



THERE ARE NO LOSERS IN AMVETS

Commander Hal Queyor



Greetings Fellow Amvets:

As you read this paper, our state convention is right around the corner. I wanted to thank all the posts who sent delegates to our Spring SEC. We had a great turnout with 29 posts attending, so you can see the Covid didn't keep us away. Our post count in New York as of April 1 is 65 posts, so we had almost a 50% ratio at our SEC. We have lost a few posts this year for various reasons, mostly due to low membership numbers and just a loss of interest in their post. Let's just hope after we recover from Covid we can start rebuilding our department and add some new posts and members.

As my term starts to wind down, I would like to personally thank all the members who have helped me with different duties and obligations this past year. With Covid on last fall I didn't get to travel much so I really missed visiting our posts across the state. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our state convention on June 10-12 in Binghamton. We will be having a few new events and I hope that many of you are all able to attend. On Friday afternoon from 4-7pm we will have a food truck in the back parking lot and they will be serving some tasty treats so I hope you come and enjoy this event with us. I want to thank Ed Ashman for directing this event and I can't wait to try the food. At 8pm on Friday June 10, I will be hosting a Commander's Hoedown in the Riverside Room at the Hilton. We have a good old country band and we are all dressing up in western attire. So get out your cowboy hats and boots, no spurs please, and join us for this fun time. Of course, we will have open bar for all our members attending. Saturday at noon is the Auxiliary President's Luncheon and that night is the Commander's Banquet. We hope many of you will join us and enjoy these events which we only have once a year. Stay safe and I hope to see a good crowd in June.

Yours In AMVETS,
Hal Queyor, Commander

1st Vice Commander Emery Perry



I am excited and looking forward to seeing everyone at the June 2022 NYS Convention.

I would like to thank you for your hard work and support.

The song by Marvin Gaye asks the question, "What's Going On?" It's COVID 19, War, High Prices, Ghost Guns, etc. I'm so pleased by the ways we continue business operations and community services. AMVETS are soldiers who are resilient, caring and are always able to persevere even though there are obstacles.

It is our responsibility to recruit new members. I encourage AMVETS Members to always carry AMVETS Membership Application. You never know who you are going to meet. Invite them to join our AMVETS Service Organization. MEMBERSHIP IS KEY TO SUCCESS!

Yours in AMVETS,
Emery A Perry
1st Vice Commander, Dept. of NYS

Auxiliary President Cindy Queyor



We had a wonderful turnout at our Spring SEC and I would like to thank all the auxiliaries that attended. I was so honored to have our National President, Joan Sirek, attend our SEC. She was able to meet with most of our auxiliary sisters and shared many ideas with them at our committee meetings. I am proud to announce that together with the AMVETS, we raised \$7,000 for her project to replace the windows in McArthur Hall at Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge. I was at Freedoms

Foundation last year with her and saw first hand what poor condition the windows are in and that they really do need replacement. I want to thank all my officers and committees who assisted and supported me throughout this journey. I truly appreciate each and every one of you and I know we have the best auxiliary in the country. As our June convention nears, I hope that most of you are able to travel and attend. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. We will be holding our annual elections and I encourage anyone who would like a state office to please consider stating their intentions.

Once again, I sincerely thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Department of New York Ladies Auxiliary President. It is a humbling experience and I will be forever proud having had the chance to serve.

Cindy Queyor
President, Dept. of NY Auxiliary

Executive Director Rich Rossi



I hope to see many of you at the Convention. The Convention will be held on June 9-11, 2022 at the Binghamton Double Tree Hotel. I sent out a Mailing to the Commander of each Post with Information regarding the Convention. Rooms will be \$129. Per night. You must use the Housing Form to pick a Package.

The menu Choices are as follows:
Beef (Petite Fillet topped with Short Ribs)
Chicken (Tomato and Mozzarella Stuffed Breast)
Fish (Sole Florentine stuffed with Spinach W/Lobster Sauce)

To make up for the Lost Conventions we were trying to make this one a very Special One. On Friday Night we are going to have a Commanders Hoedown. We would like you to dress up as Cowboys and Cow Girls. Music will be by the Rustic Ramblers. We've had them before and they were great. Jim Lamphere is one of the Band members. On Saturday we will be having a Barbecue in the Parking Lot. We will be having Food Trucks, Games and Entertainment. Of course, the Commanders Ball is on Saturday Night. Please indicate on the Housing Form who you want to sit with.

Registration and Shirt Order Forms are on the Website. Please try to Register early as it makes it easier for us, besides its cheaper.

On Saturday we will be Voting on Two Resolutions and the Officers for 2022-23. Good Luck to all the Candidates and Remember, "THERE ARE NO LOSERS IN AMVETS."

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PREAMBLE to the AMVETS CONSTITUTION

We, the American Veterans who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States during and since World War II, fully realizing our responsibility to our community, to our state and to our nation, associate ourselves for the following purposes: to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States; to safeguard the principles of freedom, liberty and justice for all; to promote the cause of peace and goodwill among nations; to maintain inviolate the freedom of our country; to preserve the fundamentals of democracy; the perpetuate the friendship and associations of these veterans; and to dedicate ourselves to the cause of mutual assistance, this by the grace of God.

Editor's Message

Darrin Keech, Empire AMVET Editor



My fellow AMVETS,

Another issue of our paper is out. I want to thank all who contributed to this endeavor. Together we make the paper. I am hoping to be able to get more articles in the paper. A good example is how your post came to be. The history of your post and achievements are other examples. Remember photos must be sent as attachments in jpeg format. Photos taken from social media do not reproduce well for the paper. All photos must have a caption sheet. If you have any questions, we have posted the paper training on our website nyamvets.com. Along with the current issue of the paper.

On another note, I am asking for you, the readers, to critique the paper and if you have any ideas to make it better please let me know. I have talked with our publisher about having the address on the bottom of the front page, so the title bar is out and she told me the reason it is on the back page has to do with the printers mail merge software. Unfortunately, we can't change that. Those that sent corrections THANK YOU! I appreciate it. I am looking forward to the next issue. Send your entries in to either empireamvet1@gmail.com or to my home address via USPS. If you do not get a reply within 3 days of submitting, please contact me as I have had Several Articles that haven't reached me. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Convention in Binghamton. THE CUTOFF FOR THE SUMMER ISSUE IS AUGUST 15th. It is an honor to serve as the editor.

*See additional **Editor's Tips** located next to the *Newsboy cartoon* in the back of the newspaper in regards to how to send a photo via your smart phone, email, Messenger, etc.

Yours in AMVETS

Darrin Keech

Editor – Empire AMVET

2nd Vice Commander

Joe Ashman



It seems like only yesterday that I was your newly elected Department of New York 2nd Vice Commander, and now my term is fast approaching its expiration. I cannot believe how quickly this past year has gone by, especially on the heels of what felt like the longest two years in recent memory.

My calendar year has been filled with many activities, trips, and Post visits in support of AMVETS. To start things off, in July, I hit the ground running by starting our Department fundraiser (the "\$10K Giveaway" Raffle). Then I was off to the National Convention in August, where I was appointed as the NEC for the convention. In October and January, I attended the District 1 meetings, representing Commander Queyor and the Department.

And, of course, there was our SECs in March and October. I mention all of this because of the level of trust you have placed with me to represent the Department and our wonderful AMVETS family. It is something that I take very seriously and will continue to do so in the future.

Our 2021-2022 Department fundraiser will make a profit thanks to those who participated. Whether buying or selling the tickets, I appreciate all your devotion and assistance. Individual thanks go out to my good friend John Foster (aka "Whiskers", "The Ticket Man"), he single-handedly sold over 100 tickets.

I would like to thank Posts 1, 8, 13, 14, 72, 219, and 722 for your hospitality when I visited. Special appreciation goes out to Post 897 (my home Post)...you are the best!

