

Waverly AMVETS Post #79

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Waverly, IA 50677

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AMVET Calendar February 2012

Schedule of Events

•Every Monday is Karate at 6:30 pm upstairs

•Wednesdays are mixed drinks and beers 25¢ off

•Thursdays are 25¢ off draw beers and 50¢ off pitchers and special food nights. See calendar for menu. Also karate at 6:30 pm upstairs

•Friday has Schafkopf at 1:00 pm. Also Free pool and Juke Box until 10 pm

VFW Phone: 352-3830

Club hours:

Monday thru Friday:

3:30 to 9:00 pm (Later if patronage warrants)

Saturday:

2:00 to 9:00 pm (Later if patronage warrants)

Sunday:

Closed unless a special event

Kitchen closes at 9:00 pm

Meal Nights- Orders from the regular menu

will not be accepted until 7:30 pm. The meal rush will be over then, allowing more time and space for the bartenders to cook.

Meal Night Serving Time 5:30-7:30 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Chicken Cordon Bleu, Green Bean Casserole (LW) \$7.00	3	4 Steak Fry 5:30 - 7:30 Call in reservations by 3 pm
5 Open at 11:30 Noon Pool Tournament Chili Cook Off - Judging at 3:00pm Super Bowl Sunday	6	7 Marines Mtg	8 AMVETS Meeting	9 Pork Loin Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries Cookie (M)	10	11 WAVP Club Breakfast 7:30-10:30 am
12	13	14 Canteen Mtg. 6:30 pm VFW Mtg 7:30 pm	15 AMVETS Aux. Meeting 7:00	16 Philly Cheese Steak, Macaroni Salad (RH) \$6.00	17	18 Steak Fry 5:30 - 7:30 Call in reservations by 3 pm
19	20	21 VFW Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 pm	22	23 Hamburger, Potato Salad, Dessert (AA) \$6.00	24	25
26	27	28	29			

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Waverly AMVETS Post #79 Newsletter



Articles to be included in the newsletter may be sent to:

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Dave Farran bream243@q.com

Christina Hoffman, Circulation Manager

Items for the Newsletter must be submitted before the 20th of each month

Send Address changes to:

Mary Steinbach

901 7th Ave. NW

Waverly, Iowa 50677

Or Call 352-5059

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AMVETS News

Commander Ted Lanske (352-5362) or tedsph98@aol.com

*Well, we are now into 2012 and "Election year". My family wishes all of you a wonderful new year and most of all a healthy year. Thanks to everyone who helped or participated in our New Year's Eve party. I regret I was not able to do a January newsletter as our calendar was full and time just slipped away.

*Our Post and community lost a great AMVET in January with the death of Duane Wylam. Until Duane's health got so he could not safely participate, you could always count on him being there for funeral details or assistance. Duane also was one of the first contributors to the WAVP, realizing if the Veteran Organizations are to survive, they must work together. My condolences to the Wylam family for their loss of a father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

*If you have not renewed your membership to AMVETS, Auxiliary or Sons, now is the time to complete this task. Please realize that your dues are more than just providing a club or Post to drink at, but also provide funds to assist all Veterans. AMVETS and its subordinates are involved in many activities to assist and support our past and current Veterans and their families. As the men and women return from months spent in Iraq, Afghanistan and through out the world, assistance is needed now more than ever as our economy shows little growth. Anxiety, depression, feeling of failure followed by suicide is a leading cause of death of our returning Veterans. Please give some thought to this problem and know that your membership could make a difference, although you will receive no thank you or acknowledgement. To those that have renewed or are life members, I thank you, because of my experience and travels as a representative of AMVETS, I have witnessed the results of some of these programs.

*I do not have at this time, information regarding legislative activities pertaining to Veterans for the State of Iowa. Would ask that you check the newspapers for articles and let your legislative representatives know that you support funding for Veterans' programs.

*I am requesting that if you know of hospitalized Post members or those having health problems, please contact Larry Williamson (319-240-1753), Carl Benning (319-352-3012) or myself. I am sure there are others, but would ask that Jim Strotman and John Ingersoll be in your thoughts and prayers.

*As some of you know, my wife Jean is presently spending time with family in Vigan, Philippines. She asked that I say "Hello to everyone" as she spends this time in 85 F temperatures. She is doing great, enjoying family and friends. If you are interested in checking where she is staying, use the internet and search Quema House (Vigan, Philippines) - Wikipedia. I was there in 2008 and this house is amazing and Vigan is a beautiful old style city that was not destroyed during WWII as most cities were.

*To young and older Veterans, if in the past, your experiences with the VA health care were not satisfying, please try again. We have a new outpatient facility located off Hwy 20 and it is there to serve Veterans. I can personally attest that they are there to help. Briefly, I suffer from acid reflux and esophageal problems and through the VA, am being treated. Again, I am listed as a class 8 and these problems are not service related, yet the VA has been outstanding in taking care of me.

*Although a few months away, election for Post officers will be scheduled for May. I have informed those at the December Post meeting, and this is to inform everyone, I **do not** plan on continuing as Post Commander. The time has come for this Post to find new blood and attempt to revitalize this Post. My plans are to do some traveling and visiting relatives (long overdue) that I continue to delay. It has been, in most part, a pleasure and honor to serve AMVETS and the community. During the next few months, talk with other AMVETS and convince someone **new** to step forward and accept this duty. Thank you for your support and ask that you continue to support AMVETS and especially Post 79.

