

**AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 7-8, 2022**

**OCT 6 2022**

1900 Hrs.

Executive Board and Service Foundation Joint Meeting

**OCT 7 2022**

1400 Hrs. - Finance Committee Roundtable

Service Foundation Roundtable

Open Forum – Q&A from members

1700 Hrs

Hearing to be held by Judge Advocate

**SATURDAY**

**GENERAL SESSION**

Meeting called to order

Invocation

Posting of Colors - Post 2000

Pledge of Allegiance

POW/MIA Moment of Silence

Preamble

Roll Call of Officers & Posts

Recognition of Past National and Department Commanders

Minutes of October SEC

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**OFFICER REPORTS**

Commander	Emery Perry
1st Vice	Joe Ashman
2nd Vice	John Foster
3rd Vice	John McCullogh
Provost Marshall	Loretta DiBrino
Finance Officer	Jack Gray
Judge Advocate	Marty Bugaj
NEC	Jack Gray
Service Foundation	Jim Owens
Executive Director	Rich Rossi

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**OFFICER REPORTS (con't.)**

Empire AMVET	Darrin Keach
NSO	Denise Bugaj
Women's Veterans	
Legislative Chair	Bob Becker
Resolutions	Marty Bugaj
Riders	
Riders Liaison	
Americanism	John Turner
Drug/Alcohol	
PRO	Howard Gushie
Grievance Comm	Jim Lanphere
Finance Committee	hal queyor
Audit Committee	Vacant
Inspector General	Marty Ashman
Web Master	Joe Ashman
ROTC	Ed Ashman
Sons Coordinator	Ron Tamberlin
Ladies Aux Coord	Carmela Rigoli
22 A Day Chair	Terry Forward
Awards Comm	Len Scheiner
Hospitality Chair	Steve Kazmierski
District 1	Marty Ashman

**VAVS REPORTS**

VAVS Coord	Dave Feary
Albany	Fred Clarke
Batavia	Cory Feary
Bath	Lester Baker
Bronx	Dennis Lombardi
Brooklyn	George Doherty
Buffalo	Art Vanderbush
Canandaigua	Dick McDermott
Castle Point	Joe Greco
Manhattan	Vacant
Montrose	Sam Riti
Northport	Frank Marcinek
St Albans	Joe Rheams
Syracuse	Jim Fitzgerald
Oxford	Marty Ashman

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**ZONE DIRECTORS REPORTS**

Zone 1	Kevin Matteson
Zone 2	John Turner
Zone 3	Jim Gardner
Zone 4	Joe Ballas
Zone 5	Sam Riti
Zone 6	Loretta DiBrino
Zone 7	John Foster

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**GOOD AND WELFARE**

**BENEDICTION**

**RETIREMENT OF COLORS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**THE MINUTES OF THE AMVETS CONVENTIOON**  
**JUNE 9-10-11, 2022**  
**BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK**

**On Thursday, June 9** Round table meetings were held by the Finance Committee and the Service Foundation.

Immediately following the Round Table Meeting the Service Foundation and the Executive Board held a meeting.

**On Friday June 10** Commander Hal Queyor opened the meeting at 1000. Chaplain gave the Invocation and Provost Marshall led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander Queyor read the Preamble and Executive Director Rich Rossi called the Roll Call of Posts and Officers. \*\*Motion by: Marty Bugaj to accept the minutes as printed (MC). \*\*Motion made by: John Foster to accept the Convention rules as printed (MC). Past Nat'l and Past Dept Commanders were recognized.

Commander Queyor: The Commanders report was in the book. CMDR thanked all for the support he received over the past year, read several thank you cards received from scholarship recipients. Announced there would be a VAVS Rep meeting on 6/10/22 @ 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. In the back of the mtg room, as well as a zone director's meeting. \*\*Motion to accept the CMDR'S rpt by: Marty Bugaj (MC)

First Vice Emery Perry: rpt was in the book. Spoke about a young Marine that he had met in a pizzeria. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Emery Perry (MC)

Second Vice Joe Ashman: rpt was in the book. Will be closing out the Dept's raffle. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Joe Ashman (MC)

Third Vice John Foster: rpt was in the book. 200 club still has outstanding tickets. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: John Foster (MC)

Provost Marshal John McCulloch: rpt was in the book. Thanked Loretta Dibrino and Carmela Rigoli for running the 50/50 at this weekend's meetings. Asked that all in attendance take only one red book. Discussed flag day. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: John McCulloch (MC)

Judge Advocate Marty Bugaj: rpt in the book. Discussed transferring a member from one post to another. A post cannot randomly transfer a member to another post. A member must transfer themselves, with a membership transfer form being initiated by the post or department that the member wishes to be transferred to. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Marty Bugaj (MC)

Finance Officer Jack Gray: rpt in the book. Discussed current mileage claimable amount is \$.0585. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Jack Gray (MC)

NEC Jack Gray: rpt in the book. Spoke about problems at National, specifically programs reporting. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Jack Gray (MC)

Service Foundation James Owens President: rpt tabled to Saturday's session.

Executive Director Rich Rossi: Absent Excused—rpt is in the book. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Marty Bugaj (MC)

Empire AMVET Editor Darrin Keach: rpt in the book. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Darrin Keach (MC)

Nat'l Service Officer Bill Siegel: rpt read from the floor/not in book. Read statistics from the VA. Rpt'd on office activities in Bflo. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Marty Ashman (MC)

Women's Veterans Carmela Rigoli: rpt in the book. \*\* Motion to accept rpt by: Carmela Rigoli (MC)

Legislative chair Bob Becker: Absent/Excused.

Resolutions Comm: Marty Bugaj chair, all resolutions will be read and voted on at the Saturday Business session. \*\*Motion to accept by: Marty Bugaj (MC)

Rider's Liaison Chuck Harrison: rpt in the book. \*\*Motion to accept by: Chuck Harrison (MC)

Convention Rpt Exec Director Rich Rossi: Absent/Excused. The Dept is booked to be at the Double Tree by Hilton (Binghamton) until 2024. \*\*Motion to table any further report until the Fall 2022 SEC mtg. by: Marty Ashman (MC)

Americanism John Turner: rpt in the book. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: John Turner (MC)

Drug and Alcohol: Alan Ashley Absent. Rpt tabled.

PRO Howard Gushie: rpt in the book. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Howard Gushie (MC)

Grievance Comm James Lanphere: No rpt.

Finance Comm Lenny Scheiner: rpt in the book. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Lenny Scheiner (MC)

Inspector General Marty Ashman: No rpt.

Web-master Joe Ashman: rpt in the book. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Les Baker (MC)

ROTC Ed Ashman: rpt in the book. Gave out 34 total awards 17 to ROTC 17 to JROTC. Thanked all who presented awards. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Ed Ashman (MC)

Son's Coordinator Ron Tamberlin: rpt in the book. Announced Son's swearing in ceremony will be held on Saturday afternoon, all are invited to attend. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Ron Tamberlin (MC)

Dept. Rider's Commander Roy Randall addressed floor. The Dept Rider's will have a meeting Friday 6/10/22 @. 5:30 p.m. in the Serling Room.

Ladies Auxiliary Coordinator Carmela Rigoli: rpt not in the book. Announced that a total of \$7,000 was raised for the Dept President's project Saratoga War Horse. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Carmela Rigoli (MC)

Awards Chair Lenny Scheiner: Announced that Bob Becker has been nominated for a Silver Helmet. Is trying to get more recognition for what the Dept does. \*\*Motion to accept by: Lenny Scheiner (MC)

Hospitality Room chair Steve Kazmierski: rpt not in the book. Thanked all for helping with the hospitality room and updated on monies he has for supplies. Marty Bugaj donated a \$100.00 towards room and challenged all PDC'S to match. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Carmela Rigoli (MC)

VAVS Coordinator Dave Feary: Rpt tabled to Saturday. VAVS rpt's in the book.

22 a Day Terry Forward: Absent/Excused: rpt in book. Committee will not have a meeting this convention. As of this convention the committee has \$15,000.00 in the treasury. Any donations should be given to Kevin Matteson. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Kevin Matteson (MC)

Mtg recessed for lunch will resume at 2:00 p.m.

Mtg resumed at 2:00 p.m. salute to the flag led by provost marshal.

All remaining Committee Reports, zone directors and VAVS reports that are in the Red Book will be reproduced on the WB.

Nominations for 2022/2023 announced.

There will be a food truck available in the back hotel parking lot this evening from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. BBQ.

Meeting recessed at 2:51 p.m.

## **SATURDAY JUNE 11, 2002**

Meeting called to order by CMDR Queyor at 10:00 a.m.

Prayer, pledge, and preamble

Roll call of posts and officers 31 posts present.

Missing rpt's:

Drug and Alcohol: rpt no in the book. Alan Ashley and Tom Asher spoke about various programs that are available. \*\*Motion to accept rpt by: Alan Ashley (MC)

VAVS Coordinator Dave Feary: Budget set for \$50,000.00. 1<sup>st</sup> program: Care Kits for Christmas in July 2<sup>nd</sup> program: Blankets and sweatshirts in the Fall and 3<sup>rd</sup> Michael's gift cards (crafts) in the Spring.

Service Foundation V. President Harold Chapman:

-Discussed applying for grants. What documentation is required and what the foundation allows:

-Discussed that the department foundation is not getting a print out from the thrift stores as to what was made and what the department foundation is owed.

Discussed budget from the previous year: VAVS increased from \$39,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

-Announced that the Foundation at this meeting has approved \$65,764.00 in grants.

Dave Feary: Read off list of posts that have had grants approved and how much will be paid. Covered special grants.



Announced that the Dept. is still not receiving any funds from the Long Island Store, as it is still not making money. It is projected that the store will start turning a profit in the next fiscal year.

Scholarships will be handed out this afternoon following the lunch break.

Guest Speaker Joe Chennelly:

- Congratulated Denise Bugaj on being promoted to AMVETS National Deputy Service Director.

- Announced that at this year's Rolling to Remember there were 52,000 bikers that took part.

- Discussed the PACT ACT that is anticipated to be passed by Senate, which will impact 3.5 million Veterans.

- Discussed the VA looking at possibly closing the Northport VAMC.

- Discussed issues at headquarters:

  - Finance Dept. staff turn over the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of this year, caused several issues.

  - Headquarters' servers not having the proper securities in place as needed. Impacting the programs department reporting program problems, as the server crashed. Headquarters has since purchased space on the cloud and a new reporting program will be up and running very shortly.

  - Discussed National Convention/New Orleans: Announced a 35% increase in the price of the banquet tickets, which will be \$100.00 per person for a piece of fried chicken. The Silver Helmets will \$25.00 with desserts and coffee.

  - Further discussed the surge in crime in New Orleans and for all to not venture out by themselves, recommended go out of hotel in groups.

--On site parking is limited and recommended parking at the airport and taking a shuttle or other means to get to hotel to save money on parking, (if driving).

Question from the floor regarding if the quarter master will be a National Convention in New Orleans? No.

Discussion regarding hospitality rooms at convention. District one will not have a hospitality room at convention due to the cost of \$1,500.00 per night for a room plus a corkage fee being accessed by the hotel. In lieu of the District hospitality room, the district will donate to the National Son's hospitality room.

Guest Speaker Dept Son's CMDR Scott Devery and National Son's JA David Spenser. Presented the department with a \$500.00 donation towards the Department hospitality room. Read letter from the Department Son's project. "Project Garrison Foundation" The Dept Son's awards ceremony and installation will be held today 6/11/22 at 4:30 p.m.

\*\*Motion to recess for lunch by: Denise Bugaj (MC)

Meeting will resume at 2:00 p.m.

Registration will reopen at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order and reconvened by CMDR Queyor at 2:00 p.m.

Salute to the flag

Roll call of posts and officers

Dept Service Foundation Scholarship presentations, by Department Service Foundation.

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Old/New Business: Various posts announced donations made to 22 a Day program. Post 88 presented Dept CMDR Hal Queyor with a gift. Steve Kazmierski thanked all for again helping with hospitality room. Read off donations received for hospitality room from posts and individuals. A total of \$2,900.00 received in donations.

Meeting recessed for 10 minutes

Meeting called to order by CMDR Hal Queyor

Convention floor report—registration is closed. There are 86 voting members registered to vote.

Resolutions: NATIONAL

Res 22-01 National Committee members. Source Dept of CT. 1 representative on each committee from each district. \*\*Motion to accept by: Marty Ashman (MC)

Res 22-02 Support statehood for Puerto Rico. Source National Headquarters \*\*Motion to accept by: Marty Ashman (MC)

Amendment 22-02 Duties of the National Legislative Comm. Source Nat'l Legislative Comm. \*\*Motion to accept by: Marty Bugaj (MC)

Amendment 22-01 CBL Amendment. Source National Legislative Comm. Update and clarify National 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice CMDR. Motion to accept by: Marty Bugaj (MC)

Amendment 22-03 Source National Finance Comm. Life Membership Dues Restructure. Motion to not accept by: Dave Feary (MC)

RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT:

1-22 Service Foundation Seats. Holding a position on both the Department Service Foundation and the National Service Foundation at the same time. \*\*Motion to not accept resolution by Sam Riti (MC)

\*\*Motion to allow the Department Commander and Delegates in attendance at the National Convention to vote on any additional resolutions at Convention by Marty Ashman (MC)

Nominations and election of Officer for 2022/2023 were held.

