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SEPTEMBER 2011

WHITE CLOVER FUND DRIVE GATHERS IN \$8,430.32!

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Here we go again, another month of summer is slipping by! So get out there and enjoy what is left of it, I plan to.

Hey, did you hear how the NEC in St. Louis turned out? The way I understand it is Kathy Berning was elected National Aux. Scholarship officer, Jim Myer was elected National Son's 3rd Vice, Brittney Kammeyer was elected National Jr's Secretary and Ed Kemp was elected to the National Finance Committee. Then to top it all off, the Jr.s won 12 National Awards! Congratulations to you all. You really know how to make this Post Proud.

Hey some dates to remember in the New month. Sept. 11th is the Son's Car show. Heck, I might even get my 40 Chevy out for this one. Next we have Sept. 16-17-18 for our "Fall Scrap drive".

Here is something I want to try so remember this date. I need you to stop reading this and take it out to your calendar. O.K. you there? Good! The date is Sept. 25 and the event is our "First Ever Post Potluck". Now write it on the calendar with the time of 1:00 P.M. Now we all know what a Potluck is. So start planning what you want to bring. I'll try to get the Post to pay and cook the main dish. No, I'm not going to tell you what it will be, you'll have to come down for the Potluck to find out. Might be hamburgers, Might be Ham or it might be Road Kill? But it will be GOOD!!

NOTICE

SPOILER ALERT! Read The Commander's article for more info, but Sept. 25, 1PM, we're having the first ever Post 49 Potluck! Read the article, MARK YOUR CALENDAR, and plan on being there!

Remember Sept. 25 at 1:00 P.M.

The last date is one I don't need to mention and that is 9-11. We all know what this date means to the U.S.A. So do what ever you want on this date, but remember! I'll be saying a Prayer for all who were lost that day. God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Now to close. Hey, does anyone else like to "people Watch". I do and have been doing it here at the Post. I've see the one's who think they own the remotes for the T.V.s. I've see the one's who point out a problem but do nothing to help resolve it. And I've seen the ones who just complain about Everything! But then I see the MASS of the Membership who say nothing and just resolve the problems. I'm talking about the Lunches for Funerals, working Steak Night, Helping with the food for a Fun Raiser, helping with the Scrap Drive, Operation Christmas, (I could go on and on) etc. Heck I'm even talking

about every Elected Official of this Post. These are the wonderful people that make this Post what it is. So to all of you in this last category, THANK-YOU for being who you are. What a great group of wonderful People! I'm VERY Proud to call you all my Friend and fellow Amvet.

Remembering 9-11

Your Commander (and *amn Proud of it)

Denny Koehn

WHITE CLOVER DRIVE

AMVETS Post 49 completed a very successful White Clover Drive the weekend of 26-28 August. Numerous volunteers worked 2 hour or more shifts around town in front of numerous businesses. Some of these heroic volunteers did two or three or more two hour shifts! Several volunteers spent 8-9 hours in front of some of the biggest stores such as Hy-Vee,

Wal-Mart etc. selling those White Clovers.

On top of the weekend campaign for White Clovers, the Thunder in the Valley Air Show out at the Waterloo Airport added another revenue chance for the Post. Between 50- 95 AMVETS Riders and Supporters worked the crowd selling beer at the beer tents and also selling White Clovers!

The two day event at the airport took in over \$4000.00 in clovers sold! What a great effort on behalf of our Post made by the Riders!

So you can't give this fund raiser a couple hours to help raise funds for our post?

How about this Personal White Clover story----

Randy French, a Post 49 member drove here some 1400 miles round trip from Texas, to give our Post over 20 hours in front of Wal-Mart and then out to the Air Show selling White Clovers for our Post. He personally collected over \$1700.00 in White Clover sales! Randy is a retired US Army soldier with many stripes and many medals on his uniform. He is the son of our very proud Auxiliary "nuts" lady--Kathy French! Now simply said, next time you are asked to get up off that easy chair and help us out on this Major fund drive, please remember Randy French's contribution.

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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. - ?

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. - ?

(?) - Closing time is dictated by the
amount of business.

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Welcome to the Post. It's
YOUR Post, we encourage
you to speak up and join in.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

I'm glad everyone returned home safely from National Convention. Many congrats to Kathy Berning, our new National Scholarship Chairman. Also, way to go to the Juniors for bringing home many awards.