It has been an absolute honor and pleasure to have served you during 2021-2022. It is my intention to run for Department 1st Vice Commander and I would appreciate your support. In return, I pledge to do the very best for you, for AMVETS.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Department Convention in June.

Yours in AMVETS,

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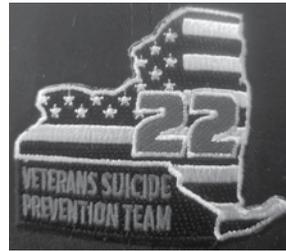
Well, here we are again getting ready for the Annual Convention in Binghamton. This last year has been filled with ups and downs. National Reporting has been down sometime and is still down as I write this report. I'm hoping Reporting will be back online before the June Convention so that we can get everyone's Reporting up to date. For the time being I ask everyone to record their reporting on a hard copy so that when Programming is back online then we can post it. In closing I would like to thank everyone for their hard work this year hopefully the next year will be more exciting.

Yours in AMVETS,

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22 EVERYDAY PROGRAM
by Terry Forward, Post #1 Cuba Commander

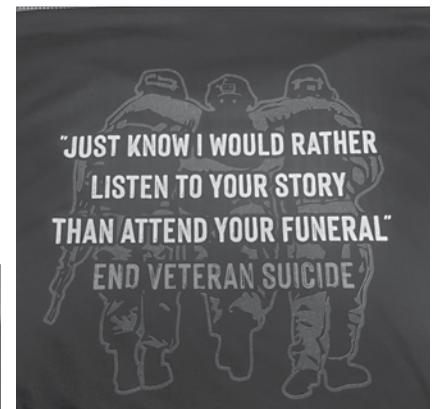


At spring SEC over \$10,000 worth of items were passed out to members for there displays at there functions to raise awareness. Chairman Forward has ordered more materials again for disbursement to members. Remember help is only a phone call away.

Thank you,
Terry Forward
22 Everyday Chairman



Committee members and 22 Everyday Chairman Terry Forward received recognition from Cuba Chamber of Commerce, NYS Senate, NYS Assembly, U.S. Congress, and Brigadier General (R) Arthur Austin for their efforts with the 22 Everyday program.



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IMPORTANT DATES - MARK THEM DOWN!

The following are dates for Department Meetings in 2022

June Convention:

Thursday, June 9, Friday, June 10, and Saturday, June 11

Fall SEC:

Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8

This list contains each Post and which Zone they are in.
Each Zone has a contact name and phone number.

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Riders Report



AMVETS Department of NY Riders currently have 8 chapters. We have 147 riders and 21 supporters. Our membership is made up of 91 AMVETS, 56 Sons, and 21 Ladies Auxiliary. Sadly Post 1 Riders voted to disband their chapter. With COVID restrictions being lifted we are resuming fundraising efforts. I ask you to support our riders by buying our cash raffle tickets. Please see any rider for them. In late December I visited our Long Island Chapters 48, 88 and 111. I also visited post 76

to discuss possibly starting a rider's chapter or having their members join nearby existing chapters. We had a meeting at Post 88 where we discussed our bylaws, fundraising events, and the upcoming convention. These chapters have done an outstanding job in the past year, particularly Post 88. Their Autism Fundraiser Ride enabled them to make a \$5036 donation to the Autism Society of Nassau and Suffolk Counties. They also made a \$500 donation to Gold Star Mothers. Chapter 897 continues to raise money for Warrior House and is active in their community. Chapter 245 continues to Donate to Leek Hunting and Mountain Preserve. They have also made donations to the Bath VA for veteran's clothing and recreation programs. During the last week of April, a group of riders are going to travel to Kentucky Post 61 to escort AMVETS National Commander Greg Heun to Desoto MO to the Riders National Midyear Rally. We also have riders going to Rolling to Remember in Washington DC. Some of them are volunteers for the 3 day event over Memorial Weekend. We will be continuing to have membership drives and hope to add more riders chapters. Thank You for the opportunity to report to you and



Amet Riders held an Easter ham raffle. Proceeds will go towards veterans programs.

Thank You for your service. God bless our troops and may God Bless America!!

Yours in AMVETS
Roy Randall
 Dept of NY Riders President

District 1 Report

New York had a large turnout for the District 1 meeting held in April in Binghamton. Cmdr Queyor thanks everyone who attended.



AMVETS TRIVIA

INSTRUCTIONS:
Guess who the Masked Person is.

MY GUESS _____

TO ENTER: Submit your **Guess** by email to empireamvet1@gmail.com or mail to Darrin Keech, Editor, 3427 CR 31, Canisteo, NY 14823

All entries must be received no later than **6/1/2022**

Entries will be drawn from a bag and the 1st correct contestant will win: **FREE DRINKS ALL WEEKEND** at the State Convention or the next SEC.

*One entry per person

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COMMANDER HAL

How Can Military Veterans Maximize Their Tax Benefits?

Expert explains federal and state tax breaks for retired service members

Updated February 15, 2022

En español | Filing taxes once you're retired from the military may seem less complicated than it was when you were still in the service, yet military veterans can still get important benefits from the tax code. You don't want to miss out on them.

To help with your 2021 tax filings, we spoke with CPA and tax expert Lisa Greene-Lewis of TurboTax, who provided helpful information specifically for military veterans. Remember to file your taxes before this year's April 18 deadline. And don't forget: Tax advice that applies to civilians can benefit you, too.

Federal Taxes

You'll owe federal income taxes on military retirement pay. However, if you participate in the Survivors Benefit Plan, which supports your beneficiaries after you die, your premiums are excluded from your taxable income. Additionally, your military retirement pay is not considered earned income for Social Security tax calculations, and no Social Security payroll tax should be withheld from that pay.

Veteran education benefit payments received through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for education and training are tax-free.

Disability benefit payments from the VA aren't taxable. This includes disability compensation and pension payments, disability grants for home or vehicle modifications (such as wheelchair ramps), and benefits under dependent-care assistance programs.

Veterans and active military save up to 30% on AARP Membership. Get instant access to discounts, programs, services, and the information you need to benefit every area of your life.

Note: If you recently had an increase in your disability rating or were granted Combat-Related Special Compensation, you may be eligible for a tax refund. However, this can be applied only to the year that the VA reassessed your disability level, and you may have to file an amended return.

Other money from the VA that is not taxed:

- Interest from VA life insurance policies
- Benefits under a dependent-care assistance program
- Money paid to a survivor of a member of the armed forces who died after Sept. 10, 2001
- Payments made under the compensated work therapy program
- Any bonus pay from a state, county, city or town because of service in a combat zone

Missing money from stimulus checks may still be obtained through the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) Recovery Rebate Credit.

"The IRS used information from the [VA] to issue the stimulus payments," said Greene-Lewis.

So, if you received a partial payment based on the information they had in prior years, you may be eligible for more in the form of a recovery rebate credit when you file your 2021 taxes.

State Taxes

Fast facts on state taxes:

- States typically offer tax benefits only to veterans who were honorably discharged or released from active duty under honorable circumstances.
- State benefits usually include exemptions on property taxes, according to value.
- Benefits are often transferred to a spouse or surviving spouse of honorably discharged veterans.
- Many states include additional benefits for veterans who are disabled.
- Every state's revenue website outlines state benefits for veterans and how to apply for them.

Disabled veterans can qualify for property tax exemptions at the state level. These breaks, which are usually tied to a specific disability rating, can help a veteran save thousands of dollars. You can view a list of all property tax exemptions by state and disability percentage here. However, since tax laws often change, it is best to verify the tax structure with your taxpayer assistance center, state tax office or tax professional.

Military retirement pay may be untaxed or have other special provisions in some states. Review a list of states that do and don't tax military retirement pay here. If you are eligible, verify the tax law with your local taxpayer assistance center, state tax office or tax professional.