Elected were:

Harold Chapman and Lenny Scheiner- Service Foundation

Jack Gray - Finance Officer

Marty Bugaj - Judge Advocate

Loretta Dibrino - Provost Marshall

John McCullogh - Third Vice

John Foster - Second Vice

Joe Ashman - First Vice

Emery Perry- Commander

After the Election the 200 Club winners were announced.

Good and Welfare:

Post Convention-SEC meeting following adjournment

Marty Bugaj announced that a "Celebration of Life" for PNC, PDC Joe Lipowski will be held on 9/25/22 at AMVETS Post #14, in Depew, NY from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Service Foundation meeting following SEC meeting.

\*\*Motion to adjourn by: Sam Riti (MC)

Benediction

Salute

**The Meeting was Adjourned @ 3:32 p.m.**

Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>

Post Convention-SEC meeting

CMDR Elect Emery Perry announced his appointments.

**\*\*Motion to accept appointments by: Steve Kazmierski. (MC)**

**\*\*Motion to adjourn by: Steve Kazmierski. (MC)**

Greeting Fellow AMVETS Member

**I look forward to seeing you at the National Convention in August in New Orleans.**

**As we resume more in person activities and operations with COVID-19 still among us and Monkey Pops on the rise, we must remain vigilant and take steps to support health and safety guidelines.**

**Thank you, to all who were present and supported me at my installation in June at the Spring SEC Meeting. I was humble and excited to become your commanding officer. The Fall SEC Meeting will be October 7-8, 2022 in Binghamton.**

**Unfortunately, we lost post 101, they were advised to join other posts or become MALs. Please remember that recruitment of members is the key to success and everyone's responsibility. I was happy to visit and participate in the installation of officers at Post 88 on June 25, 2022.**

**FYI: FORT DRUM: Annual Remembrance Ceremony (Memorial Park), August 30, 2022 (10:30a.m.-11:30 a.m.). If you plan to attend, you will need Photo ID to get onto post. Contact Person: Loretta DiBrino.**

**Again, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans at the National Convention.**

**Yours in AMVETS,**

**Commander Emery A. Perry**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**

Joseph Ashman

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander**

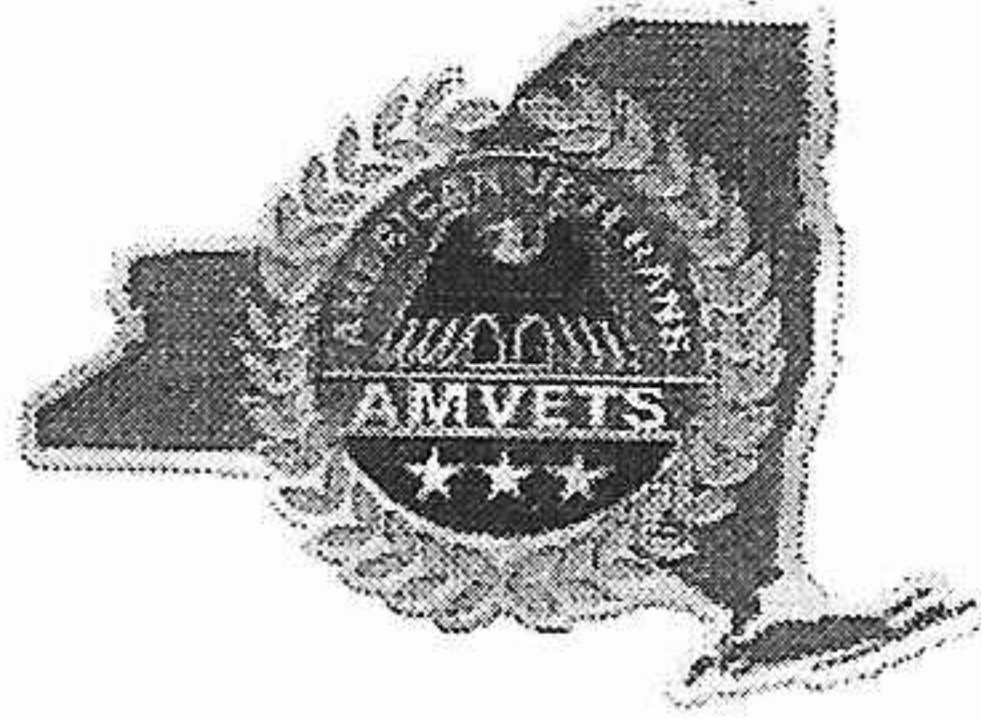
John Foster

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander**

John McCullogh

**Provost Marshall**

Loretta DiBrino



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DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

Emery Perry  
**Commander**

**Judge Advocate**

Martin Bugaj, PDC

**Finance Officer**

Jack Gray, PDC

**Past Department Commander**

Hal Queyor, PDC

**Executive Director**

Rich Rossi, PDC

October 7-9, 2022

RE: Fall SEC - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander's Report

Commander Perry, Executive Board, and Fellow AMVETS,

Thank you for electing me to the office of 1st Vice Commander. I appreciate your continued confidence in me as I continue to represent you at the Department level. I pledge to do the very best I can to make this a successful year for all of us.

Membership is the key to our growth and success. Please help the Department by committing your Post to increase your membership by 10% for the 2022-2023 year. It may seem like a lofty goal, but with everyone's commitment and creativity, it's absolutely achievable.

The assignment of MALs remains on our priority list for this year. Member at Large (MAL) are members of AMVETS who are not assigned to a home Post. Bringing these members into the fold of a local Post serves a few of purposes. It allows the member to be in touch with their comrades for support and gives them access to Post functions. It also increases that Post's membership count, which could ultimately strengthen their delegate count. If you know an MAL who may wish to transfer into your Post, or have any ideas on how to otherwise grow membership, I welcome your assistance in making this happen.

I look forward to working with you to make this a great year for AMVETS. If I can be of any assistance to any member or Post, please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Commander, this is my report and I move for its adoption.

Yours in AMVETS,

Joe Ashman

1st Vice Commander

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joea607@gmail.com



AMVETS DEPARTMENT of NEW YORK

Commander, Officers, and Fellow AMVETS

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander. My project for the year 2022-2023 is a monthly drawing for the month of April 2023, it will be \$50.00 on the mid-day drawing and \$300.00 on the evening draw on the New York Daily Lotto Numbers. There is a bonus drawing for anyone that sells 50 tickets will be entered in a drawing for 2-\$250.00. If anyone is interested in selling tickets my contact information is listed below.

P O Box 10 Hornell N Y 14843

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607-382-1634 Cell Phone

Whiskers1055@outlook.com

Yours in AMVETS

John Foster

2nd VICE COMMANDER



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Fall SEC Redbook.

September 15, 2022

As of today, the National reporting program is still not working.

Here's what you must do to report activities and events for your Post until they get the new software installed and debugged.

1. Go to the National website [AMVETS.Org](http://AMVETS.Org)
2. Click on [Membership](#) until the drop-down menu appears
3. Scroll down to "[Submit Reports](#)" and click the arrow until the next menu appears.
4. Click on [Program Reports](#) – This will take you to a new page within the AMVETS site.
5. When you see the Programs page, scroll down until you see the [Online Reporting Button](#)
6. Click on the [Online reporting Button](#). This will bring up the [AMVETS Programs Reporting Form revised June 2022](#). This is the current reporting form.

This is self-explanatory. **EXCEPT** when you click on the space below the date, the options of categories will come up. This space is what National needs to group things together for the report the Commander and Executive Director use to brief Congress and the various committees. If you don't find one that covers what you are reporting, use the **OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**. The description space is where you enter what you did at your Post, i.e. Donate to local Charity, Sponsor motorcycle poker run for scholarships, etc. The \$ TOTALS should automatically fill in when you enter # HRS and #MILES. If they do not, don't fret. When National inputs the data it will total out. There is an issue with some versions of software on our level that won't work. Mine is one that doesn't.

After you complete the form, you have 2 options to submit.

1. Print a copy and USPS mail it to me at address Above.
2. Scan and email me the .PDF at the email above.

If you call me, leave a message as my phone will not send your call through until you are in my contacts.

# AMVETS Programs Reporting Form

Department / State \_\_\_\_\_ AMVETS Post # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate month(s) and year below:

JAN  FEB  MAR  APR  MAY  JUN  JUL  AUG  SEP  OCT  NOV  DEC  YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Activity	Number of Volunteers	Total Hours ( \$ 28.54 per hour )		Total Miles ( \$ 0.42 per mile )		Activity Cost (Actual cash used in addition to hours & mileage)	Cash Donation (Any extra funds donated from the post)	Total Cost of Program (Volunteer Hours + Mileage + Activity Cost + Donation)
		#HRS	\$TOTAL	#MILES	\$TOTAL			
1 (date)			\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00			\$ 0.00
(Description)								
2 (date)			\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00			\$ 0.00
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3 (date)			\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00			\$ 0.00
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4 (date)			\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00			\$ 0.00
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7 (date)			\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00			\$ 0.00
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• Meetings of any kind (State, Post, District) are not to be included - this form is only for Post programs  
 • Please do not send duplicate copies of forms, only one is necessary

Form Total = \$ 0.00  
 REVISED June 2022 DM

AMVETS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

PROVOST MARSHAL

SEC OCTOBER 2022

COMMANDER, OFFICERS, AND FELLOW AMVETS,

Attended The Gold Star Family Social and The Annual Remembrance Ceremony on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Fort Drum, New York. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, the Major General took the time to speak with everyone at the Evening Social, and the next day there was a lovely ceremony at a park on Fort Drum grounds. There was a band and a few speeches, and then everyone was allowed to tour the grounds to view the engraved plaques bearing the names of troops who died during combat. There were some 300 + people in attendance to pay their respects, including Amvets members. It was clear that the Gold Star Families were very appreciative of that.

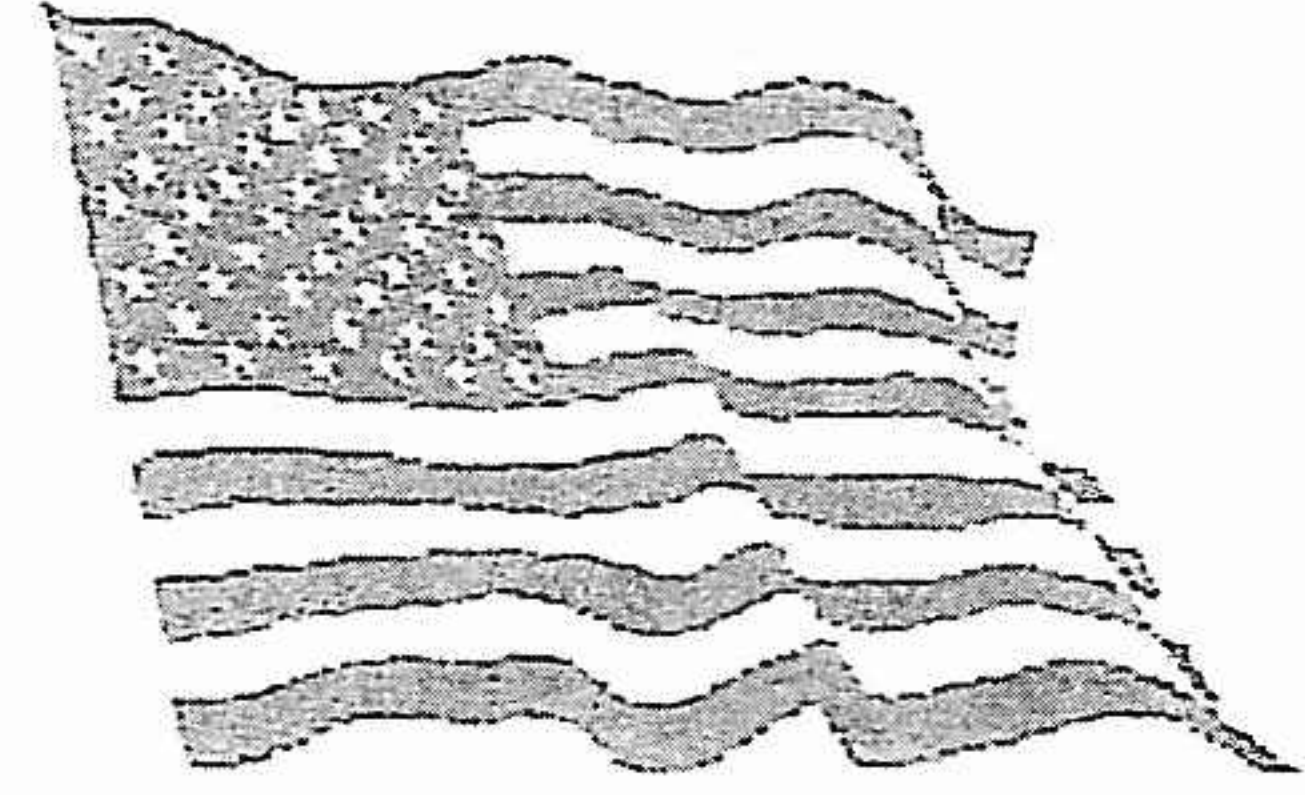
Reminding everyone to follow proper dress codes. Shirts must have a collar. Must wear long pants and no shorts are allowed. Remember to wear RED on Friday. Everyone should wear a cover.

