

House Rules of the AMVETS Post 2006

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1. ACCESS TO THE CANTEEN:

All members are required to present their membership cards to the bartender or persons designated by the Board of Trustees.

2. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP•.

AMVET new member applications must be accompanied by either a copy of the applicants DD Form 214, Military ID (Active duty or retired) or Honorable Discharge. A receipt for the \$35.00 annual membership fee will be given by the bartender and will serve as a temporary pass for entrance to the post. New applicants and transferees will be voted on at the next regular meeting. Applicants will receive their temporary membership cards along with door access cards at a future regular meeting.

Applications for Auxiliary and SONS new memberships will be processed in a similar fashion but applicants will be notified by the membership chairman for the particular organization applied for.

3. CONDUCT IN THE CANTEEN:

- Gentlemanly and Lady-like conduct is required by members and guests at all times. Profanity, swearing, vulgar language and fighting are strictly prohibited in the canteen and on the premises. Any person who instigates, incites, intimidates, or harasses another person(s) to the point that said person violates this house rule, will receive the same punishment as the person violating this rule. Such punishment may result in ejection from the premises for a period determined by the Executive Committee.
- Any sexual harassment, adverse or derogatory discussion towards anyone in the post is a violation of House Rules and is strictly prohibited. Violations will be handled via Article IX, section 1B of the Post By-Laws.
- No AMVET business will be discussed in the bar and canteen area. Any discussion will be deferred to the back office or held and presented at the next E-Board or regular membership meeting.
- Children must be under the supervision and control of an adult at all times. Children are absolutely never allowed to consume alcohol. Children are not allowed to participate in any gaming activities unless an adult is participating

in that game. Children under the age of 14 must leave the canteen by 9:00pm unless allowed by a trustee or post officer.

4. DRESS CODE:

At no time will a member or guest be admitted without shoes, trousers/skirts, shirt or blouse or above mid-thigh shorts.

5. FIREARMS/WEAPONS:

Firearms are not permitted in the canteen unless worn by an Honor Guard or law enforcement while on duty. Firearms are not allowed on the post property unless legally secured in a vehicle. In addition, open knives or blades, switchblades, mace, Tasers, pepper spray etc-are not permitted anywhere on Post property.

6. GAME RULES:

- Bingo: Members and guests are permitted to play Bingo. Florida Bingo laws will be strictly followed.
- Instant Bingo (Pull-Tabs): Conducting authorized bingo in the post permits the post to sell Pull-Tabs to members and guests. Bartenders will redeem winning Pull-Tabs but only after patrons purchasing beverages at the bar are served. Bartenders who are on duty are not permitted to purchase Pull-Tabs. They must wait until their shift is over.
- Dice: Only Post members may play one time per bartender shift. All rolls of the dice must be viewed by the bartender. Numbers will change daily. Four numbers will result in a \$3.00 payout. Five numbers will result in winning the money in the pot. No numbers will result in a \$3.00 payout.
- Daily: Only Post members may play. The trustees will review and determine winners. Drawing will be done daily at 7:00pm.
- Weekly: Only Post members may participate. The trustees will determine winners. Drawings will be done every Sunday at 7:00pm.
- Queen of Hearts: Only Post members may participate. The trustees will determine winners. The drawing will be on Tuesdays at 7:00pm. Sales of tickets will end at 6:45pm just prior to the drawing.
- Bang & Shoots: Members and Guests may play.

7. GUESTS IN THE CANTEEN:

- A member must sign all guests of the canteen in the guest book and assume full responsibility for them and their actions. Guests must leave the canteen when the member who signed them in leaves. A guest may stay if another member signs them in and assumes responsibility.
- Guests are not allowed to purchase and pay for alcoholic beverages. The responsible member must purchase all alcoholic drinks for guests per Florida ATF rules.
- Guests who are eligible for membership are restricted to 3 visits before they must file an application for membership.
- Members of another post are required to sign in as a visiting guest of the post.
- Guests are allowed to play Bingo and Instant Bingo (Pull tabs) only. Guests are not allowed to play 501C machines.

8. JUKEBOX:

Playing the Jukebox will not allowed during meetings of AMVETS, Ladies Auxiliary, SONS of AMVETS or any other function that requires a quiet canteen. The bartender will determine the sound level of the jukebox.

