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## A Paul Harvey Moment

In mid April of this year I received a communication through the Post 49 web site. It was from a Marta Brodsky, of Oakland Gardens, NY. Following is her request for information:

"My father, Walt Deike, was a medic in the Philippines during WWII. He has since passed away, but in his belongings are four cards from 'Imperial Japanese Army' -- Military Prison Camp No. 4. My father appears to have brought these cards back to deliver, if possible, to their intended recipients. My father lived in Illinois; the four cards he brought back were from men in the Midwest. One of the cards is from Guy W. Iversen 2d Lt Air Corps. It is addressed to Mr. & Mrs. A. Iverson.

I would like to find a family member of Mr. Guy Iversen to whom to deliver this card. I would like to find family members of all four cards to whom to deliver them and complete my father's apparent promise. I don't know if anyone cares or wants these cards, but if someone had something like this from my father, I would be inexpressibly grateful to receive it. So I'm trying to find them.

I found this posting through a Google search. Please let me know if you know anything about Mr. Iversen or how to contact his family. Thank you, Marta Brodsky"

I contacted Past Post Cdr., Clair Bruce with the information and emailed the communication to CB's son, and Sons of AMVETS member Doug Bruce. The process was set in motion, and in late May, Doug and Clair were in receipt of the last

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known post card from 1st Lieutenant Guy W. Iversen, and a nice letter from Marta Brodsky.

Guy W. Iversen was a 1st Lieutenant, in the U.S. Army Air Corps, stationed at Clark Field, in the Philippines, in December 1941. When the Japanese attacked U.S. military bases at Pearl Harbor and the Republic of the Philippines, the World War 2, in the Pacific was on.

On April 9, 1942, troops on Bataan were ordered to cease fighting and the Armed Forces on Bataan were surrendered to the Japanese. Lieut. Iversen and 11,796 others made the infamous "Bataan Death March" to Prison Camp #4 and other P.O.W. camps.

On his way to Japan, in September/October 1944, P.O.W. Guy W. Iversen along with many other P.O.W.s perished when friendly forces sank their unmarked prison ships.

In closing her letter to Clair Bruce, Ms. Brodsky said, "Please let me say, Mr. Bruce, that it is indescribably meaningful to me to

have the privilege of completing this delivery to you. In your acceptance, I feel the success of having completed a mission, even if long, long overdue, delivering at least one of the four messages that has been waiting some 60-odd years to find its way home."

The message on that last card from Guy read, "Received your box. Please send complete khaki uniforms, underwear, heavy duty socks, vitamins, and canned food. Health o.k. Waiting patiently to see you again. Guy W. Iversen"

And as Paul Harvey, no doubt would have said; "Now you know the rest of the story, gudey."

Marv Mattfeld

**Have a topic you'd like to see used in the headline article?**

**Send me your ideas at [stevex64@yahoo.com](mailto:stevex64@yahoo.com).**

### COMMANDER'S COLUMN

First of all, let me introduce you all to the new Newsletter Editor. His name is Steve Ralston. You might be thinking, Hey I've heard that name before. Maybe not Steve but it was probably his son, Ian Ralston. One of our Heroes from Iraq. I'm not sure why, but after our involvement with his son's return home he asked me if he could join the Post. Then he asked me if the Newsletter Editor position was open. Marv Mattfeld (former Editor) had mentioned to me he did not want to do the newsletter again. So, as He always is, God was looking out for me again! Marv wants to step down and Steve wants to step up? Thank you both for your involvement and thank you God for your help.

We have stopped the mid-month meat raffles. There just wasn't enough interest due to the warmer weather. But don't fret, we'll start them up in the fall. Now something else about meat raffles. It has come to my attention that we have non-members partaking. So the way to make sure this is a "Members Only" meat raffle is that from time to time you may be asked to show your AMVET Membership card. So make sure you have it with you. Sorry it has to come to this but you would think everyone partaking would be an up-to-date member.

Went for a little ride on my Harley with friends down to Desoto, MS. Stopped at Post 48 and was blown away! You think our Post is large? They could get six of our Post into theirs! Not only is there the Post, the welcome they showed us was great!