AARP Tax-Aide

AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide program, the largest free, volunteer-based tax assistance and preparation program in the U.S., provides in-person and virtual tax help.

The nationwide program is aimed at people 50 and older or those who have low to moderate incomes, but Tax-Aide is open to anyone, free of charge. You don't need to be an AARP member to take advantage of Tax-Aide's knowledgeable volunteers, nor will there be any sales pitch for other services. Tax assistance is available by appointment only.

A variety of other resources are also available to provide free tax prep help for eligible military families and older adults.

The New York Run for the Fallen is a special event to call attention to and to honor the men and women who have died recently in military service to America. Although we visibly run one marker to honor and remember each fallen hero from the current conflicts, the total run from the Honor the Mountain Monument in Watertown to the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in Albany represents every service member from New York who laid down their lives for freedom's cause. Thousands have sacrificed to preserve our way of life. And as we give tribute to these heroes, we also remember all those who have given the ultimate sacrifice throughout history. New York is rich in the foundation of this country and has given many of her sons and daughters. Regardless of war or conflict, the branch of service, or method of death, we ultimately run for them all, honoring their service and sacrifice, and remembering that they each gave up a future so that we could have ours. We give tribute to them by name wherever possible and to the sacrifice of the families, they left behind.

Mission Statement: NEW YORK RUN FOR THE FALLEN

Using the model from the original Run for the Fallen tribute in 2008, Honor and Remember has established the New York Run for the Fallen. It is a compilation of runners and support crew whose mission is clear and simple: To run specific miles for every New York Service Member who has died while serving or as a result of serving during the War on Terror including Operation Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and New Dawn. Each mile of sweat and pain, and each flag saluted is to pay homage to a New York hero and their family.

The second weekend of June, we run across New York to raise awareness for the lives of those who fought and died, to rejuvenate their memories and keep their spirits alive, and to aid in the healing process for the New York residents whose lives have been affected by the war.

We are dedicated to Honor and Remember as we blaze a 200+ mile tribute trail to the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument.

June 9th - 12th - From Watertown to Albany

Legislative Representative

Robert E. Becker, Jr.

AMVETS
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

February 10, 2022

Department Commander

Membership

We as veterans need to work together as a team, I am asking the MEMBERSHIP for help, we need our membership to help lobby for our budget issues. Any help will be great. Let's look at some of the issues.

If you have not seen the combined legislative priorities of the NYS Council of Veteran Organizations (NYSCOVO) and the VFW. Important to note that because of the labor intensity of zoom meetings with legislators on this comprehensive compendium of legislative initiatives, the legislators themselves suggested that the council and our most active member on the state level, the VFW combine efforts to create a single document that would provide the base for the Zoom meeting.

The Council and VFW both focused on FIVE KEY LEGISLATIVE ITEMS.

Funding for Joseph Dwyer Peer to Peer Mentoring program

Additional support for DVS/County veteran service officers

Support for returning veterans to help navigate civilian transition

Expansion of Veteran Treatment courts

Continued funding for the Defense program

Bob Becker

New York State Council of Veterans' Organizations

Adaptive Sports Foundation, Alliance of Public Retiree Organizations, American Military Retirees Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, AMVETS, Black Veterans for Social Justice, Inc., Blinded Veterans Association, Catholic War Veterans, Civil Service Employees Association Veterans Committee, Council 82 AFSCME AFL-CIO Veterans Committee, Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., County Veterans Service Officers Association of NYS, Disabled American Veterans, Fleet Reserve Association, Jewish War Veterans, Korean War Veterans Association, Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Public Employees Federation Veterans Committee, SAGEVets, The Retired Enlisted Association, United Federation of Teachers Veterans Committee, United Spinal Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans for Peace, and 369th Veterans Association, Inc.

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TESTIMONY OF THE
NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS AND
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BEFORE THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY
JOINT BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES

FEBRUARY 2, 2022

The NYS Council of Veteran Organizations consists of more than 30 veteran service organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, Fleet Reserve Association, and Marine Corps League to mention a few.

The VFW New York Division is an active member of NYSCOVO and concurs with this testimony.

This budget year has started off in a very positive direction with the Governor mentioning in her message and budget presentation key programs that our organizations have also identified during the past several budget cycles as critical to sustainable veterans' services delivered in a unified and accountable fashion. The following are our budget priorities.

- STATEWIDE FUNDING FOR THE PFC JOSEPH DWYER PEER TO PEER PROGRAM
- ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR DVS/COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS
- SUPPORT FOR RETURNING VETERANS TO HELP NAVIGATE CIVILIAN TRANSITION
- EXPANSION OF VETERAN TREATMENT COURTS
- VETERANS DEFENSE PROGRAM FUNDING

Our comments will center on these and related initiatives, to develop connections between existing successful and ongoing services and the program initiatives mentioned above.

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- Finally, we urge the Legislature to continue the funding for specifically named items such as the VFW's Buffalo and Downstate Veteran Service offices at \$125,000.

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Kids Easter Party at Post 897



You're no bunny till some bunny loves you



COVID-19 vaccines at VA

Read this page to find out how to get your COVID-19 vaccine at VA. And get the latest VA vaccine updates and answers to common questions. Latest updates on booster shots and additional doses

Second booster update

You can now get a second booster at least 4 months after your first booster if any of these descriptions are true for you:

- You're at least 50 years old, **or**
- You had the Janssen (J&J) vaccine for both your primary vaccine and your booster, **or**
- You're moderately to severely immunocompromised

You can choose either the Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for your second booster.

Stay up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines

Staying up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines is the best way to protect yourself and your family. Vaccines and boosters continue to protect against new forms of the coronavirus (like Omicron). If you're eligible, come in for your COVID-19 booster, second booster, or additional dose now.

Learn when and how to get booster shots and additional doses

Note: Not all VA health facilities have all types of vaccines. Facilities may offer different vaccines at different times. And not all facilities offer vaccines to youth under age 18. Confirm that the facility has the vaccine you want before you come in to get your vaccine.

Who can get a COVID-19 vaccine at VA

We offer COVID-19 vaccines to these groups:

- All Veterans (including Veterans who live or travel outside of the U.S. and are eligible for the VA Foreign Medical Program)
- Spouses and surviving spouses of Veterans
- Caregivers of Veterans (including family members or friends who provide care to a Veteran)
- Recipients of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) benefits.

About Home Loans

VA helps Servicemembers, Veterans, and eligible surviving spouses become homeowners. As part of our mission to serve you, we provide a home loan guaranty benefit and other housing-related programs to help you buy, build, repair, retain, or adapt a home for your own personal occupancy.

VA Home Loans are provided by private lenders, such as banks and mortgage companies. VA guarantees a portion of the loan, enabling the lender to provide you with more favorable terms.

Read our guide for buying a home Before you buy, be sure to read the **VA Home Loan Buyer's Guide**. This guide can help you under the homebuying process and how to make the most of your VA loan benefit. Download the Buyer's Guide here. Main pillars of the VA home loan benefit

- **No downpayment** required (**Note: Lenders may require downpayments for some borrowers using the VA home loan guaranty, but VA does not require a downpayment*)
- **Competitively low interest rates**
- **Limited** closing costs
- **No** need for Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI)
- The VA home loan is a **lifetime benefit**: you can use the guaranty *multiple times*

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The Ladies Auxiliary from Post 76 held a \$100 lottery tree raffle with the profits going to making Valentine bags for the ladies at the VA hospital.



The ladies made 50 bags and delivered to the female veterans in VA Hospital, Northport.

The ladies (shown at the right) are Debbie Salmon, Denise Schroeder and Ann Shumicky. Then had an assembly line to pack the bags filled with gum, hand sanitizers, tissues, candy, lip gloss, tea and gum.