Commander, this is my report, and I move for is adoption.

Loretta DiBrino



**AMVETS**  
Dept. of New York  
Jack Gray  
Commander 2009 - 2010



**Finance report**

**10/08/2022**

Binghamton Double Tree Hotel

Fall Executive Committee Meeting

Dear Commander Emery, Officers and fellow AMVETS

I have attached the Finance reports which will show you the state of our finances.

Federal reimbursement for mileage is **\$0.625**

Our income and expenses have been independently audited as of June 30, 2022. Our financial statements are within conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. We have filed a copy of the audit, NYS form char500 and a check for \$75.00 to the New York- Attorney General-Department of Law. Also we have submitted form 990 to the IRS. You can see them after the meeting.

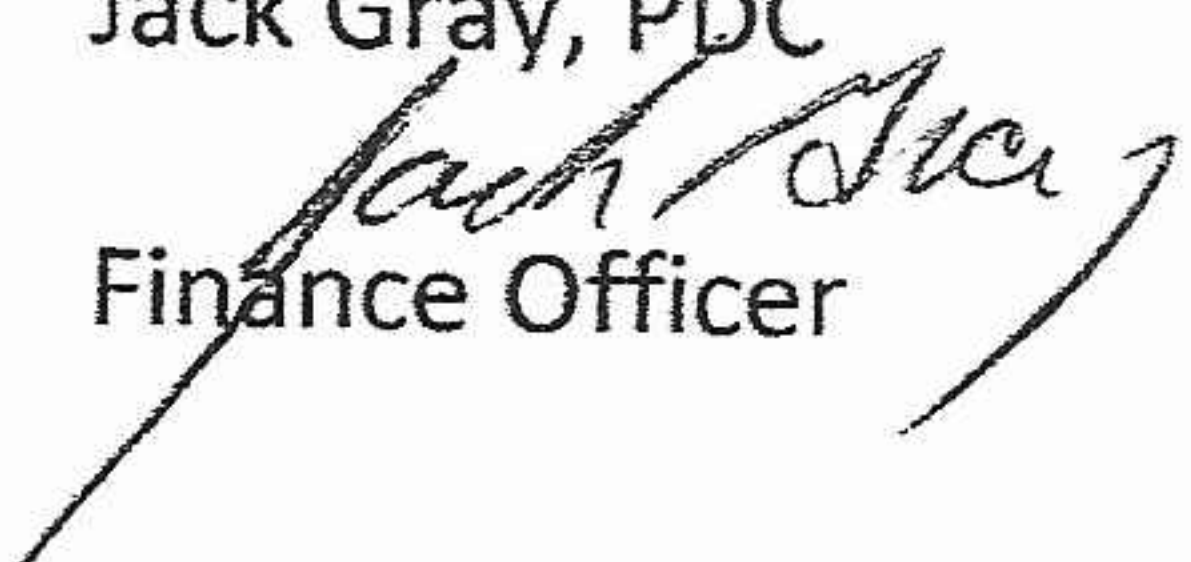
The Finance committee has reviewed our income and expenses for the 2021-22 fiscal year and has developed a proposed budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year. This budget is based on 2021-22 actuals. Please review this proposal, we will be voting on it later.

All request for donations must be submitted to finance committee 3 weeks prior to meetings. Please investigate these organizations before recommending them, serving veterans should be our major concern.

The 200 Club is open. Send in your tickets to John Foster ASAP. Please support our Department by buying raffle lottery tickets and the 200 club from John.

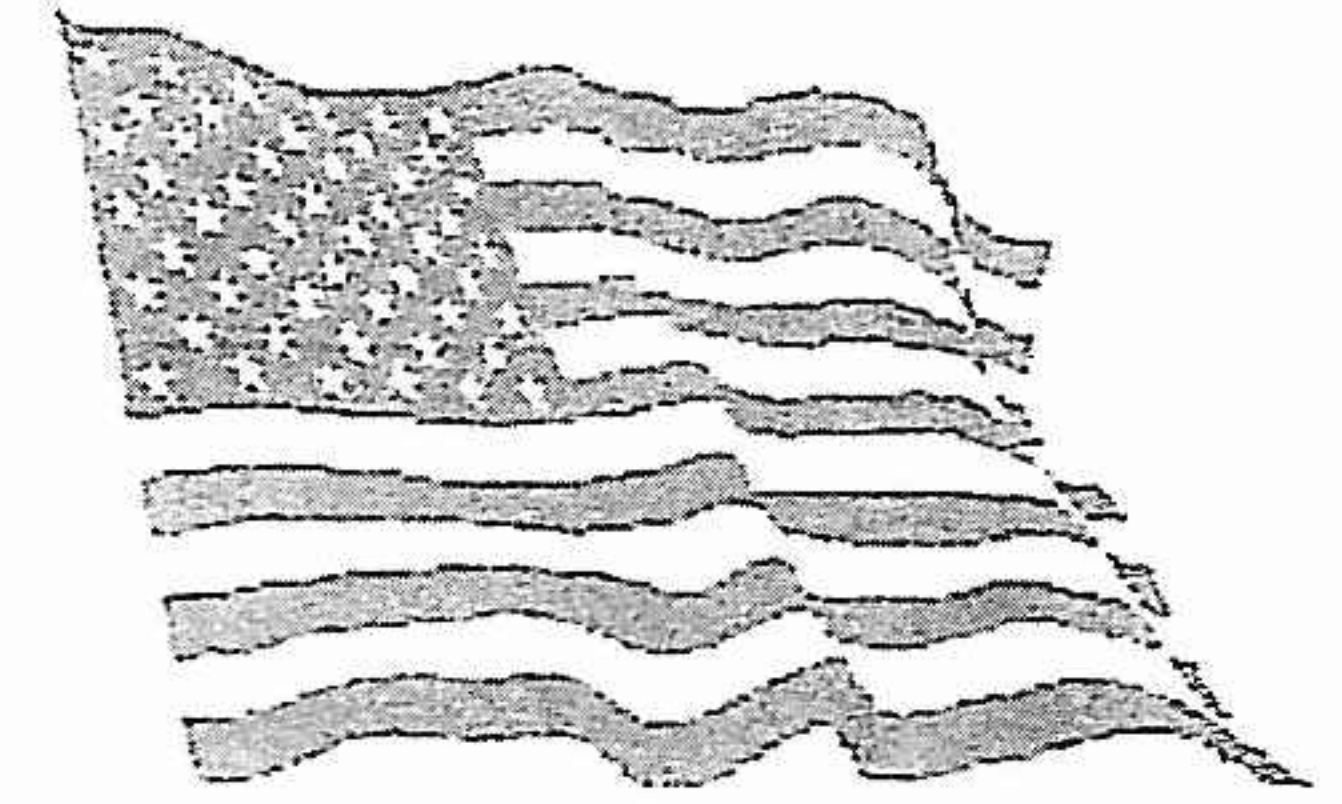
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Jack Gray, PDC

  
Finance Officer



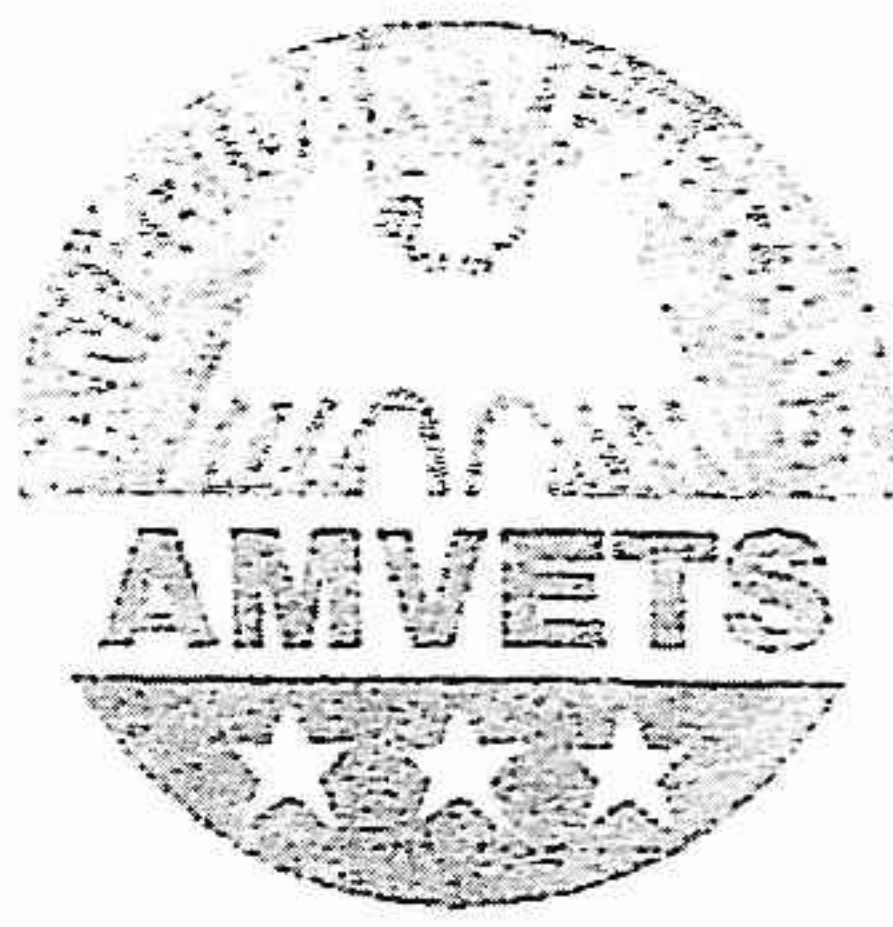
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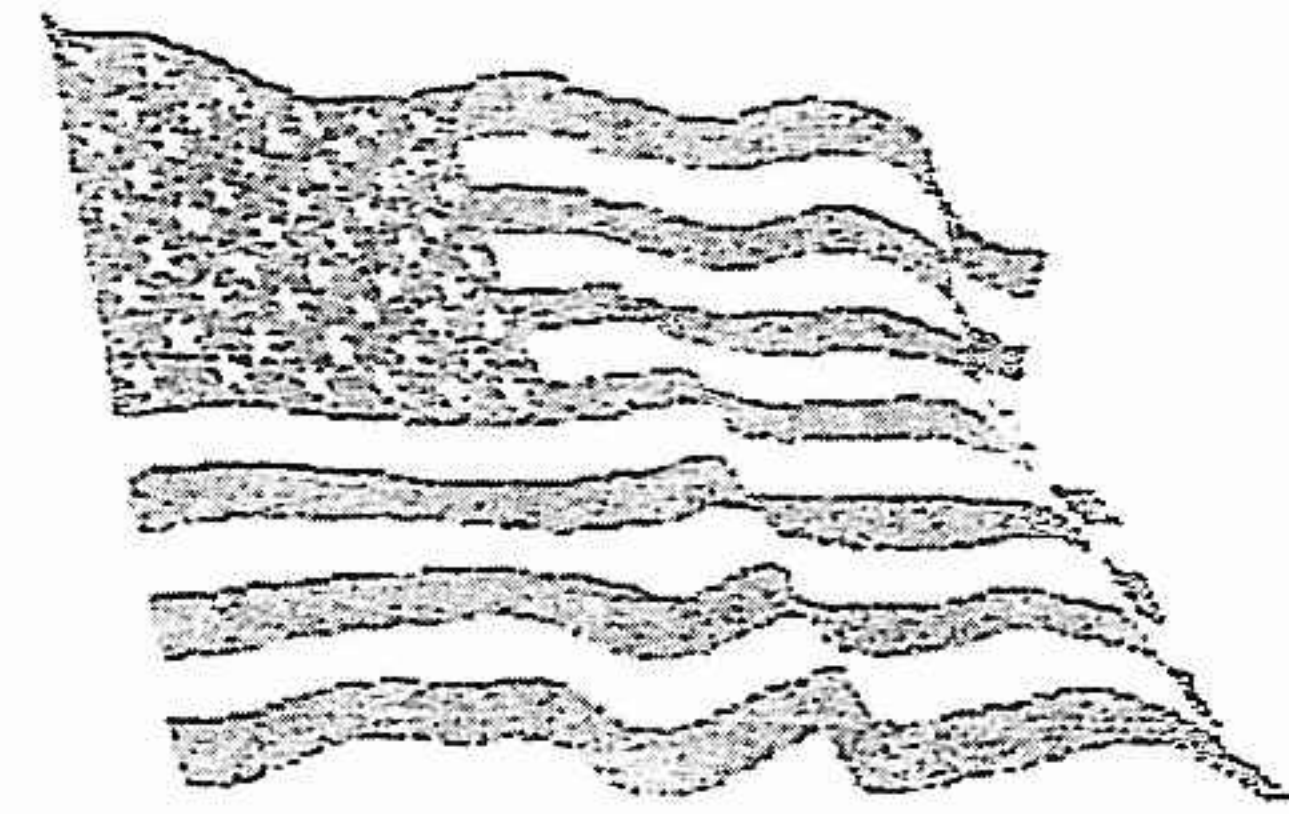
Finance Report  
as of 8/31/2022