*"CMDR's Column" Continued on PG. 3*

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**NEXT POST MEETING • TUESDAY, JULY 7 • 7:00 p.m.**

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### Meeting Times

AMVETS meet @ 7:00 p.m.,  
first Tues. of the month

Auxiliary ladies meet @ 7:00 p.m.,  
second Monday of the month.

Sons of AMVETS meet @ 6:00 p.m.,  
last Wed. of the month

AMVETS Riders meet @ 11:00 a.m.  
third Sunday of the month

Jr. AMVETS meet @ 1:30 p.m.,  
second Sunday of the month.

### Post Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - ?

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## LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

We had our first meeting in June with some new officers and everything seemed to go great. We had a visit from Hannah Ackerman. She is the 15 year old who performed on the U.S.S. The Sullivans ship. We very much enjoyed her speaking and a 30 min. CD presentation. What an experience she had. It was very informative and enjoyable. Keep your calendars marked for the National Convention in St. Louis, Mo, August 6-13. Hope to see you at our July 11th meeting, 7 p.m.

Thanks for your continued support,  
La Dawn Hankins, Auxiliary  
President

## SONS OF AMVETS

You probably have noticed the new ATM in the lobby. The Sons purchased this and maintain it. All the charges go directly to our scholarship programs.

We had a very successful Memorial Day breakfast, serving around 275 meals. Thanks to all the Sons, Auxilliary and Mr Coffee, Jerry Marsh. A special thanks goes out to Chad Leuer and Brad Scheer for starting our kitchen at 3:00 am.

Also, thanks for all that came out and supported our breakfast. State convention was here. We had 5 Sons elected as state officers this year. Congratulations to all. At state convention we won an award for meeting our membership goal of 260 members. We not only met the goal but surpassed it to 280 members. Many thanks to George Cummings 1st Vice and others that mad this a success.

Upcoming events – July 23rd,  
Sons Steak Night. July 24th, Sons  
Golf Tournament

Commander John D. Onken

I would like to thank the AMVET Riders of Post 49 for their generosity in supporting my travel for the recent Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. I had the pleasure of accompanying my father, Roland Broell, and other heroes of World War II. This was their day, and their day along, and what a grand and rewarding experience it was!

With much respect,  
Tom Broell

## AMVET RIDERS

(note from the editor – Bob's article didn't make it into the June newsletter, so i'm including it here)

I want to start by saying... To our past AMVET Riders President, Steve Bundy, job well done. It was a great year, and under Bundy's leadership, we accomplished many things. My hope is that I can be as effective as the past two Presidents have been. My goal for this year is to continue what we've got going, increase our positive exposure to the community, attract the younger veterans to AMVET Riders and Post 49, and to help Ivan Hankins and Steve Bundy in the organization and formation of the Department of Iowa AMVET Riders.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who worked or attended our fish fry. We completed another successful season. In June we will ride to, "CAMP HOPE" to present them with a check for the "Lodge" building fund. Many of our AMVET Riders volunteered at the airport and many others helped welcome home our local WWII Honor Flight Veterans. The third flight will take place in September. By the time of this reading we will have completed our Spring Poker run with proceeds to benefit regular maintenance at Camp Hope. Under Ivan Hankins leadership we will soon have 4 Rider chapters in Iowa. The Iowa AMVET Riders will hold their first meeting at the state convention and elect department officers. Congratulations to Pam for her dedication to the AMVET Riders functions and being named AMVET Riders Supporter of the Year. Thank you to Commander Koehn and the Post 49 for my recognition as AMVET Rider of the year. Also, thank you to the AMVET Riders for the same recognition.

We have been a little off schedule with our monthly meetings and that will be the case again in June. This is due to the many events the Riders are involved with. I hope everyone is flexible and continues to participate on our rescheduled dates. We will keep you updated. I look forward to what lies ahead for the AMVET Riders this year and being associated with a group that is dedicated to U.S. Veterans. Enjoy Your FREEDOMS Let's Ride!  
Bob " Buck" ridge

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Everyone and I mean everyone at that Post greeted us with open arms. If you are ever down to the St. Louis area, stop over at Desoto and visit their Post. I just wish our Post could be that warm to strangers. (Something we need to work on)

Hey, we've got a Big Birthday coming. Yup, the 4th of July! The birthday of this wonderful country we all call home. Have you ever wondered why you were put here on this earth? And why in the best country on this earth? I do. But when I think about this all I can come up with is that I'm really happy I was put here! The Best country in the world, the U.S.A. Makes me proud just writing that!

