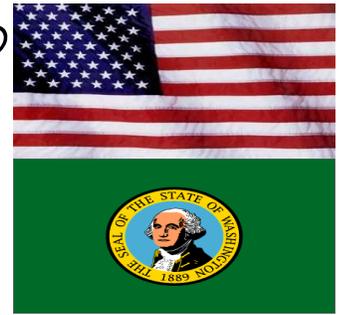


AMVETS NEWSLETTER

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November/December 2012

Volunteers

This Newsletter will be concentrating on the importance of members volunteering their time, money and/or resources. Without you, the member, no social benevolent organization can survive. Unfortunately, we have slowly evolved from "what can I do for you" into a "what can you do for me" society. We need to go back to that great phrase the late John Kennedy said, "Ask not what can your country do for you. Ask what you can do for your country!"

Times are hard for everyone. I know that personally, but I still have time to volunteer my time and a little bit of money when I can. But the little I do makes a big difference in some peoples lives. I volunteer my time for the coffee stops and get many compliments for

providing this service to the traveling public. This simple act may prevent a tragic accident. True, these coffee stops are to help raise money for the Post. But more importantly they may save a life!

I am part of the Color/Honor Guard providing military honors to our veterans who passed away, along with presenting Colors at numerous events. You do not have to be a part of the Color/Honor Guard to attend these events. Just show up to show your respect.

There are many ways you can help your God, Country, Family, Community and Post. Volunteer a bit of your time. When you go shopping and see a 2-for-1 or a special deal on an item you plan to buy, pick up an extra one or

five and drop it off at the Post.

If you read the Obituaries and see a veteran has died, attend the funeral if you can and thank the family for the veteran's sacrifice.

There are so many ways you can help out your country, community, family and the Post. Whether it is a bit of your time, a little money or some type of supplies. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated!

The above is strictly an Editorial Comment And does not necessarily represent the Post Or any other AmVets Officer. Any comments or complaints should be directed to me.

Gary Haney

Volunteers

Between the Post and the Auxiliary, we have over 300 members. But when we need volunteers to help out on a fund raiser, activity, donations of goods, services or help, we seem to have the same 10 to 15 people actually helping out! This also goes with our meetings! As stated in our charter, our first mission is to help out the veteran and his family. Then the service member and his family. Finally the local community. We cannot do this without your active support!

Many of these members, who have helped out for so long, are getting older and tired of pulling the bur-

den for the rest of our members. Without support from our membership, we will suffer a possible dismembership and an end to our organization.

I find it amazing we can have 50 or more people attend the Post picnic, Christmas Dinner, Fourth of July picnic or some other "fun" event, yet not volunteer their time for a fund raiser or other mundane activity.

Helping out does not take much. One or two hours a month to attend a meeting to see what is going on or to suggest a project we can do. A couple food items for the Thanksgiving or Christmas baskets. The same for our joint food bank with the VFW.

Cash donations or just your time!

I know times are tough. I have a hard time donating cash or items. But I do have time! And do volunteer my time when needed

Please do what you can. Maybe when at the store and you see a special and can afford it. Buy it and donate it. You see a sign-up sheet for an event, donate a little of your time.

Any little bit you can do will help us out, whether it is time money or goods. All will be greatly appreciated.

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Meetings

Post Officers' Meeting:

5:30 P.M. night of General Membership Meeting.

Ladies Auxiliary Officers' Meeting:

5:30 P.M. night of General Membership meeting.

General Membership Meeting:

4th Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M. preceded by a Social Hour at 6:15 P.M.

Sons of AmVets:

Fourth Monday of each month at 6 P.M.

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AmVets Christmas Dinner

The annual Amvets Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 8th. A no-host cocktail hour will begin at 5 PM, with dinner at 6 PM. Cost this year will be \$10.00 a person. The price increase was voted upon by the membership at the September 25th General Membership meeting, with one dissenting vote.

Due to the cost of the meal and to cut-down on preparing too much or too little food, the membership has decided that if you are planning on attending, you MUST purchase tickets prior to December 1st! Any ticket requests received after that date will be rejected and money returned. Payment must be received by the Post Finance Officer by that date. Payment may be mailed to the Finance Officer or dropped off at the VFW post in the AmVets locked drop box in the hallway between the canteen and meeting hall. The finance Officer will check the drop box for the final time for payments on December 1st. If you mail your payment, remember it may take 2-3 days for delivery to the finance officer.

Mailed Payments are to be sent to:

Gary Haney

5901 Danials Lp SE

Lacey, WA 98513

Checks should be made out to "AmVets Post 2".

The menu will include: Beef Brisket, Garlic Potatoes and Carrot Cake.

You may include as many guests as you like.

This will also be considered as the Post December's General Membership meeting. So no other AmVets meeting will be conducted the month of December.

Upcoming Coffee Stop

Our next coffee stop will be from Nov 24 at 2 AM until Nov 26 at 2 PM. This is a possible huge money maker for the Post! Yes it is over Thanksgiving Weekend, but please try to squeeze in one 4 hour shift during that time frame.

