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# AMVETS POST #897 Newsletter

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OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2024



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Austin Crowell

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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**  
2nd Sun at 12:00pm

**Juniors Meeting**  
2nd Sun at 11:00am

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear AMVETS Family,

Since our last issue we've lost a very dear member of our AMVETS family, Chuck Harrison. Not only was Chuck the sitting President of the Southtowns Veterans Club, Inc., and the Post 897 Judge Advocate, he was also the AMVETS Department of New York 3rd Vice Commander. Chuck was on track to becoming the Department Commander. I personally know this meant a lot to him, and it's heartbreaking that his dream was cut short because of his illness. I also know what Post 897 meant to Chuck. His dedication and sacrifices to our Post family will never be forgotten. He was my friend and I will miss him.

Our weekly "Thirsty Thursdays" will continue (minus the musical performers) throughout the fall and winter months. Stop in and enjoy 75¢ wings and other good eats from the kitchen. Also, don't forget about our almost world famous "Fish Fry Fridays". The kitchen is open from 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm on both days.

As you will read elsewhere in this issue, our AMVETS family is B-U-S-Y! Please join in the fun and support our events.

Be safe, be well, and I look forward to seeing you soon...

Yours in AMVETS,  
Joe Ashman  
Commander



## EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OCTOBER 2024

- SEC (Binghamton).....4th - 5th
- Auxiliary Basket Raffle.....until the 12th
- NAVY Birthday.....13th
- Columbus Day.....14th
- Trunk or Treat.....26th
- Riders Basket Raffle.....17th - 31st
- Halloween.....31st

### NOVEMBER 2024

- Juniors Meal Basket Raffle.....1st - 23rd
- Marine Corps Birthday.....10th
- Veterans Day.....11th
- AMVETS Basket Raffle.....20th - 12/14
- Thanksgiving Day.....28th



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



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

Members - Annual Member Dues (AMVETS members that pay their dues on a yearly basis) are past due. Please make an attempt to pay your dues as soon as possible. Feel free to mail a check to the post or stop in and give your check or cash to the bartender on duty. We appreciate your membership and all that everyone does to keep our post successful in the community and the National and State levels.

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

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

Members - We have Trunk or Treat coming up October 26th 3pm to 5pm. Decorate your car and hand out candy or bring your children in costume and they can trick or treat from car to car. It's sure to be fun.

November 11th is Veterans Day. Stop in the Post and celebrate with fellow veterans.

The Children's Christmas party is on December 7th at Tehan, and the Adult Christmas party is on December 14th at 897. Sign up sheets will be in the club room during the month of November.

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 our Wings or a Fish Fry.

Thank you for your continued support!

Larry Lauber, PPC2, President

**A WORD FROM THE RIDERS PRESIDENT**

Riders - I would like to thank everyone who came out for the Flag retirement ceremony and chicken BBQ.

We have the Sportsman raffle going on. Drawing will be November 11th 7pm. Veterans Day. At the post. Do not need to be present to win.

Riders meetings have changed to the 2nd Sunday of the month. Still starting at noon.

Yours in AMVETS,  
Chris Drzal, PPC2, Riders President

**A WORD FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**

Dear Auxiliary Members - As Fall begins and the season for giving thanks is upon us, I would like to thank you all for your support and volunteer work throughout the summer months. Meeting dates are October 2nd and November 6th at 7 pm. All members are welcome!

Here are some events that we are participating in during October and November. Please check the AMVETS 897 Blasdell NY Facebook page as more events may be added.

The Auxiliary is holding a basket raffle from 9/28/24 through 10/12/24 to raise funds for Founding Forward. This non-profit organization strives to increase civic literacy in students, teachers, and citizens through the study of the principles, philosophies, and documents upon which our Nation was founded on.

The Auxiliary will also be volunteering at the Trunk or Treat event in our Post's parking lot on 10/26/24 from 3-5 pm. Please stop on by and bring your little ghosts and goblins or hand out some treats to neighborhood children.

During the month of November, we will be collecting and donating non-perishable food items to be included in Thanksgiving food boxes for the families of Blasdell Elementary. In appreciation of the sacrifices of our Veterans, the Auxiliary will be hosting a free dinner consisting of sandwiches and salads for all Veterans on 11/11/24 in the Post's clubroom starting at 4 pm.

Please remember that Auxiliary annual dues (\$30) are now being accepted and must be paid before the end of December.

Yours in AMVETS Auxiliary,  
Janell Ashman, President



This issue is dedicated to the memory of our departed friend,  
Chuck Harrison. Gone too soon. Rest in Peace.



### A WORD FROM THE JUNIORS COORDINATOR

As the weather starts to get colder, please consider donating a new throw blanket or a cash donation so we can purchase blankets to give to our Veterans at the VA hospital. We are collecting new Christmas cards with envelopes for us to sign and send to Veterans at the Batavia home as well as deployed military thru the Blue Star Mother's "We Care" packages. All donations can be left at the bar ATTN: Junior AMVETS. Thank you.

Junior AMVETS will be participating in Trunk & Treat once again on Oct. 26th. We will also be raffling off a complete, unprepared Thanksgiving meal, tickets will be at the bar (3 for \$5) from November 1st - November 23rd.

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween.  
Happy Veteran's Day ~ Thank you to all our Veterans!!  
Happy Thanksgiving.

Happy Birthday to Julianna on November 7th, Aubree on November 18th, and Nate on November 21st.

Thank You,  
Cheryl Lilley  
Auxiliary Coordinator  
Junior AMVETS 897

~ We Play Together, Now Let's Work Together ~

3RD ANNUAL

# trunk or treat

WITH SOME REALLY COOL CARS

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

2024

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

AMVETS POST 897

149 LAKE AVE, BLASDELL, NY

**OCTOBER 26 \* 3PM-5PM**

# Fish Fry

Deliciously Famous

75¢ Wings every Thursday  
and Fish Fry Fridays  
Both days from 3pm-9pm  
along with our full menu  
(Wings are dine-in only)



# LOOK

Ahead to  
Next  
Month...

The Kids Christmas Party will  
be held on December 7th at  
Tehan Post.

The Adult Christmas Party  
will be held on December  
14th at Post 897.

Sign-up in November at the Post Club Room.  
Details to follow on Post 897 Facebook page.



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75 CENT WINGS  
THURSDAYS  
(DINE-IN ONLY)

FULL MENU THURS & FRI 3-9PM

## CRD HOME IMPROVEMENT

KITCHEN & BATH REMODELING/  
TILE/WINDOWS/SIDING/  
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VETERAN - USMC

NO JOB TOO SMALL!!!!



## SNEAKER'S Restaurant



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Fish Frys - Wings - Pizza - Lunch Specials