Empire AMVET - 1954 Convention

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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise specified all Convention Sessions are scheduled at the Malone Post Hall

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1954

8:00 P.M. State Executive Committee & Welfare Foundation Meeting.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1954

7:00 P.M. Registration
 8:00 P.M. Opening Ceremonies—Advancement of Colors
 Invocation
 Address of Welcome by Malone Post No. 8 Commander Herbert Wescott

Address by Mayor of Malone
 Introduction of State Commander, Leon H. Sulkowski

RECESS

9:30 P.M. Announcement of Committee Assignments
 10:30 P.M. Retirement of Colors

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1954

Advancement of Colors
 9:00 A.M. Committee Reports
 Registration
 Rules
 10:00 A.M. Report of Service Director, Lester E. Spear
 10:30 A.M. Report of Finance Officer, Anthony Linkus, Jr.
 11:00 A.M. Report of Adjutant, Louis L. Hutter
 11:30 A.M. Recess
 12:00 Noon (KC Hall) Joint Luncheon with Ladies Auxiliary
 1:30 P.M. Reports of Permanent Committees on Year's Activities
 3:00 P.M. Committee Meetings and Announcements—Retirement of Colors
 7:00 P.M. (Country Club) Banquet for Department Commander, Leon H. Sulkowski
 10:00 P.M. Commander's Ball—Malone Post No. 8 Hall

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 1954

9:30 A.M. Call to Order—Advancement of Colors
 9:45 A.M. Reports of Convention Committees
 12:00 Noon Election of Officers
 1:30 P.M. Induction of Newly Elected Officers
 2:00 P.M. Adjournment—Retirement of Colors.

WHO'S RUNNING AND WHY?

All around the State this month, the hats have been coming into the ring from all sides. Rumors of many candidates are piling up.

Of course, nothing has come in to say we're wrong, so we presume that our views will not be considered slanderous.

For the office of Commander, the following rumors and announcements have rumbled in our ears: the Buffalo Memorial Post No. 2 is reported favoring the name of John M. Brunner for this office; John has held various posts among which that of Post and County Commander and a Vice Commander of New York State. He is a union representative in the Buffalo area.

Fillmore Post No. 16 has announced the name of their favorite son, Robert J. Sayles for this office. Bob has held the offices of Post Commander, Adjutant of the Department of New York, and is at present Executor Director of the Welfare Foundation. He is employed as an insurance agent.

Hayes-Hood Memorial Post No. 23 is thought to feel that John Schoenfelder is the man for the job. John is an executive of the Associated Hospital Service in New York City and has held various jobs in AMVETS. Among these is the office of Past Post Commander, Past State Vice Commander and is at present the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Albany Post No. 50 has announced its desire to place the name of John A. Lasch, Jr. for the same office. Jack, who is an old timer in AMVETS, has served as Judge Advocate and a Vice Commander of the Department of New York and is at present the Vice President of the Welfare Foundation. Jack is an attorney and is Legislative Director of the Department of New York.

The Vice Commanders, of which there are three, have been and are still, a well sought after position. Announced candidates are Stanley J. Kaszak of Gold Star Post No. 6, Edgar R. Derr of Bushwick Post No. 31 and Dorr M. Campbell of Niagara Falls Post No. 88. Also listed as added starters, we should not forget the names of Harold E. Cooley and John Knapik, our present Vice Commanders, who though they cannot succeed themselves will undoubtedly wish to rise in the ranks of AMVETS.

Lava Post No. 18 has submitted the name of Anthony F. Linkus, Jr., our present Finance Officer for re-election. Tony has expressed his desire to serve and has been active in AMVETS as a Post Commander, County Vice Commander and is now Finance Officer of the Department of New York.

LET'S GO TO MALONE



STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE AT WORK

Left to right: Robert Champagne, Publicity; Gerald Thomas, Program; Everett Batraw, Chairman; Herbert Wescott, Post Commander; June Flaherty, Aux. Chairman; George Donaldson, Reservations; Chalmers Casza, Treasurer.

MOLE APPOINTED TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A. Chalmers Mole of New York City, our Past State Commander, was honored by the National Commander recently when he named him to a vacancy on the International Affairs Committee of AMVETS. This is undoubtedly one of the top posts in our organization. Chalmers was formerly Co-Chairman of the Peace and Preparedness Committee. He resigned this position to join the International Affairs group.

So how about it, AMVETS, let's go to Malone. You can get there by car, plane or train and even bus. The convention begins on Friday evening, June 25th and winds up on Sunday the 27th "early". All Convention sessions will be at Post No. 8 Club Rooms.

The various affairs that lean to the social side are as follows: There will be a Luncheon on Saturday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, the Dinner on Saturday evening in honor of State Commander Leon Sulkowski will be held at the beautiful Malone Country Club and then there will be a Dance at the Post Headquarters on Saturday evening. The caucuses will be held in various rooms which we have no doubt that interested delegates and alternates will find.

Everet Batraw the General Chairman of the Convention made this statement, "Post No. 8 is honored to have the State Convention again in Malone. Those of you who attended the Fourth Annual Convention in 1949 will want to come back to renew old acquaintances".

The Convention Committee includes Gerald Thomas, Program; Robert Champagne, Publicity; George Donaldson, Reservations; Leland MacDonald; Entertainment and Chalmers Casazza, Treasurer. June Flaherty is in charge of arrangements for the Ladies Auxiliary. The hotel rates and the Program for the Convention are printed on Page 4.

STATE CONVENTION AT MALONE JUNE 25th-27th

Malone N. Y.—The Malone Post of AMVETS No. 8 as you read this will be hard at work completing arrangements for New York's 10th Annual Convention. All our Posts have already received mailings from the Convention Committee and the State Adjutant. Post Commander Herbert Wescott and all his members are hoping to get a very large attendance at this second Convention that the AMVETS in Malone (better known as the Star of the North in this area) have undertaken. Their last Convention was in 1949.

This one should be bigger in all respects. The extra activities are greater and of course the attendance as far as delegates should rival last year's record convention at Brooklyn.

June 9-11, 2022 Convention

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
AMVETS
 JUNE 2022 9-11 BINGHAMTON NY
NEW YORK CONVENTION
 BINGHAMTON DOUBLE TREE
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 Binghamton, NY 13901
 607.722.7575
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 REGISTRATION FORMS & SHIRT ORDER
 FORMS ARE ACTIVE ON WEBSITE:
 nyamvets.com

Submitted by Post 4

Julie Prati, Massena Ladies Auxiliary 4 2nd Vice and Bernadette Frohm, both teachers at J.W. Leary Junior High presented Amvets Post 4 Commander, Fred Cockayne letters of thanks and a poster with signatures of staff and students on Veteran's Day 2021. The poster was designed by students J.W. Leary Raider Academy after school program. They gathered all the signatures to show appreciation, gratitude and honor on this solemn remembrance and thanksgiving of local veterans. A poster and letters were also given to the other military organizations in Massena. S. Cappione Inc. generously printed and donated the flag poster for the students.



MCS 2021-11-11 Massena NY MCS presents Poster to Vets. MCS 2021-11-11 Massena NY MCS presents TY letters to Veterans.

One Nation Under God



Post News Statewide

Post 4 - MASSENA

Post 4 Amvets donated five-thousand dollars to the American's Supporting Armed Services. The foundation's chairperson Tammie Sauve accepted the donation on the 2021 Veterans Day at our annual Veteran's Day reception. Tammie started the organization in South Carolina in 2016 when she saw the problems with what they call the new Agent Orange. There were about 75% of Vets being denied treatment for lung ailments and PTSD at that time.

