

Department of New York State Convention

AMVET OF THE YEAR



Incoming Commander Joe Ashman received the AMVET OF THE YEAR award. Congratulations!



Commander Ashman surrounded by his family to mark his achievement.



Post 8 Sons member Lee Smith being sworn in by National Sons Commander Mic Cielsa at the annual convention in Binghamton, NY.



Amvets Auxiliary Lunch & Installation.



Sue Gardner's Tesimonial Dinner



2022-2023 NY Department Ladies Auxiliary President Susan Gardner thanking everyone



Susan Gardner's Testimonial held on April 15, 2023 was a huge success! Many Members, Auxiliary and Son's of the NY Dept Amvets attended along with local members. Mary Lou LaPointe, NY Dept. Ladies Aux. Americanism Officer from Massena Ladies Auxiliary 4 headed the event with her husband, Andrew LaPointe, NY Dept. Adjutant Officer in the position of the Master of Ceremony. Marty Bugaj, PDC dressed in Scottish uniform he marched to bagpipe music and placed the folded flag on the POW/MIA table while his wife Denise Bugaj, NDS director recited the service. Sue's mentor, Rosalie Waid and husband, Dick Kennedy sat at the head table with Sue and her husband, Jim Gardner, Finance Foundation Officer & PDC.

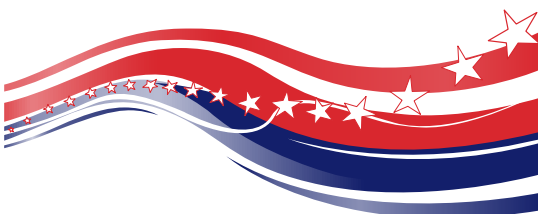
2022-2023
NY Department Ladies
Auxiliary President
Susan Gardner
and husband James
Gardner, Financial
Foundation Officer
& PDC.



POW/MIA
Missing Man Service
Marty Bugaj, PDC



Post 4 Color Guard Mel Phelix,
Timothy Mattice and Leo Murphy.



POST 48 - RONKONKOMA

POST 48 OFFICERS AND GUESTS CELEBRATE AMVETS DAY



Pictured L-R: Town of Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine, Ed, Carlo, Commander Watts, Stephanie, Rich, Mike and Assemblyman Doug Smith.



Fred and Ed repressing AMVETS post 48 make a donation of clothing and other merchandise to Northport Veterans Hospital for those Veterans in need.



Fred and Ed repressing AMVETS post 48 make a donation to Sue from Canine Companions.



AMVETS DAY Commander Watts receiving a certificate of appreciation on behalf of AMVETS from Town of Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine.



Post 48 donation to LI Abate.



Commander Watts (r) and Finance Officer Ed Teller present a check to Blue Star Mothers.

CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER



Commander Watts (shirt & tie) with members of AMVETS, Sons, and Riders at the post's Car Show Fund raiser.



Commander Watts with Gold Star Mother Rosemarie Kluepfel who sang the National Anthem at AMVETS car show fund raiser.



Fred and Ed accepting donations to help Veterans in need with the help of the Women of Still Cruising Car Club.

POST 48 CONTINUED



On June 24th Fred Pearl Post 48 and wife Josephine, Auxillary 18 volunteered handing out water and energy drinks for the Lt. Michael Murphy 1/2-mile marathon and 4-mile run around Lake Ronkonkoma supporting veterans in need. It was a very patriotic day supported by many veterans attending their support.



Pictured are Fred, his wife Josephine, along with Fred and legislator Nick Caracappa.

RIFLE SQUAD FOR JUNE 11, 2023, FUNERAL HONORS FOR VETERAN AT ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN TONAWANDA, NY



Squad Members: Baumgarten, Dave Harrington, Cmdr. VFW Post 416 & Andrew Peirce, Cmdr. AMVETS Post 49 & Douglas Killian, 1st Vice Post 49 & Rifle Squad for Post 49 & VFW 416.



J. Orzechowski, Bugler Amer. Legion Post 1672 & Amherst Police Honor Guard.



Post 49 Memorial Day Remembrance at Veterans Monument Bailey & Main in Amherst, NY.



Ismailia Legion of Honor Service Flag Presentation.

