

AMVETS Post #897

Ray Metty Memorial Post

149 LAKE AVE., BLASDELL, NY 14219
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NEWSLETTER

February 2024

2023 - 2024 Post Officers

Commander - Joe Ashman, 1st Vice - Larry Lauber, 2nd Vice - Chris Drzal, 3rd Vice - Jim Ehrig,
4th Vice - Daniel Lehmann, Finance Officer- Ken Constable, Provost Marshall – Paul Barner,
Adjutant - Mary Jephson, Judge Advocate - Chuck Harrison, Chaplain – Keith Clark,
Service Officer – Chuck Harrison,
Trustees - Gary Cawthard, Nick Cappola, Greg Pencek, Gary Wachowski

A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Dear AMVETS Family,

It's time for officer nominations. Nominations for AMVETS officers will begin at the *Tuesday, February 13th meeting*. The meeting begins at 7:30pm. If you plan on running for office, you must be present at the meeting to be nominated and accept the nomination. Nominations will be held again during the March & April meetings. Any required elections will take place during the May meeting.

The AMVETS Post 897 Scholarship application is included within this newsletter. Additional applications may be picked up in the Club Room.

Please join us on February 24th, starting at 4PM, for a "Left Right Center" tournament. See ad located within this newsletter for more info.

If you've volunteered your time in 2023-2024, be sure to sign-up (in Club Room) for the 3rd Annual Worker's Party. This year's party will be held on March 23rd from 4PM – 6PM. This is our way of saying Thank You for your time and dedication to Post 897, to our veterans, and other community programs.

Stay tuned to the Post website at www.amvetspost897.org and our

Facebook group page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.amvetspost897.org> for more information.

As you can see, we have a lot going on and would love to see you soon – come on in and be a part of the action!

Be safe and be well.

Yours in AMVETS,

Joe Ashman
Commander



February 2024 Events

7 Hearts Maternity Dog Rescue Event	1st - 14th
Sponge Candy Pick up at Club Rm	10th
Noon - 2pm	
Aux Basket - Paws with a Cause	3rd - 17th
Kids Easter Egg Hunt Sign-up	15th - 29th
Commander's Basket	17th - 29th
Left, Right, Center Tournament	4:00pm 24th
<i>Ash Wednesday 2/14/24 - Kitchen Open for Fish Fry's</i>	
3:00 - 9:00 pm	

March 2024 Events

Rider's Chili Cook-Off	Noon	9th
Aux Basket - John Tracy Clinic		2nd - 16th
Kids Easter Egg Hunt @Tehan Post		23rd
Sign up 1st - 15th at Club Room		
3rd Annual Workers Party	4:00 - 6:00pm	23rd

See this newsletter for more information
Visit our new website at amvetspost897.org

Meeting Schedule - February 2024

*Exec Board Mtg	2nd Tues	6:30 pm
*General Body Mtg	2nd Tues	7:30 pm
*Southtowns Meeting	2nd Tues	7:00 pm
Ladies Auxiliary	1st Wed	7:00 pm
Sons	3rd Wed	7:00 pm
Riders	1st Sun	12:00 pm
Juniors Meeting	2nd Sun	11:00 am

**Meeting Day and Time Changes for February*

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A WORD FROM THE 1ST VICE COMMANDER

Members,
All members of AMVETS, Auxiliary and Sons please take notice that as of this newsletter all membership dues are past due. If you have not paid your dues through your respective organization please do so as soon as possible. If you did not renew your dues, your access card to the post has been turned off. Dues will need to be paid to have it turned back on. We hope you choose to support the post and the organization you belong to.

Yours in AMVETS,
Larry Lauber, PPC2
1st Vice Commander

A WORD FROM THE 2nd VICE COMMANDER

Dear AMVETS Family,

Our next event will be the children's Easter Egg Hunt March 23rd. Look for sign up sheet in the club room coming February 15th - March 15th. I will need some volunteers to stuff Easter eggs a week before the event. Thank you to everyone who has made time to help make our events successful.

Yours in AMVETS,
Chris Drzal, PPC2
2nd Vice Commander

A WORD FROM THE LADIES AUX. PRESIDENT

Greeting Auxiliary Sisters and Happy New Year!

The Auxiliary is holding a basket raffle from February 3rd-17th. Proceeds from this basket raffle will support PAWS With A Cause®. Tickets can be purchased at the Post. We are also still collecting donations for 7 Hearts Maternity Dog Rescue in the clubroom until February 15th.

We always welcome all Auxiliary members at our meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of every month. Nominations for Auxiliary Officers will start at our March meeting. Members must be present at the meeting to accept a nomination. If you have any questions about the Auxiliary, please reach out to me. I will do my best to get back to you in a timely manner.

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,
Janell Ashman, President
716-605-0248
janellmarie716@gmail.com

A WORD FROM THE RIDERS PRESIDENT

Riders,

February starts nominations of officers. Continues in March and April. Elections are in May. We have the chili cook off coming Saturday March 9th. Tickets available at the bar. Please attend meetings.

Yours in AMVETS,
Chris Drzal, PPC2
Riders President

A WORD FROM THE JUNIOR'S COORDINATOR

Hello!

It's February already! How is that possible? The Juniors of 897, got together with the Juniors of 6472 during their Christmas break and handed out 200 blankets to Veterans and their family members at the Buffalo VA. WAY TO GO JUNIORS!!

