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The Speaker Summer 2026



Ken Stahl

From the Commander:

Greetings to all members. Welcome to summer! Elections are over and I have been chosen to lead our post for another year. All officers remain the same except for the Provost Marshal. Steve Tanner has decided to step down after 18 years in that position. A huge thank you to Steve for all those years of dedicated service. Ron (Chief) Ison has been elected to fill that position. Following up from our last newsletter, the deck on the shelter is done, the outside doors to the banquet room are installed and operating, and the pool table is in the basement. The pool table will be kept covered to protect it from drinks and crock pots when the basement is rented out. Please help us keep it nice by replacing the cover when done playing. Our canteen manager, Kathie, has a great summer planned, including our Fourth of July Bash. We continue to make some very generous donations to local charities. I am pleased to see a growing number of members attending our monthly meetings. I hope to see those numbers continue to grow. Have a safe summer!

Ken



John Ricker

From the Adjutant:

We are happy to see that so many Post members are taking advantage of our Life membership special. Current annual members need to keep in mind that you will want to convert to Life membership before your 2026 membership expires August 31st. If you let your annual membership expire, you would have to pay for 2027 to be eligible to convert to Life membership.

New applicants can join as a Life member and take advantage of the special before the offer ends.

Applications for both Post and Social membership require the name of a post member as sponsor. Please have them print their name legibly.

Reminder:

Post members need to remember that you are not eligible for club privileges if you are delinquent with your dues. Many of you think they are due at the end of the year. Annual dues are to be paid by August 31st.

John



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Mike Watson

From the Sons Commander:

Greetings to all club members of AMVETS Post 48. We have had successful breakfasts this Spring and thanks to you that have supported it, along with our club members that work so hard to make it happen. The 4th of July is approaching fast and like in the past, the Sons will be helping with the fireworks. Hope to see you all at the club, for this year's show. We also have flag detail, putting up and taking down the flags, downtown on Monday July 27th. for Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. If you are interested in being involved as a Sons member, we invite you to attend our meetings, which will be June 3rd, July 8th, Aug 5th and Sept 9th at 7:30 pm, we would be grateful to see some new faces get involved! Mike



Sons always put on a good breakfast



Steve Acton

Chaplains Corner:

We have had a busy spring. AMVETS Post members have assisted in rendering Military Honors for nine of our brothers who have passed. We have also assisted with Tiffin, Green Springs and Old Fort Memorial Day activities. I was impressed with the turnout "in the rain" for Greenlawn Cemetery while putting out flags and repairing markers on the graves of our Veterans. We showed up an hour early and there was Rick Sutter putting out flags in the North Section. Since he had to clean the shelter before an event he felt obligated to do his part and had most of the North Section done. That is just one example of the commitment of our Post, Sons and Auxiliary members. In closing I would like to recognize Delilah Abbot-Woodland for 10 years of service as Auxiliary President and welcome Vicki Wickham as Auxiliary President. Also, my friend Steve Tanner has been a mentor since I retired from the Army in 1999. He is turning over Post Provost Marshal to Ron "The Chief" Ison who is also a highly experienced Service Officer with other service organizations.

Blessings- Steve



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Delilah Abbott-Woodland

From the Past Auxiliary President:

Dear Post, Sons, Auxiliary and Social Members:

Happy Summer 2026!!! I'm writing this to let you know that I'm officially retired as President of the Ladies Auxiliary. I have proudly held this position for 10 years and it is time for someone else to take the lead of this great organization. As President, I had a great team to help accomplish the many projects we did to allow the Post to prosper. Also, to aid the many U.S. Veterans that reside right here in Seneca Co. and the Veterans from Tiffin that reside at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky. One of the many ways we assist them started in the fall of 2021 with the beginning of Military Tribute Banners which are placed every Spring around town. It has been my honor to lead this incredible group of ladies each year and also sometimes sad when we lose unforgettable and vibrant members like Bonnie, Jani, Ida and Gini, just to name a few. I thank each and every one of you that helped make my tenure a memorable experience, one filled with laughter, much

joy and a few tears too. It has been exciting to meet new people who are now my dear friends and to help those who I never knew before. Although not as President, I will proudly continue to Chair the Military Banner project with a great team of volunteers that have helped me the last 5 years. Please know that the Auxiliary sponsors many projects all through the year and depend on the help of each Auxiliary member to accomplish these tasks. I ask that even though you may not be able to help all the time, that you come to our meetings and learn what and why we do what we do as an organization. The James A. Speaker Post #48 needs you! Our next meetings are June 3rd, July 8th and August 5th at 7:30 pm in the banquet room. I hope to see you at the Post 48 building dedication to our famous leader James A. Speaker on June 11th, 5:30 PM. At that time, the Auxiliary will be gifting a plaque in Speaker's honor. I wish many good days for our new President Vicki Wickham and will help her and the Auxiliary in all ways I'm able. Thanks again for the honor of allowing me the opportunity to lead this wonderful group of ladies! Much love and God Bless our Post, Sons and especially our Auxiliary.

Delilah J. Abbott-Woodland, Past President