During most of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the military and its contractors disposed of everything it did not want to ship back to the U. S. in open-air burn pits, including trash, garbage, human waste, and hazardous materials. There were at least 230 burn pits there according to data from the Government Accountability Office and the Department of Defense. Military Veterans face uphill battles to receive treatment for "burn pit" exposure and a growing number of U.S. Veterans say they have developed serious health ailments after facing prolonged exposure to flaming trash piles.

We sincerely believe our donation will continue to help those Vet's facing these problems.



Post 4 Amvets Holds Ck presented to Americans Supporting Armed Services (Commander Fred Cockayne on right and Past Commander Ken Kells on left hold the check presented to Tammie Sauve and Associate with the support of other post members).

Post 8 - MALONE

Post 8 is in full speed ahead mode as the summer season comes upon us. We have our Ladies and Mens Softball Leagues playing Monday through Friday with the men playing under the lights starting nightly at 8pm. Games are always open to the public and there is lots of rivalry for the championship for both leagues. We are getting ready to prepare our Amvets Fairstand for the upcoming county fair which starts the 2nd week of August and runs for 10 days. It's a busy time of year for us and we appreciate all the help and energy our members put forward to make these events so successful. We continue to book weddings, parties and family reunions all through the summer season with our patrons taking full advantage of our outside pavillon. Our members and staff are our greatest assets and we could never do all this without the help of these folks. We especially want to thank our bar staff of Rose, Mel and Sue who have all been with us for over 20 years - thanx for all your hard work ladies.



Post 8 member Damyian George is currently serving with the US Army in Germany as a Tank & Amphibious Assault Operator.



Department Commander Hal Queyor welcoming to the Amvets Family New Member Jesse Corralez (ARMY) stationed in Ft. Drum, New York.



PDC Wesley Reynolds, Post 8 oldest living member at 99 years young, would like to thank Department Commander Hal, Post 8 and the NYS Service Foundation for the Amvets blanket he received.

PDC Reynolds is a resident at the Batavia Veterans Home and says he likes to read the Empire Amvet paper and see the photos of all his friends.



World War II Memorial

Sons of Amvets Post 8 Judge Advocate Lee Smith at the WWII Memorial at The National Mall Toot while in DC at the National Executive Meetings in March.



The Traveling Pool Team from Post 8 took the top honors at this year's North Country Council of Amvets Pool Tournament.

July 7, 1966

Amvets Installation

The annual installation of officers of the Malone Amvets Post No. 8 will be held at the Amvets Club on the Whippleville Road July 16.

Officers to be installed are: commander, Wesley Reynolds; 1st vice commander, George Stone; 2nd vice commander, Gerald Oakes; 3rd vice commander, Frank Perkins; public relations chairman, Walter Johnson Jr.; finance officer, John Rule; service officer, Chalmers Casazza; provost marshal, Francis Raville; judge advocate, Robert Walsh; chaplain, the Rev. Eugene Beaudet; membership director, George Stone; trustees, Kenneth KarlesKent, Merrill Matteson, Paul Howard, Knute Grytebust and Howard Barrett.



FREE FOR THE ASKING FOR ANY VET OR VETERANS ORGANIZATION. ANGEL BIKE IS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. CONTACT DEPT COMMANDER BIKE IS AT POST 8 AND ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR DELIVERY.

Post 14 - Depew

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary #14 hosted a youth project for the VA Hospital. Youth volunteers donated Easter pictures to the VA Hospital.



Julianna Gerace, Nicholas Smith, Jared Gerace, Noah Hayes, Liana Smith, Amelia Majchrzak (not pictured William Tyrpak).



Post 18 - East Islip

Amvets Post 18 East Islip swears in 10 new members of the Sons of American Veterans



Pictured to the right are past Commander John Rossetti, AMVETS Commander Fred Vatter, and Sons of AMVETS Commander Ray Meyer, Jr. and 10 New Members of AMVETS Post 18 are partially visible in the photo.



Veterans in action



Loretta DiBrino Zone 6 Director and Amvets Post 21 Commander Rich DeJesu were guests on *Veterans News Program* bringing attention to the *22 A Day Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline* and *Rolling to Remember* event in Washington.



Welcome aboard new Post 21 members. Pictured left to right William Caraballo, Bill Peralta and Post 21 Commander Rich DeJesu.



L/R - Bob Hathaway, Rich Murphy, Bob Selby, Bob Lane, Ed Curry Jr. and Ed Curry Sr.



Post 21 color Guard at 2022 Oyster Bay, NY Little League Opening Day Ceremonies

L/R Bob Lane, Bob Selby, Rich Murphy Bob Hathaway.



Post 21 Provost Marshall Bob Lane and Little Leaguer getting ready opening day parade.



AMVETS Post 21 received a large supply of Valentines Day cards made with love by the students of the South Grove Elementary School, which were distributed by Post 21 members to Veterans at our local Assisted Care Facilities



Pictured from left to right AMVETS Post 21 members Joe Messina, Trustee Bob Hathaway, Commander Rich DeJesu, Town of Supervisor Joe Saladino, Rich Murphy, Dave Fischer and Provost Marshall Bob Lane.

PROUD TO BE A VETERAN



Spring 2022 Dept. of New York State Executive Committee Meeting Binghamton, New York



Amvets Auxiliary Liaison Carmela Rigoli speaking at the Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting and standing nearby is Dept. Auxiliary President Cindy Queyor and Dept. Commander Hal Queyor.



Dept. Commander Hal Queyor speaking at the Sons Squadron Meeting at the March 2022 SEC in Binghamton, NY.



Dept. Commander Hal Queyor and Ladies Auxiliary President Cindy Queyor.



Dept. Judge Advocate Marty Bugaj, 3rd Vice Dept. Commander John Foster, 2nd Vice Dept. Commander Joe Ashman and 1st Vice Dept. Commander Emery Perry at the Department of New York SEC March 19, 2022 at the Doubletree Hotel Binghamton, NY.



Department Commander Hal Queyor welcoming to the Amvets Family New Member Jesse Corralez (ARMY) stationed in Ft. Drum, New York.



Sons Squadron Meeting Room.



Riders President Roy Randall with Dept. Commander Hal Queyor.



Tommy Asher (Drug and Alcohol Committee Co-chairperson) speaking at the Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting at the March 2022 SEC in Binghamton, NY.

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Ladies Auxiliary Meeting at SEC

National Ladies Auxiliary President Joan Sirek



National Ladies Auxiliary President Joan Sirek, Dept. Ladies Auxiliary President Cyndy Queyor and Empire Editor Darrin Keech.



Sons of Amvets Squadron Commander Scott Devery and Amvets Department Commander Hal Queyor.



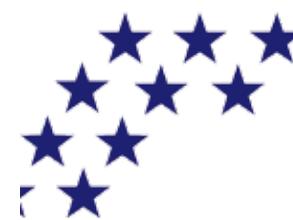
Terry Forward, 22 Everyday Table.



Jerrod Kester and his wife with Amvets Dept. Commander Hal Queyor. Veterans and Warrior Retreat.



VAVS Coordinator Dave Feary presenting a check to Jerrod Kester and his wife the President and Founders of Whirlwind Veterans and Warrior Retreat.



Jerrod Kester

Veterans Honoring Veterans for their faithful commitment and service to AMVETS New York

Post 18- East Islip - continued from Pg. 9

GETTING BACK TO A SENSE OF "NORMALCY" ... AFTER 2 LONG YEARS

Finally – after 2 long and dismal years of strict COVID restrictions – we actually have “seen the light at the end of the VERY LONG tunnel” – and we can feel a sense of **NORMACY** returning to our community of Oyster Bay – and return **TO OUR LIVES**. Masks are nearly gone – and social distancing has become a personal choice for ones safety if they are concerned out in public. The new Covid variant BA-2 is much more contagious – but hospitalization are low and the effect less deadly. Covid 2nd Boosters are available through the VA centers and also in major drug chains ... and **WE RECOMMEND** the 2nd booster for anyone 65 years and older and 50 years and older if you have serious health and medical issues that compromise your immune system and put your life in danger. We need to be cautious – but must learn to “**LIVE OUR LIVES**” again.

