricketts, with our volunteers, hosted a hospitality suite representing District 1.
 - Rod Stanford attended Service Officer Classes and is our new Post Service Officer.
- A crowd rode our bus to the Monroe AMVETS Post to enjoy their spaghetti dinner.
- The softball team showed off the bus at the Clinton Festival softball tournament.
- A Texas Hold-em was held at the Post on the 16th.
- Our Auxiliary served a great spaghetti dinner which was to die for on the 23rd.
- Our color guard made the front page of the Toledo Blade newspaper on the 17th. The color guard participated in the commemoration of the new Roger Durbin Monument, sponsored by Gleaners Life Insurance in Berkey, OH. Mr. Durbin, a WW2 veteran, was the inspiration for the World War II Monument in Washington, DC. Our Post was a major contributor to this endeavor.
- Our own Josh Feltman, was appointed to the National Riders' position of Sergeant at Arms, what an honor!
- The Higgins Lake Resort has a beautiful new walk way and steps leading to the beach thanks to our Post donating the material and labor to replace the original planks on the 30th.
- The rear of the Post has been painted and it looks so much better.
- Please come in and check out the new 36 foot long mural, representing WW2 through Enduring Freedom, hung in the bar area. A big thanks goes to "Ferg" Ferguson who did a ton of work prepping the panels and then mounting them on the wall.
- The bus trip to the FireKeeper Casino on Tuesday, the 26th, was a great hit. Thanks to Cheryl Bilyou who coordinated the trip, our bus was full. The cost was \$25 per person who in turn received \$20 free play and \$5 in food vouchers. I have heard that quite a few people hit big and came home with lots of money.
- The Sons, as in previous years, had fun passing out the Halloween candy at the post.

Our Post will be hosting the November 11th Veterans Day Ceremonies at 11am at Monument Park and then the Parade beginning at 3:30pm ending at Monument Park. The afternoon ceremony begins at 4:00pm and should be attended by all of you.

Our bus appears to be a hit with everybody. Read the update from Aaron Ricketts which is in this issue for additional bus info.

Our Monday night Bingo is really taking off, join the fun at the UAW building @ 6pm.

Please check with the Post and pay attention to the email blasts for all of the events scheduled in the future.

Always, always remember our troops and pray for their safety.

Rob Hosken, Cmdr

Da' Bus Report

The AMVETS Bus is in operation and has been on four over the road trips since August. This includes: a Detroit Tigers game, annual Poker Run, Spaghetti Dinner Cruise to AMVETS Post 1942 Monroe, and the first of many trips to Fire Keepers Casino in Battle Creek. All four trips were a success. This project has been grueling at times and has involved many members. Thank you's have been handed out to many.

We have a couple projects to complete. Commander Hosken has appointed Aaron Ricketts, AMVETS, Liz Feltman, Ladies Auxiliary and Bill Brown, Sons, as the three Bus Committee members. They are the new operations committee in charge of all operational issues with the Bus. They report directly to Commander Hosken. If you have recommendations for the bus or ideas for a trip, see one of those three. The committee is meeting to establish rules, guidelines and checklists for the bus.

Operating and maintaining this bus will be costly so our goal is for the bus to bring in enough revenue to cover operating costs but also to have the bus provide inexpensive transportation for our members and be a 'moving billboard' to promote our Post in Adrian, Lenawee County and our State. We are looking for winter storage (bus needs to be able to move in and out of storage for use) from December 1st through March. If you have an inexpensive option or a free place, please notify a Committee member. Thanks again to all who have volunteered.

Aaron Ricketts - aaronr@krocketts.com

Liz Feltman

Bill Brown

LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi everyone-

I want to start out this month's newsletter with a great big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Spaghetti Dinner on October 23. We were able to raise over \$600 for the Auxiliary, which is absolutely wonderful! I would also like to thank Larry Meredith for the great Italian music that he played throughout the meal.