Upcoming dates; Auxiliary Garage Sale, Saturday, September 10, 7 am to 1 pm. Please bring items to Amvets by Thursday, September 8th. Please no clothes. September 12, Auxiliary meeting at 7 pm. October 1st, breakfast at the Amvets more information to follow.

Congrats again to Kathy Berning and our Juniors!

Thanks for your continued support,
LaDawn Hankins
Auxiliary President

And a thank you from the Ladies Auxiliary -

THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU

To all the members who donated to the Auxiliary's schools supply box for North Cedar Elementary.

It was a great year for supplies, Also thank you to AMVETS, Auxiliary, Son's and the

Juniors for their monetary donation. Thanks to several other members who also donated money. I

went shopping and filled in with 3-ring notebooks and spiral notebooks. Thank-you everyone.

The kids will have much needed supplies to start their new year. 2nd Vice Auxiliary
Diane Kline

POST GOLF TOURNAMENT REMINDER

The Entry forms for the Post 49 Annual Golf tournament, Sunday, Sept 25, at Pheasant Ridge Golf Course in Cedar Falls, are on the table in the foyer.

Find a partner, or three to complete a foursome, and sign up. The entry fee (\$40.00) must accompany the entry form. Leave the completed entry form and the entry fee with the bartender. The deadline for signing up is Wednesday, Sept. 21. Entry fees will be refunded should you not be able to participate.

WHITE CLOVERS CONT'D FROM PAGE 1

The effort made by Randy French was recognized by the Riders Executive Board when they awarded Randy (A post & Riders member) a Riders shirt and a Riders Vest. Again, a member of our Post who came in from Texas to help us raise money for White Clover.....tell me again why you couldn't help out?

I would like to thank the White Clover committee who assumed this fund drive for the very first time. That committee consisted of Donna Johnson & LaDawn Hankins from the Auxiliary and Jeff Bowers from the AMVETS Post.

I'd like to also thank those volunteers who came in and went out to help collect donations. Several volunteers set personal best records in the hundreds of dollars collected and they should be very proud of their personal sacrifices to help out White Clovers.


Our thanks to the Thunder in the Valley organizers also for designating our AMVETS Riders members the official distributors of refreshments throughout six concessions stands during the two day show at the Waterloo airport. Guess what?...they managed to collect over \$4,000.00 in White Clover donations! Be sure to thank the over 95 Rider members and supporters who contributed to the two-day event. They worked for us.

In the future years with White Clovers, the committee will have to be creative in how we disburse our volunteers. They will be working from today to plan next years event.

Tom Hagarty
Finance Officer

SCRAP DRIVE IN SEPTEMBER

We have a scrap metal drive coming up, Sep. 16, 17 and 18. Alter Metal is helping us out with this. Bring in ANY scrap metal you have on those days. Iron, steel, brass, copper, aluminum, anything metal you want to get rid of. A truck will be available to pick up large items.(Personally, I have 2 buckets full of nails and screws from the remodel on my house. I've been wondering what I'd do with those. I'm bringing them to the Scrap Drive – Steve)

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4	5 	6 Retirees at noon Post meeting at 7:00	7	8 Pepper @ 7:30 pm.	9	10 Auxiliary Garage Sale 7 a.m. - 1p.m.
11 Sons Car Show	12 Aux. Mtg. @ 7:00pm.	13 Bike night	14 Letter carriers meet at 7:00 Poker tournament at 7:00	15 Pepper @ 7:30 pm.	16 Newsletter Articles Due	17 Bikes 4 Warriors Bike Ride 10 a.m. Post Scrap Metal Drive
18 Post Scrap Metal Drive	19 Post Scrap Metal Drive	20	21 Golf tournament sign-up deadline	22 Pepper at 7:30	23	24 Sons steak night at 5:30
25 First Ever Post Potluck, 1 p.m. Post Golf Tournament	26 Board of Trustees meeting at 5:30	27 Bike night	28 Sons meet at 6:00 Poker tournament at 7:00	29 Pepper at 7:30	30 AMVETS Riders Cajun Boil	