Help AMVETS Help Veterans

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary President

Donna Fischer 352-1358

The week of Valentines Day is Salute to Hospitalized Veterans week. Let's remember to thank the veterans for their service to our country. These men and women who served our country did so at a great price. Their efforts are to be always remembered and thanked.

The National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary scholarship applications are now available. Applicants must be a son, daughter or grandchild of a member of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and must be graduating high school senior who has been accepted to an accredited college or university or be in at least his/her second year of undergraduate study at an accredited college or university. You can contact me for a Scholarship application or you can go to the AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary website. The website is www.amvetsaux.org/scholarships. Please read the guidelines carefully to know which application to print. Scholarship winners will be announced at the National Convention in August.

Membership Chairman, Mary Steinbach reported we have 124 AMVETS Auxiliary members. 7 Auxiliary officers and 3 members were present at the January meeting held at the VFW hall. I am extending an invitation to all Ladies to join us at the February meeting. It would be great to see many more Ladies at our meetings.

February 15th – AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary meeting. The meeting will be held at the VFW beginning at 7:00pm.

February 23rd – The Auxiliary will be serving hamburgers, potato salad, and desserts. Serving begins at 5:30. Cost is \$6.00

Lorraine Gors passed away last month. Lorraine was an Auxiliary member for over 55 years. Please keep Lorraine's family in your thoughts and prayers.

James V. Trask, Sons of AMVETS commander

Just wanted to wish everyone a safe and happy new year and keep all of our soldiers in your prayers for a speedy and safe return home.

Also if you have not sent in your 2012 dues please do so as soon as possible to

James V. Trask
2465 Hilton Ave
Waverly, IA 50677

One last note we will be offering a 500.00 scholarship to be given out on June 1st. This scholarship is open to any High School Student planning to attend college, preferable with a connection to an AMVET, AMVET Auxiliary, or Sons of AMVETS member. We will need a written essay on what college you plan to attend, expected major, and why you deserve this scholarship. This money was donated to the Sons of AMVETS from Al Bock memorials and this will be given in his honor. All essays need to be back to me at the above address by 05-15-2012. Thanks Jim

Super Bowl Sunday Feb 5th- Partners Double Elimination Pool Tournament -\$5 entry per Person– Start at Noon. Sign up at the bar. **Chili Cook Off** – To enter, just bring a crock pot of your best Chili to the kitchen at 2:30 pm, judging will begin at 3:00, winner announced before kick off. Free will donations will be appreciated for the bowl of chili and will be donated to the WAVP project.

You may now start paying you membership dues for the 2011-2012 year. Regular and Sons of AMVETS are \$30.00 per year

Regular dues may be sent to:

AMVETS
PO Box 93
Waverly, Iowa 50677

Sons of AMVETS dues may be sent to:

Jim Trask
2465 Hilton Ave.
Waverly, IA 50677

Auxiliary Dues are just \$15.00

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Waverly Area Veterans Post - Project Update

February - 2012

We continue to work hard on the fund raising effort. At the current time, we are right at \$925,000 in funds raised for the project. Approximately 310 donors have stepped forward with their pledge/gift. Things generally slow down a bit over the Holidays so I am optimistic activity will pick up again in both our Fund Raising efforts and the actual gifts received.

KEY POINT: What the Waverly Area Veterans Post needs now is your commitment to this project in the form of a 3-year pledge. Many prospective donors have stated “they will give when construction starts”. But we cannot begin until we raise our dollar goal. The architect will not begin, the bankers will not lend, and we are missing out on certain grants because we do not have everyone’s pledge. We **DO NOT** need you to send your gift at this time. The Waverly Area Veterans Post will put full faith and trust in your pledge. We want you to also understand if this project should be scaled back, you will not be held to your commitment under those new conditions/terms. By making your pledge to support this project, we can reach our goal and begin construction in 2012. I encourage you to direct any questions, suggestions, and concerns you have about the project to me or any other member of the Waverly Area Veterans Post board of directors. You may also submit your input via the www.waverlyvets.us website using the “CONTACT US” link. It is very simple to do.

I want to extend to each of you a sincere apology for the fact we had to cancel the January 14, 2012, Waverly Area Veteran Post breakfast. Just prior to the actual date, we realized we had scheduled our event at the same time the Boy Scouts of America had scheduled their breakfast. We just did not feel it was appropriate to detract from their breakfast by holding ours at the same time. Unfortunately, we had publicly announced our breakfast but had no timely means to communicate the actual cancellation. I hope you can understand this situation and why we made the decision we made. That said, I hope you will plan to attend the next Waverly Area Veterans Post breakfast. It will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012, at the VFW. Watch for the time to be announced later.

An FYI – each of the four Veteran Posts and the Waverly Area Veterans Post are planning to participate in the annual Waverly Newspaper’s “Progress Edition” to be published February 23, 2012. We are honored we were asked by the newspaper to participate and are looking forward to sharing our progress to date and the direction we are planning for the Waverly Area Veterans Post project.

Jim Beam
Chairman, Waverly Area Veteran
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