10/8/2022

Account	Balances
Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking	\$102,486.60
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$102,486.60
Other Assets(	
Life Membership money market	\$80,498.37
TOTAL ASSETS	\$182,984.97
Liabilities	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$182,984.97



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 Jack Gray  
 Commander 2009 - 2010



INCOME	Budget 2021-22	Actuals	Variance	Proposed Budget 2022-23
200 Club	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
ServiceFoundation Grants	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 88,956.00	\$ (8,956.00)	\$ 92,000.00
Membership Dues	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 25,500.00	\$ (3,500.00)	\$ 25,000.00
Fundraiser-prof	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 23,101.00	\$ 16,899.00	\$ 40,000.00
Fundraiser	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,351.00	\$ (5,351.00)	\$ 16,275.00
Misc		\$ 36,884.00	\$ (36,884.00)	
			\$ -	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 172,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 209,792.00</b>	<b>\$ (37,792.00)</b>	<b>\$ 193,275.00</b>
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
EXPENSES				
Commanders Expenses	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,552.00	\$ 6,448.00	\$ 5,000.00
200 Club	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Dept. Convention	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 18,628.00	\$ (3,628.00)	\$ 19,000.00
Education Expenses	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 10,000.00
Empire AMVETS	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 21,608.00	\$ 392.00	\$ 23,000.00
Employee taxes	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 13,149.00	\$ 1,351.00	\$ 13,200.00
Exec. Director	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,735.00	\$ (735.00)	\$ 21,000.00
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Nat'l Meeting	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 12,121.00	\$ (6,121.00)	\$ 12,000.00
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Office Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 623.00	\$ (123.00)	\$ 600.00
Officers Ins.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,062.00	\$ (62.00)	\$ 2,100.00
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Professional Fees	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,395.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 3,400.00
Special Program	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,512.00	\$ (512.00)	\$ 5,000.00
State Meeting	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 24,734.00	\$ (6,734.00)	\$ 25,000.00
Tax Exempt Registration	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00
Util[ies	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,800.00
Website	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,102.00	\$ (102.00)	\$ 1,000.00
Zone Director	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 14,156.00	\$ (7,156.00)	\$ 14,000.00
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<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 172,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 191,596.00</b>	<b>\$ (19,596.00)</b>	<b>\$ 193,275.00</b>



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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SUMMARY**

**ASSETS**

Checking & Savings	ACCOUNT	BEGINNING BALANCE THIS PERIOD	ENDING BALANCE THIS PERIOD
Chase Platinum Business Checking	000000475519778	\$115,099.01	\$102,486.60
Chase Business Select High Yield Savings	000002911793110	80,496.94	80,498.37
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$195,595.95</b>	<b>\$182,984.97</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$195,595.95</b>	<b>\$182,984.97</b>

**CHASE PLATINUM BUSINESS CHECKING**

NEW YORK AMVETS, INC.

Account Number: 000000475519778

**CHECKING SUMMARY**

	INSTANCES	AMOUNT
Beginning Balance		\$115,099.01
Deposits and Additions	14	7,396.00
Checks Paid	15	-16,510.87
ATM & Debit Card Withdrawals	8	-625.47
Electronic Withdrawals	6	-2,872.07
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>\$102,486.60</b>

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**AMVETS Department of New York**

**Office of Judge Advocate**

**Fall SEC meeting October 7 and 8 2022**

Commander, Officers, Delegates, and Fellow AMVETS,

When a member is brought up on charges it is extremely important to, “to follow the bouncing ball.” What I am referring to is **Appendix B: Suspension or Expulsion of Members.** It reads as follows:

**Uniform Code of Procedure for The Suspension or Expulsion Of A Member**

(Adopted Pursuant to Article V, Section 2, of AMVETS National Bylaws)

**Section 1.** In addition to the provisions of Article XII, Section 1(b), of the AMVETS National Constitution and Article V, Section 2, of the AMVETS National Bylaws, members may be suspended or expelled for any one or more of the following reasons:

- Failure to comply with any obligation imposed on members under the constitution and bylaws;
- Any violation of law that reflects unfavorably on the name of AMVETS;
- Any other conduct unbecoming an AMVET;
- Ineligibility for membership at time of acceptance into membership; or
- Procurement of membership by fraud or deception.

**Section 2.** Any member of AMVETS may prefer charges against any other member, alleging any of the foregoing causes for suspension or expulsion.

Such charges shall be made under oath, setting forth the time and place of the offense or other basis for the charges, as near as may be practicable, and signed by the accuser.



**Filing of charges determined by the hearing authority to be frivolous shall constitute conduct unbecoming an AMVET.**

**Section 3.** All charges and specifications shall be filed with the post commander of the post to which the member complained about belongs or if said member be a member-at-large, then with the department commander.

On receipt of said charges and specifications, said respective commander shall, within five days, send a copy thereof by certified mail to the member complained about, together with a notice fixing a date, place and time of a hearing to be held not less than 30 days after said date of mailing.

**Section 4.** Said charges and specifications shall be heard by the executive committee of the post or, in the instance of a member-at-large, by the executive committee of the department, at which said hearing the member complained about shall have the right to be represented by counsel and to cross-examine the accuser or accusers and witnesses presented against the member.

No member against whom charges have been preferred, or who preferred charges against another member, shall sit in judgment on any panel hearing or deciding the matter.

I have been adding the above section of our National CBL's for the last several years. However, every few years someone somewhere is charged with conduct unbecoming and in most cases **Appendix B** is not followed and we as a Department are brought into the middle of a Post's problem. That if followed as written would never have reached the Department level.

Again, your Department Executive board had to take action on charges filed against a member Post. Later in this meeting you will be presented with the findings of the Executive Board and asked to either agree or disagree with its findings.

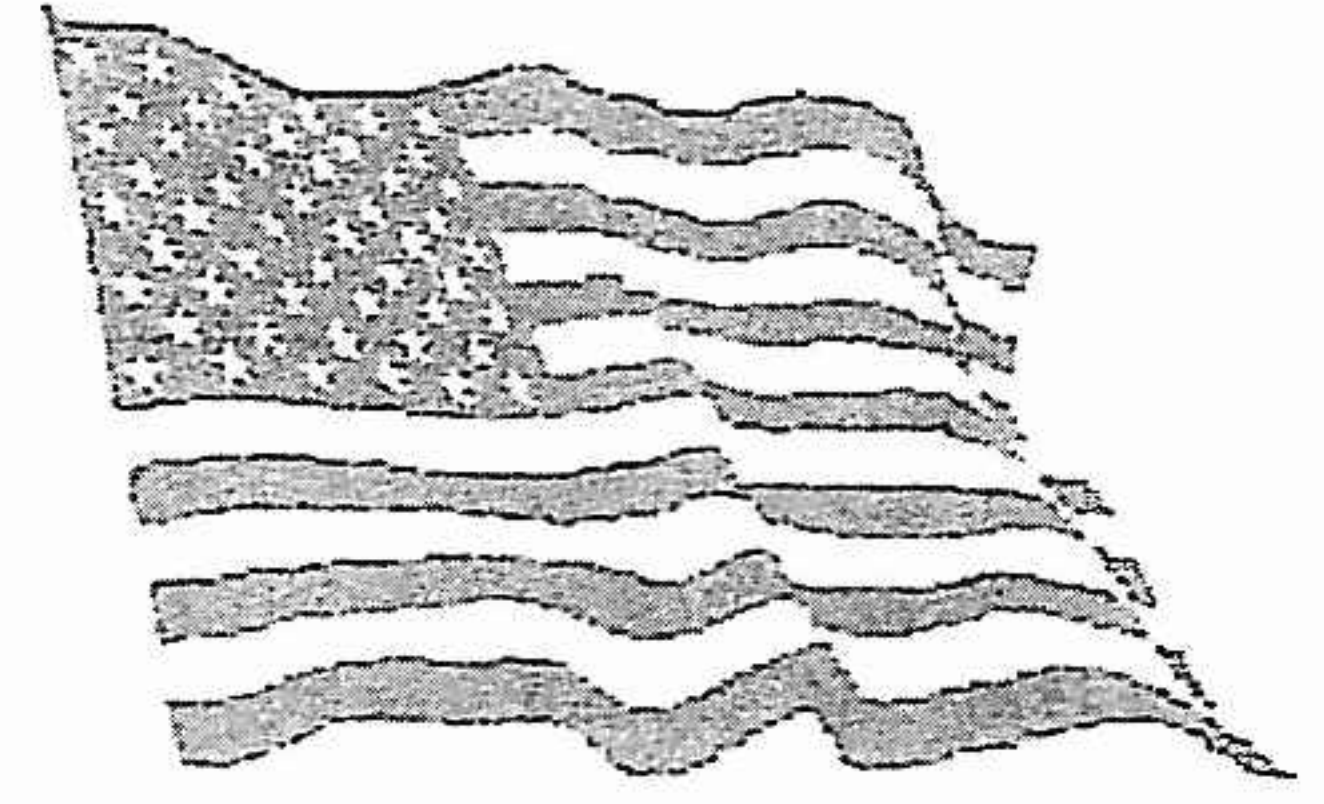
I will also be presenting a resolution written by Post #8 and Pot #726. Please take it back to your membership as it will be coming up for a vote at our annual Convention in June.

This is my report and I move for its adoption.

Martin Bugaj, PDC



**AMVETS**  
Dept. of New York  
Jack Gray  
Commander 2009 - 2010



**NEC report**

**10/08//2022**

Binghamton Double Tree Hotel

Dear Commander Emery, Officers and fellow AMVETS

The National convention was held August 16-20, 2022 in New Orleans, Louisiana, with 391 delegates in attendance, New York had 32 delegates. Future conventions will be 2023 Pittsburg, PA, 2024 Springfield Illinois, 2025 ST Charles, Missouri, 2026 Orlando FL. The next N.E.C. meeting will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> virtually. The next 1<sup>st</sup> District meeting will be Nov. 18 in Winsor ,Conn.

Also, our Rolling To Remember Bike Ride was held on Memorial Day in Washington D.C. over 40,000 bikes, for MIA and suicide prevention, also signed up 63 new members. -- this program was a huge factor in getting the PACT ACT passed in the U.S. Congress The Pact Act has many improved benefits for all veterans from WWII to today, it is very important that you go on your computer and review all that is covered. This will deliver immediate access for all generations of veterans suffering from toxic exposures, streamline disability claim consideration for toxic exposure –related illnesses and prescribe a fair and transparent process for the VA to add additional presumptions..

Our National Officers are Don McClean Commander, Bill Clark 1<sup>st</sup> vice, Horace Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Paul Shipley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice, Jim King Judge Advocate, Art Major Provost Marshall. Harold Chapman President Service Foundation. National 1<sup>ST</sup> District new officer are Dana Dillion Commander,.

Do not forget our mission to serve our fellow veterans fighting for women veterans, accountability for our POW/MIAs & suicide prevention, volunteer in your area at food banks and pantries, toys for tots, homelessness, food drives,.

National's program computer is currently still not working- they are looking for a new company to develop a complete over-hall of the system.

Programs Value- gives Post credibility as to what we are doing. Gives power in Washington D C , shows that we are serious about the issues that affect our veterans, gives a record of past activities for future leaders, motivator for more members to get involved and do more.