MC Cmdr. Peirce Post 49. Reading of Names. LTC R. Herrmann, USARMY Ret. & Capt. E. Sibick, USN Ret.

POST 49 - AMHERST
AMHERST POST 49 MEMORIAL DAY WILLIAMSVILLE CEMETERY



Amherst Police Honor Guard Williamsville Cemetery May 29, 2023.



Pearl Harbor Remembrance Post 49, M Dudas, VFW 7545, Speaker Purple Heart Recipient Chief Petty Officer Max Elia, USN, J. Bakert, ABC Officer & N. Strange, Rifle Squad.

POST 49 CONTINUED



Ismailia Legion of Honor Service Flag Presentation.



Memorial Day Remembrance at Veterans Monument Bailey & Main in Amherst, NY.



POST 49
RIFLE SQUAD

J. Byron,
D. Harrington fill in
VFW Post 416
& D. Killian 1st Vice.

AMHERST AMVETS POST #49 NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2022



Nov 11th
Veterans Day

An event coordinated by Post #49 Qtr. Master Capt. Tom Hurley and attended by Cmdr. Peirce at the Amberleigh Senior Center in Williamsville, NY. Williamsville H.S. performed songs. Cmdr. & Qtr. Master mingled with seniors & students answering questions and relay life experiences.



Reading of names of interred Revolutionary Soldiers at Forest Lawn Cemetery by D. Stauring Regeant, H. Kelly Vice Regeant & K. Ray Chaplain DAR.



A. Sullivan USN Ret., District 7 Chaplain VFW & Cmdr. Peirce Post 49.

WHIRLWIND VETERANS & WARRIORS



FLAG POLE DEDICATION CEREMONY AT WHIRLWIND.

D. Perry Hoists the Flag, G. Miller Sings Nat'l Anthem, J. Taylor Salutes.



G. Miller speaks to VA Hospital guests at Flag Pole Dedication.



POST 76 - BAY SHORE



Amvets Post 76 was represented in Antarctica by Past Post Commander Bob Oakes and his Marine buddy Stan Lawrence. This was on a research vessel in support of documenting whales and water quality!



Helping out after the St. Patrick's Day parade were Chris Ciejka, Lori Sweeney, Antoinette Miglionico and Vince Russell. They certainly did their share to make the day successful!



Commander Bill DeNatalie "wearing the green" on St. Patrick's Day!



Jay accompanied Bruce on the guitar to make our Karaoke Thursdays even more entertaining!



Monica and Bruce "rocking it" on Karaoke Thursdays!



New Amvet member, Mario Spina, sworn in by Rich Butera, standing alongside Commander Bill DeNatalie. Welcome Mario!!

POST 76 CONTINUED

MARCH 2023



Ladies Auxiliary being sworn in by Bill Murray, PPC. Charlene Lanigan, Penny Hallenback, Ann Shumicky, Antoinette Miglionico and President Joan Murray.



Ladies Auxiliary President Joan Murray, Director of Social Services Kristen Morgan, Deb Salmon & Charlene Lanigan presented Memorial Day Gift bags to the Lady Veterans at the Long Island State Veterans Hospital.



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MAY 2023



Bob Oakes, PPC, Bill Murray, PPC and Chet Striplin, Commander of American Legion officiating memorial service on Memorial Day.



Some of the Veterans who were helping the Post Honor those who are no longer with us on Memorial Day.



New Amvet member, Daniel Cronin (US Navy), sworn in by Rich Butera.

Welcome Daniel!!



Members John and Miggie showing the pop tabs they've collected for McDonalds House.



The men "Rock it out" for Karaoke afternoon...



Bab Davis, Bob Oakes PPC and Marianne Davis relaxing with some delicious wings.



JULY 2023



Chris Ciejka, PPC rode 26 miles with the Wounded Warriors on his bike to support and raise money. The Wounded Warrior Project is a nonprofit organization that helps veterans and active duty service members.



POST 88 - MASSAPEQUA

POST 88's INSTALLATION DINNER



Executive Director Rich Rossi

POST 88 CONTINUED



Honoring those who served and are missing or forever gone.



PPC of Post 101 Steve Corno and 1st Vice Commander of Post 88 Loretta DiBrino at Post 88's Installation Dinner on June 23, 2023.



