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AMVETS POST #897

Newsletter

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JUNE / JULY 2024



2023-2024

POST OFFICERS

Commander

Joe Ashman

1st Vice

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Sabrina Cartagena

4th Vice

Daniel Lehmann

Finance Officer

Ken Constable

Provost Marshall

Colton Marinelli

Adjutant

Mary Jephson

Judge Advocate

Chuck Harrison

Chaplain

Keith Clark

Service Officer

Austin Crowell

Trustees

Gary Cawthard

Greg Pencek

Nick Cappola

Jim Ehrig

MEETING SCHEDULES

Exec Board Mtg

2nd Wed at 6:30pm

Southtowns Mtg

2nd Wed at 7:00pm

General Body Mtg

2nd Wed at 7:30pm

Ladies Auxiliary Mtg

1st Wed at 7:00pm

Sons Meeting

3rd Wed at 7:00pm

Riders Meeting

1st Sun at 12:00pm

Juniors Meeting

2nd Sun at 11:00am

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear AMVETS Family - I'd like to start by thanking the AMVETS membership for giving me the opportunity to serve a third consecutive term as Commander of Post 897. I will continue to do the very best I can to represent and support you in all things related to AMVETS.

Congratulations to the newly elected & appointed officers for the Auxiliary, Sons, Riders, and Juniors. I wish you all a successful year and I look forward to working with each of you. Congratulations also go out to Chuck Harrison on his re-election as Southtowns President and to everyone else who was also elected. Thank you all for stepping up!

As you can see, we have a new look to our newsletter. We have also moved to a bi-monthly newsletter (on the months we normally would issue our raffle tickets). This was voted on at a previous membership meeting.

We are in this together. The results of our combined efforts can be endless when we choose to work together, communicate openly, build each other up, and support one another.

Stay informed. For the latest Post information, it is recommended that you attend our monthly meeting. Other great sources of information are our website (amvetspost897.org) and Facebook group page (facebook.com/groups/www.amvetspost897.org).

You have a voice. Got something to say? Have a suggestion? Monthly meetings are the place where you can be heard. Your membership in AMVETS affords you this right. We meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM.

As always, should you need assistance or have any questions, or just need to get something off your chest, I can be reached by phone at (607) 621-1112 and by email at joea607@gmail.com.

I look forward to another great year of working together in support of Veterans, the community, and growing our Post.

Happy Father's Day, and I also hope you have a great 4th of July holiday!

Be safe, be well, and enjoy your summer.

Yours in AMVETS,
Joe Ashman, Commander



EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 2024

- Thirsty Thursdays (6, 13, 20, 27)
- Juniors Mtg in Binghamton during Convention.....6th - 8th
- Flag Day.....14th
- Sons Basket Raffle.....1st-15th
- Father's Day.....16th
- Juneteenth.....19th
- Family Picnic Sign-Up Starts.....24th

JULY 2024

- Thirsty Thursdays (11, 18, 25)
- Family Picnic Sign-Up through the 19th
- Honor Guard Basket Raffle...3rd - 17th
- Independence Day.....4th
- Family Picnic.....27th
- No AMVETS Executive Board Meeting in July & August
- No Auxiliary Meeting in July



The AMVETS Family - Building Today's Success on Yesterday's Sacrifice



A WORD FROM THE 1st VICE COMMANDER

Members - Happy Father's Day and a Happy Fourth of July!!!! I hope everyone enjoys themselves for these great holidays and please stay safe!!

The AMVETS new fiscal year is quickly approaching. I can start collecting the 2025 Fiscal Year membership dues starting July 1st. All annual membership dues are due by August 31st. Please pay your dues in a timely manner.

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

A WORD FROM THE 2nd VICE COMMANDER

AMVETS Family - The family picnic is Saturday July 27th this year. A copy of the park rules will be attached to the sign up sheet, please read them. Sign up June 24th to July 19th. I hope everyone will attend.

Have a happy 4th of July. Check the 897 Facebook page for more information.

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

A WORD FROM THE SOUTHTOWNS PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow AMVETS - Our Clubroom is open 7 days a week. Kitchen is open Thursdays and Fridays, 3:00 - 9:00 pm. Come out and enjoy a Fish Fry, or try one of Chef Teddy's specials.

Thirsty Thursdays are back! Be sure to check in every Thursday for live music and shot specials, 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

Happy Father's Day. Thank you for your continued support!
Chuck Harrison, PPC3, President

A WORD FROM THE RIDERS PRESIDENT

Riders - Thanks to all who attended the motorcycle run and party. Special thanks to all the volunteers. We would not be successful without the volunteers. Check the 897 Facebook page for more information.

