



March 2018

Next Meeting: March. 13th, 2018

Commander's Message

Commander Jeff Bedward

Hope everyone is doing good but that you all haven't started to ketch "spring fever" as the weather continues to get warmer, vacation time is Over! March is traditionally the beginning of our most active time of the year. Coming up this month, at the Spring SEC is the annual State Commander's and President's Testimonial Dinner that start of the official business part of the year for the District. After that in April is the Dartball Tournament, one of the District's big social events for promoting fellowship among our AMVET members. And, of course, for us this year as host it is also an important fund raiser. After that, in May is our first Clover Drive followed by our annual meeting and election of officers followed by Memorial Day activities.

Then in June it's state convention time, followed in close order by Sawdust Days and the Independence Day celebrations, our Post picnic in July, we expect to again be asked to support the Elk's Sheepshead fishing tournament sometime in June, our support for the Butte de Morte Lion's Carpfest and then followed by the second time with providing parking at the County Fair and this year we are looking at the possibility of providing people to handle admissions sales at the gates for the Fair!

This is by far our most ambitious annual schedule we have ever had. We believe all this activity is doable, but it will take the full support of everyone of our members. Even if you can only help 4 hours at anyone of these events will be helpful and maybe if you cannot do that attending a few meetings to help do the planning for events or talking to other veterans to recruit them for memberships. All of this is critical.

In the end, this work should give our Post a "war chest" large enough to allow us to have a significant impact on the welfare of our area's veterans and their families as well as in making our community a better place to live. And of course, we plan on having some fun while we do it!

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

Winston Churchill

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Adjutant's Report

Adjutant Ron Griffin

The agenda for last month's meeting included new business items that included news on the upcoming Dartball tourney, Clover Drive and the state Commander's/President's Testimonial Dinner. Also discussed was the possibility of adding manning the admission booths at the county fair in addition to our running the parking at the fair. The admission gates will require at least 10 people for the 3 gates at the fair from about 11 am to 9 or so at night. Because of the demand for manpower we are checking with the VVA and perhaps other groups to see if anyone would be interested in partnering with us.

Also discussed was an administrative change. It was decided by the members present that beginning in March we would meet for the dinner at 6:30 pm instead of 6:00 so that more members would have time to make the dinner.

In addition the Commander reminded everyone that nomination for elected Post officers will be coming up in April and asked everyone to consider running for an office. Our Post can only be strengthened by the active involvement of all of our members.

In March items to be discussed include the continued sign up of volunteers along with continued planning for the Dartball event. Here's the change to get involved with a fun event that can also result in raising funds for the Post's use. Also to be discussed is sign up of anyone interested in participating in the state Bowling tourney. If there is enough interest the Post will sponsor participants. Prior to the dinner, at 6:00 pm the Executive Committee will meet to discuss recommendations by the Trustees for procedures related to increased accountability of Post finances.

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Mike Hert

Chaplain Mike is on a pilgrimage to Never-Never Land or as its more properly called Washington DC for the DAV and asked me to apologize for not being able to right an article for this month and to remind you all that he is always available to any member, auxiliary member and their families whatever the need. You can get in touch with him at his phone number of 920-410-2994 or email at hertmichael57@yahoo.com.

MARCH Birthdays

Debra West 3/1

Angela Krepline 3/2

Andrea Fasel 3/9

Ron Griffin 3/12

(This list is taken from the Post's official roster. However some birth dates do not appear on that roster. If your birthday is not included in the Bugler, please forward your birth date to the Department to be verified at National.)



AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY 7

March 2018

Greetings AMVETS and Auxiliary Sisters,

Burr, the weather has been bitter cold, and the flu bug is active. Hope this finds everyone in good health. I am looking forward to warmer weather.

On behalf of the Auxiliary I want to welcome Kathy Frater to our Auxiliary. Kathy was sworn in at our January meeting. We are looking forward to working with Kathy for many years to come.

