

# AMVETS Post 148

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## Special Events

- Alzheimer's Walk
- Blood Drive
- VA Bingo
- District Mtg @ Post 88

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## Commanders Corner – Bobby Swigart

Hello VETERANS, Juniors, Auxiliary, Sons, Riders, Recap August: WHAT A MONTH!!! AMVET National Convention was held in L'ville (Louisville, for non hillbilly's). MAIN TOPIC of DISCUSSION again, was

MEMBERSHIP!!! Our back hall bar rebuild is almost complete!!!! Many THANKS to MR Rick "14" Turner and all the helpers!!! I am extremely THANKFUL for ALL AMVET 148 organizations!!! We are slowly but surely moving our post FORWARD!!! Remember : LIFES GREAT @ 148!!! SPECIAL POST THANK YOU'S to : 148 Ladies Auxilliary for their \$1000.00 towards the barn slab cover, And 148 Riders, who initiated the matching funds, \$1000.00, at a boy "Cracker".

Here's the upcoming District venues again: [148 District Bowling 2010](#); Month, Date TBD. Venue Leader: Butch "IKE" Nelson. At a boy "IKE"!!! "IKE" will need help, Get with "IKE" to offer your assistance.

[148 District Horseshoes](#);

2011 Month, Date TBD. Venue Leader: Tracy "Hercules" Pitstick. Way to go "Herc"!!! Let Tracy know of your intent to HELP!!! [148 District Cornhole](#); 2011 Month, Date TBD, Venue Leader: Open, need a Volunteer. [148 District POOL](#); 2011/2012 Month, Date TBD, Venue Leader: Rick "Size 14" Turner. "14" all the way!!! Let Rick know of your interest in HELPING!!!

Many, Many, Activities in September Check the calendar, Show up, We'll be HAPPY to see YOU!!!

I believe we need to read this again: An interesting **fact** submitted by Bill Knoll 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander: AMVETS 148 has 383 VETERAN members. Less than 4% actually show up at meetings or Volunteer to assist in work needing to be completed at the Post. (actual % is 3.5% = 's 13 VETERAN members) Based on these numbers, that were tracked this past year, several questions come to

mind.  
1) If 148 closed your doors yesterday, would you care?  
2) Do you recognize what you have in 148 ?  
3) If you add nothing to your Post, do you deserve what you have?  
If the facts presented and the questions posed get you disturbed; GOOD; if the facts and questions make you think; BETTER; If the facts and questions cause you to take ACTION; FANTASTIC!!!  
See you at the September 1<sup>st</sup> General Membership Meeting 7:00pm. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!!!

Again; 'Ike' Nelson is always on the prowl for more information and pictures etc.. for the "Screen". Got some? Give it to "Ike".

As always, there's room for you at the post. Drop in and say hello to everyone. We'll be glad to see you.

Remember all our Military in your thoughts and prayers!!! GOD Bless YOU!!! GOD Bless the USA!!!

See you at the POST B.

### Auxiliary Charities

Honor Flight, Fisher House, USO, Dayton VA & Hospice, Shoes for Kids, Children's Miracle Network, Pink Ribbon Club, Special Child Meaghan, Special Wish, MDA, American Heart Assoc., Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Assoc., Leukemia Assoc.

*Please Support Us to provide for our various Charities*

## Auxiliary President – Wilma Rowland

### Hello Ladies,

I hope you all are making it thru this hot spell we have been having. At this moment we have no Ladies in the hospital. Georgette & Theresa are doing better and glad to be out of the hospital. **November 13th** is the Date set for Another **Comedy Night for Big T.** FYI

Great Job goes out to Auxiliary member **Debra Cummins** for her efforts on raising money for Honor Flight. She spearheaded a Craft Show/Flea Market and has raised over \$350.00. She worked very hard getting many door prizes etc. Thanks also to Auxiliary members Bernice Allen & Joan Geer who helped us and those members to come to the event. Also thanks to Deb's sister Belinda & kids for coming from KY to help.

The CREW working the Dragons Games are doing a GREAT JOB and Sept 1st will be the last game to work this year. Thanks for a summer of hard work we appreciate YOU!!