God Bless the U.S.A.

Commander Koehn

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### MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR AMVETS

At our June meeting we had two new members present. We wish to welcome Gage Nardini and Grady Nardini to the Junior AMVETS. Now there is a total of twenty-one members for our Junior AMVETS.

At our Juniors meeting they voted to send \$100.00 to the honor flight. I mailed this donation to Reece Caslavka in the memory of her husband Craig Caslavka. Reece is still taking donations to help Craig's dream come true.

Our July meeting will be July 10th at 1:30 p.m. We will be going to the Ice House museum afterwards. So we would welcome anyone who wishes to join us.

In Aug. our meeting is Aug. 21st at 2:00 p.m. After our meeting is our Goofy Golf tournament, with refreshments afterwards. We hope you all help support the Juniors and come join us and play Goofy Golf at Airline highway.

Our Clothing Drive for the Homeless Standdown is Aug. 20th from 9 a.m. to 4p.m. This clothing helps our homeless Veterans and their families. Remember winter will be coming on and they will really need winter clothing like winter coats, boots hats, mittens, scarves. Yes, they need children's items, too. The clothing will be taken to Des Moines on Friday Sept.9th. The Homeless Standdown will be held Sept. 9th, 10th, and the 11th. If anyone wishes to go to Des Moines and volunteer helping that weekend, they can always use more volunteers.

Well, the Juniors have a lot going on this summer. They also want to have a car wash. So will get this check out. I don't know if I can keep up with them. But I will try.

Rose Leuer  
Jr. AMVETS Coordinator

### WHITE CLOVERS

It's that time again. White Clover Fundraiser dates this year will be August 26 and 27. Everyone is welcome to come to a meeting on July 6th at 6:00 pm to share our thoughts and ideas on how to reach and surpass our goal of \$8,000+ in 2010. Last year only 117 members raised that money. Think of what 2 or 3 hundred members could do. This is a project that all members need to get behind. Now more than ever our Veteran's need our help.

See you at the meeting  
White Clover Committee

### AMVET RIDERS

Well, I'll try this again. I was disappointed that the article I submitted last month was not printed even though it was submitted on time. This disappointment was multiplied when I saw the list of our new officers was obviously ignored and the new officer list was WRONG!

At the time of this writing, not knowing if the error will be corrected and last months article will also be included this month, I will rewrite apart.

I would like to thank the two previous Presidents of AMVET Riders Post 49. I've learned from both Ivan Hankins and Steve Bundy and I hope I can be as effective a leader as they were.

11 bikes with 19 persons left Friday, our destination, "CAMP HOPE". Our mission was 3-fold, first, to deliver a check in the amount of \$7,500 and establish the furnishings fund for the new central lodge. Secondly, to see the efforts of our labor over the past 2 years and to learn more about "CAMP HOPE". Third, to develop a relationship with Post 48 in DeSoto, MO. Post 48's plan is to ride to Cedar Falls the weekend of October 1st and participate in our Fall Poker Run with proceeds slated to benefit "CAMP HOPE". I hope our entire Post 49 will unite and host as great a weekend for them as they extended to us. And the last part of our mission was to have fun, ride, and to strengthen the relationship among the members who went on this trip.

### MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

By this reading Iowa should be chartered as a Department. There will be 4 Iowa AMVET Posts

with an AMVET Riders chapter. Being the papers had been submitted, the AMVET Riders assembled after the state meetings to meet as a department for the first time. At the meeting Department Officers were elected, Ivan Hankins - President, Steve Bundy-1st Vice, Bob Buckridge-2nd Vice, Treasurer Dan Macdonald, and Sgt of Arms, Jerry from Evansdale. There were two appointed positions also. Lezlie Bowers-secretary and Jeff Bowers as Judge Advocate. July 23rd will be the 2nd annual Rambling Wheels/AMVET Riders, summer ride, members party, and camp out. The party and camp out is for all our members, Riders and Supporters, as well as all members of Rambling Wheels.

