

# AMVETS Post #897

## Ray Metty Memorial Post

149 LAKE AVE., BLASDELL, NY 14219  
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# NEWSLETTER October 2023

## 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- Nick Cappola, Provost Marshall – Paul Barner,  
Adjutant - Mary Jephson, Judge Advocate - Chuck Harrison, Chaplain – Keith Clark,  
Service Officer – Chuck Harrison,  
Trustees - Gary Cawthard, Ken Constable, Greg Pencek, Gary Wachowski

### A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Dear AMVETS Family,

If you haven't paid your dues by now, you're considered past due, tardy, overdue, late...well, you get the picture. Please make every effort to pay your dues as soon as possible. We'd appreciate you renewing with us, and, as always, we could use your support.

Congratulations to the Riders for another successful 9/11 & Flag Retirement Ceremony. Our Honor Guard and the Girl Scouts did an outstanding job during the ceremonies and represented themselves extremely well. The Riders Chicken BBQ was a great time and brought many visitors to the Post.

I'm very happy to report that our "Metty's Mayhem Makers" team (myself, Sabrina, Sandy, Nick, Mela, and Dylan) took 1<sup>st</sup> Place during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual WNY AMVETSlympics on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Together, and with our win, we raised three-hundred thirty one dollars for "Tunnels to Towers". Join us next year, as we look to defend the coveted throne and earn even more money for charity!

The Auxiliary will be having basket raffle on October 1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, and the Riders will have one on October 16<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Please show both of these groups support by purchasing tickets for their baskets.

AMVETS will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "TRUNK or TREAT" (and Mini Car Show) on Saturday, October, 28<sup>th</sup>, from 3-6pm in the parking lot. We already have several special cars lined up, and we look forward to providing Blasdell with a safe environment for the children to have fun.

We've worked, we've planned, we've celebrated, and we've lost loved ones. Through it all, we remain. I love seeing all of you coming together and in support of our AMVETS family. Thank you!

"The heat of autumn is different from the heat of summer. One ripens apples, the other turns them to cider." - Jane Hirshfield

Be safe and be well.

Yours in AMVETS,

Joe Ashman  
Commander



### October 2023 Events

Aux Basket Raffle	3rd - 15th
Aux Bill's Game Watch Party @ the VA	Oct. 8th
Riders Basket Raffle	16th - 30th
Trunk & Treat	28th

### November 2023 Events

Aux Calendar Raffle	1st - 30th
Veterans Day	11th
Aux. Basket Raffle	20th - 30th
Thanksgiving	23rd

See next newsletter for more info

### Bill's Games - Half-Time Food Schedule

Bartenders - Hot Dogs & Kraut	Oct. 1st
Morning Game in London Eng. @ 9:30 am	Oct. 8th
Night Game @ 8:20pm	Oct. 15th
Chuck's Jambalaya	Oct. 22nd
Thursday Night Game @ 8:15pm	Oct. 26th

Sign-up to bring your Favorite Bills Half-Time Food

See this newsletter for information

Visit our new website at [amvetpost897.org](http://amvetpost897.org)

### Meeting Schedule - October 2023

Exec Board Mtg	2nd Wed	6:30 pm
General Body Mtg	2nd Wed	7:30 pm
Southtowns Meeting	2nd Wed	7:00 pm
Ladies Auxiliary	1st Wed	7:00 pm
Sons	3rd Wed	7:00 pm
Riders	1st Sun	12:00 pm
Juniors Meeting	4th Wed	6:30 pm

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**A WORD FROM THE 1st VICE COMMANDER**

Dear AMVETS ,

If you are an annual member and have not paid your dues yet, please do so soon as they are now **PAST** due. Annual dues are \$30 and can be paid by cash or check. If you plan to pay with cash, please stop by the post and give it to the bartender and they will give you a receipt for your payment. Checks can be mailed or paid at the bar. The price for Lifetime Membership is now under the new pricing as follows: Ages up to and including age 55 will now be \$500, 56 up to and including 65 will now be \$400 and ages 66 and over will now be \$300.

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

**A WORD FROM THE 2nd VICE COMMANDER**

Dear AMVETS Family,

Our next event is Trunk or Treat. Saturday October 28th 3pm to 6pm. Decorate your vehicle and hand out candy to the children. Bring your children to go car to car to receive treats. Custom and classic cars are appreciated but all are welcome. This is a community event. Let's show Blasdell how awesome our members are .

Yours in AMVETS,  
Chris Drzal, PPC2  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

**A WORD FROM THE SONS COMMANDER**

Sons of AMVETS,

Check out [www.amvetspost897.org](http://www.amvetspost897.org) and our Facebook page. Hope to see you at our next meeting, Oct. 18th at 7:00 pm. Please support all post related functions.

Yours in AMVETS  
Mike Drzal  
Sons Commander

**A WORD FROM THE LADIES AUX. PRESIDENT**

Dear Auxillary Members,

Thank you to all that donated baked goods, participated in, and volunteered at the 9/11 Remembrance and Flag retirement, AMVETSlympics, and Purple Bag Project/Bills Game. It is very much appreciated!

Please join us at our next meeting on October 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing upcoming events that we have planned and will be volunteering at. We are still in need of volunteers for the Bills game "watch party" at the Buffalo VAMC on 10/8/23. This is the London game and starts at 9:30 am. Volunteers (minimum age 14) no longer need proof of vaccination. Please reach out if you can volunteer for this event.

Please support our basket raffle for Freedoms Foundation to promote the preservation and advancement of our freedoms to youth and teachers. "Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge envisions an America where the rising generation loves their country and understands, values, and defends its founding ideals."

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,  
Janell Ashman, President  
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janellmarie716@gmail.com

**A WORD FROM THE RIDERS PRESIDENT**

Riders,

Great job by all of the volunteers for the 9/11 Remembrance, Flag Retirement Ceremony and Chicken BBQ. It was a long day but we handled it very well. The efforts of those who step up are what makes our organization great. Another successful event. Looking forward to Hornell October 14th. Basket raffle to be drawn October 31st and Outdoorsman raffle tickets for sale now . Drawing Veterans Day at 8pm.

Yours in AMVETS,  
Chris Drzal, PPC2  
Riders President

**A WORD FROM SOUTHTOWN'S PRESIDENT**

Hello Fellow AMVETS,

Our Clubroom is open 7 days a week. We are serving Fish Fry's on Friday's only. Kitchen is open Thursdays and Fridays, 3:00 - 9:00 pm. Never forget our Servicemembers who did not return home . The Club room will be open normal hours Thanksgiving Day. Thank you for your continued support!

Chuck Harrison, PPC3  
President,  
Southtowns Veterans Club Inc.  
(716)319-8921

# COMMANDER'S HOT WINGS

EVERY THIRSTY THURSDAY NIGHT

Dine-In Only

## FLAVORS

- \* Commander's Hot
- \* Hot \* Medium \* Mild \* BBQ
- \* Spicy BBQ \* Honey BBQ
- \* Cajun \* Sweet Cajun \*
- \* Garlic Parm \* Logenberry BBQ
- \* Mango Habanero

**75¢**  
wings

3pm-9pm



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WITH SOME REALLY  
COOL CARS



JOIN US IN OUR PARKING LOT  
FOR A SPOOKTACTULAR  
GOOD TIME!



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**OCTOBER 28 \* 3PM-6PM**



# **SNEAKER'S** **Restaurant**



**205 Martin Avenue**  
**Blasdell, NY**  
**825-9247**

Fish Frys - Wings - Pizza - Lunch Specials

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