At the August meeting I passed out a schedule of events (Aug-Dec) for our Auxiliary. It is also posted in the reading room (hee hee) at the Post. I will post each month in the newsletter. I hope everyone enjoyed the New Medway Firehouse Tour August 23rd where we presented them with the Fire hose Wreath.

We have a VERY Busy September 2010:

- 1 7pm Officer Mtg
- 6 Labor Day
- 8 7 pm Monthly Mtg
- 11 9-12pm **Blood Drive** (free Breakfast to those who donate)
- 11 6-8pm Aux Cabbage Roll Dinner—Mystery Box Fundraiser (**Theresa**)

- 11 8pm Bluegrass Music
- 15 7pm Alzheimer's last Mtg (**Come on gang we need help**)
- 17 7pm Alzheimer's Room Set Up
- 18 9am Alzheimer's Memory Walk gathering to go
- 19 2pm 1<sup>st</sup> Dist Mtg Post 88 Troy
- 19 12pm Dayton VA Bingo

**Come** to our activities and help us out, even if you do not attend a Monthly meeting you could attend a Committee meeting or just let us know how you can help your Auxiliary. Give us some ideas. For those out of STATE or AREA-- Email me with [info-skeeter1115@aol.com](mailto:info-skeeter1115@aol.com) Just cause you are gone, don't think I have forgot YOU!! If I don't have email addresses of Auxiliary 148 members you know--please send them to me. Thanks HAVE A GREAT MONTH!!

## Auxiliary 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Laurie Kenyon

Welcome new members Pam Ohrman and Sharon Gernhardt. It was great seeing Sharon at the meeting!!! Auxiliary meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at PM. Everyone come and join us for this new year and new beginnings!

Happy Birthday in September to: Jacqueline Appel- Sept 13th, Stacy Arnold- Sept 2nd, Shalnessa Blasioli-Sept

26th, Lora Dinnen-Sept. 17th, Patricia Gillette-Sept 12th, Eileen Meyer-Sept 12th, Karen McKenzie-Sept 10th, Tyanna Perkins-Sept. 16th, Amber Wasem- Sept. 12th.

Everyone mark your calendars for September 11th. We will be having a fund raiser for Theresa Wheeler, come join the events, all going for a very good cause. The Auxiliary will be having a mystery

box auction/raffle!!! Also a wonderful cabbage roll dinner for \$7.00. Remember one of our own, we have all had those times of need when the best we could do on our own just isn't quite enough, come out and help!!!!

God Bless Our Troops!

Remember your secret sister



## Americanism – Pat Turner



The July 4th, Fairborn Parade was a great success, despite the very hot weather. The Junior AMVETS and youth that road on the Auxiliary float kept us cool with their spray bottles, and laughing with their antics. Thank you all for coming out and supporting our Auxiliary. We were fortunate to receive the "Star Spangled Celebration" award from the Fairborn Parade judges. This makes the 6th year in a row that our floats from Post 148 have been acknowledged with an award and cash prize. A special thanks to Norman Rouch Jr. and Jessica for pulling our float, and Buddy Langford and his son Bill for pulling the AMVETS float, and a shout out thanks to Keith Morgan for running at the last minute to get the right size ball thingy for us to even pull the float. It take a lot of time, effort and generous volunteers to put this all together, I thank you all.

We continue our commitment to get packages over to our troops serving overseas. I **need names and APO**

**addresses of any relatives, friends or neighbors deployed.** Please with this information, your name and relationship to the soldier, and an e-mail address if you have one, so we can let them know when we send out the care packages. If they have any special needs, we would like to know that as well. There is a jug at the canteen service bar for cash donations to help with the cost for the care packages, but we will also take item donations. We can always use individually wrapped hard candy. Please no chocolate, it melts too easily. Slim jims, NO PORK PRODUCTS, they love the individual flavorings they can put in their bottled water, tuna, single serving mac & cheese, beef jerky, puzzle books, wet wipes, hand sanitizer. The list is longer, this is just a few highlights. A complete list is posted on the board in

the canteen. Any donations can be brought to the Post 148 canteen. We hope to get the names organized and packages out by the end of the month. Thank you in advance for your help and support for our troops.

A special "**Way to go Girlfriend**" goes out to AMVETS and Ladies Auxiliary member Debra Cummins. On her own she organized and ran a craft show for the *Honor Flight Program*. She held it at the Lion's Den in Medway, with support from Bernice Allen, Joan Geer and Wilma Rowland. She went into our community and got donations from dozens of stores and businesses. You did a great job Deb, and we are very proud to have you as a sister Auxiliary member.