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Bob Buckridge

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<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> Happy Independence Day</p>	<p><b>5</b> Retirees at noon Post meeting at 7:00</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> Pepper @ 7:30 pm.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Weston retirement party at 5:00 - ??</p>	<p><b>9</b> Auxiliary steak night at 5:30</p>
<p><b>10</b> 80th b-day party at 2 Jrs meet at 1:30</p>	<p><b>11</b> Aux. Mtg. @ 7:00pm.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Bike night</p>	<p><b>13</b> Letter carriers meet at 7:00 Poker tournament at 7:00</p>	<p><b>14</b> Pepper @ 7:30 pm.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> Korean war vets of Iowa meet at 11:00</p>
<p><b>17</b> Darst 50th anniversary party at 2:00 Riders meet at 11:00</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> Bike night</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> Pepper at 7:30</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> Riders summer party at 10:00 Sons steak night at 5:30</p>
<p><b>24</b> Sons golf rescheduled tournament at 11:00a.m.</p>	<p><b>25</b> Board of Trustees meeting at 5:30</p>	<p><b>26</b> Bike night</p>	<p><b>27</b> Sons meet at 6:00 Poker tournament at 7:00</p>	<p><b>28</b> Pepper at 7:30</p>	<p><b>29</b> 40th anniversary party at 4:00 - ??</p>	<p><b>30</b> Erickson party in back room 4:00 - 8:00 Jrs. steak night at 5:30</p>
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## MILITARY HONORS in July

<p><b>Geoffery A. Dunkelberg</b> 1963 - 2011 U.S. Navy Persian Gulf War May 27, 2011 Hillside Cemetery, Cedar Falls, Iowa</p>	<p><b>John A. Wilson</b> 1928 - 2011 U.S. Army Air Corps World War 2 June 3, 2011 Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens Cedar Falls, Iowa</p>	<p><b>James A. Damon</b> 1919 - 2011 U.S. Army World War 2 June 7, 2011 Waterloo Memorial Park Cemetery Waterloo, Iowa</p>	<p><b>Wilbur Arthur Blanchard</b> 1919 - 2011 U.S. Army World War 2 June 10, 2011 Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens Cedar Falls, Iowa</p>	<p><b>MILITARY HONORS PARTICIPANTS FOR JUNE</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>R. Campbell 1</td> <td>R. Condon 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G. Dlack 2</td> <td>R. Fingeroos 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M. Gray 4</td> <td>B. Haskins 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R. Herter 3</td> <td>J. Jasper 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W. Jaehrling 5</td> <td>G. Lugg 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. Marsh 5</td> <td>M. Mattfeld 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G. Mathes 2</td> <td>L. Miller 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G. Olmstead 3</td> <td>D. Pint 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D. Redenius 1</td> <td>L. Ruebel 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A. Schmidt 1</td> <td>D. Shellenberger 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D. Siems 1</td> <td>E. Strong 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T. Tackenberg 4</td> <td>J. Williamson 1</td> </tr> </table>	R. Campbell 1	R. Condon 3	G. Dlack 2	R. Fingeroos 1	M. Gray 4	B. Haskins 4	R. Herter 3	J. Jasper 3	W. Jaehrling 5	G. Lugg 6	J. Marsh 5	M. Mattfeld 6	G. Mathes 2	L. Miller 3	G. Olmstead 3	D. Pint 3	D. Redenius 1	L. Ruebel 3	A. Schmidt 1	D. Shellenberger 5	D. Siems 1	E. Strong 3	T. Tackenberg 4	J. Williamson 1
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 <p><b>FLY THE FLAG WITH PRIDE!</b></p>	<p><b>John G. Dixon</b> 1937 - 2011 U.S. Army Korean War June 13, 2011 Garden of Memories Cemetery Waterloo, Iowa</p>	<p><b>Charles E. Stratton</b> 1924 - 2011 U.S. Army Air Corps World War 2 June 17, 2011 Greenwood Cemetery Cedar Falls, Iowa</p>	<p><b>NOTICE</b></p> <p>In the event of the hospitalization, a death of a member of Post 49 Auxiliary, or a member's immediate family, or for a funeral lunch at Post 49, please call Chaplain Nancy Kemp at 234-1428</p>																									

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