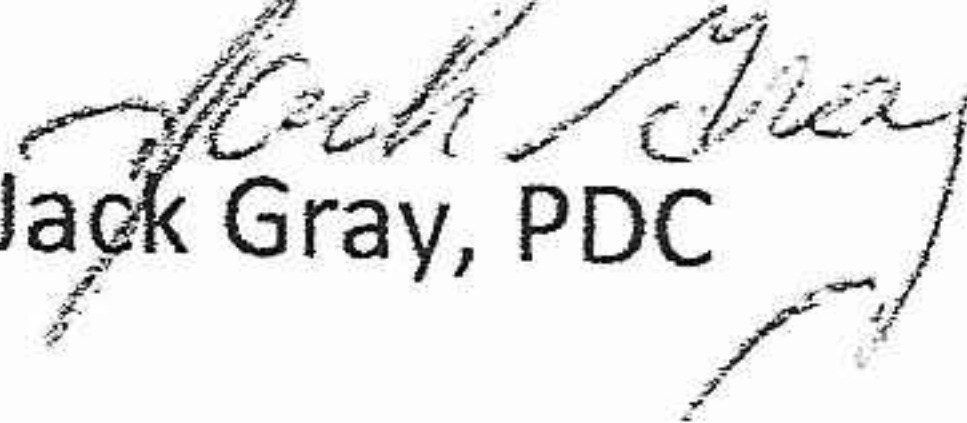
I have copies of the handouts, if you are interested

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- a) Program planning tools b) Program reporting c) Americanism program d) A.A.D.A.A. e) Freedoms Foundation f) Warrior Transition workshops g) Veteran suicide prevention h) VAVS J/ROTC i) Scholarship program k) ceremonial rifles, career.
- b) Americanism is an important essay program for our children grades K to 12<sup>th</sup>. Themes 2022-23 "what does freedom look like" 2023-24 " what does Flag protection mean to me"
- c) AADAA also has essay program for children K- 12<sup>th</sup> grade Themes 2022-23 "There is no use for drug Abuse" 2023-24 "Be smart...Don't s

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National Executive Committee

  
Jack Gray, PDC

**To: Department of AMVETS, New York**

**From: James Owens President Service Foundation,  
AMVETS, Department of New York**

**The service foundation has received all past monies due from national and the monies have been deposited in our accounts.**

**The service foundation will accept all grant requests that are submitted to the foundation three weeks prior to the sec meetings and the department convention. The service foundation cannot entertain requests for funding from the floor, if you have a request for special grants or funding please submit it to the foundation three weeks before the sec or convention and please do it in writing. Verbal requests from the floor will not be entertained.**

**That is my report, and I move for its adoption.**

**James Owens President Service Foundation**

## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Commander, Officers and Members:

It is great to be back after missing the Convention because of Health reasons. Again, I want to Thank You for all your Prayers, Cards and well wishes, they went a long way. And “One More Thing”, Thank you Brother Marty.

This meeting, the Fall SEC, always has the same issues and same questions, namely the free Accidental Insurance. This was approved a couple of years ago and again let me explain how it works. First everybody is covered. You have an option when you get the literature from the Insurance Company. If you read it carefully it states if you want to talk to an agent about additional insurance mail the card back and you will be contacted by the Insurance Company. If you don't want additional coverage, do nothing, and you will be covered like everyone else. Over the last couple of years, we have had a number of members who have received the benefit.

Remember its Accident Insurance Not Life Insurance so if you die of Natural causes or your Murdered you get nothing except maybe a Sympathy Card from the Chaplain (sometimes).

Membership Cards seem to be a problem this year. It seems that a number of Posts have not received any cards or the wrong cards. If you get some other Posts cards could you please reroute it to them. If you didn't get your Cards contact

me or your Zone Director. If a member wants to pay his dues but you have no card it usually means that on July 1 when the cards are printed only cards for members whose dues are current get their Cards printed. Those members who pay their dues after July 1 will have their Card sent to them in approximately six weeks after they get their dues up to date.

I anticipate that because Life Members dues are going up there will be a rush of new Life Members and Conversions. New members can be done on the Computer like any other New Member but Conversions, according to the Book, have to be mailed to the Department with a check. Instead, if you contact me with a Conversion I will try and put it on your Invoice Page and you can pay it like any other renewal.

For those that are not aware of it Harry Neal has retired. I loved to spar and debate with Harry but he was the Best Chairman we've had in my time. Good Luck harries!!!

Rich Rossi  
Executive Director



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Commander Perry and fellow AMVETS,

Another issue of the paper is out. This issue has been one of the most difficult to get together. I want to thank you for all of your submissions and encourage anyone who isn't submitting to start! I know a lot of pictures that were sent we rejected by the publisher as either an invalid format or too dark or too blurry. Pictures taken from Facebook are not able to be reproduced. They must be in jpeg format. Another issue that we are having is too many pictures not enough words. I realize pictures tell a thousand words but one well thought out picture with a caption and an article accompanying it is more cost effective.

A good article consists of who what where and when. If you cover those bases then it will be an interesting and informative piece. When I receive a lot of pictures for one event I am forced to chose which pics are submitted to the publisher and I don't know which pics are the ones you would choose. Therefore I am asking for your help to select good clear bright photos and write good articles to accompany your pics. Also contact info is greatly appreciated so if there is a problem I can reach out to you directly. As always feel free to reach out to me..

Thanks

Darrin Keech



Americanism Report Fall SEC 2022

10/1/2022

I attended the AMVETS National Flag coloring judging contest at the AMVETS National Convention in August 2022. Results were to be announced at the end of the Convention; however that did not occur as planned.

New York had 1 First place winner, 4 Second place winners and 1 Third Place winner, they are **Kindergarten 2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Richie Delsuie of Smithtown NY (East Islip), **1<sup>st</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Place** Lillian Bonno of Colton NY, **5<sup>th</sup> Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Eliana Vidal of Islip Terrace NY, **6<sup>th</sup> Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Kaylee Rosand of Islip Terrace NY, **8<sup>th</sup> Grade 3<sup>rd</sup> Place** Dominic Dono of Plymouth, Michigan, **11<sup>th</sup> Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> place** Isabella Donor of Patchogue NY.

As a reminder Americanism is not only for the school children. We should be reporting our own Americanism efforts every time we promote ourselves to the public, such as when we engage in Parades, public speaking events, or just anything that puts us on the map. Nearly everything we do pertains to Americanism in some fashion.

Next year's theme for 2022-2023 is "What does flag protection mean to me"

You can get all of the information on the National Americanism Contest by using the website. [www.amvets.org/amvets-in-action](http://www.amvets.org/amvets-in-action). This year's theme was "What does freedom mean to me?"

John E. Turner

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**To: Department of AMVETS, New York**

**From: James Owens, Chairman Drug and Alcohol Committee**

**As chairman of the drug and alcohol committee let me take a brief moment of your time to give you a brief background**

**Of my experiences.**

- **The most recent findings for men are that if you drink 4 or more drinks per day and 14 drinks or more per week and more you are an alcoholic. Women are not exempt but their levels are a bit lower. If this interests you or if you know someone who needs help there are many rehab hospitals and VA clinics throughout the state where help is available. You do not necessarily have to detox in a hospital to get help. There are plenty of rehab clinics and AA facilities available**

**God bless. That is my report and I move for its adoption**

**James Owens Chairman**

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Today on AOL

Substance use disorders in military veterans: prevalence and treatment challenges

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Tommy Asher <tommyasher@icloud.com>

To: RICH ROSSI

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5587184/>

Hey Rich,  
Here is my Drug & Alcohol for next months SEC.  
And I would like to request if it is possible to speak first th  
back home that I need to attend

Thanks Rich

Tommy Asher  
US Navy  
AMVETS NY A&as Chair

Sent from my iPhone



From RICH ROSSI <richross88@verizon.net> ▾

To Tommy Asher

Re: Substance use disorders in military veterans: prevaler

**Re: Substance use disorders in military veterans: prevalence and treatment challenges****From:** Tommy Asher <tommyasher@icloud.com>**To:** RICH ROSSI <richross88@verizon.net>**Date:** Mon, Sep 19, 2022 11:48 am

## Introduction

Substance use disorders (SUDs) are a significant problem among military veterans and are associated with numerous deleterious effects.<sup>1–3</sup> There are a number of services and interventions available to help reduce SUDs among veterans, including both behavioral and pharmacological treatments. The aims of this review are to provide information on the epidemiology of SUDs among military veterans, clinical characteristics of SUDs, and options for screening and treatment. Challenges and barriers to treatment are also discussed. For the purposes of this review, the focus is primarily on veterans who previously served in the military (i.e., are now retired or separated from the military). Additionally, much of the available research on SUDs among military veterans focuses on Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) services and patients. Notably, some of the features of VA care, such as integration and relatively easy access to specialty mental health care and/or treatment for SUDs, which are discussed in this review, may not be present in non-VA treatment settings.

Despite numerous attempts by the VA and other agencies over the past two decades to reduce problematic substance use, rates of SUDs in veterans continue to rise. SUDs are associated with substantial negative correlates, including medical problems, other psychiatric disorders (e.g., depression and anxiety), interpersonal and vocational impairment, and increased rates of suicidal ideation and attempts.<sup>2,4</sup> One study of military personnel found that ~30% of completed suicides were preceded by alcohol or drug use, and an estimated 20% of high-risk behavior deaths were attributed to alcohol or drug overdose.<sup>5,6</sup> Given the deleterious associations with SUDs, greater attention to the identification of effective, evidence-based treatment is critically needed. In this paper, we review the prevalence of SUDs among veterans as well as options for treatment. Articles selected for inclusion in this overview were chosen following an extensive literature search in PubMed using relevant key words (e.g., military substance use disorders, veteran substance use disorders, and veteran addiction). Preference for inclusion was given to articles published in the past 10 years.

## Diagnostic criteria

SUDs are defined in the *Fifth Edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5)*<sup>7</sup> as a pattern of use that results in marked distress and/or impairment, with two or more symptoms occurring in the past year (see Box 1 for *DSM-5* diagnostic criteria). The *DSM-5* marked the transition of SUD from a categorical model of severity (previously defined as “abuse” or “dependence”) to a more dimensional model in which SUDs are qualified as mild, moderate, or severe, based on the number of symptoms endorsed by the patient.<sup>7</sup>

## Prevalence rates

Prior to presenting epidemiological data, it is important to note that many VA-based studies published prior to the release of *DSM-5* in May 2013 used The International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision (ICD-9) diagnosis codes (which roughly correspond to the *DSM-4* criteria). Differences in diagnostic criteria may lead to some important differences in rates of SUDs among those utilizing VA care. For example, previous studies have concluded that prevalence rates of SUDs differ based on the specific criteria used, with studies using diagnostic criteria (i.e., *DSM*) reporting higher rates of SUDs when compared to studies using administrative data (i.e., ICD-9).<sup>8</sup> Additionally, because not all veterans choose to utilize VA health care services and only a percentage of patients receive mental health care through the VA and receive a diagnosis, VA diagnostic rates may not reflect true prevalence rates, even among VA patients. Furthermore, studies presenting data solely from veterans that utilize the VA do not capture substance use rates among all military veterans and may have a selection bias, as not all veterans receive care through VA hospitals.<sup>9</sup>

The most prevalent types of substance use problems among male and female veterans include heavy episodic drinking and cigarette smoking.<sup>9</sup> Among veterans presenting for first-time care within the VA health care system, ~11% meet criteria for a diagnosis of SUD.<sup>3</sup> Consistent with the general population, alcohol and drug use disorder diagnoses are more common among male than female veterans (10.5% current alcohol use disorders and 4.8% current drug use disorders among male veterans; 4.8% current alcohol use disorders and 2.4% current drug use disorders among female veterans) and are more common among non-married and younger veterans (i.e., <25 years old).<sup>3</sup> Demographics associated with higher rates of SUDs (e.g., young, male) in the general civilian population make up a greater proportion of the military population, which could contribute to an increased risk of certain SUDs relative to civilians.<sup>10,11</sup>

Additionally, telehealth could have a transformative impact on the VA health care system and significantly improve quality of life for veterans.

**Female veterans** In recent years, rates of problematic substance use among female veterans have been increasing.<sup>38</sup> SUD diagnoses among female veterans utilizing VA services have increased by 81% from 2005 to 2010.<sup>59</sup> Some female veterans may feel uncomfortable seeking SUD treatment within the VA. Female veterans may find it difficult to disclose substance use to providers due to perceived stigma and shame associated with being a female substance user.<sup>60</sup> Additionally, female veterans with SUDs have higher rates of childhood sexual abuse, military sexual trauma, and domestic violence than female veterans without SUDs, and women with PTSD are particularly at risk of developing substance-related problems.<sup>61,62</sup> SUD treatments are often provided in groups made up primarily of male veterans.<sup>62</sup> Understandably, female veterans may feel uncomfortable discussing traumatic experiences in a male-dominated treatment setting. Female veterans may also be more likely to have childcare needs that may interfere with treatment utilization and engagement.<sup>63</sup> It is important for providers to remain conscious of women's minority status within the military and the VA and to handle hesitancy to disclose with compassion and sensitivity. Female veterans are likely to benefit from specialized SUD treatment and gender-tailored treatment, which may increase treatment utilization, attendance, and comfort.<sup>61</sup> Female veterans receiving care at VAMCs offering specialized services for women were more likely to engage in treatment and were more receptive to SUD treatment when gender-specific care options were accessible.<sup>64,65</sup>

**Dual diagnoses** Veterans with SUDs commonly meet criteria for co-occurring mental health disorders, such as PTSD, depression, anxiety, and adjustment disorder.<sup>3</sup> Among Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) veterans diagnosed with an SUD, 82%–93% were diagnosed with another comorbid mental health disorder.<sup>3</sup> Notably, veterans with an SUD diagnosis were three to four times more likely to receive a PTSD or depression diagnosis and <1% of veterans received an isolated diagnosis of SUD without any diagnosis of a co-occurring disorder.<sup>3</sup> Prevalence rates of SUDs and co-occurring disorders among OEF/OIF veterans echo findings from studies on Vietnam-era veterans, although post-Vietnam veterans are more likely to be dually diagnosed.<sup>66,67</sup> Notably, individuals presenting with multiple diagnoses of SUDs and comorbid disorders demonstrate greater symptom severity and poorer treatment outcomes.<sup>17</sup> Dually diagnosed veterans are also more likely to have experienced homelessness and to receive VA disability benefits.<sup>68</sup> Psychiatric symptoms, such as symptoms associated with depression and PTSD, can precede or exacerbate drug and alcohol misuse and psychological distress can increase substance craving.<sup>3,69</sup> Thus, there is an urgent need for efficacious treatments aimed at treating not only the SUD but also the co-occurring disorder.

