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Newsletter

July 2018

Commanders Comments

Another month is gone. That makes half of the year gone already.

July will be busy. July 1st is Chicken BBQ. July 6 will be fish fry. July 7 is the parade in Croton. July 14 will be Steak Fry. The Auxiliary has it. There will not be Burrito's in July. If we can get the help, we will have one in August.

We need people to step up and volunteer. You are only going to be working 3 hours every 3 or 4 months. We need help. Don't be afraid to volunteer. It's what keeps the VFW operating. We need our branches to keep doing events. I guess that's enough of my ranting.

Dick Mouthaan is still in Hospice at home.

Everybody have a safe and good holiday.

God bless our troupes overseas and wherever they may be stationed.

Larry Reid,
VFW 4249 Commander

Presidents Corner

Summer has finally arrived with a roar with record temperatures. Make sure to drink plenty of fluids to keep ourselves hydrated.

Congratulations, to the golf team that was sponsored by our Auxiliary, on their victory in the Camp Trotter for Children Annual 4 person

scramble that was held June 22 at Village Green Golf Course. Our team consisted of Jim O'Neil, Joe Arens, Todd McCullough and Marsh Ryman. Thanks to the Auxiliary for sponsoring our team for this worthy cause! A great time was had by all!

I hope that you all have a safe and healthy 4th of July holiday.

The Auxiliary will be having their monthly fish fry or wings or shrimp, Friday, July 6th, from 5:00-7:00. These will continue throughout the year on the first Friday of each month.

The Post will be busy with activities the month of July. Please refer to the newsletter calendar for upcoming events.

The Auxiliary will be holding their monthly meeting Monday, June 9th at 7:00. Please come out and attend the meeting.

The Auxiliary will be putting on the July steak fry on the 14th and any help would be greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board by the front door.

The Auxiliary will be having a bake sale, July 11th, the 2nd Wednesday this month because of the 4th of July holiday falling on the first Wednesday. Donations are kindly accepted.

Auxiliary membership forms are in the Auxiliary folder at the Post. We're looking forward to having more people joining the Auxiliary. The cost of a single year membership is \$26 and a life membership is available and the cost varies

depending on your age.

We are looking forward to getting new members and working with all of you at the different activities.

Jim O'Neil
President

AMVETS Post 4250



Our first meeting on June 5th went very well. We discussed a number of issues such as how we as Amvets can increase awareness of our existence to the community around us. Our past Commander Dan Boutell took the task of either a replacement or repair of our road sign which is currently sitting on the ground next to the driveway entry. Also we discussed the fact that our Post lacks a flag which is a representation of the Amvets and of our Post, certainly not as important as "Old Glory" our American Flag, however the American Flag and the Amvets Flag show others where our hearts belong. There was discussion of holding a fund raiser, or putting cans or jars out to have contributions given; these are good ideas but I suggested that for this (our flag) we who stand under that flag should be the ones to raise it. Our growth will only come from us and how we promote ourselves and the organization we represent.

We as Amvets Post 4250 have had several great honors from the Amvets Department of Michigan this past month. First a member of

our Post, a officer of our Post and of the Riders "**David Reese**" was honored with a award as "**Amvet of the Year**" **Bravo David!** The other great honor which we received was the "**Amvets Department of Michigan Brotherhood Award for 2017-2018**" accepted by Past Commander "**Dan Boutell**".

This post has had great honors bestowed upon it as a result of the dedication of those who have made it work. To those I say "Well Done".

Commander

Jim Hart