POST #21 - NEW MEMBERS

Post #21 in Oyster Bay, New York – **WELCOMES 2 NEW MEMBERS** to our Post:

. **Bill Caraballo** – who leads the Westbury High School Jr. ROTC program - and we include his very efficient troops into our **FIRING DETAILS** and our **COLOR GUARD** events.

. **Will Peralta** – who is the Oyster Bay Masonic Lodge Parade Chairman - and will have his organization march in our Oyster Bay town parade and attend our Memorial Day Remembrance ceremony and our 4th of July events as well.

Both gentlemen bring many years of experience and knowledge to our Post – and will be **VALUED & VALUABLE NEW MEMBERS**.

Post #21 – FOR THE “GOOD OF OUR COMMUNITY & VETERANS”

Post #21 continues to excel for our generous donations and contributions to our local food pantries. We have a belief: “they have so little – we have so much more we can give”. Non-perishable food items, health and beauty items, household items and seasonal items – that our neediest can supply themselves and their families. To date for this program our Post veterans have donated 3,690 individual items for our needy --- and well appreciated by the local community centers and churches. We also support our VA Center in East Meadow ...with food donations, holiday gifts to support veteran families in crisis ... and we collect from our members at our meeting – their used eye-wear and deliver it to the VA Center for veterans and family members that can’t afford the high cost of new eye-wear.

Supporting the Ukrainian War relief effort in our town

Post #21 members attended an evening “**PEACE VIGIL**” in support of Ukraine – a special service held at a Monastery in our local area of Lattington. Several hundred people attended and a large population of Ukrainians and East European’s that live in this section of Long Island, NY ... and worship at this Monastery. They sang their patriotic songs and did their Ukrainian Anthem ... very moving to see that they **LOVE THEIR HOMELAND** and are devastated by the invasion that has cost them so much of their freedom and brought catastrophic destruction to their once beautiful cities. The relief effort was a huge success – collected large amounts of health and medical type supplies that will support the refugees that have fled their homeland with a minimum of wears and life’s needs to sustain the lives of their families. We felt pleased that what we delivered was a necessary need that is still a drop in the bucket for what these devastated people really need.

Taking up the Ukrainian Relief Cause AGAIN at our General Meetings ...

Besides our monthly food pantry donations we do at our General Meetings, now we’ve created a Ukrainian supply effort to collect the most needed personal health aid items - like toothpaste and brushes, soaps, shampoos, razors, sanitary items, hair care – and medical type items like bandages, gauze, ointments, sanitary wipes, and pain relievers etc. Our Post’s generosity is outstanding and we always answer the call for help - especially when we see every day on TV the refugee crisis in the millions of Ukrainian women and children. Their suffering brings us that great desire to **HELP ...** and hopefully make a refugees life a little bit better for just a little while.

Post #21 Support for the “22-A-DAY” Program ...

Our post takes an active role in combating the devastating loss of life committed by veterans and active military service members – who commit suicide because they believe and feel like “there’s no way out” of their dilemma. There is **HOPE** that we can save lives – through the “22-a-day” suicide prevention program ... and our post **PROVOST MARSHALL – BOB LANE - IS OUR SPECIALIST** that can reach those in need of help ... direct them to the proper resources to help resolve their emotional turmoil issues that are causing them to contemplate the worse decision of their precious lives. There is help out there – they just need the drive to reach out seek help and **SAVE THEIR LIVES**. Recently Bob had been presenting his material and a business donor presented him with a check for \$550 to go into the “22-a-day” fund that Bob supports. We have to believe that these efforts **SAVE LIVES ... precious lives**.

Placement of OUR POW-MIA memorial display at our Town Hall in Oyster Bay

Our Commander Richard DeJesu used his influence with our town board - to develop a special and **PERMENANT POW – MIA MEMORIAL DISPLAY AREA** IN THE Town Hall auditorium. It’s a roped off area – with fine wood corner posts and a raised matching wood floor – that displays our POW – MIA flag, our American flag and a special POW – MIA chair in the center of the display. After we’re invited to do the Pledge of Allegiance to lead the Town Board meetings with town guest ... then we march over to the POW – MIA memorial display and respectfully and proudly **SALUTE**.

Our POST support and sponsorship for Oyster Bay Little League

Post #21 has been an avid supporter and sponsor for our towns Little League baseball. There was a season-opener parade and ceremony on the 9th ... and we were asked to **LEAD** the parade with our Color Guard. We were asked to present our Colors at their Pledge of Allegiance also. There had to be over 200 youngsters of all different ages and sizes there ... and they kicked off their season by 9:30 a.m. – and were still playing games at well after 7 p.m. It’s terrific to mingle with dedicated coaches and the children that exude good spirit and sportsmanship even at the youngest of ages that play T-Ball. Thank you for our Color Guard and marchers that arrived early for the march to their ball-fields

Post 24 - Buffalo



Bobby Robinson and Jerry Bowman of the of the Johnetta R. Cole Amvets Post Number 24 at the Broadway Market in Buffalo New York on February 26th 2022 celebrating Black History Month while listening to the great sounds of the Larry Salter Big Band.



Sergeant 1st Class Richard Hayes was guest speaker at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day Celebration in Buffalo New York on March 29th 2022 along with Jerry Bowman of the Johnetta R. Cole Amvets Post Number 24.



Johnetta R. Cole members along with Erie County Clerk Director Mickey Kearns at the Naval and Military Museum in Buffalo New York on March 26, 2022 for the grand opening of the museum.



Bobby Robinson of the Johnetta R. Cole Amvets Post Number 24 with WW2 Veteran Paul Woods and his Daughter Paula Woods at the Naval and Military Museum in Buffalo, New York on March 26, 2022.



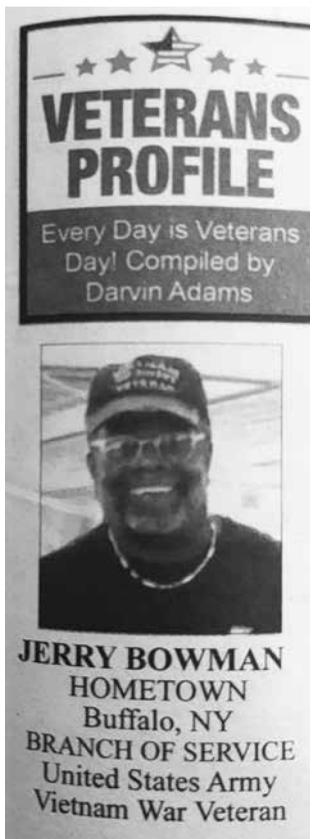
Wellcare representatives posing for this picture with Johnetta R. Cole Post Number 24 members at the Post meeting on April 12th 2022.



Members of Post 24 enjoying some liquid refreshment on St Patrick's Day.



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Buffalo Police Officer and Johnetta R. Cole Amvets Post Number 24 Member Andrea Anderson taking a picture of Retired Army Colonel Edna Cummings and Amvets Post Number 24 Member Chantini Dixon at the Naval and Military Museum in Buffalo New York on March 26, 2022.



Post 35 - Schenectady



Pearl Harbor Group after the December 7th service at Rotterdam Town Hall. AMVETS members and others veteran's group. AMVETS from left to right, First row Gene Loparco, Martin Muller, Fred Whelan, Amy Davis, Kathy VanInderstyne, Commander Fred Clark, Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara, Bob Becker. Back row, from left to right (tall guy) Ron Boisjoli, Doug VanInderstyne.