MILITARY HONORS IN SEPTEMBER

<p>Jerald W. Baxter 1963 - 2011 Iowa National Guard MILITARY HONORS July 26, 2011 Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens Cedar Falls, Iowa</p>	<p>William H. Biemann 1930 - 2011 U.S. Marine Corps Korean War MILITARY HONORS July 26, 2011 St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery Denver, Iowa</p>	<p>Robert L. Juel 1949 - 2011 U.S. Army MILITARY HONORS August 6, 2011 Community Building New Hartford, Iowa</p>	<p>Everett D. Petersen U.S. Marine Corps 1943 - 2011 MILITARY HONORS July 15, 2010 Greenwood Cemetery Cedar Falls, Iowa</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MILITARY HONORS PARTICIPANTS FOR SEPTEMBER</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>R. Broell 3</td> <td>G. Lugg 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T. Broell 1</td> <td>J. Marsh 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C. Bruce 1</td> <td>M. Mattfeld 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R. Campbell 3</td> <td>G. Mathes 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R. Condon 3</td> <td>A. McNeal 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G. Dlask 3</td> <td>L. Miller 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T. Dreesman 2</td> <td>G. Olmstead 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R. Fingeroos 2</td> <td>D. Onken 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M. Gray 2</td> <td>D. Pint 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T. Hagarty 3</td> <td>L. Ruebel 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B. Haskins 1</td> <td>D.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R. Herter 3</td> <td>Shellenberger 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M. Ihnen 2</td> <td>E. Strong 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. Jasper 2</td> <td>D. Tovar 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W. Jaehrling 2</td> <td>J. Williamson 1</td> </tr> </table>	R. Broell 3	G. Lugg 2	T. Broell 1	J. Marsh 2	C. Bruce 1	M. Mattfeld 3	R. Campbell 3	G. Mathes 2	R. Condon 3	A. McNeal 2	G. Dlask 3	L. Miller 1	T. Dreesman 2	G. Olmstead 1	R. Fingeroos 2	D. Onken 2	M. Gray 2	D. Pint 3	T. Hagarty 3	L. Ruebel 1	B. Haskins 1	D.	R. Herter 3	Shellenberger 2	M. Ihnen 2	E. Strong 2	J. Jasper 2	D. Tovar 1	W. Jaehrling 2	J. Williamson 1
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AMVET RIDERS

The goal, to bring more positive exposure to our Post and to The Post 49 AMVETS Riders has kept us extremely busy. This past month the Riders joined with the Rambling Wheels Motorcycle racing club for a joint ride, party, and camp out at their club grounds. Those who didn't participate missed a great time, and great food. The meat was cooked to perfection and was ready to eat by 6:00 p.m.

The following day 10 riders & Supporters successfully completed CPR and First Aid certification. We are working on getting an AED machine donated to the Post.

On July 28th we organized a "Welcome Home" tribute to the 1-133rd troops and their families. This was a joint effort between our AMVETS Riders, Buzz's Bar, and the Screaming Eagle American Bar and Grill. Many others helped make this a success to include the Honor Guard and Bugler from Post 49.

On Sat. July 30th we participated in the Dunkerton Parade. Jeff and Mary Gann extended hospitality to the Riders. My only disappointment, was again, as the Sturgis Falls Parade, the lack of patriotism in respect for our nations flag. The bright point this time is that at least the people of Dunkerton stood when encouraged. With the exception of (1) very disrespectful man.

That evening we participated in the "Honor to all recent Wars" tribute, downtown Waterloo at the River Front "Expo Center".

Ivan Hankins, Iowa AMVETS Riders Department President and George Cummings, Post 49 AMVETS Riders 2nd Vice President, attended the National AMVETS Riders meeting in St. Louis. MO.

Yes it is true... while riding in Custer Park, Linda and I were charged 2x's by a buffalo bull. On his 2nd charge he hit our bike. We were not hurt but we are now sporting a front fender dent thanks to his horn.

A Sturgis story and memory.

This morning about 15 bikes left our Post and joined with another 200 bikers in Charles City. We participated in the funeral of Navy Seal Specialist, Petty Officer 1st class Jon C. Tomlinson of Rockford, IA.