Our next fundraiser is our annual Bake Sale that is scheduled for November 19 at 9:00am at TLC Community Credit Union on the corner of M-52 and US-223. If anyone is interested in making something to sell that day, please bring it to the post and place it in the kitchen on Thursday night (November 18) or bring it to TLC around 9:00am that Friday. If you would like to volunteer to assist during the bake sale, please contact Rhonda Clark or Pat Miller.

As we are rapidly approaching the Holiday Season, the Ladies Auxiliary has begun planning for the Children's Christmas Party. A sign-up sheet will be going up on November 1 to collect all of the necessary information. The party will be held on December 5th at 1:00pm at the Post. Please be sure to sign-up all of your children and/or grandchildren (up to age 12) prior to November 14, at which time we will close the sign-up to allow us adequate time to prepare and shop for the party.

We have also started planning our Christmas Baskets for those who are in need of some assistance. We would like to provide these items to members of our AMVETS family and those whom we know personally first before we reach out to other sources. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact me so we can discuss further. We keep all of the details of these discussions confidential so that this process can be as comfortable as possible.

Thanks again everyone for your continued support of our Veterans and our AMVETS family.

Liz Feltman
Ladies Auxiliary President

COUPON DRAWING

October Winners:

Jeff Steinbach, Gary Ford, Lisa Russom, & Phil Morse

SONS OF AMVETS

Welcome to November! I hope everyone is enjoying the brisk weather and looking forward to a great Thanksgiving meal and falling asleep in front of the television.

Our annual Chili cook-off with the Eagles is scheduled for Saturday, November 27 at their place. It will run from 1-3 PM. Please come out and support our cooks as they attempt to win the competition for the second consecutive year and bring the trophy home.

A date to put on your calendar-----Our next golf outing is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2011 at Woodlawn Golf course. This year a great time was had by all.

All Son's are strongly urged to attend our monthly meetings. They are held the Fourth (4th) Monday of the month. I hope to see you at the next meeting.

"Practice does not make perfect,
Only perfect practice makes perfect."
-Vince Lombardi

Respectfully Submitted
Carl Meddick
Squadron Commander

AMVETS RIDERS

Hey everyone. The RIDERS need your help. The AMVETS RIDERS have been challenged by the EAGLE RIDERS to help The Daily Bread. The challenge is to see who can collect the most canned goods on a one day collection. AMVETS RIDERS will be at Country Market on S. Main Street and at Aldi's on 6 NOV from 0900-1500. This is where you come in; all you need to do is come out and purchase some canned goods or bring some from home and drop them off. The Daily Bread, like all other charities, supplies are running low. They could use all the help they can get. So come out and help if you can.

Congratulations to Josh Feltman, he has been appointed to the National RIDERS Sergeant at Arms. I am confident that Josh will do a great job in this new endeavor.

Our color guard participated in a historical marker dedication in Berkey, OH. This was for Roger Durbin, a WWII veteran and former Berkey resident. Mr. Durbin was the idea man and driving force behind getting the WWII national memorial in Washington D.C. Truly an honor for me to be a part of this ceremony.

I too have a challenge for all of us. Find a veteran and say THANK YOU, find a veteran's family and say THANK YOU.

That's it...I'm outta here
Be safe and have fun!!

Greg Vessel
RIDERS President

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We currently have 532 members paid for 2010. We would like to welcome the new additions to our family:

AMVETS-
Carey Pettit
Auxiliary-
Bonnie Duke & Lona Pettit

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

Greg Vessel, 1st Vice Commander
Membership Chair

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Veterans Day

November 11

Parade @ 3:30pm Ceremony to follow
(Monument Park)

Life Member Luncheon

November 6 @ Noon

Name That Tune

November 20 @ 8:00pm

Auxiliary Bake Sale

November 19 @ 9am TLC

Pool Tournament

November 24 @ 7pm SHARP!

OSU vs. U of M Game

November 27 TBA

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