Attending the Vietnam War Veteran's Day services on March 29th



A VERY cold and blusterly March 29th National Vietnam War Veteran's Day, with Veteran's Services Officer and AMVETS member Bill Frank addressing the group. In total there was about 80 to 90 people who attended the program, on such a cold day.



Also during the Vietnam services two of the nine AMVETS in attendance from "E.J." Knapik Veteran's Day serves on Mar 29th. From AMVETS Post 35, Fred Whelan and Tony Chagnon.

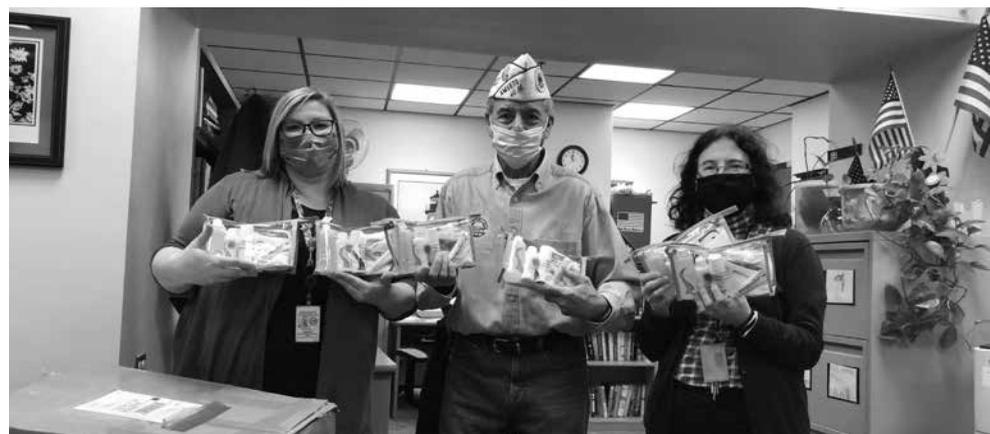


In attendance from the Daughter's of the American Revolution Honoring member of AMVETS Post 35 on the Vietnam War Veteran's Day serves on Mar 29th. From Left to right is Gene Loparco, Bill Frank, Jim Blesser all Veteran's from Vietnam.

Post 40 - Younkers



Sam Riti, zone 5 Director delivers lap blankets and personal care kits to vets at the VA.

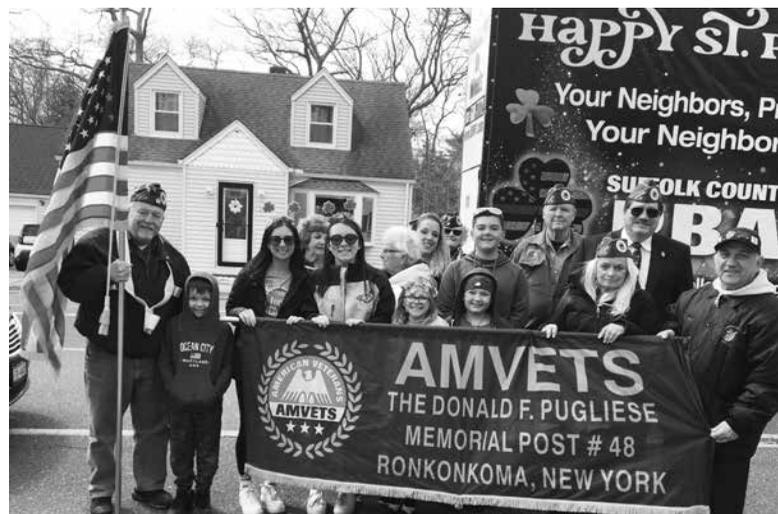


Post 48 - Ronkonkoma



Hosting monthly Veterans Breakfast at his post.

Members of post 48 riders along with post 88 riders at post 18 veteran breakfast. Post 18 Commander Vatter is 1st person on left.



The men and women (and helpers) of Post 48 getting ready to march for Saint Patrick's Day parade.



Post 48- Ronkonkoma - continued from Pg. 13



The men and women of post 48 enjoying some traditional Irish food for Saint Patrick's Day.



Members of Post 48 enjoying some liquid refreshment on St. Patrick's Day.



AMVETS, Riders & Sons after presentation by Canine Companions



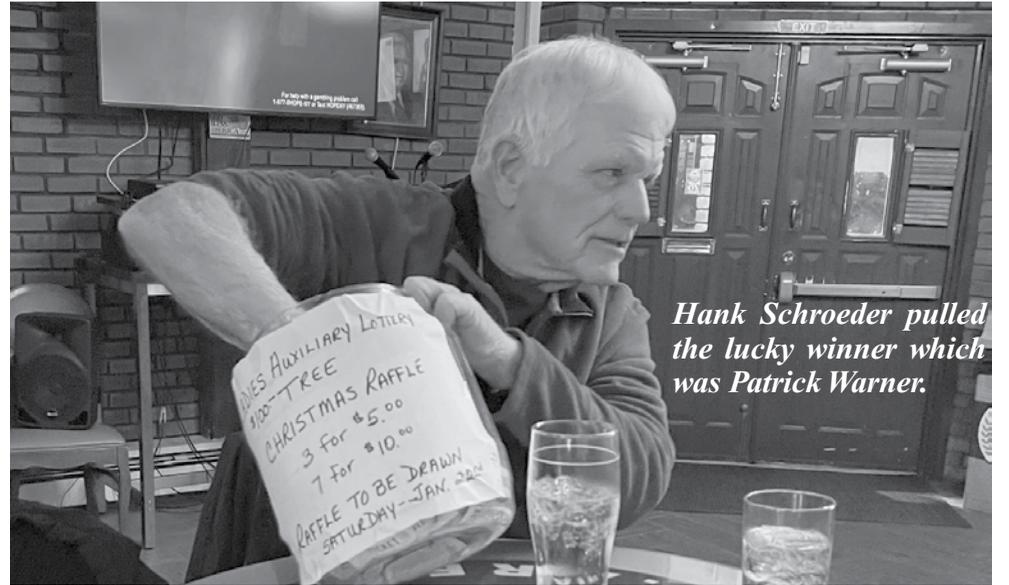
Fred Pearl (missing Ed Teller) with Ray Rancord making donation to Canine Companion.



Bagpiper visiting Amvets Post 48 after the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Post 76 - Bayshore

The Ladies Auxiliary held a \$100 lottery tree raffle with the profits going to making Valentine bags for the ladies at the VA hospital.



Hank Schroeder pulled the lucky winner which was Patrick Warner.

Valentines photos on Pg. 6

Post 88 - Massapequa

Amvets Poker Ride For Autism A Resounding Success



Amvets Post 88 Riders from Massapequa, New York, and Nassau/Suffolk Autism Society Association held a Poker Ride for Autism Event this past October 16, 2021. There were at least 100 volunteers on hand selling t-shirts, tickets, pins, patches and cigars. Posts 48, 76 and 111 also participated and each of the Post homes was a stopping point for the Riders to pick up a Poker card as they visited each Post. There were many raffles and gifts, live music and great food. The Event was labeled by many other motorcycle clubs and independent Riders as "the best ride of the year." Post 88 Rider Chairperson Tommy Asher, who participated in the event, gave the following report:

"Post 88 Riders and Chairpersons Tommy Asher, Ed Connolly, Mike Hanson with Post 88 Riders worked hand in hand with co-chairs Krista Bruno and Annette Lagan from the Nassau/Suffolk Autism Society Association to raise over \$5K and they handed the check to Nassau/Suffolk Autism Society Association Executive Director Suzanne Reek. Many Veterans, Sons and Auxiliary have family members and children affected by autism. The local Massapequa Fire Department helped block off one lane in front of Amvets Post 88 home for safety and it allowed the traffic to slow down so that the bikers could collect monies from the drivers as money was handed out of their car windows. In many cases drivers handed them \$20 bills in support of the cause. Truly a great day for Autism Awareness and support for a great local non-profit organization. Congratulations to Amvets Post 88 and all the volunteers for their wonderful efforts bringing Autism Awareness to the Community."