We paraded from Charles City to the Rudd, Rockford, Marble Rock

high school in Rockford, IA. Once at the school we helped form a flag line and sealed off the area from potential interrupters, media, and others. Some of our Riders escorted the body of P.O. 1 Tomlinson to the cemetery. It did us good to see "EVERY" person, both young and old, along the route, standing and displaying respect, as we passed. This should be demonstrated by everyone. Again at the grave site we helped form a flag line to shield the funeral activities. What an awesome display of honor and respect was given to this fallen hero.

By the time of this month's reading of the 49er we will have participated both days at the Air Show. I hope everyone came out and had a good time

The AMVETS Riders will put on a "CAJUN Boil" on Friday Sept. 30th at the Post. We hope everyone will make plans to come out and eat. You know the success and how good our food is at our winter fish fries, so you should know this too will prove to be a great event.

Enjoy Your Freedoms

Let's Ride!

Buffalo Buck

AMVET/RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The forth AMVET/Red Cross blood drive of the year was held on Monday, Aug 15. We missed the goal of 33 units set by the Red Cross by 8 units. Apparently too many people were out of town or busy with other things. Perhaps we will show better on our blood drive on October 17.

We are appreciative of the help we receive on the blood drive. Our thanks to Jack Reed for his work with registration, and to Sharon Darst, Sharon Drenner, Wilma Ehrhardt, Kathy French, Alberta Kammeyer, RuthAnne Lugg, and Jane Marsh for their work in the canteen and recovery. A special thanks to the ladies of the Auxiliary who bake the great cookies served in the canteen.

Our next blood drives dates are October 17, and December 19.

To those who gave blood, we thank you and assure you those who received your blood in a transfusion are truly appreciative. To those who were not able to participate this time, we hope the next time works out.

Blood Drive Coordinators,
Dick Herter & Marv Mattfeld

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BIKES FOR WARRIORS

Dana Eggleston and James Bobst are putting together a non-profit organization, Bikes 4 Warriors. Its purpose is to provide custom-made hand-cranked bikes for soldiers who have lost one or both legs, so they can stay active with their family and friends. Bikes will probably, at least initially, be made at an Iowa City bike shop. Each bike will be made to fit the specific needs of the rider.

There will be a bike ride Saturday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m. The ride starts at AMVETS Post 49 and will make its way around several bars and other establishments. The goal of the ride is to raise awareness about and support for this organization. There is a cash entry donation.

The website, if not live by the time you read this, should be live soon. News, updates and pictures of bikes and riders will be highlights of the site. The address is <http://www.bikes4warriors.com>

HONOR GUARD REPORT FOR 2010/2011

In 2010/2011, the Post 49 Honor Guard participated in 78 military honors services, and 16 Americanism and flag programs.

Total Honor Guard man-hours and miles donated for 2010/2011, amounted to 3050 man-hours and 30,355 miles donated.

In 2010/2011, donations to the Honor Guard Amounted to \$3,980.00, which was used in part to purchase uniform items and purchase non-clothing equipment and repair parts. In that same period, the Honor Guard received \$1600.00, from the Dept. of Defense for working with the Iowa Army Funeral Honors Unit on veteran's funerals.

You might be interested in knowing that approximately 29% of the families for whom we performed military honors made donations to the Honor Guard. That is up from the approximately 22% from the previous year.

This pretty accurately reflects the level of activity of the members of the Honor Guard. Though the donations may not reflect it, the cards, notes, and comments from family members are a testament to the high regard in which the Honor Guard is held.

My thanks to all the Honor

Guard members that answer the call to fulfill the pledge our government has made to our men and women in the armed forces. I am especially grateful to those Honor Guard members who spend their own gas money to get us to the various sites for military honors

Marvin R. Mattfeld,
Honor Guard coordinator

POST GOLF TOURNAMENT DATE SET

The Post 49 Annual Golf tournament has been set for Sunday, Sept 25, at Pheasant Ridge Golf Course in Cedar Falls.

The tournament is open only to Post 49 AMVETS, their spouses, Auxiliary members, Sons of AMVETS, and social or associate members of Post 49. Post membership cards will be checked at registration.

The event will be an 18 hole, 2 players, best shot format, with a modified shotgun start. The number of entries will determine the number of flights. There will be three cash payouts per flight. There will be 7 flag events, 50/50 raffles, and mulligans available for purchase.

