



Southeast Alabama AMVETS

Post 7

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Membership Newsletter • May 2025

Your elected and appointed post servants:

Kevin Turley, Commander
Travis Parker, 1st Vice Commander
Ben Jimmerson, 2nd Vice Commander
Richard Saunders, Finance Officer
Reverend John Logsdon, Adjunct & Chaplain

Upcoming Events:

- Nominations are open for post officer positions until the June meeting.
- Saturday , May 17, 2025 0700: Sweat 4 Vets Ruck March at the Church on Boll Weevil Circle.
- Monday, May 26, 2025: Memorial Day Ceremony (details pending).
- Thursday, June 5, 2025 1800: June meeting at the SECTC. Elections will take place.
- Saturday, June 21, 2025 0900: Department Annual Meeting in Clanton.



From your Post Commander

Thank you all for everything you do for fellow veterans and our community. I know each of you are a phone call away for fellow veterans to reach out to and many of you dedicate many hours selflessly to fellow veterans and to your community in various ways. It is just who you are as a person. It is both a blessing and an honor to be your brother. I know many people who give so much of themselves often neglect their own needs, so I beg of you to ensure you take care of yourself as well. You can't pour into others with an empty cup!

Our AMVETS post donated \$ 250 to the American Legion Post 82 in Ozark to partner in serving meals to the displaced veterans at the veterans home in Enterprise. I know many citizens, organizations, and many of our members also made private donations to assist the veterans in many ways. Though this was a horrible situation, it was refreshing to see the wiregrass pull together to make the situation as best as possible.

Don't forget about the Sweat 4 Vets Armed Forces Day Ruck March on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 0700 at the Church on Boll Weevil Circle in Enterprise.

The Wiregrass Honor Flight has taken off (pun intended) and will be making its maiden voyage in the near future.

We are currently presenting numerous JROTC awards to cadets in four area schools: Enterprise, Daleville, Ozark, and Rehobeth. Thank you to all members who are making this possible. I know this means a lot to the cadets. Many of these cadets will be veteran service members in the near future and you are helping make a great impression on them.

If you missed the last meeting, we had a representative from the Enhabit Hospice team stop by and give a presentation. One of the things that was highlighted was the need for veteran volunteers to assist with presenting veterans a certificate of appreciation for their military service, offer a salute, and to lend a listening ear. If you're interested in helping their program, reach out to their Enterprise office. They cover the cost of the background check, TB test, and training that's required to assist their organization.

The time has come for nominations to be made for post officers. Nominations can be made through May and elections will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 1800 at the Southeast Community Training Center located at 195 U S Highway 84 West in Daleville.

The Department of Alabama AMVETS will hold the Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 0900 in Clanton, Alabama.

Last, but not least, please ensure you put all of your veteran related volunteer hours into the system on AMVETS.org. This helps us justify everything from grants to even our existence as an organization. Whether you are presenting a JROTC award or driving a vet to an appointment, that qualifies as an entry. If you need help doing this, please let me know.

Thank you for the continued honor of being allowed to serve as your post commander.

Respectfully,

Kevin Turley



Reserved for words from your Post First Vice Commander, Second Vice
Commander, and Chaplain

Photos from recent events:



AMVETS RIDERS



There is interest in forming an AMVETS RIDERS chapter within the Southeast Alabama AMVETS Post 7. If you enjoy riding your motorcycle and have it in your heart to intertwine your passion for riding with service to the AMVETS mission, then let's put your minds and strengths together to forge this chapter.



Every member of the Southeast Alabama AMVETS Post 7 family is important and valued. We also know the importance of growing our family, as there is strength in numbers and it is important to seek various opinions, ideas, and solutions. Membership is open to ALL who are currently service or who have been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces to include reserve and national guard.

There is a national committee which has set aside funds to pay for the first year membership dues for female veterans. This will continue until their funds are exhausted. Please reach out to the post for more information.

The Southeast Alabama AMVETS Post 7
meets on the FIRST THURSDAY of each month at 6 pm
at the Southeast Community Training Center located at
195 U S Highway 84 West • Daleville, Alabama

For more information, text/call Kevin Turley at 334.379.8286.

AMVETS HISTORY

Our commitment to service traces its roots back to 1944 when veteran volunteers first began helping veterans of World War II obtain the benefits promised them by the federal government. As the number of returning veterans swelled into the millions, it was evident that some sort of nationally organized assistance for them would be needed. The older established national groups wouldn't do; the leaders of this new generation of veterans wanted their own organization.

With that in mind, eighteen of them, representing nine veterans clubs, met in Kansas City, Missouri and founded The American Veterans of World War II on Dec. 10, 1944. Less than three years later, on July 23, 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed Public Law 216, making AMVETS the first World War II organization to be chartered by Congress.

Since then, the original charter has been amended several times to admit as members those who served in different eras. Today, membership in AMVETS is open to anyone who is currently serving, or who has honorably served, in the U.S. Armed Forces from World War II to the present, to include the National Guard and Reserves.

As a volunteer-led organization, we annually elect and/or appoint officers at the national, district, department and post levels. Each August, representatives from these levels attend the AMVETS national convention to make decisions on issues affecting veterans and the organization.

The AMVETS organization has grown and evolved over the years to best serve each new generation of veterans and their families.

As the organization moves further into the 21st century, it does so with the conviction that its focus on preserving freedom, supporting America's defenders and serving her communities remains a clear blueprint for continued service to God and country.

Veterans helping veterans and their communities.

- **Visiting veterans in assisted living**
- **Providing assistance to veterans in need**
- **Honoring fallen veterans and their surviving family members**
- **Assisting veterans with obtaining the benefits they have rightfully earned**
- **Bringing awareness of veterans needs to our communities and our elected servants**