A special THANK YOU to Ron and Char Griffin for their donation of over 100 skeins of yarn. I was able to make and distribute over 500 hats for the Teacher's Closet, a poor mining town in KY, St. Vincent DePaul, Father Carr's, etc. With the cold weather we had this year I am sure the kids really appreciated them. In addition, 100 hats were made for both Mercy and Aurora for the Nursery and preemies.

We are already gearing up for spring and the first event Post 7 will be hosting is the State Dartball Tournament April 14 and 15 at the Fair Grounds. We are not only looking for volunteers to help but we also need donations. We are looking for new or used baskets for the raffles and items to put in them. You do not have to fill a basket yourself; we can put items from others together to make a nice-looking basket. We want each basket to be worth \$25-\$50. If you want you can make a theme basket (Packer, Handyman, Movie, etc.) This can be a successful event with a little effort on everyone's part. Please bring all donations for raffles to the March and April meetings so the committee can get them made up. Please volunteer so a few won't be overwhelmed. If you cannot stay and help for the whole day a few hours of your time will help. Thanks for your consideration. This is a fun weekend for both players and volunteers.

Please join us at our meetings and events and get involved and become active. We have a lot of fun and could use your ideas and feedback at our meetings and your help at events.

Our Auxiliary is open to all family members of our Veterans and that includes Mothers, Wives, Sisters, Daughters, Granddaughters and Female Veterans ... Please invite them to our meeting as we begin our 2018 activities. If they like what they see, we would love to have them join our Auxiliary. Two of the things I would like to happen this year are increasing our membership and more members attending meetings. AMVETS please invite any eligible female relatives, friends and neighbors to join our Auxiliary. We cannot grow without your help. We are a great organization and do great things, but we need more members to help us accomplish our goals.

Please join us at the March meeting and become an ACTIVE MEMBER.

Magnificent Opportunities

Match 8-10 – NEC Meeting and Silver Helmet

March 12 – Commander and President’s Zablocki Hospital Tour

**March 13 – AMVET and Auxiliary meeting at the Marine Corps League. Lunch at 6:30, meeting at 7:00
Please note the new time.**

March 24 – SEC Meeting and Commander/President’s Testimonial in Milwaukee

April 14-15 – State Dartball Tournament in Oshkosh

April 27 – Commander and President’s Middleton Hospital Tour

We are looking forward to an outstanding 2018 for both AMVETS AND AUXILIARY 7 with your help this can be accomplished.

Yours in service,

Cathy Tratz, President

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Post and Auxiliary Calender

March 12th District Commanders Tour of Zablocki

Mar. 13th Post and Auxiliary Business Meeting
Marine Corp League Clubhouse – 6:30pm dinner, 7pm meeting

Mar. 24th Spring SEC and Commander's/President's Testimonial Dinner
SEC starts 9am Dinner at 6:30 pm Milwaukee

April 10th Post and Auxiliary Business Meeting
Marine Corp League Clubhouse – 6:30pm dinner, 7pm meeting

April 14th – 15th Department Dartball Tournament
Sunnyview Expo Center, Oshkosh

April 27th Commander's Tour of Middleton VA

May 8th Post and Auxiliary Business Meeting
(Election of Post Officers)

Marine Corp League Clubhouse – 6:30pm dinner, 7pm meeting

May 11th – 12th White Clover Drive
Pick & Save North and South, Festival Foods 9am to 5pm.

May 28th Memorial Day Ceremonies
Riverside ceremony 8am, Line up for Procession 9am.

June 12th Post and Auxiliary Business Meeting
Marine Corps League Clubhouse – 6:30pm dinner, 7pm meeting.

June 21st – 24th Department Convention
Radisson, Green Bay.

July 3rd – 8th Sawdust Days, setup, Festival and tear down.

July 10th Post Picnic – (Tentative)
Marine Corp League Clubhouse – 5:30pm dinner