9. MEETINGS:

- Proper decorum is expected at all times. Alcohol sales will be suspended when meetings are held in the main canteen area. When meetings are held in the back meeting room, members may bring one drink to the meeting. No one will be allowed to leave and return to a meeting with additional alcoholic beverages.
- Members attending meetings impaired by alcohol will be asked to leave.
- Members asking to be heard will stand, salute the flag and state their name. Only one person will be allowed to speak at a time.

10. OPERATING HOURS:

The bar operating hours are 11:00am to 10:00pm daily. The bartender may choose to close the bar if there are 3 or less customers but not before 9:00pm. The sale of alcohol will be suspended during official AMVET meetings being held in the main canteen unless authorized by the commander. Anyone acting in a disruptive manner during meetings will be removed from the canteen by the Provost Marshall.

11. POPCORN:

When available, popcorn will be free to all members and guests.

12. PURCHASE OF ALCOHOL:

Only members in good standing and of legal drinking age may purchase alcoholic beverages and only after presenting his or her membership card when requested by the bartender or person designated by the Board of Trustees. Violation of this rule will be handled under Article IX, Section IA of the Post By-Laws. No person determined to be intoxicated will be served alcohol. The bartender is in charge at all times and will have the final say in denying service. Anyone denied service because of being intoxicated will be required to leave the post immediately.

13. PURCHASE OF POST SUPPLIES

Trustees or a person they designate and post officers are the only persons authorized to purchase supplies for the post. Authorized limits are spelled out in the post by-laws. The use of the post credit card is the preferred way for purchasing supplies. Anyone making authorized purchases will be required to obtain a receipt that they must sign and make any appropriate comments that give a complete description of the purchase.

14, RETURNED CHECKS:

Check cashing is limited to \$50.00 per day per member. Out of state checks will not be cashed for non-AMVET members. The bartender has the right to refuse cashing a check because of low funds in the cash register. Members whose checks are returned because of insufficient funds will be required to redeem the check and pay any additional bank charges incurred by the post. Any refusal to do so will be considered Conduct Unbecoming of an AMVET and handled IAW Article IX, Section IA of the Post By-Laws. Continuous abuse could result in revocation of check cashing privileges.

15. SALES OF FOOD AND MERCHANDISE:

- i. All food sales proceeds will be for the benefit of AMVETS, Ladies Auxiliary, and Sons. Anyone (AMVETS, Auxiliary & SONS) in charge of other food events (e.g. lunch, fish night, dinners, Bingo, tacos, hoagie and steaks) will be responsible for the accounting of all monies collected. This will include accomplishing sales receipts, counting and verifying all monies and placing receipts and money in envelopes and forwarding to the proper finance officer for deposit. Having a second person verify the accounting is desirable.

ii. Merchandise sales such as hats and shirts are subject to sales tax. Trustees are ultimately responsible for the control, inventory and recording of merchandise sales. However, any trustee, post officer or bartender may handle any sales. A receipt will be completed and given to the purchaser. The receipt showing the details (e.g., size, color) will be placed in an envelope along with the money and forwarded to the finance officer for deposit.

16. SMOKING RULES:

AMVETS Post 2006 is a non-smoking in the main canteen area. Smoking is permitted in the designated smoking room, accessible from the main canteen area. The only exception is that the smoking of leaf wrapped cigars is not allowed. The back meeting and administrative office rooms are designated as non-smoking areas.

17. SOLICITATION:

Solicitation for money or products is not allowed in the canteen unless authorized by the trustees (see Article VII of the post by-laws). Violations will be handled under Article IX Section 1B of the post by-laws.

18. SPIDERS:

The remains of any bottle of alcohol that does not constitute a full shot is referred to as a SPIDER. Spiders are free on all days. Spiders will be continued until such time as management determines it is not economically feasible. SPIDERS are excluded on Draft Beer and Wine.

19. TELEVISION RULES:

Multiple televisions are available for the enjoyment of the membership. Members may change the channels of a television as long as there is not a conflict with other members. The bartender will normally be the decision maker unless he/she defers to a trustee or post officer when a conflict arises.

REVISED AND APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP ON: 4 March 2024

Les Moreland,
Post Commander