Donated prizes will be available at the Post after the tournament. Donated prizes will have a value of \$10.00 or more.

A lunch will be served at Post 49 with extra meals available at a modest price. The menu has not yet been determined, but it will be tasty and filling.

We will try to keep tournament costs and payouts comparable to those of last year's tournament.

You have until September 25, to sharpen your game, put aside a modest pile of money, and find a friend to partner up with, and then join your AMVET family in a wonderful recreational and social event.

Marv Mattfeld and the Golf Tournament Committee

HAWAIIAN CRUISE TOUR

Attention all 49'ers you still have time to get on board our group "Hawaiian Cruise Tour" on Feb 24th to Mar 11th ,2012.

This cruise is fully escorted and will be a lot of fun . The cut off date is Sept 28 for our group block and at that time we will lose the better stateroom location on the ship. For more information please call "MAC" at 319-232-4122 or email cedarvt@qwestoffice.net.

MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR AMVETS

Last month the Juniors donated \$100.00 to the Cedar Valley Hospice. Our Jr.'s Bell and Brody Lugg went on the Hospice walk with their Grandmother Ruth Ann Lugg. They each walked for seven miles. We also donated \$100.00 for supplies for the North Cedar School.

The Juniors did great at the National convention this year held in St.Louis,Mo. They have not seen their awards yet, By the time the newsletter is due. So I will be reporting the awards next month. But I can tell you that we did win 12 awards. So Great Job Juniors. The Juniors that where able to go to the National Convention were Brittaney Kammeyer, Jacob Kline and Trevor Kline.

Brittaney Kammeyer was also Elected our National Junior s Secretary. So congratulations Brittaney.

We had a good time in St. Louis and we spent Friday at the zoo there.

We would like to thank Everyone who donated clothing for our clothing drive on Aug. 20th. The clothing will be going to Des Moines on Sept. 8th. Remembering our homeless Veterans and their families.

Thank you so much for supporting our Junior Amvets I will have a lot to report next month.

Rose Leuer - Jr.'s Coordinator
Jacob Kline- President

SONS OF AMVETS

Not a lot happening this month. We had our golf tournament. It was a good turn-out and a lot of fun.

First flight winners were:

Joe Kemp, Jaron Wagner

Second flight winners:

1st – Doyle Price

2nd – Mark Shawalter

3rd – Jimmy Richtsmeir, M. Ihnend Klocke

Third flight winners:

1st – s/o, 2nd – JR and Linc, 3rd Terry Schieffer and Rhodenbaugh

We are currently working on our car show which should be a good turn out this year. Any Sons, or anyone else that would like to help with the car show, please contact John Onken,

Commander.

National Convention was in August. Jim Myers was elected to 3rd Vice for National Sons.

Upcoming events:

Car Show – Sept. 12

Sons Steaks – Sept. 24

Sons Meeting – Sept. 28 at 6pm

Commander John Onken

PARKS COL. POSITION

The Parks Colonel position is still open, The Parks Colonel is in charge of the Flag Park on the East side of the Post property, Adding new flag poles as they are sold, and replacing flags when they are worn out. The Cmdr. would like to see that position filled. If interested, please contact Denny Koehn.

THANK YOU

I have tried to put together teams from the Honor Guard to work a couple of steak nights a year, believing that working steak nights twice a year would not be too difficult a task. In the past, Earle Strong and his wife, Jeannette, Bob Campbell and his wife Darlene, Barry Haskins, and Dan Tovar have made themselves available to help. I am grateful to them for their participation I was struggling to find enough people to make up a crew for July 16. I was pleasantly surprised when Todd Dreesman volunteered and his wife Debbie, and their two children, Ashley and Alex came along to help Dan Tovar and myself. Pam Bergman was a godsend with her knowledge of where things are and what needed to be done, as well as running the cash register. I appreciate very much the help of all of the above; it could not have been the success it was without you. It was a hot evening in the kitchen and you survived it.

Marv Mattfeld

BRANSON MOTOR COACH TOUR

Attention 49'ers we still have room available on our 'Motor Coach Tour' to Branson MO for Veteran's Day weekend . For more information please contact 'Mac' at 319-232-4122 or email cedarvt@qwestoffice.net.



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