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The Ohio AMVET

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LEADERSHIP

State Commander Mike Pitman

During my year as Commander I've chosen two projects to focus on. The first will be the annual AMVETS Diabetes 3K Walk presented by Humana, which is an event at the Race for a Reason held in Athens at Ohio University. This great project has raised thousands of dollars in the past to fund research in diabetes. My second project will focus on working closely with Posts around Ohio to help get them where they'd like to be. I've been working toward this over the last two years with the other State Officers. We have given seminars to train young or new Post Officers. I wish to continue these seminars, as I feel they have been valuable and helpful. I look forward to continuing to tour along with our new Auxiliary President, Cindy Rice, and new Son's Commander, Bill Lutz. I can be a little impulsive, so who knows! I might stop by your Post just to say hi.

I would like to congratulate all of our new Officers, District Commanders, and the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Sons, and Rider's Officers as well. I will be carrying along the same motto that Immediate Past Commander Tom Smith had: One Team, One Goal. I look forward to a great year at the Department, and a great year for all of the Posts. I hope to see you soon, and if not, then at the National Convention or the Fall Conference.

Ladies Auxiliary President Cynthia Rice

Hello Commander Mike, Officers and fellow AMVETS Family,

Greetings from the Department of Ohio Auxiliary! As you are aware, the Department made an agreement with AMVETS to let the Auxiliary Districts operate, but with stipulations. The Auxiliary is to elect a chairperson and secretary only, who will report to the President. No election can take place until an amendment to our Bylaws is done at June Convention and passed by a two-thirds vote. That's the way it is, and we MUST abide by what our GREEN HATS VOTE also. AMVETS and the Auxiliary came up with this agreement and we all agreed.

We will be searching for members that are green hats to help form a committee so we can hear what their concerns are and come up with solutions to fix it. Problems concerning Auxiliary are to be addressed by the Auxiliary and same with complaints. Please direct those complaints or concerns to us first.

We look forward to working together as a team! Enjoy the remainder of summer and hope that we see all of you at Fall Conference!

LEADERSHIP

1st Vice Eric D. Scherer

As the new membership year is upon us, many of you probably have a lot of questions. Hopefully I can answer some of them now. **First of all, the new membership cards were sent with the renewal notices from National to each individual. This means your Post doesn't have to send cards, only collect dues. Please track this with diligence so that you get your portion of dues monies.** This may be challenging for your Post if it's large. Track your Post membership online at amvets.org and go to "Member Center". If you need any help, contact me: 419-684-7816 H / 419-366-3856 C. Our National Membership Director still believes that this honor system will work. I hope to have better information by the time I leave National Convention. Together maybe we can make this happen.

Also we need to recruit new members. If you have a National Guard Armory in your community, contact them and ask if you can stop by on a weekend drill and present the AMVETS Program. Be sure to have membership applications with you. This also applies to the Army Reserves, Marine Reserves, Air Guard and Coast Guard. If you get a few, don't be discouraged. Treat them well and they will tell their buddies, before you know it your membership will start to grow.

Once again, if you have any questions please contact me. I'm here to help you and your members just as well as all of the State Officers are.

2nd Vice Clif Ketron

First of all, let me start by saying THANK YOU to the membership for voting me in as the 2nd Vice Commander for the Department of Ohio. I think I speak for all the department officers by saying this, "We are going to do the best job that we can do for every member and Post within our Department..." I have recently started to tour some of our VA facilities. I am also scheduled to take a few more tours in the coming month prior to our Fall conference.

I am asking that any VAVS reps for the department of Ohio contact me so we can schedule tours of your facilities or attend any other function that you may have going on.

My email is cketron22@gmail.com

You can also reach me at 419-308-9448

Photo attributions go to AMVETS Posts Facebook page administrators

KEEPING POSTED AROUND OHIO

July 4 — AMVETS float from 1985 Lancaster

July 14 — Girl Scouts deliver cookies to AMVETS members at 1983 Hamilton

July 14 — 1985 Lancaster Burial Squad Dinner

July 13 — Dunk tank at 726 Eldorado Mardi Gras

July 10 — Cabin Fever Band at 1312 Columbus

Mar 19 — Roger Davis sings karaoke at 53 Chauncey

Aug 12 — 124 Canton Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Reception

May 2 — 106 at run for Wounded Warrior Project

Aug 5 — 1983 Hamilton cook out

COMMUNICATIONS:
LEADING POSTS

Social Media:

1983 Hamilton, 1st D
1789 Brookville, 1st D
40 Mentor, 20th D
124 Canton, 16th D
1st District Facebook Page

Email Correspondence:

22 Vermilion, 13th D
250 Wooster, 13th D
464 Huber Heights, 1st D
1985 Lancaster, 7th D

Press Releases

1789 Brookville 1st D

Promotion Material Online:

112 Newton Falls, 19th D
95 Mt Vernon, 12th D
698 Middle Point, 9th D
1983 Hamilton, 1st D

Updated Websites:

15 Thornville, 12th D
17 Sandusky, 13th D
21 Findlay, 9th D
22 Vermilion, 13th D
176 Richfield, 9th D
1928, Columbus, 12th D
1983 Hamilton, 1st D
1988 Cincinnati, 1st D
2000 Columbus, 12th D

Don't see your post on here and think it should be? Email nominations to ***maria@ohamvets.org***

Post Issues and the **AMVETS Chain of Command**

1. Canteen issues are to be addressed at the Post level per the Uniform Post Constitution and Bylaws. Appeals are to be referred to the Post Board of Trustees.
2. If the Post issues are not resolved at the Post level, or if they are challenged or appealed, they should be directed to the District Commander and District Judge Advocate.
3. If not resolved at the District level, issues should be directed to the Department Commander.
4. The Department Commander will then assign a Deputy Inspector General to investigate the issue. The Deputy IG will report findings to the Department Commander, Department IG, and Department JA for adjudication.

2015 STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT *POST 69 FOSTORIA*

Post 24
Dayton

Tammy Bolton
Mary Jo Ellis
Marilyn Bowling
Judy Kulp
Ellen Weaver
and
Nancy Lewis

Post 66
Covington

Bobby Floyd
Rick Floyd
Beener Wood
and
Chri s Koon

Post 95
Mt Vernon

Bob Bloomquist
Bill Purdy
Curtis Kent
and
Gary Carpenter

Post 24
Dayton

Nathan Godsey
Jim OBryan
Trey Myers
and
Butch Myers

PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

	2015	2016	2017
POOL TOURNAMENT	LANCASTER # 1985 FEBRUARY 5 - 7	VERMILION #22 FEBRUARY 5 - 6	♦
BOWLING TOURNAMENT	SALEM # 45 MARCH 7 - 8, 14 - 15, 21 - 22 AND 28 - 29	LANCASTER #1985 TBA	♦
SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER GAMES	COLUMBUS JUNE 20-21	♦	♦
FISHING WALLEYE TOURNAMENT	SANDUSKY # 17 JULY 11	♦	♦
AMVETS STATE CAMPOUT	LOGAN # 1776 SEPT 18 - 20 COMBINED WITH HORSESHOE	HILLSBORO # 61 TBA COMBINED WITH HORSESHOE	COVINGTON #66 SEPT 16 COMBINED WITH HORSESHOE
AMVETS DAY AT OVH	SANDUSKY: AUG 29 GEORGETOWN: SEP 19	♦	♦
GOLF TOURNAMENT	FOSTORIA #69 AUG 22 - 23	HUBER HEIGHTS #464 TBA	STRUTHERS #44 TBA
HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT	LOGAN # 1776 SEPT 19 COMBINED WITH CAMPOUT	HILLSBORO # 61 TBA COMBINED WITH CAMPOUT	♦
SPECIAL OLYMPICS UNIFIED BOWLING	SAWMILL LANES COLUMBUS OCTOBER 24 - 25	♦	♦
TURKEY SHOOT	ELYRIA POST 32 OCTOBER 10	♦	♦

Programs Contact:

State 3rd Vice Don Lowers
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The AMVETS Americanism Program

The AMVETS Americanism Program is a resource for teaching children Kindergarten through 12th grade about their American heritage, civics and citizenship. It includes grade specific and age appropriate flag drawing, poster and essay contests.

Americanism winner Brooke Barnes, 6th Grade, with parents Jay and Kristie Barnes, and Joe Stevenson from Post 76.