Additionally, veterans with SUDs often have co-occurring medical conditions, such as obesity, sleep disturbance, physical injury, and chronic pain as well as other complicating issues such as lower overall quality of life, poorer quality relationships, and higher levels of aggression compared to veterans with a mental health diagnosis but no substance use diagnosis.<sup>70–72</sup> Female veterans with an SUD diagnosis are more likely to have reproductive and urinary problems than female veterans without an SUD diagnosis while male veterans with an SUD diagnosis are more likely to be diagnosed with circulatory and digestive system diseases than male veterans without an SUD diagnosis.<sup>73</sup> Though not typically addressed in SUD treatment manuals, these issues are likely to impact treatment and should be addressed during treatment.

Among OEF/OIF veterans, 63% diagnosed with an SUD also met criteria for PTSD.<sup>3</sup> Veterans dually diagnosed with PTSD and SUDs are more likely to have additional co-occurring psychiatric and medical conditions, such as seizures, liver disease, HIV, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, and bipolar disorder.<sup>68</sup> Due to the high rates of comorbid PTSD and SUDs, the VA has attempted to integrate treatment by funding PTSD/SUD specialist positions and research efforts aimed at identifying efficacious evidence-based PTSD/SUD treatments.<sup>74</sup> However, services are often underutilized with only about 10% of SUD positive veterans receiving any type of SUD treatment in the past year.<sup>75</sup> Though psychotherapy is an important part of treatment for PTSD and SUD, the majority of patients with PTSD and comorbid SUD receive treatment for the SUD only.<sup>76,77</sup> There remains a prevailing belief that the SUD should be treated first or that a patient must achieve abstinence before beginning treatment, leaving many active substance using clients unable to obtain treatment.<sup>77</sup> Additionally, patients are not always referred to PTSD treatment after completing SUD treatment.<sup>78</sup> This may lead to greater likelihood of a relapse in the future due to untreated PTSD symptomology and the chronic nature of addictive disorders. "Integrated" treatment models, in which both the SUD and PTSD are simultaneously addressed in therapy, have been developed over the past decade. The findings from studies of integrated treatments show that substance use typically decreases significantly and does not increase with the addition of trauma-focused interventions.<sup>79,80</sup> Multiple randomized controlled trials of integrated interventions have been conducted, demonstrating improvements in both PTSD and SUD outcomes.<sup>76,79,80</sup> However, there is insufficient evidence to conclude that integrated treatments are superior to SUD-only or PTSD-only singular treatments.<sup>80</sup> Further research is needed to determine whether integrated treatments outperform evidence-based SUD and PTSD treatments. Additionally, research on treatments designed to target other mental health disorders that often co-occur with SUDs, such as depression, anxiety, and adjustment disorders, is greatly needed as the vast majority of veterans with SUDs are

ongoing engagement with services to help manage SUDs. Providers are encouraged to consult the recently updated VA/Department of Defense Clinical Practice Guidelines for SUDs for more detailed treatment recommendations.<sup>81</sup>

**Psychotherapy** In response to high rates of alcohol use among veterans, the VA has implemented system-wide alcohol screening. The goal of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is to intervene upon risky and unhealthy drinking habits prior to progression to an alcohol use disorder, or to provide immediate treatment to those with alcohol use disorders.<sup>24</sup> According to the VA/Department of Defense Clinical Practice Guidelines for SUDs, if treatment or further evaluation is indicated and acceptable to a patient after receiving a brief intervention, the patient should be offered a specialty referral or management in primary care. The guidelines state that if there is “an indication for and a willingness to seek treatment” a biopsychosocial assessment should be completed followed by the development and implementation of a comprehensive treatment plan. Following the collaborative development of the treatment plan, SUD-focused pharmacotherapy should be offered, if indicated, for alcohol use disorders and opioid use disorders, and all patients should be offered SUD-focused psychosocial interventions. Evidence-based psychotherapies and behavioral interventions for the management of SUDs typically involve short-term, cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) interventions. These interventions focus on the identification and modification of maladaptive thoughts and behaviors associated with increased craving, use, or relapse to substances. In addition, they may help reduce SUDs by helping incentivize individuals to achieve and maintain abstinence (e.g., contingency management therapies), or increase their ability to successfully manage stress without substances. Behavioral interventions can be delivered in person, via telehealth, and/or via the Internet.<sup>36–40</sup>

Client-centered motivational interviewing approaches focus on helping increase motivation to engage in treatment and reduce or abstain from substances.<sup>41</sup> Walker et al conducted a randomized controlled trial of motivational interviewing among 242 Army personnel. Participants received one session of motivational interviewing plus feedback or a psychoeducation control. The findings showed that the intervention resulted in significantly fewer drinks per week and lower rates of alcohol dependence diagnosis.<sup>42</sup>

Recognizing that young veterans are often unlikely to seek care at traditional VAMCs, researchers have begun to develop alternative, novel methods of treatment engagement and delivery. For example, Pedersen et al developed a web-based, single-session intervention to reduce alcohol use among young veterans.<sup>43</sup> In just 2 weeks, using Facebook as a recruitment site, they recruited a sample of 784 veterans. The intervention uses personalized normative feedback (PNF) and was found to reduce number of drinks per week as well as binge drinking 1 month later. The advantages of an intervention like this one include the fact that it requires no clinician time or patient travel to a VAMC. In addition, web-based interventions reduce other barriers to care such as stigma.

**Pharmacotherapy** In addition to behavioral interventions, pharmacotherapy can play an important role in the treatment and management of SUDs.<sup>44</sup> Medications can help reduce withdrawal symptoms which may serve as a trigger or reason for relapse, if untreated. In addition, medications can be helpful in decreasing craving, which is also a potent trigger for increased substance use or relapse following treatment. There are three medications that are approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for alcohol use disorders: naltrexone, acamprosate, and disulfiram. Methadone, buprenorphine, naltrexone, and extended-release injectable naltrexone are approved by the FDA for the treatment of opioid use disorders. There are no FDA-approved medications for the treatment of cocaine or marijuana use disorders.

Recently, exploratory use of off-label medications for SUDs has also been the interest of much attention (e.g., oxytocin and *N*-acetylcysteine).<sup>45,46</sup> Investigators have also begun to explore the use of medications to treat SUDs and commonly co-morbid mental health disorders. Rarely does a veteran present with only an SUD. Oftentimes, veterans with an SUD also have co-occurring psychiatric conditions such as PTSD or depression. Recent studies have investigated several medications to help identify effective pharmacologic interventions for SUD and PTSD. For example, studies have investigated the use of prazosin, topiramate, and *N*-acetylcysteine with mixed results.<sup>47–49</sup>

## Treatment challenges

**Rural locations** According to the VA Office of Rural Health, there are ~3.4 million rural veterans (41%) that comprise the total number of veterans enrolled in VA health care system.<sup>50</sup> Access to care, particularly mental health services, is problematic for veterans residing in rural areas. Increased access to mental health care via telemental health (TMH) modalities may improve quality of life for veterans living in rural areas.<sup>51</sup> Feasibility and efficacy have been shown in the utilization of TMH in home-based settings and remote locations among veterans and civilian populations.<sup>52–56</sup> Though literature directly pertaining to the delivery of TMH services for SUDs is limited, the small body of research that specifically investigates substance use TMH treatments has demonstrated favorable results.<sup>53,57</sup> Frueh et al examined relapse prevention in veterans with alcohol use disorder using telehealth from a remote site to a local clinic. Results showed that abstinence was retained in 13 of 14 treatment completers and there was high participant satisfaction for the services delivered.<sup>57</sup> It is also worth noting that this study delivered TMH in a group format. Other

## DSM-5 diagnostic criteria for substance use disorders

Substance use disorders are defined as a pattern of use that results in marked distress and/or impairment, with two or more of the following symptoms over the course of a 12-month period:

1. Using the substance in larger amounts or over a longer period of time than intended
2. Unsuccessful attempts or persistent desire to reduce use
3. Too much time spent on obtaining, using, and/or recovering from the effects of the substance
4. A strong craving for the substance
5. Significant interference with roles at work, school, or home
6. Continued use despite recurrent social or interpersonal consequences
7. Reducing or giving up important social, occupational, or recreational activities because of the substance use
8. Substance use in situations in which it may be physically hazardous
9. Substance use despite recurrent or persistent physical or psychological consequences
10. Tolerance of the substance
11. Withdrawal from the substance

**Note:** Adapted from American Psychiatric Association. *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5®)*. Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Publishing; 2013.7

## Specific substances

Despite strict US military policies implemented in 1986 to reduce problematic alcohol consumption, heavy drinking and alcohol use disorders are common among military personnel.<sup>2,16</sup> Policies tend to be enforced with inconsistency, and heavy alcohol consumption has long been a cultural norm used for recreation, stress relief, and socializing among military personnel.<sup>1,2</sup> Alcohol use disorders are the most prevalent form of SUD among military personnel.<sup>3,17</sup> A study examining data collected as part of the National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that, compared to their non-veteran counterparts, veterans were more likely to use alcohol (56.6% vs 50.8% in a 1-month period), and to report heavy use of alcohol (7.5% vs 6.5% in a 1-month period).<sup>18</sup> Furthermore, negative consequences from alcohol use (e.g., interpersonal, legal, and professional) are about twice as likely among binge drinkers relative to non-binge drinkers (9% vs 4%), and among heavy drinkers relative to binge drinkers (9% vs 19%).<sup>19</sup> High levels of combat exposure confer greater risk of problematic alcohol use; those with high levels of combat exposure are more likely to engage in heavy (26.8%) and binge (54.8%) drinking relative to other military personnel (17% and 45%, respectively).<sup>19</sup> These increasing rates of problematic drinking are particularly concerning, given that alcohol is the fourth leading cause of preventable death in the general US population, and that alcohol-impaired driving accounts for 31% of all driving-related fatalities.<sup>20,21</sup> Among veterans, specifically, studies demonstrate that alcohol use increases risk of interpersonal violence, poorer health, and mortality.<sup>22,23</sup>

Misuse of prescription drugs, such as opioids, is on the rise among veterans.<sup>16</sup> Opioids, which are one of the most addicting prescription drugs available,<sup>25</sup> are being prescribed at increasing rates to veterans to address issues such as migraine headaches and chronic pain.<sup>26</sup> From 2001 to 2009, the percent of veterans in the VA health care system receiving an opioid prescription increased from 17% to 24%, and the number of prescriptions written for pain medication by military physicians has more than quadrupled.<sup>27,28</sup> From 2003 to 2007, chronic opioid use (i.e., 6 months or longer) among young veterans in the VA health care system increased from 3.0% to 4.5%.<sup>29</sup> On average, patients were prescribed two different opioids and had three different prescribers.<sup>29</sup> Of these opioid prescriptions, the majority were for oxycodone (46.9%), hydrocodone (39.5%), or codeine (6.8%).<sup>30</sup> Mental health diagnoses increase the likelihood of receiving an opioid prescription. Specifically, veterans with a diagnosis of PTSD (17.8%) or another mental health disorder (11.7%) were more likely to receive an opioid prescription than those without mental health diagnoses (6.5%).<sup>31</sup> As compared to veterans without a mental health diagnosis, those with a diagnosis of PTSD receive higher doses of opioid medications, are more likely to receive a simultaneous prescription for additional opioids or for a sedative hypnotic, and are more likely to receive an early refill.<sup>31</sup> Unfortunately, research suggests that those with mental health disorders are also more likely to develop opioid use disorders and to experience a number of adverse clinical outcomes (e.g., inpatient or emergency room admissions, opioid-related accidents and overdoses, and violence-related injuries).<sup>27,31</sup>

Illicit drug use among veterans is roughly equivalent to their civilian counterparts (4% in the past month reporting use of any illicit drug).<sup>18</sup> Marijuana accounts for the vast majority of illicit drug use among veterans (3.5% report marijuana use, 1.7% report use of illicit drugs other than marijuana in a 1-month period).<sup>18</sup> From 2002 to 2009, cannabis use disorders increased >50% among veterans in the VA health care system.<sup>32</sup> Finally, data suggest that veterans are more likely to be smokers, and age-adjusted prevalence of smoking is higher among veterans than matched civilian groups (27% vs 21%).<sup>33</sup> Of concern for medical outcomes, more veterans than civilians with coronary heart disease are smokers.<sup>33</sup> Furthermore, cigarette smoking accounts for 23% of cancer-related deaths among veterans who are

## Summary

In summary, veterans demonstrate high rates of SUDs. There is a clear need for the development of novel, more effective, evidence-based interventions to address the health care needs of our veterans and their family members struggling with SUDs. Efforts to overcome barriers to those seeking treatment are needed so that veterans in need of services are able to access treatment and experience long-term recovery.