We are also looking for donations If you can't do a coffee stop or even if you can, please consider donating supplies. We can always use

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Holiday Food Baskets

Thanksgiving and Christmas is fast approaching. In your hustle and bustle of Holiday shopping, please remember those less fortunate military members, veterans and their families. Both the AmVets and VFW would appreciate any food or cash donations to help in this annual drive. Food can be dropped off at the Post, as well as cash donations.

The Marine Corps Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army also look for donations of toys and/or cash. Please remember them during this Holiday season.

Please remember, the joint AmVets/VFW food bank is always looking for cash and food donations throughout the year. So when you go shopping and see a good deal on any non-perishable food item, pitch up an extra item or two to donate. Your generosity will be much appreciated by those less fortunate.

Styrofoam coffee cups, lids, coffee, sugar, nondairy creamer, nonsugar sweetener, coffee stirrers and napkins. All of these items if not used during the current coffee stop, can be stored and used at the next coffee stop. Cookies and other inexpensive snacks are also welcomed, as is home-baked goodies.

Contact Don Hawkins or Bill Allen for donations or questions

Horse Races

Will be conducting another Horse Race in conjunction with "Tom and Jerry" night Tuesday, November 20th from 5-7. Please come out and root your horses on and maybe win a few bucks. Military Horse Race will cap off the night!

Membership Renewal

If you have not renewed your annual membership, please do it soon. According to your renewal form this should have been done by October 31st. If the Adjutant does not receive your renewal payment by January 15th, you will be dropped from the membership roles and will no longer have Club access nor will you be receiving a newsletter.

The Adjutant will be sending out reminder letters the 1st of December, if you have not renewed by then.

Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Our donation to the 'Little Red School' helped by giving backpacks filled with necessary school related items to 3400 deserving children. Their smiles made our day! This is an annual event to help out with needy children requiring aid conducted in August, but supplies and cash dona-

Veteran's in Need

The AmVets organization main purpose is to help out veterans, service members and their families. We are NOT a long term solution for their needs. We are there to help out with short term, immediate needs. We can and will direct them to agencies designed to help these people out on a long-term nature and provide assistance in the application process. If you know a person that meets these requirements, please refer them to a Post Officer.

If you want to propose a charity event to benefit veterans, such as our Thanksgiving Baskets, or other such benefit, please do your research first. Who will it benefit? How much will it cost? Do you have an off-setting fund raiser?

Don't just suggest an idea and expect someone else to research it for you. The Post has received a few of these requests, but was tabled. Not because they were not worthy requests, but because they were not fully researched. The Post officers have enough to do, without having the burden of researching a poorly proposed project.

Annual Scholarship Award

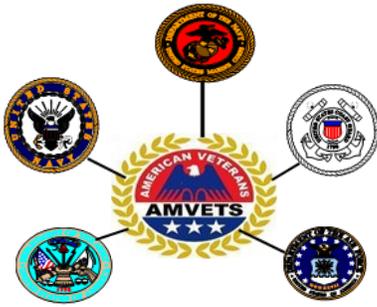
This year our annual Scholarship Award went to Shanae Sauls, a very lovely young lady from Black Hills High School in Tumwater. We all wish her good luck in her pursuit of a Business Degree and hope our small donation will ease her financial burdens a little.

Fund Raisers

Do you have any idea(s) for a fund raiser the Post can do? If you do, please let an Officer know or bring it up at a meeting. The more money we can raise, the more we can help out our veterans, service members and their families, which is the major objective of the AmVets, along with our fellow veteran's organizations. But please, first do a little research on your own. Check into the costs, what regulations need to be complied with, man-hours involved and expected money raised.

It is easy to suggest a way to generate money, but many so-called money raisers actually cost more in time, energy and costs than they actually produce.

One example of a poorly thought out idea and this was NOT suggested, just an example. Have a food booth at Lakefair. Sounds great, right? Well consider the costs. Stall rental, insurance, tent or trailer rental. Investment in product to sell. Any appliances that maybe needed as in refrigerature, grille, etc. And what are you going to sell? Hamburgers?!?! There are at least three other organizations selling them. What price are you going to sell the item? Will it be too low to cover all the expenses? Or too high where people will not buy it. This is just an example of what type of research you need to do before submitting your idea.



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Newsletter Submissions Policy

All submissions for the newsletter are strongly encouraged! Submissions may be sent to me at my e-mail, home, in person or via a second person. As of right now, newsletters will be published bi-monthly beginning in June. All submissions must be received by me no later than the tenth of the month previous to issue.

I prefer newsletter submissions as an e-mail or an e-mail attachment as a text or MS Word document, as this will prevent me from retyping the submission. But I will accept type written, hand written, phone call or oral submission.

All submissions MUST contain contact information! I need this information in case I need to clarify or verify any information submitted. Name and contact information will not be published without permission.

As Editor, I reserve the right to edit all submissions. This will include primarily spelling and grammar errors. But may include content. I may delete duplicate information or content that was mentioned in a different article.

I may also delete parts of the submission or reword, paraphrase, as needed to fit the newsletter. I will retain the meaning or intent of the submission. Any major revisions I make, I will seek your approval first. But my decision is final.

Anything submitted as what I feel is inflammatory, unfounded or not factual, will not be published unless there is a pressing need. And will have a rebuttal published at the same time.

Any newsletter issues are to be directed to me.

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