We wrapped up our Sponge Candy Fundraiser and will be at the post on the 10th from noon - 2pm for you to pick up your orders. Thank you to everyone who supported us. If you did not order during January, I'm sorry but we do not have extras. You can however still purchase our candy bars at the bar for \$2 each. We are continuing with the process of getting everything in order so we can apply for our charter. If you have a child, grandchild or sibling ages 5 thru 17 years old please consider getting them signed up with us now so they can be a charter member. Follow us on Facebook @ AMVETS 897 Blasdell NY to stay updated on everything going on with the Juniors and at the post. Our meetings are the SECOND Sunday of each month at 11am.

This month we get an extra day, (February 29th leap day) I want to challenge all the Juniors to do something extra that day for a Veteran or someone in your neighborhood or school. Little things can make a big difference in some one's life. Until next month, stay safe, stay warm and God Bless America.
~We play together, now let's work together~

Thank you,

Cheryl Lilley,
Junior AMVETS 897 Coordinator
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junioramvets897@proton.me

A WORD FROM SOUTHTOWN'S PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow AMVETS,

Our Clubroom is open 7 days a week. We will be serving Fish Fry's this month on Ash Wednesday, 02/14/2024 & Friday's only. Kitchen is open Thursdays and Fridays, 3:00 - 9:00 pm. Never forget our Servicemembers who did not return home . Thank you for your continued support!

Chuck Harrison, PPC3
President,
Southtowns Veterans Club Inc.
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TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 24TH
4PM - ?

- Multiple Rounds
- \$5 per Player per Round
- 100% Payout

(Cash Payouts Based on Number of Participants)
* Music * Cash Bar * Fun *

MARCH 23rd
9AM - 12PM
AGES 10 & UNDER

THOMAS E. TEHAN POST
2075 ELECTRIC AVE
BLASDELL, NY

Easter EGG HUNT

& KIDS PARTY

BRING YOUR OWN BASKET
- THIS IS A FREE EVENT -
SIGN-UP @ POST 897 BAR
Feb 15th thru March 15th



AMVETS RIDERS POST 897



7th Annual Chili Cook Off!!



Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Watch the Sabres Game, try some great chili, and vote for your favorite!!



\$5.00 a Ticket



Don't forget to enter your chili, 3 prizes will be awarded. Sign up sheet and tickets behind the bar.

WE LOVE OUR Volunteers



POST 897

3rd Annual Worker's Party

23

MARCH 2024
4PM-6PM

FOR OUR 2023 VOLUNTEERS

* REFRESHMENTS * OPEN JUKE BOX *

SIGN-UP AT THE POST
DURING FEBRUARY



SNEAKER'S ***Restaurant***



205 Martin Avenue
Blasdell, NY
825-9247

Fish Frys - Wings - Pizza - Lunch Specials

CRD HOME IMPROVEMENT

**KITCHEN & BATH REMODELING/
TILE/WINDOWS/SIDING/
DRYWALL/PAINTING/PLUMBING/ELECTRICAL/
FRAMING/DECKS/FENCES/ROOFING
DUMP TRAILER / DEBRIS REMOVAL FOR HIRE
STONE/DIRT/MULCH DELIVERED & SPREAD
SHRUBS TRIMMED/INSTALL NEW**

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**VETERAN - USMC
NO JOB TOO SMALL!!!!**



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FULL MENU THURS & FRI 3-9PM



FROM THE DESK OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
AMVETS POST 897 SCHOLARSHIP FUND
EST. 2002

Each year, at least one young man and one young woman will be awarded a Scholarship for \$1000. To be eligible for this Scholarship Award, the candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a family member of an AMVETS Post 897 member who is in good standing. The member has to be affiliated with the AMVETS, Sons of AMVETS or the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 897.
2. Family member is a son, daughter, grandson or a granddaughter. Family member does not need to be blood related, but must be a part of the family. They can be foster, adopted or a step child. The son, daughter, foster, adopted or step child would be considered first. Then the grandchildren. If there should be no qualified children or grandchildren, the Scholarship Award would then be opened to nieces and nephews.
3. To be considered for the Scholarship Award, the candidate must have at least a B average and be well rounded. This would mean community or school involvement or organized athletic participation.
4. The candidate must submit in writing a paper introducing themselves, explain what they are doing, where they plan to attend college and what they hope to accomplish along with the completed application. They must get a transcript of their high school grades and a copy of the acceptance from the college of their choice. These will be given to the Executive Committee to be screened and then given to the General Body to be voted on. Recommendation letters from teachers, coaches, counselors, etc. should be encouraged and submitted as well.

THESE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE AMVETS NO LATER THAN JULY 1ST.
NO EXCEPTIONS!!

5. In case of ties, the Scholarship Award will be divided. If finances permit, the General Body may vote to award both candidates. Ties would be ONLY between two candidates of the same sex. The Scholarship Award is intended for one male and one female every year.
6. If there are no candidates, the General Body may vote to give the Scholarship Award to last year's winner, provided they are still attending college.
7. If all the candidates are of the same sex, the General Body may vote to give the Scholarship Award to two of those candidates.
8. Scholarship Award will be paid directly to the college of the candidate's choice to be used for tuition, books, dorms, food cards, etc.

AMVETS POST 897 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

1. Name: _____
2. Address: _____
3. Date of Birth: _____
4. Phone Number: _____
5. Father Name: _____
6. Father Occupation: _____
7. Mother Name: _____
8. Mother Occupation: _____
9. School Attending: _____
10. School Address: _____
11. School Counselor: _____
12. Counselor Phone Number: _____
13. Date of Graduation: _____
14. Number of Brothers and Sisters: _____
15. Age of Brothers and Sisters: _____
16. Name of AMVET, Auxiliary or Sons Sponsor: _____
17. Relationship to Sponsor: _____

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all the information on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide the requested documentation to verify the information I have reported. Any false information will be cause for denial or withdrawal of the Scholarship Award.

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____