## Acknowledgments

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Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 19, 2022, at 9:43 AM, Tommy Asher <[tommyasher@icloud.com](mailto:tommyasher@icloud.com)> wrote:

It's attached  
Do you see the https link?!  
It needs to be printed out  
I can print it out and drop it off to you if that works better?!

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On Sep 19, 2022, at 7:44 AM, RICH ROSSI <[richross88@verizon.net](mailto:richross88@verizon.net)> wrote:

Where is the report??

On Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 11:58:07 PM EDT, Tommy Asher <[tommyasher@icloud.com](mailto:tommyasher@icloud.com)> wrote:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5587184/>

Hey Rich,  
Here is my Drug & Alcohol for next months SEC.  
And I would like to request if it is possible to speak first thing as I have a family engagement back home that I need to attend

Thanks Rich

Tommy Asher  
US Navy  
AMVETS NY A&as Chair

Sent from my iPhone



**American Veterans  
AMVETS  
Department of New York, Inc.**

**PRO REPORT**

Commander and fellow Amvets;

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. It was my pleasure to get to visit some of our posts down on Long Island in July. I'd like thank posts 48,88, 111, and 18 for there hospitality and for the Long Island Strong riders tee shirt. I also send out information on an organization called Veterans Ticket Foundation (Vet Tix) to all of our posts.

Vet Tix provides free tickets to concerts ,sporting events and all kinds of other functions to those who are currently serving or have been honorably discharged from the military. I've attached information with a referral link. Once you've signed up share your referral number with your family and friends and earn coins to use on lottery events. This is my Report and I move for its adoption.

Dept. PRO,  
Howard Gushue

Last modified: 11:42 PM

*Veterans Helping Veterans*



FALL BULLETIN

OCT 2022

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

As we come out of the pandemic, and start back to business, it good to report that the grievance committee has nothing to report at this time.

Thank you to everyone that works together.

Yours in AMVETS

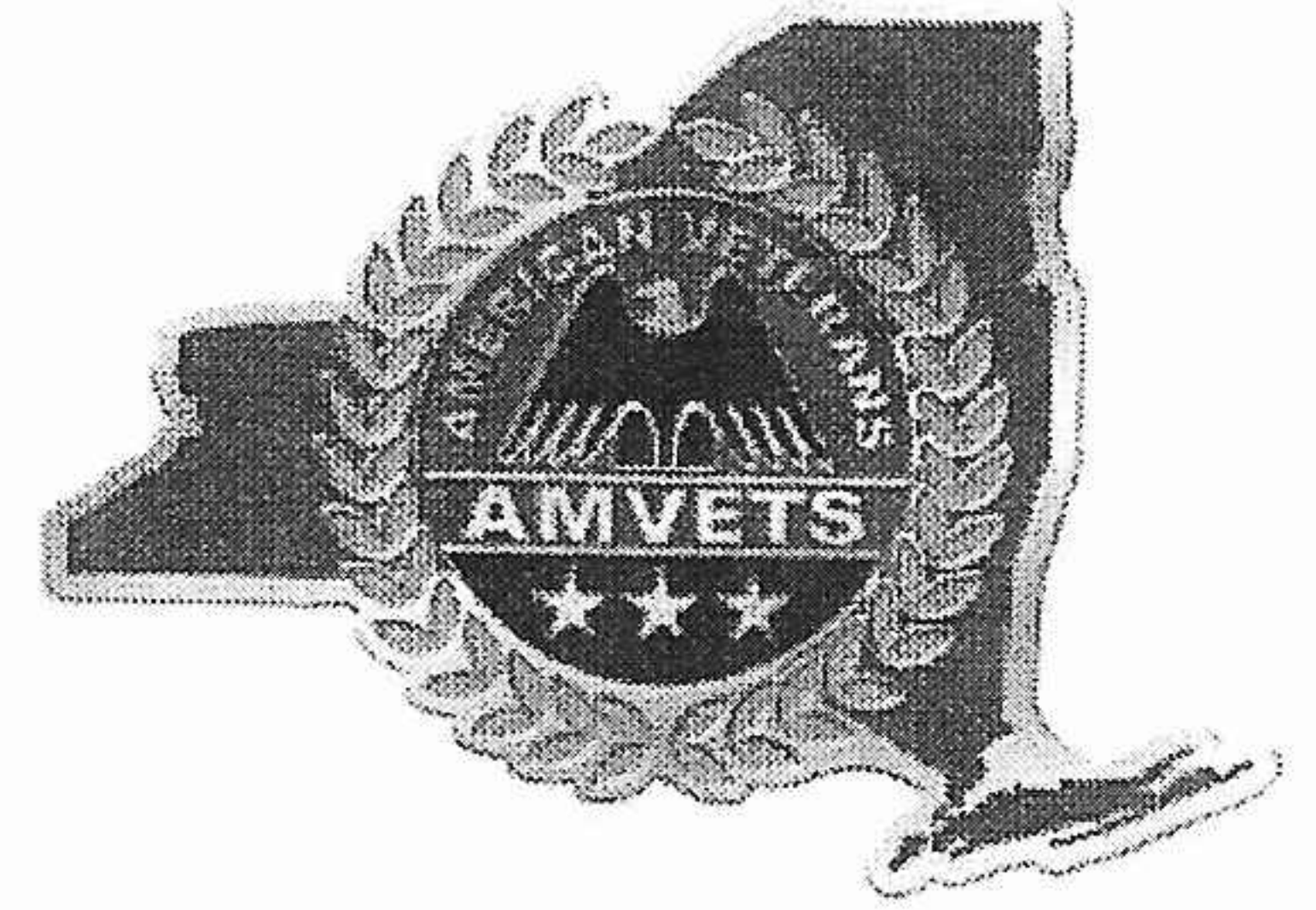
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James (Frito) Lanphere, Chairman

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October 7-9, 2022

RE: Fall SEC - Webmaster's Report

Commander Perry, Executive Board, and Fellow AMVETS,

Since we last met, the Website has been totally overhauled and updated. It's a much cleaner, easy to use version, with dedicated pages and links for a great deal of information. Check it out and let me know what you think (good or bad).

Also, feel free to contact me with any articles of interest or ideas for the Website (or Facebook page). All items can be emailed to me at [joea607@gmail.com](mailto:joea607@gmail.com).

Please continue to utilize the Website and Facebook pages as your main source of news and information for events, meetings, and overall general welfare.

Commander, this is my report and I move for its adoption.

Yours in AMVETS,

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## **AMVETS Department of New York ROTC/JROTC**

Good morning Commander and fellow AMVETS, a new school year has begun and ROTC programs have been resumed for the year 23-24. Emails have been sent out as reminders of the program and criteria for the program, next step is letters and phone calls to schools as a second reminder to get thr names and candidates in as soon as they can. That is my report and move for its adoption

ROTC Chairman

Ed Ashman

AMVETS DEPT. OF NEW YORK  
SONS LIAISON REPORT  
FALL SEC  
OCTOBER 8,2022

COMMANDER

Hope all is well since we last met. Since our last meeting I have not been in touch with Sons Dept. Commander but I will be attending there E board meeting on Friday . Then part of my report will be verbal...

The Sons have a total of 1229 members to include 125 Life members and 255 new members. National Sons is working on having a program for Sons to be able to do membership on line like how Amvets can do.

Sometime in the future this will be possible....

The Sons will be having Raffles again..

Life Membership....

and for \$500, \$300, and \$200 more info to follow.

Commanders project is Gary Sinise Foundation building smart Homes for Veterans.

This is my report;

Ronald Tamburlin  
Amvets Sons Liaison.



# American Veterans AMVETS Department of New York, Inc.

October 2022

Commander, Executive Body and fellow Veterans,

As far as the Women Veterans in the Buffalo area, we continue our support through the Homeless Veterans shelter and the Women's Wellness Center at the VA Hospital.

Some items on the current wish list received end of August include New clothing/articles/hygiene items or monetary donations for their clothing room (both men & women items). Donations of canteen books for various items for Veterans who are admitted impatient at the facility and donations to the HCHV program. these are just a few examples. There are other items on wish list. for more info you may contact Nicholas LaMarca @ [nicholas.LaMarca@va.gov](mailto:nicholas.LaMarca@va.gov) or call (716)725- 2824 (716)862-7981. If you know of any Women's Veterans facilities in your area that are in need of our services (help) feel free to contact me and I will do my best to assist in any way possible.

Would also like to remind everyone that Women Veterans deserve the same respect, thankfulness and dignity as our Male Veterans.

This is my report and I move for it's adoption

All in AMVETS

Carmela M. Rigoli

NYS Women's Veterans Rep.

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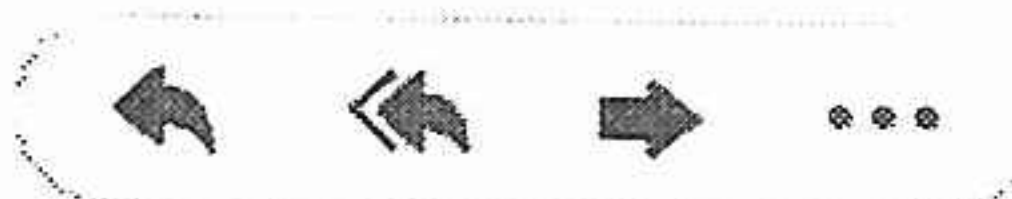
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Commander, Fellow Officer, and Executive Board

The 22 everyday committee is still going strong. Several donations have come in since spring time. Donations have been used for more supplies which are here out on the display table. Over the last year nearly \$25,000.00 worth of materials have been purchased and distributed throughout the state. As of this report we have just under \$15,000 still in the account. Thank you to everyone for continuing to make this program a success.

Terry Forward  
22 Everyday Chairman

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



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September 10, 2022

Red Book Report October 2022

To: Commander, Executive Board, Executive Director, and Members.

From: Lenny Scheiner, Awards Chairperson

I attended the National Convention in New Orleans and was very surprised to be told that National never received the 3 awards I input for this year (Bob Becker AMVET OF THE YEAR, ROTC PROGRAM SPECIAL CATEGORY, and EMPIRE AMVET SPECIAL AWARD). I was able to prove through the Postal Service Tracking system that all 3 were delivered to National but was told it was too late to do anything about it and I should resubmit all 3 this year. **The only Silver Helmet award that was announced was Mike Amodio for his Post Newsletter, Congrats to you Mike and your post.**

I was notified by Jack Semich Commander of Post 917 in Staten Island that **Peter Romano (Post 917) was named National AMVET OF THE YEAR for 2022 and Robert Tamburi (SAME POST) was named National AMVET OF THE YEAR for 2023. (Just want to remind everyone that Post 917 also had the winner in 2019 (Frank Roman).** The National rep that called Jack said it was unprecedented for the same State to win 2 years in a row, no less the same Post. Congrats to POST 917 for a job well done. I have the 2022 Silver Helmet Application if anyone needs a copy.

Commander this is my report and I ask for its approval

Len Scheiner, Awards Chair person.

Oct 8,2022

Fall sec

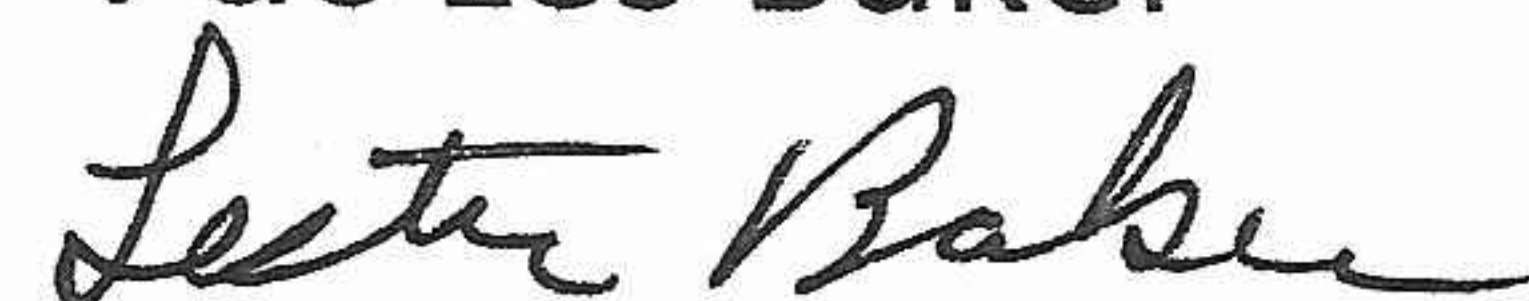
Commander,executive officers and fellow amvets:

This is my fall sec report on the Bath VA facility. Not a whole lot to report on but, some progress is happening. Just had a conversation with veterans rep in the volunteer office. They are talking of letting volunteers in with all shots and wearing a special mask. If some one in facility gets sick that will shut down whole facility. As of right now they are taking some veterans for a bus ride but are allowed off the bus, its just to get them out of the facility for a while. Trying to get list of items needed but, nothing yet will let Dave Feary know as soon as i do.

Commander this is my report and move for its adoption.