Yours in AMVETS,
Chris Drzal, PPC2, Riders President

A WORD FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Dear Auxiliary Members - Congratulations to all newly installed Officers of the AMVETS 897 Family! I am looking forward to another great Auxiliary year. Thank you to all that volunteered and participated in our Post's May events. We will be holding an adoption event on June 1st from 11am-2pm featuring 7 Hearts Maternity Dog Rescue. We will also be collecting donations on that day. Please check Facebook for upcoming information. Please remember that our next meeting is scheduled for June 5th right before our delegation heads to our Department Convention in Binghamton. At our June meeting we will be collecting donations of wine, liquor, or \$10 cash for our Ring Toss game at the family picnic.

We will not have a meeting in July as our normal scheduled meeting would be the day before Independence Day. Please remember to sign up for the Post picnic being held on July 27th and to sign up to volunteer for the Auxiliary Ring Toss game. Donations will be accepted throughout June and July. Please leave at the Post attention Janell Ashman.

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads and a very Happy Fourth of July to all!

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,
Janell Ashman, President

A WORD FROM THE JUNIORS COORDINATOR

May was a busy month for the Juniors. Our 22 Every Day t-shirt sale went really well as did our Pancake Breakfast. Thank you to everyone who ordered shirts and came out and had breakfast with us. We also participated on the Memorial Day Parade.

In June, some of us will be attending the AMVETS Dept. of NY Convention in Binghamton where we will be presented with our charter. We will also be doing a couple of projects and having an outing. Don't forget Flag Day is June 14th, this would be the perfect time to replace any worn or tattered flags you may have.

Our June meeting will be held in Binghamton this month. Our July meeting will be July 14th at 11am.

Please watch the Post's Facebook page for other happenings in June and July.

We'd like to wish all the fathers a very Happy Father's Day! Happy Birthday to Camden on June 5th! Happy Birthday to Grace on July 13th! Welcome to our newest member Hannah!

Thank You,
Cheryl Lilley, Coordinator
~We Play Together, Now Let's Work Together~

ADOPT, DON'T SHOP!

AMVETS 897 Ladies Auxiliary and
7 Hearts Maternity Rescue, Inc.
Adoption Event

June 1, 2024
11am - 2pm
AMVETS Post 897
149 Lake Ave.
Blasdel, NY 14219

Adoptable dogs will be on site!
Donations will be accepted for
7 Hearts Maternity Dog Rescue, Inc.



Online applications for adoption and
foster opportunities can be found at:
<https://7hearts.org/>



HAPPY
Father's
DAY
JUNE 16



THIRSTY THURSDAYS 2024 musician lineup

MAY

23 - Mike Nowak
30 - Bill Drew

AUGUST

1 - JC
8 - Alexander James
15 - Michael Nowak
22 - Michael Skowronski
29 - Bill Drew

JUNE

6 - Alexander James
13 - JC
20 - Rob Fisher
27 - Michael Skowronski

SEPTEMBER

5 - JC
12 - Alexander James
19 - Bill Drew
26 - Tim Wright

JULY

4 - NO MUSIC
11 - JC
18 - Michael Nowak
25 - Tim Wright

THURSDAYS from 6pm-9pm



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POST 897's Annual

FAMILY



PICNIC

SATURDAY, JULY 27th

Noon - 6PM
BLASDELL

FIREMAN'S FIELD

FOOD, GAMES,
FAMILY FUN AND
MUCH MORE

SIGN-UP IN CLUB ROOM FROM JUNE 24 - JULY 19

NON-MEMBERS
\$5.00

FREE EVENT
FOR MEMBERS &
KIDS 10/UNDER

BRING A DISH
TO PASS



U.S. Flag Flying Holidays



The U.S. flag may be flown every day, especially on the following:

January 1st

New Year's Day

3rd Monday in January

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

January 20th

Inauguration Day

February 12th

Lincoln's Birthday

3rd Monday in February
Presidents' Day

February 22nd
Washington's Birthday

Easter Sunday

3rd Saturday in May
Armed Forces Day

Last Monday in May
Memorial Day Observed

May 30th
Memorial Day Traditional

June 14th
Flag Day

July 4th
Independence Day

1st Monday in September
Labor Day

September 11th
Patriot Day

September 17th
Constitution Day

September 20th
POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 24th
Gold Star Mother's Day

2nd Monday in October
Columbus Day

November 11th
Veterans Day

4th Thursday in November
Thanksgiving Day

December 7th
Pearl Harbor Day

December 25th
Christmas Day

The fundamental rule of flag etiquette is: Treat all flags with respect and common sense.

- ❶ The U.S. flag takes precedence over all other flags when flown within the United States.
- ❷ It should not be flown lower than another flag nor should it be smaller than another flag flown with it.
- ❸ It is proper to fly the U.S. flag at night, but only if it is spotlighted.

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FULL MENU THURS & FRI 3-9PM

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!!!!



SNEAKER'S Restaurant



205 Martin Avenue
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Fish Frys - Wings - Pizza - Lunch Specials