



AMERICAN VETERANS (AMVETS) James T. Slattery Post 128  
1404 Macauley Avenue, Rice Lake, WI 54868

Newsletter for September & October 2017

Dear AMVETS Members and Guest,

This is the fifth newsletter of the year. Just a reminder that newsletters are being sent out every other month. The following scheduled meetings (mark them in your calendar) that will be held at the Rice Lake Area Veterans Center are;

**Monday, September 25, 2017 at 7PM – AMVETS Post 128 Monthly Meeting**

**(This meeting we are looking at having some pizza on hand.)**

**Monday, October 30, 2017 at 7PM – AMVETS Post 128 Monthly Meeting**

We are coming down to the last few month of monthly meetings. I hope you have found these newsletter informational and sometimes enjoyable. Remember that these newsletters are yours also. Feel free to add to this newsletter; as this is, “your post.”

In August there was another AMVETS 1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting that was held following our monthly meeting. These district meetings are normally held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month indicated for the district meeting. There are 4 a year. (February, May, August, and November.)

**AMVETS SEC Meeting** is being held at Shooter’s in Plover, WI this coming Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The meeting we need to be at starts at 1PM. I plan to attend and if anyone else wanted to attend was informed to make contact with me.

With the new membership year kicking in, some renewals are coming in. Those that are planning on renewing, please get them in early as there is paperwork at the post level that needs to be completed and get into the AMVETS Headquarters in a timely manner.

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*Today’s Lesson in Irony:*

*What have we been saying all these years?  
Once in a while we just have to stand back in awe of  
government.*

*The Food Stamp Program, administered by the  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, is proud to be  
distributing the greatest amount of “free meals and  
Food Stamps” ever – 46 million people.*

*Meanwhile, the National Park Service,  
administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior,  
ask us, “Please Do Not Feed the Animals.” Their  
stated reason for the policy is because, the animals  
will grow dependent on handouts and will not learn to  
take care of themselves.”*

*Thus ends Today’s Lesson in Irony.*

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Those that have so far sent in their renewal, thank you. I look forward to 100% in annual renewals this year. I know many have also went from Annual to Life Membership. You have no renewals. However this is a time to, thank you also. Thanks for your continued support of AMVETS and your post.

**AMVETS Program Reporting** for the post for July and August so far has a “total value of programs” of \$5,410.19. That I believe is great for our small post. Keep up your great works.

**National Dental Insurance Program** for Veterans “enrolled” in the Veterans Affairs Health Care and individuals enrolled in VA’s CHAMPVA Program. There are rates depending on your geographical region and the plan options you select. Plans range from \$8 for the basic up to \$27 for comprehensive. More information can be obtained by visiting or calling your local VSO or call 1-800-827-1000.

**The Penny:** Did you know the minting of the penny is costing the taxpayer’s money? Each newly minted penny cost 1.5 cents to make and distribute back in 2016. It is estimated the US Mint produces more than 9.1 billion cents last year. The mint has been running deficit on cent production every year since 2006. Periodically attempts have been made to legislate the penny out of existence; without success. The Canadian government back in 2012 dumped their penny and within five years, the Canadians seem to have adjusted. Other countries that have dropped their low-value coin are; Australia, Brazil, Israel, New Zealand, Russian and South Africa. Just some notes on the penny.

The year is winding down. We have, counting this month, four (4) more months of meetings before 2018 kicks in. If you have not made a meeting, hope you can make one soon. Hope to see you.

“Stand Up, Hook Up, Check Equipment, Sound Off, Stand in the Door,”

*Lenny*

Leonard “Lenny” Shier  
Commander



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**Sunday Brunch** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month (8AM – 11AM)

**Burger, Wings and Shrimp Night** – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month (5PM – 7PM)