Post 76 having a grand ole time.



PPC Ben Thompson of Post 10-13 and his lady friend.



Post 10-13 from Queens, NY.



Ann Acquiviva and Rich Rivalco



Past Squadron Commander Pat Bishop and 1st Vice Squadron Commander of Post 88 Mike Hansen.



Paul Piccininni being pinned and to his left is 3rd Vice Commander John O'Dwyer attending Post 88 Installation Dinner on Friday June 23, 2023.



POST 88 CONTINUED



We have Nick Cerullo's approval. Thumbs up!



Funeral escort for Post 88 member SGT Youn. Members of Amvets Riders Posts 18, 48, 88, & 111 attended.



AMVETS Riders Post 88 President Lenny D'Andrea swearing in Mike Hansen, Al Celeste, Brian Winsler, Jim Arena and Ed Connolly for the Riders Executive Board at Post 88.



AMVETS Riders Post 88 President Lenny D'Andrea being sworn in by Dept of NY AMVETS Zone 1 director Kevin Matteson.



Members of AMVETS Riders Post 18, 48, 88 & 111 at the swearing in ceremony of President Lenny D'Andrea.

POST 245 - HORNELL

AMVETS POST 245 HAPPENINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Post 245 held its annual meeting and Officers wer elected for the 2023-2024 year. Elected were John Foster, Commander, Rick Lorow, 1st Vice, John Turner II 2nd Vice, Branden Phenes Provost Marshall. Darrin Keech Judge Advocate and PRO, Jim Hawes, Pete Brundu, Joe Cotton trustees, and John Turner finance officer.

In May we donated K-cup Coffee to the Bath VA Veteran's domiciliary.

Post 245 placed flags on Veteran's graves at the Hornell Cemetery and placed wreaths at the Hornell Veteran's Monument at the end of Broadway. The service was well attended by Veterans and the community as a whole.



Post 245 donated K-Cups to the Bath VA for use in the domicillary by veterans.



AMVETS Post 245 Riders Treasurer Ray Herbert lays a wreath at the Hornell Veterans monument at the Memorial Day Ceremony.



POST 262 - COLTEN

AMVETS POST 262, AUXILIARY & SONS PERFORM ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP AND POST CLEAN-UP

The Colton AMVETS Post 262, its Ladies Auxiliary and Sons organizations performed roadside cleanup and Post cleanup on Saturday, May 6. The roadside crew picked up over 7 construction bags full of trash that had accumulated over the past six months. The groups covered over two miles on both sides of the highway from the Post north to the hamlet of Hannawa Falls. Those personnel involved with the roadside clean up were Randy Burke, Bill Swafford, George Cayey, Scott Coleman, Chip Matoes, and Randy Regan. Those personnel involved with Post cleanup were Post Commander Rick Miller, Linda Burke, Claudine Mucile, Junior Hazleton, Penny Cayey, Danielle Cayey, Dan Davis, Cassi Regan, Rob Miller, Sam Outman, Ron Robert, Grace Hawley, and Dale Towery. Some of the roadside crew also assisted with some of the Post cleanup after performing roadside duties.

AMVETS Post 262 continues to support the local community in many ways, and this semi-annual event is one of the ways that support is accomplished.

AMVETS POST 262 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE



(L-R): CEC Bob Crary, USN (Ret); Auxiliary Chaplain Marlyne Miller; RCMC(SW) Dan McNamara, USN (Ret); Colonel James Hassett, USA (Ret); PNCM(SS) Bill Swafford, USN (Ret), and Post Commander Rick Miller.

POST 262 CONTINUED



AMVETS Post 262 held its Memorial Day Observance Ceremony at 1100 on that sacred day to honor those Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice. CEC Bob Cray presented the Colors, First Vice Lee Rexford presented the wreath, and Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain Marlyne Miller gave the invocation. Colonel Jim Hassett, USA (Ret) gave a moving speech honoring those Veterans who never made it home. He also recognized the sacrifices that Gold Star Families have made throughout the history of the United States. Bugler Randy Regan performed taps, concluding the ceremony. Everyone retired to the post for sandwiches and salads provided by the post and to continue remembering those personnel who have sacrificed so much. A good crowd attended the outdoor ceremony and the indoor activities.