Vavs rep Bath

Pdc Les Baker





NORTHPORT VAVS RED BOOK REPORT  
October SEC 2022  
Representative Frank Marcinek

Commander, executive officers, and members, I'm glad to report that the Asset and Infrastructure Review Commission recommendations have failed to drastically reduce services at the Northport VA Medical Center. I wish to thank all who supported the efforts to keep our VA medical facilities open. The Northport Medical facility had a recent COVID outbreak and remains in Phase 3 with covid restrictions still in place. We have continued our support for our veterans at Northport by collecting and delivering needed personal care items for the 632 patients.

The facility currently allows only one family member at a time inside to visit the veteran. No groups are currently permitted indoors.

All volunteers are considered non compensated employees and must undergo new processing and guidelines to acquire a volunteer identification badge. This process includes a medical screening to verify up to date COVID and Influenza vaccinations as well as TB tine testing. A security background check and fingerprinting are also required. A self-study course and written exam must also be passed. The volunteer processing will take at least a month to complete.

I fear these restrictions will make it more difficult to get volunteers when the facility opens again for group visits. There are currently no plans to reopen the indoor Northport facility for volunteer group visits. Even outdoor visits require prior approval of the Director and have mask and distance restrictions.

This last quarter, we delivered a total of \$1,652 worth of donated personal care items to veteran's volunteer services. We also purchased \$232 worth of food for an outdoor event the PTSD councilors held outdoors at the veteran's park.

We will continue our supportive collection efforts and hope that we can soon return to visit our brothers and sisters. God bless them all and keep them well.

Frank Marcinek  
Northport VAVS Representative

**AMVETS POST 10-13, INC.  
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347-241-7204**

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**DATE October SEC 6,7,8**

**VAVS REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

***ACTIVITY FOR June and July 2022***

<b>VOLUNTEERS.....</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>HOURS.....</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>COST OF HOURS.....</b>	<b>20132</b>
<b>TRAVEL MILES.....</b>	<b>224</b>
<b>TRAVEL MILES VALUE.....</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>ACTIVITY COST.....</b>	<b>680</b>
<b>TOTAL OF PROGRAM.....</b>	<b>3,511.80</b>

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**Yours in AMVETS**

*Joseph Rheams*

**Joseph Rheams  
VAVS Representative**



Zone 2 Directors Report October 2022

10/7/2022

Not much has changed since the 2022 AMVETS State Convention. Post 1460 has informed me that they are not going to Revalidate and will be surrendering their Charter. As of this date I have not received their Charter. I contacted past commander of Post 1473 and 8735 and did find out who is in charge but they have not revalidated as of this date. Post 1 is doing fine. Post 332 has been sending Program Reports to me then I Forward them to the Department.

Please note that my email has changed to "nyamvets245@outlook.com".

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John E. Turner

AMVETS Department of New York

Zone 2 Director

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James Gardner <jimmig2@yahoo.com>  
To: Rich Rossi

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Zone 3 Zone Director

9/29/2022

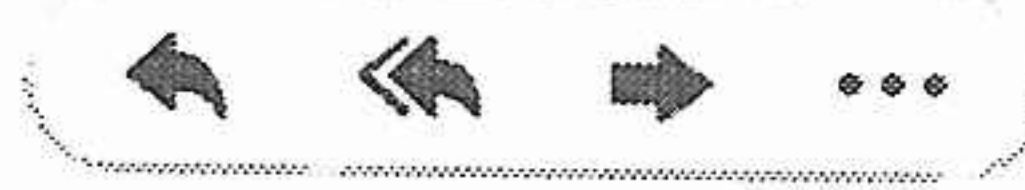
Commander Perry, officers and fellow AMVETS.

I went to posts 1997 and post 262 and delivered their membership cards. We had a North Country Council meeting at post 4 and I was able to hand out the cards to Post 8, 265, and 282. I sent the cards to post 710.

Post 8793 has all lifetime members and post 87 is almost all lifetime members. There have been some cards missing. Hope each post can get them from National.

All the posts in my area are doing fine although the new programs reporting has been difficult.

James Gardner  
Zone 3





AMVETS POST 2000  
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"FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
Fall SEC  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK



September 30, 2022

Commander Perry Fellow AMVETS,

Worked with Post 1417 and 706 on new revalidation.

Post 1417 has a difficult time logging in to National. They had bad data, causing the issue.

Post 175 has worked hard and has revitalized their Post.

Post 2000 Memorial Squad has been very active.

Posts 35 and 797 continue to grow and support their Communities and the Stratton VA.

Respectfully submitted to NYS AMVETS,

Commander, this concludes my report and I move for its adoption.

Joseph Ballas  
Zone 4 Director

**"VETERANS HELPING VETERANS"**

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Z O N E 6 D I R E C T O R

Commander, Executive Board, Fellow AMVETS,

October 2022

Have visited most Posts in Zone 6 during their General Membership Meetings except for Post 10-13 with whom I conversed, and they are doing just fine. With great regret, I report that Post 101 in Queens has closed. Most of their Executive Board Members moved on, and no one wanted to step up to become Commander. Some members are considering a transfer and will be making their decisions soon. I will continue to assist them with this process.

All Posts were notified to mail their forms to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Dept. Commander, John McCullough for Programs Reporting. All Posts have completed their Revalidations.

I received a stash of annual Membership cards to distribute to all Posts in Zone 6. Post 111 Membership cards were the only ones missing, and National has been notified. Post 111 was instructed to update National on which annual members have paid, and National will then mail the cards to each member individually.

On a sad note, I attended the funeral of PDC Charles Tasso, who passed away in August 2022. Charlie was 92 years old and a well regarded Department Commander in 1982.

I attended the AMVETS National Convention in New Orleans, LA, this past August 2022. I will share some of the things I learned there in my verbal remarks during the SEC this coming October.

I attended the POW-MIA Night Vigil Remembrance Ceremony at Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, New York, on Sept. 16, 2022.

Commander, this is my report, and I move for its adoption.

Loretta DiBrino



AMVETS DEPARTMENT of NEW YORK

Commander, Officers and fellow AMVETS;

I have been in contact with most of my Post some are running smoothy and some are having problems that I'm working on at the present time. The biggest problem they are having is filling the chairs. The same people are doing this year after year and now some are moving to warmer weather states. I know that when covid hit it slowed everything down and I'm hoping that we will be able to overcome this. I handed out all the membership cards for 2023 to the Post in my Zone. We need to come up with ideas to get membership numbers up.

This is my report and I move for its adoption

Yours in AMVETS

John Foster

AMVETS Zone 7 DIRECTOR

ARTICLE VIII  
COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: The Department Commander shall appoint the following Committees with responsibilities so stated. Any questions regarding the Convention should be referred to the proper committee.

- (a) RULES COMMITTEE: To formulate the rules in accordance with the established procedures for conducting the business of the Convention.
- (b) CONVENTION COMMITTEE: The Department Executive Director in conjunction with the Convention Committee Co-Chair shall:
  - (1) Determine the number of delegates and alternates to which each Post is entitled.
  - (2) Require proper credentials for each delegate and alternate and insure each is properly registered.
  - (3) Shall report orally at the beginning of each daily session of the Convention.
  - (4) Provide a written report at the close of the Convention.
  - (5) Ensure that Registration is closed one hour prior to the Election of Officers on Election Day.
  - (6) Be responsible for the proper running of the Convention with reference to accommodations, department, etc., under the direction of the Department Commander and Department Executive Director.
  - (7) Present to the Convention a proper Convention Journal and arrange a suitable program for conducting the business of the Convention under the direction of the Department Commander and Department Executive Director.
  - (8) Greet and assist all official guests of the Convention.
  - (9) Insure the Hospitality Room is properly staffed and stocked.

ARTICLE IX  
CONDUCT OF DELEGATES





# AMVETS

## Change of Address Form

Please ensure Post, National,  
Department records are changed

OFFICIAL SUBMITTING CHANGE(S):

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Department/Post: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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When Completed, mail this form to:

Rich Rossi, Executive Director  
AMVETS Dept. of NY  
P.O. Box 7037  
Wantagh, NY 11793



**WHO WE ARE** - Veteran Tickets Foundation AKA **Vet Tix (CFC# 44909)** is a nationally recognized 501c3 Veterans Support Organization whose mission is to "give something to those who gave." Vet Tix teams up with major sports teams, leagues, promoters, organizations, companies, venues and everyday event ticket holders to provide free (and discounted) tickets to the more than 26 million active Military, Veterans and their families.

**WHAT WE DO** – We support our Currently Serving Military, Veterans and their Families with entertainment, lasting memories and reintegration opportunities by providing **FREE** event tickets to sporting events, concerts, family activities and more.

- Vet Tix is proud to have already given out **13,684,914** event tickets across **all 50 States, plus Washington, DC**, to all Currently Serving Military, Veterans and their families.

**WHY WE DO THIS** – When our Troops and Veterans go to an event for **FREE** we want them to feel a collective **"Thank You"** from all of us to all of them. See our **"Saying Thanks"** page to read what these tickets mean to our Troops past & present. <https://www.vettix.org/feedback.php>

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE AND HOW TO GET VERIFIED** - Vet Tix believes that every person who honorably served our great country should be thanked for their service. Visit the sign up link below for full details

- Currently Serving Military, Honorably Discharged Veterans, PNO of KIA
- **Use this link to sign up and earn 15 bonus VetTix Coins:**  
<https://www.vettix.org/ref/4605206>

#### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

- **Am I only allowed to request 1 (one) ticket?**
  - **Answer:** NO, unless we only have 1 ticket... It's the goal of Veteran Tickets Foundation for you to enjoy the event with your family and friends.
- **Do I have to pay for the tickets?**
  - **Answer:** NO, tickets will always be FREE... All you pay for is the cost of delivery for your tickets.
- **Do I have to wear a uniform?**
  - **Answer:** NO, 99.9% of the time. Only when some organizations are having a "Military recognition" event, we will inform you of this in advance in our event description. We strive to have NO uniforms required.
- **Can my spouse use the service while I'm deployed?**
  - **Answer:** Yes, just give your spouse your account information and you are set. When setting up your account, you can also add other email addresses for event notification.
- **Is your organization listed on the Department of Defense (DoD) website [www.OurMilitary.mil](http://www.OurMilitary.mil)?**
  - **Answer:** Yes - <http://www.ourmilitary.mil/comprehensive-list-of-community-support-groups/>

# Post Revalidation and Officers Form

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**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY** all applicable information on this form. Fax, email or send a copy to HQ and your Department. *Completed form must be received* at National Headquarters **before 15 JULY 2019.**

## PRIMARY CONTACT-Post Mailing Address

Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Send Renewals to: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Confirmation Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

## POST INFORMATION

Meeting dates and times: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Address Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, \_\_\_\_\_ State, \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Post Web-site \_\_\_\_\_ Post E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* All Posts are required to file with the IRS yearly in order to maintain tax-exempt status. \*\*\***

<b>* Dues amount must be filled in, *Post Portion of Dues only (INVOICES WILL BE CALCULATED ON POST PORTION+NTL+DEPT)</b>	
* Annual Dues: *Portion of Dues retained at Post * Post Portion:\$ _____	* Life Dues: *Portion of Dues retained at Post: * Post Portion:\$ _____

- Check one (per National Bylaws, Article VII):
- No Post home
  - Facility owned or leased for meetings requires \$300,000 Liability Insurance.
  - Facility with clubroom (requires Articles of Incorporation, State Certificate of Corporate Good Standing, \$500,000 liability Insurance and a Liquor liability policy with current Acord 25 on file at National Headquarters)
  - Post Constitution & Bylaws have been reviewed, but not amended.
  - Post Constitution & Bylaws have been amended within the past year and approved by the Department JA

## POST REVALIDATION CERTIFICATION

I certify that AMVETS Post # \_\_\_\_\_ complies with all local, state and federal laws and statutes in the operation of the Post and its facilities, has a minimum of 10 members in good standing, is fully paid up in all Post accounts with National Headquarters and has complied with all revalidation requirements of the National Constitution, Article X.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature & Title of Certifying Post Official \_\_\_\_\_

## Officers Form

The 5 leaders with access to the database are Commander, Executive Director, 1st Vice, Adjutant, and Renewal Contact. After elections, email or fax revalidation forms to HQ and your Department.

Commander: _____ Member Number: _____	Address: _____ _____ Email: _____ _____	Phone: _____
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SEC Rep: _____ Member Number: _____	Address: _____ _____ Email: _____ _____	Phone: _____

## Officers Certification

I certify that the officers of \_\_\_\_\_ have been duly installed and they have read and subscribe to the AMVETS oath of office.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Installing Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:** As soon as your elections are concluded (May 1 - June 30th), fill out this form and send to Headquarters by mail (Attn.: Membership 4647 Forbes Blvd. Lanham, MD 20706), fax (to 301-459-7924), or email (to [membersupport@amvets.org](mailto:membersupport@amvets.org)). **Send a copy of all forms to your department.** Completed form must be received by July 15. If you revalidate online you must also send a filled out copy of this form to Headquarters. We will not accept a printed copy of the online revalidation alone. We need this signed form for our records.

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

If there is an error in the information below, please call Rich Rossi at 516-312-2896  
*\*Missing Post, incorrect Zone, or your Post should be in another Zone*

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38-40-50-103-826-917-1213-  
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