The Amvets Community and the Community at Large, I'm sure, are very grateful to all the Riders and volunteers who donated their time and energy to make this a great event. This year, on September 17, 2022, the 2nd Annual Autism Poker Ride will occur, and we're hoping to see all the familiar faces again. Anyone interested in participating is welcome. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Chairperson Tommy Asher at 516-330-5249 and Co-Chairperson Lenny D'Andrea at 516-330-5249. See you there.

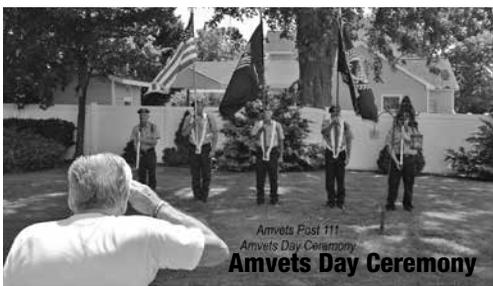
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Post 111 - Patchogue



Flag Retirement Ceremony



Amvets Post 111 Amvets Day Ceremony



Amvets Post 111 Amvets Day Ceremony



Memorial Day Ceremony



Amvets Post 111 and Post 48 Octoberfest



Amvets Post 111 Veterans Day Ceremony



Amvets Post 111 Veterans Fishing Trip



Amvets Post 111, Poker Run Stop, Also Stops at Post 48, Post 76, Post 88

Post 245 - Hornell



AMVETS Post 245 opened its doors to the public to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. A good time was had by all!

Post 282 - Potsdam



Amvets Post 282 celebrated its 11th year on February 12, 2022 by holding a Post Birthday Party. Shown in photo from left to right are Commander Dan Soulia, Auxiliary President Lyne Soulia, and Sons Commander David McMartin.

AmVets Ladies Auxiliary 282, Potsdam, NY welcomed Shirley Sochia, Treasurer of AmVets Ladies Auxiliary Department of New York to our monthly meeting April 11, 2022. Shirley performed a swearing in ceremony for those present, as well as two new members of our auxiliary.



Amvets Ladies Auxiliary 282 President, Lyne Soulia presents Mark McKenna, Mountain Warriors Sled Hockey founder a check of \$500.00 raised during a recent spaghetti dinner to aid in the building of a handicapped accessible boat ramp at Taylor Park in Canton. The ramp will enable disabled veterans, and other disabled individual to safely enter into their boat/kayak to enjoy the river.

Post 282- Potsdam - continued on Pg. 16



Post 282- Potsdam - continued from Pg. 15

Amvets 282 Potsdam Mourn Loss of Three WWII Member Veterans

Recently, Amvets 282 lost a trio of WWII fame!



We were honored to have known and loved these guys along with the tales they had to tell. With a twinkle in the eye and a chuckle, these heroes were a delight to be around. It was an honor to have called them “friend”. They have left our sight, but live on in our hearts and memories.

Charles Alexander, 96 (8 Dec 1924—25 Nov 2021)

At age 17 Charlie enlisted in the US Navy serving a three-year term that included the Normandy invasion on an LST-208 boat—making 14 landings on Omaha, Utah and Sword Beaches. He moved on to the Pacific theater serving in Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and the Okinawa invasion. Memories of his war experiences were recounted with humility and thanks to God that he was spared to return to his beloved Canton NY to serve his community, his church, and his family for many years to follow. Charlie was the “real deal”. Those of us who were lucky enough to know and love Charlie Alexander, are truly blessed.



Lloyd B Brown, 98 (June 6, 1923—Feb 4, 2022)

Lloyd enlisted in the Army as a young lad and found himself on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day of 1944, his 21st birthday. He survived the invasion and served in Normandy, Rhineland, No. France as a corporal cannoneer. He received a purple heart during his service in the Atlantic Theater. His memories of the War remained quite vivid even as his hearing and eyesight faded in later years.



Lloyd continued serving his community as a special sheriff’s deputy, playing his guitar in various bands around the North Country, and enjoying trading and bartering lots of “Stuff” at his home on the Douglas Road in the Town of Potsdam where his life had begun some 90 years plus years ago. If you heard Lloyd say, “I’ll tell you what I had to pay for that”... look out, because that’s when the stories started, and you knew you would not come out on the good side of that deal!

James P Autenrith, 97 (1 Oct 1923--20 Sept 2021)

James served in WWII as a Chaplain’s assistant. His talents were so well thought of that he was asked to play the organ for the funeral of General George Patton in Mannheim, Germany.

Later, James taught organ for over 46 years at Michigan State and at the Crane School of Music in Potsdam NY. James also gave of his organ playing talent to the Methodist Church in Potsdam for many, many years.



Each of these three men served our great nation with honor—each using his special God given talent. We give thanks for their lives. We are thankful to have known these three Amvets-- Charlie Alexander, Lloyd Brown and James Autenrith.

Post 722 - Binghamton



AMVET members throughout the state enjoying pasta dinner at Post 722.



Post 8 members having dinner at AMVETS Post 722 in Binghamton with National Ladies Auxiliary President Joan Sirek.



Post 722 Commander Ed Ashman with his daughters working at the pasta dinner in March.

Dancing the Night Away



Dept. Commander & Dept Auxiliary President Hal and Cindy Queyor dancing the night away.



PDC Marty Ashman, Rick Lamoreaux, and Jim Lamb.



Commander Ed Ashman

Jaelynn Ashman helping out in the kitchen.



Post 897 - Blasdell

Chili Cook-Off



Rider members - L to R: Mike, GP, Chuck, Kim, Jutta, Chris, Lary, & Gary



Everyone's enjoying the chili, especially Sweet Lou!



It's always a full house when there's chili on the menu.

The Winners

L to R:
John (1st Place),
Larry (2nd Place)
Chris (3rd Place)



Members of the Post 897 Honor Guard

Members of the Post 897 Honor Guard (L- Paul Barner, R- Charles "Dan" Dunkle, PPC.

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JULY 21 - JC
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Zone director visits post 1313



Left to right Paul Marks - Tom Radford - Curtis Sweet - Tom Wilson - and John Foster.



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Additional Contact Info
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(NYS/DVA)
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Local veteran benefits counselor. To locate a
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**U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs (VA)
General Benefits**
VA Hotline: (disability, compensation, pension,
home loan, burial, vocational rehabilitation,
survivor, and insurance benefits).....1-800-827-1000
Education & Training.....1-888-442-4551
Veterans Employment Hotline.....1-800-342-3358
Life Insurance.....1-800-669-8477
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Health Care Benefits
Veterans Health Care.....1-877-222-VETS
Health Eligibility Center.....1-800-929-8387
CHAMPVA (medical care for dependents)
& survivors of veterans)1-800-733-8387

Mammography Helpline.....1-888-492-7844
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Miscellaneous
Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD)
1-800-829-4833
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Debt Management Center (information about
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VA Health Care On The Web
www.va.gov/visns/visn02

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Amvets Dept Commander Hal Queyor presents a check for \$5,000 to National Auxiliary President Joan Sirek to help in her project of replacing the windows at Freedoms Foundation. The check was a grant from the NYS Amvets Service Foundation.

(L-R) Dept Auxiliary President Cindy Queyor, Commander Queyor, National Auxiliary Pres Sirek, and National Americanism Officer & Dept Auxiliary Secretary Mary Lanphere.



Traveling with the Commander



Commander Queyor at the District I meeting held in NY with Executive Dir. Rossi and his wife Carol and Zone Director John Turner and his wife Joyce.



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