

November Newsletter

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Fellow AMVETS,

Happy Halloween! The month just flew by, we really had a lot going on this last month and it seems that we are going to have a really busy November also. Don't forget that the web site is up and running. Tim is doing a hell of a job on maintaining and updating the site. Please make use it often so his hard work is not going in vain. The web site address is amvets-2006.org. We would like to welcome the snow birds back.

Bingo is back in full swing now on Wednesday evenings with early bird starting at 5:30 pm and regular starting at 6:00 pm. Grab a calendar and see what's going on this month at the post. We ended up the month with the SEC in Orlando. Which if you have never been is an experience in itself. There was a tremendous amount of information given out this year and some very informative classes for seasoned and upcoming officers. I would encourage everyone to go to at least one to actually see and experience the inner workings of the organization that we are all so proud to be a part of. One of the most interesting programs brought up this year, I think is the Homeless Veteran's Task Force, which I am very excited about. There will be plenty more on this program to follow in the upcoming months but let me start by telling you that there are 1100 homeless veterans in the state of Florida. Those are bona fide veterans and are in need of our help. These are not the people that sit on the side of the road with a sign that says Veteran. Please help! Most of them have never been in the service and don't have a clue what a DD form -214 is. With the winter season coming upon us they are in need of toilet and hygiene products and new socks under garments. Also being collected are slightly used blankets, slightly used jackets, Sweatshirts and Sweatpants! Oh and yes cash donations are welcome. If you have anything that you would like to bring and donate we will have a drop off point set up at the post for everyone's convenience. Moving on to the end of the month we had a very nice and well attended Halloween party at the post. I was astonished at some of the ingenuity and imagination that some of you had put in your costumes this year. The month of November looks as though it's going to be another busy month, starting off with the Ladies Auxiliary purse auction on Sunday Nov 3rd from 1-5 pm along with karaoke, and wings. The Saturday after that will be the Leesburg Veterans day parade on the 9th of November at 11:00 am. If you are not on the float for the post which John Jarboe and the float committee have put in numerous hours into, please at least go and watch the parade so that after a 19 year hiatus, the city Fathers will hopefully be compelled to do again next year. Please mark on your calendar our post veterans day ceremony on Monday November 11th at 10:30am with the flag going up at 11:00am we have the bag piper coming as well as the honor guard for American Legion post 219 to assist with the flag raising, a guest singer to sing the national anthem followed by our guest speaker Major General David W. Coffman U.S.M.C. retired, followed by the usual fine food provided by the post and volunteers of the membership. The week after that on November 21st will we be having the Third Annual Feather Party at 6:00 pm where you can win your turkey or ham for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday on November 28th when we will be having the post Thanksgiving dinner starting at 1:00 pm until 2:30 pm please bring a dish to pass for this one too. The Sons have turned over the sliders on Saturday to the Ladies Auxiliary and they were having trouble in filling all of the spots needed leaving me in the predicament of having to make a decision of halting the sliders all together. After making an announcement on Tuesday nights Queen gathering reflecting the dilemma, I am happy to say that Jerry Chapman stepped up and filled the open blanks on the calendar so thanks to him sliders will continue on Saturdays as always.

Please save the date of January 11th in your calendar for a special Saturday night dinner and other special entertainment for members only. This will be a ticketed event and tickets will be sold with assigned seating

on a first come, first served basis beginning on December 1st. This will be for AMVET Family Members only! Much more information to follow shortly. You won't want to miss this special evening!

My apologies for the length of this month's newsletter even though this is quite a lengthy letter I am sure that I have forgotten something along the way, so please be sure to check the calendar for the functions upcoming this month and in the following months to stay informed. The calendar is also on the web site. Also I would encourage all of you if you haven't already done so GO VOTE! I don't care who you are for in this election, it's not for me to try and sway anyone one way or the other, all I ask is that you go vote!

God Bless America

Ronne F. McLarrin

AMVETS Post 2006 Commander