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*"Any society that would give up a little liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both.."*  
Benjamin Franklin

## Junior AMVETS – Andy & Johnda Rollins

Hi Junior Amvets.

We had our car wash, and the breakfast for the Riders bike run, I want to thank the Jr's who could show up and help. Our next meeting is September 12th, at that time I need to know who would like to come and walk for the Alzheimers walk on the 18th of September. I don't think we have any up coming events we need to talk about, I will keep in touch with you and your parents to let everyone know whats going on.

Thanks for all your help.

## RIDERS Chapter News

Greetings Riders. For those of you that came to the Poker Run, we had a blast, didn't we. Got a little wet along the way but it was still fun. Our next dinner is September 18<sup>th</sup>. Sure

could use some help that night.

You need to be at the meeting so you can hear what's going on with our Chapter. Right now the next meeting is September 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

Please try to be there.



## Auxiliary 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice – Pat Turner

Well our long hot summer is coming to a close, just as activities at AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary is heating up. We have a very busy fall line up and invite all our Auxiliary sisters to come support our efforts to reach out to our community. The first event on our community service calendar for the month is our **Blood Drive, September 11th**. Once again we will host a blood drive at Post 148, donations will be from 9am to 12pm. The Community Blood Center is asking that we have a minimum of 23 donors. With the membership of over 500, I don't see that this number can't be met and surpassed. Giving blood is indeed the gift of life, and I eager you to come help in this worthy cause. A free breakfast will be served to all donors, courtesy of the AMVETS.

**Saturday, September 18th**, the Ladies Auxiliary as well as the four other organizations at Post 148

are holding our 2nd annual "**Memory Walk for the Miami Valley Alzheimer's Association**". Participants donate a minimum of \$5.00 to walk the 3K, and then be served a great lunch by the Son's of AMVETS. We have a new *Virtual Walk*, for anyone who would like to participate, but are unable to attend that day. The registration forms for teams and individual walkers are in the canteen, as well as requests for direct donations to the Alzheimer's Assoc. and donations for our matchbook raffle. I am asking all Post 148 members to help us make this the success that last years walk was, and that can only happen with your help. We need walkers, volunteers and donations. I am all too aware of how hard these economic times are, and we have kept the entry cost low so that anyone can afford to participate. Please plan to attend the walk and support this

worthwhile organization.

The program where we were collecting plastic bottle caps has ended. The individual that was collecting them has stopped. I want to thank everyone that helped with this project. We are however still collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House, and glasses for the Lion's Club. If you know of any other community service activity that you think our Ladies Auxiliary can help with, please feel free to contact me.

*"Riding to Honor Those Who Serve"*

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*"You will never see a motorcycle parked outside of a Psychiatrist office."*

# September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 AMVETS General Membership Mtg	2	3	4
5 Riders Chapter Mtg	6 Labor Day	7	8 Auxiliary Membership Meeting	9	10	11 Aux. Kitchen Night  Blood Drive Bluegrass Night
12 Juniors Meeting @ 1:00	13 Son's Membership Meeting	14	15 AMVETS E-Board and Trustee Meetings Alzheimers Walk Comm. Mtg	16	17	18 Riders Kitchen Night  Alzheimer's Walk
19 VA Bingo  District Mtg Post 88 Troy	21	22	23	24	25	26  Post Annual Picnic
27 Card Day	28 Son's Executive Meeting	29	30			



# October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Friday Night Kitchen Starts	2 Pizza Night Karaoke
3 Riders Meeting	4	5	6 AMVETS General Membership Mtg	7	8  State Conv.	9 Aux. Kitchen Night
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13 Auxiliary Membership Meeting	14	15	16 Riders Kitchen Night  Bluegrass VA Bus
17 Juniors Meeting @ 1:00	18	19	20 AMVETS E-Board and Trustee Meetings	21	22	23 Son's Kitchen Night  Halloween Hay Ride
24/31	25 Son's Membership Meeting  Son's Executive Meeting	26	27 Joint Membership Meeting	28	29	30 Kids Halloween Party Juniors Kitchen Night

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