2014-2015 Americanism Contest Winners

Aubrey Phillips*	1st Place	Post 222 Toledo	Kindergarten
Gabrielle Evans	2nd Place	Post 1985 Lancaster	Kindergarten
William Ogg	1st Place	Post 1985 Lancaster	1st Grade
Alivia Farnham	2nd Place	Post 54 Bryan	1st Grade
Elliott Armstrong	1st Place	Post 1991 Defiance	2nd Grade
Sara Lewis	1st Place	Post 21 Findlay	3rd Grade
Kolton Kilbarger	2nd Place	Post 1985 Lancaster	3rd Grade
Abigail Evans	1st Place	Post 1985 Lancaster	4th Grade
Audrey Nester	2nd Place	Post 1991 Defiance	4th Grade
Blake Zeedyk	1st Place	Post 1991 Defiance	5th Grade
Grace Barto*	1st Place	Post 21 Findlay	6th Grade
Emma Thompson	2nd Place	Post 45 Salem	6th Grade
Brooke Barnes	3rd Place	Post 76 Athens	6th Grade
Jack Conrad*	1st Place	Post 21 Findlay	7th Grade
Alivia Leyman	2nd Place	Post 45 Salem	7th Grade
Trevor Lambert*	1st Place	Post 1991 Defiance	8th Grade
Kaitlyn Kilbarger	2nd Place	Post 1985 Lancaster	8th Grade
Mackenzie Brown	3rd Place	Post 45 Salem	8th Grade
Morgan Croyle	1st Place	Post 45 Salem	9th Grade
Kassie Phelps	2nd Place	Post 1985 Lancaster	9th Grade
Caitlyn Nixon	3rd Place	Post 1776 Logan	9th Grade
Noah Lambert	1st Place	Post 1991 Defiance	10th Grade
Spencer Crosser	2nd Place	Post 45 Salem	10th Grade
D. Nathan Hanning	3rd Place	Post 76 Athens	10th Grade
Chis Brickner	1st Place	Post 1991 Defiance	11th Grade
Emily Steves	2nd Place	Post 45 Salem	11th Grade
Jillian Griffith	3rd Place	Post 1985 Lancaster	11th Grade
Michael Wilt*	1st Place	Post 1985 Lancaster	12th Grade
Sabrina Bailey	2nd Place	Post 1991 Defiance	12th Grade
David Stryffeler	3rd Place	Post 45 Salem	12th Grade

***also won contest at National level**

How to Create a Family Fire Escape Plan

From Dennis Goebel, Vice President, Liberty Mutual Insurance
A message from Liberty Mutual Insurance

According to the National Fire Protection Association, U.S. fire departments respond to a fire call every 23 seconds. Nobody expects it to happen to their home, but it might. Electrical wiring, fireplaces, candles, and clothes dryers are all potential fire risks.

Discussing fire safety could save the lives of your family members. Here are four steps to prepare your family for safe evacuation in the event of a fire:

Hold a family meeting. Discuss the danger of fire and create a family fire escape plan. Involving the whole family will ensure everyone feels safe and prepared.

Select a meeting spot. Every household needs an outdoor meeting location in case of fire. If everyone goes to the same place, you won't have to wonder whether someone is still in the house or located somewhere else outside. Your mailbox or a swing set may be good options.

Use visuals. Draw a map of your house and yard depicting each room and the different ways people could exit in case of fire.

Role-play. Walk through the steps each person should take during an evacuation. Show children how to get out of bed when they hear the smoke alarm; crawl with them through the room to stay below the smoke; show them how to test the doors before opening. If doors are warm, children should learn to use other routes to get out to the family meeting spot safely.

Discussing and practicing a home fire escape plan and teaching children what to do in case of an emergency will help your family feel prepared and safe.

To learn more about Liberty Mutual Auto and Home Insurance or get a free, no-obligation quote, call 1-800-524-9400 or visit www.libertymutual.com/amvetsofohio.

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AMVETS State Veteran Service Officers

Ohio AMVETS now has two full time State Veteran Service Officers (VSO)

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Columbus, OH 43219

2015 STATE TURKEY SHOOT

OCTOBER 10

Post 32 Elyria

4 Member Teams

$20/Person

4 Rounds

Sign in starts 10 am

Shoot starts 1 pm

Teams can have:

- AMVETS
- Auxiliary
- Sons
- Juniors
- 2 Nonmembers

2016 AMVETS State Pool Tournament

AMVETS Post 22 1517 State Rt. 60 Vermilion, OH 44089

February 5th, 6th, and 7th

8am Registration

9am Start

$25 Members

$30 Nonmembers

Race to 2 Both Sides

Double Elimination

Valley Rules

Rack Your Own

- *Cue Raffle*
- *Jump Cue*
- *Raffle*
- *Minis*
- *$2, 3, 5 & 10*
- *Side Pot*

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2417 Route 60
Vermilion, OH 44089
(440) 967-8770

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Make A Difference For Tomorrow
Join AMVETS Today!

ELIGIBILITY

All American veterans who served actively and honorably any time anywhere after September 15, 1940 are eligible for regular membership in AMVETS.

QUESTIONS?

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Application for Membership

(Please Print Information Below)

AMVETS

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO AMVETS
1395 E. Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43229

I Apply for AMVETS Membership and present $ _____ For _____ Dues

Date _____

Name _____

Street _____

State, Zip _____

Service Branch_____ Year Entered _____

Year Entered _____ Year Discharged _____

Name of Spouse _____

☐ New Annual ☐ Life Member ☐ Renewal

Post # _____ State _____

City _____

Email _____

Phone Number (_____)_____

Sex: ☐ M ☐ F DOB:____/____/____

Sponsor _____