



The Official Newsletter of AMVETS Post #7 Oshkosh, WI Ron Griffin Editor (920)509-9243

August, 2017

Next Meeting: August 8, 2017

Commander's Message

Commander Jeff Bedward

First on the list for this month's to-do's, is to say thank you to all those that helped out our Post in the last few months. There are too many to list here (and I will probably miss someone) but a thank you goes out to all of those that helped out at Sawdust Days this year. It was a very rough time with all the changes forced on the event but despite taking us out of our comfort zone we made the best of it and despite very bad sales we may have made a few dollars. And as importantly to me we again provided the community with an appropriate celebration of our nation's most important patriotic holiday. Also thanks go out to those that came down and helped out with the beer "tent" at the Elk's Sheepshead Fishing Tournament. They'll be bringing in a check for the monies we earned at the August meeting, not a big amount but every bit will help us accomplish our mission and we made some great friends! Next up is the Butte Des Morts Carp Fest on the second Sunday of August (the 8th). This is a good fund raiser, a lot of fun and a chance to support the Lions Club. Please sign up to help us out and have a great day to boot.

At the July meeting we held our annual Post Picnic. The weather cooperated, the bugs and bees stayed away and we had a great time. As usual I used this opportunity to announce this year's winner of the Commander's Trophy given to the member who has contributed the most to our success over the past year. It's always a tough job to pick only one name but this year's recipient is our Chaplain, Mike Hert.

By the time you get this our next fund raiser will already be underway. Last year we had the chance to earn a large donation by parking cars at the Winnebago County Fair. It fell through last year but the group that did it was unable to help out this year. So we were offered the opportunity for this year's fair that runs from August 2nd through the 6th from 9 am to about 9 pm. We don't need a ton of help each day but because it came up between meetings we do need to get some more help. We will be provided a shelter, ATV to get around, radios for communication and all the safety equipment. Parking is free so all we have to do is make sure cars park in an orderly manner so we can get the most in and out in a safe manner. If you can help come on down one of the days and help us out for a couple of hours. This is an important event for us to help make up for the low sales we had at Sawdust Days and it will be an annual source of funds for us from now on.

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Adjutant's Report

Ron Griffin

No business was conducted in July, just a fun time, so that there is nothing to report as to agenda items. However we will be discussing and voting on several important issues at the August meeting. The Department has informed us that they are requiring all Post's to review and amend their Constitution and Bylaws to fit a model that was developed to bring everyone up to the requirements of the National HQ. Two important changes to our Bylaws will be to have specific sections on the Auxiliary and such other organizations like the Sons of AMVETS etc. and to add a section on diplomacy rules and regulations in the event that a member is acting in an inappropriate manner.

A long standing goal that both Commander Bedward and I have had is the formation of a Sons of AMVETS Squadron. We now have 3 individuals who are willing to become a member and one of these will serve as the Commander until the Squadron gets organized and can hold elections. There are a specific minimum number of members necessary to be chartered so we will be looking for your sons, grandsons and other eligible individuals who will sign up. More details will be presented at the meeting.

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Chaplain's Report

Mike Hert

Psalm 33: 14 states so eloquently "From his dwelling place He looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth". As we enjoy the final days of summer, let us not forget the blessings that have been bestowed upon us by our Creator who watches over us. Let us be grateful for the gift of families, friends, community and our fellow AMVET veterans. Let us be thankful for the warmth of the sun, the blowing of a gentle breeze and the falling of the summer rain. Let us not forget our Creator has blessed us with the living in the greatest Nation the world has even known.

If you are know of any Post members that are ill, in the hospital or are home bound and in need of visit, please call me at 920-410-2994. Should be noted in the event of death, Active Post members are eligible that their next of kin is awarded a Bible on behalf of the Post, receive a final veteran's salute at the funeral service plus may have a graveside ceremony performed by the AMVETS Chaplain.

Birthdays

For August

Joe Casper 8/2

Jesse Robinson 8/9

Ralph Beck 8/14

James Verwiel 8/16

Jimmie Lakin 8/19

Chris Lahey 8/21

Rick Wing 8/22

Mike Buehring 8/22

Jeff Bedward 8/25

Robert Horton 8/27

George Breiwa III 8/30

From last month:

Chester Main 7/4

Auxiliary Report

President Cathy Tratz

Greetings AMVET Family,

This is going to be short as I was asked to keep it to ½ a page this month.

Magnificent Opportunities

August 8 and September 12 – AMVETS and Auxiliary meeting at the Marine Corps League

August 20 – Timber Rattler Game, Fox Cities Stadium

September 8-10 – King Weekend

September 16 – SEC meeting in Plover

Join us at any of the events and show your support to the AMVETS and Auxiliary. Remember, we cannot grow without members so be sure to send in your dues early and sign up a new member or two. Your friends, neighbor, cousin, sister, etc. may just be waiting for you to ask her to join our Auxiliary. Try it – you may be surprised when they say “what took you so long to ask”. This is my goal for this year MEMBERSHIP!

Enjoy the rest of the summer! God Bless our men and women who are now serving, God Bless you and your families, our Veterans and God Bless AMERICA!

Yours in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary,

Cathy Tratz

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Scott Sorrell

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Life Of Service

The Oshkosh Public Library has launched a series of programs over the next month to honor veterans. The first event, a concert by the Navy Band from Great Lakes NTC, was held on July 27th. Beginning August 1st through the 31st the traveling display “Wisconsin Remembers: A Face for Every Name” will be on display in the library. The exhibit features a photo for each of the 1,161 Wisconsinites listed on the Vietnam Memorial in D.C. Monday Aug 14th a presentation “Genealogy and WWI” will be held at 6pm. This will be followed by a presentation to be held at 6:30pm titled “Lady Be Good, The story of the WWII bomber and her crew” presented by Historian Dick Campbell. Finally on August 23rd at 1pm the presentation “If a Collection Could Talk” on the stories behind the artifacts on display at the Kenosha Civil War Museum.

Color Guard Members Needed

In the last few years our Post Color Guard has been called upon to present the colors at a number of events and for a number of organizations. We need to get some new members. I need a list of sizes for uniform items for all new members and from those that are already on the color guard. I'll have a checklist of items at the next meeting for anyone who needs items.

Post and Auxiliary Calendar

August 8th

Post and Auxiliary Business Meeting
Marine Corps League Clubhouse
Dinner 6:00 pm Meeting 7:00 pm

August 20th

AMVET Day at the Timber Rattlers game.
Fox Cities Stadium

August 26th

Veterans Memorial Dedication, 10:00 am
Taft Park, New London

Sept. 8 – 10

King Weekend
King Veterans Home

Sept. 12th

Post and Auxiliary Business Meeting
Marine Corps League Clubhouse
Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept. 22 – 24

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