Chaplain Marlyne Miller



Bugler Randy Regan performed taps

POST 797 - NASSAU



A van on its way to Samuel S. Stratton VA Medical Center. Commander Michael Lever is shown checking out the load. A call went out to the local VSOs from Chief Dominguez of the VAVS center for Development & Civic Engagement that there was a critical shortage at the VA pantry and Post 797 responded with \$5000.00 in gift cards and food enough to Restock the food pantry.



Executive Director of the Capital District Women Veterans INC, Christine Rem, COL., RN, DNS, points to one of six new air conditioners donated to this facility by AMVETS POST 797. This facility provides women veterans in need of supportive local housing a secure place to stay.



(L-R) at the AMVETS table

Members Bob Brigham, Jake Coons and Kathleen Lill Building on the success of the past "Bike Rodeo" in the Village of Nassau. This year member Jake Coons secured donations of helmets and bicycles which were renovated and distributed at no cost to every youth attending. The local police and members were on hand to provide safety instructions. Any bikes not claimed were given to local communities for distribution.



Members of Amvets Post 797, VFW Post 8162, American Legion Post 1268 and the Boy Scouts of America line up on flag day and prepare American flags for patriotic destruction after the ceremony.

POST 2000 - FORT PLAIN

4th OF JULY PARADE IN SPRINGFIELD CENTER



POST 2000 CONTINUED

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN ST. JOHNSVILLE



Assemblyman Ricard Smullen (Retired Marine) photobombing with Post 2000 Memorial Squad.



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HEAR YE,
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Has your Post done something you are especially proud of? Please share your stories with all of the Posts in the *Empire Amvet*. Do you have original poems, military stories, cartoons? News of your Post, current events, pictures and stories are all welcomed. Email your items to the *Empire* Editor and let everyone share your experiences.

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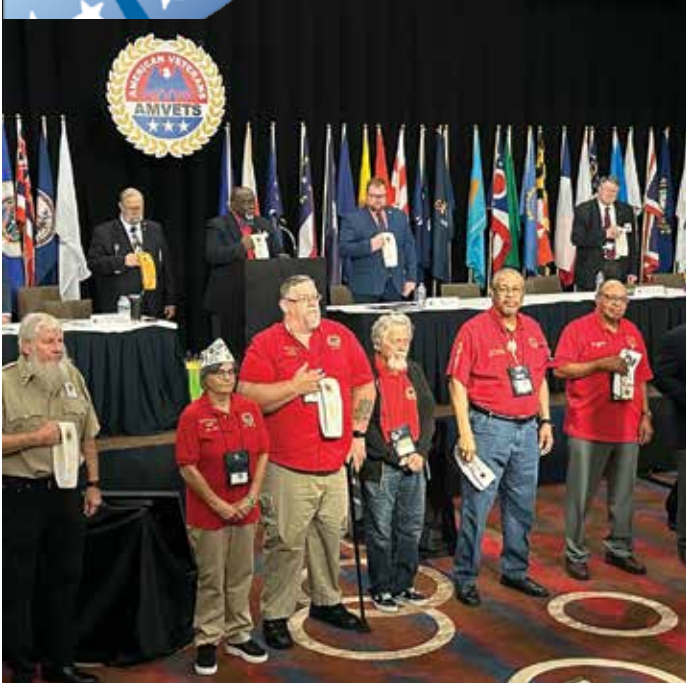
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Please honor the Deadline dates.

Materials that can be submitted before those dates is always much appreciated.

Thank you,
Darrin Keech, Editor

National AMVETS Convention ★ August 22 - 27, 2023, Pittsburgh, PA



All chaplains called forward to assist in opening ceremonies. Dept. Chaplain Mella Rigoli and National District 1 Chaplain Darrin Keech.



Hon. Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs addresses the membership.



PNC Harold Chapman is going to represent NY on the National Service Foundation.



Commander Don McLean received a medal from the Taiwanese delegation.



Incoming Commander Bill Clark takes the oath of office.



Sons Commander Lee Smith, PDC Hal Queyer, PDP Cindy Queyer, and PDP Donna Smith at the fountain in the courtyard of the hotel.



Women AMVETS gather for recognition.