



# The Tradition

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### AMVETS Post 770

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From the Commander

**Ed Krug**

Hopefully, everyone has had a good summer. Veteran members, please remember your dues are now past due as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. If you have not paid your dues up, you will not have access to the Club. However, you can stop in and pay your dues anytime; the bartenders can help you with the renewal, if there is not an officer around. Please make sure you ask for a receipt.

I would like to recognize Post #0770 Sons Of AMVETS, we have a genuinely great bunch of guys here. These gentlemen come in 2 Sundays a month to serve breakfast; they serve dinners on the first Saturday monthly, prepare grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for our holiday events, and offer to prepare meals on days our kitchen would otherwise be closed. In addition to the great food, they get involved in every possible activity and fundraiser we hold. This Post is lucky to have them, thank you, keep up the Good work!

Come on in on Labor Day and enjoy the cold A/C and the daily drink specials. While our cook is on holiday our dedicated Sons Of are manning the kitchen - I'm sure it will be delicious. There will be no BINGO on Labor Day, however regular Monday BINGO sessions will resume on September 9th. We are still looking for more BINGO volunteers; if you are interested, see Gary Scott or Kim Herrera. Don't forget to join us for BAR BINGO sessions held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The tickets are \$1 each and 12 games are played. If you have not played BAR BINGO yet, you are missing out on a lot of fun.

If you are interested in ordering AMVETS shirts, or purchasing AMVETS hats, pins, patches or flags please see Rich Bryant. He has stepped up as Quartermaster and is doing a great job restocking our supplies. Thank you, Rich!

What a great project the Queen of Hearts Raffle has turned out to be! We have given away well over \$12,000 in prizes to Post #0770 members. Come on in on Saturday afternoons for the drawing; ticket sales take place from 3:45 p.m.–4:45 p.m. The drawing is at 5 p.m. Then you can stick around for dinner and karaoke.

October is already gearing up to be a busy month. Many of you are already aware of the ALS Walk on October 7<sup>th</sup> with many members walking, sponsoring a walker, or making a cash donation to support the search for a cure. As you know, this hits home at Post #0770 as one of our very own veterans is currently dealing with this terrible disease. If you are interested in getting involved, see Kim Herrera or Debbie Bailey. Your support is appreciated.

If you know of a family who could use assistance during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, please get the information to one of the Post Officers or Kim. It is not too early to start the planning process. Between the Post, the Rider's and the Ladies Auxiliary we are able to help several deserving families.

OFFICIAL NOTICE: Any and all complaints or suggestions related to the bar, kitchen, or Clubhouse rules and/or policies go directly to the Club Board of Trustees (CBT). The CBT meets twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. sharp. These meetings are open to the membership, and are the appropriate place to have discussions.

The Post General Membership Meetings pertain to Post business. The topics at Post meetings should relate to Post business such as programs run by officers related to serving Veterans, Veteran resources or upcoming events recognizing Veterans in our Community.

I appreciate your cooperation in identifying the proper platform to share your input.



Commander Krug swearing in a new Post member at the August meeting.

From The Auxiliary President  
**Elaine Owens**

Hello! Fall is almost here!

Our first meeting will be Sunday, September 8th, 2019, at 9:30 am. Please attend.

Our Membership Kick Off Drive will be starting in September. Annual dues are \$40, Lifetime dues are \$350. A door card is \$5 (one time only fee, unless you lose your door card). Thank you for supporting AMVETS Post 770 Ladies Auxiliary with your membership. You are very important to our Auxiliary.

We want to thank all for the super response we received for our Back to School Drive (which ended July 31<sup>st</sup>). We will be able to take a full box of school supplies to three different local schools.

Thank you also for the collection of skin care items and new underwear and socks for our veterans who will be attending the Stand Down event held later in August.

In September we will be collecting for Las Artes. Las Artes is an Art and Education program for those 17-23 years old who are unable to get an education through traditional high schools. We will be collecting new or clean used clothing suited for these (male & female) young adults. Also, they need baby items from 0-4 years old, as some of the students have children of their own. Non-perishable food items are also needed.

Once again – thank you all for your continued support.

From the Public Relations Officer

**Valerie H. Davis**

**Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be the October newsletter. All articles are due to me no later than Sunday, 15 September 2019. Photos for the newsletter are also accepted when sent as an email attachment. Electronic articles are greatly appreciated. Articles received after the deadline will **not** be published in the October newsletter. If you have any questions, you may call me at 908-0774.

**UPCOMING VETERAN ACTIVITIES:**

**Honor Flight Of Southern Arizona:** If you are a WW II or Korean War veteran that has not been on an Honor Flight, please think about filling out your application now and submitting it to Honor Flight of Southern Arizona. Since so few Korean War veterans have applied, Honor Flight of Southern Arizona has opened up applications to Vietnam era veterans. This is a trip that you will remember for the rest of your life!! If you apply now, you will probably get selected for 2020. **Veterans with terminal conditions do have priority.** If you are iffy about anything, you can always cancel. You can also go to [www.honorflightsaz.org](http://www.honorflightsaz.org) and fill out an application on-line, or pick up an application at the Post. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Post and leave a message for me. The next Honor Flight will be in October.

**Nam Jam:** The 2019 Nam Jam (Nam to Sand Jam) will be at Reid Park on Saturday, October 19. It is free and open to the public. There will be a free concert from 10 am to 5 pm. AMVETS Post 770 will have a booth at the event. See Dave Johnson, if you would like to volunteer to help at the booth (set up/manning/take down) – Post, Aux, Son Of, and Riders are all welcomed to help! On Saturday, 21 September, from 10 am to 2 pm, there will be the Nam Jam 2019 Car Show at Chuy's on 22<sup>nd</sup> and Kolb. If you have a car you would like to enter you will need to register by Monday, 16 September. See Attached fliers.

**Wreaths Across America:** Wreaths Across America started in 1992. It is the goal of Wreaths Across America to one day be able to adorn the final resting place of every veteran with a wreath. Besides the cemeteries in the United States of America, wreaths are also provided for the 24 offshore cemeteries including Normandy Beach. Please consider sponsoring a wreath. The 2019 Wreaths Across America Remembrance Ceremony will be on Saturday, 14 December, at 10 am. Attached is a flyer for making a donation to Wreaths Across America. Filling out the attached Wreaths Across America filer will have your wreath donated to Evergreen Cemetery. If you would prefer that your wreath go another cemetery in southern Arizona, your choices are listed below: **Cemeteries and Their Codes**

Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Marana	AZAZVM	(Individual request NOT accepted)
Evergreen Cemetery	AZEGCT	(Individual requests accepted)
East Lawn Cemetery	AZELPC	(Individual request NOT accepted)
Holy Hope Cemetery	AZHHCT	(Individual request accepted)
South Lawn Mortuary & cemetery	AZSLMC	(Individual request NOT accepted)
Southern AZ Vets' Memorial Cemetery, Sierra Vista	AZSAVS	(Individual request NOT accepted)

On the form for Wreaths Across America, if you want your wreath to go to another cemetery in southern Arizona, cross out the Location ID of Evergreen Cemetery (AZEGCT) and put in the location ID of the southern AZ cemetery of your choice. (See attached.)

If you want your wreath to go to a cemetery outside of Arizona, I suggest that you go to the Wreaths Across America website ([wreathsacrossamerica.org](http://wreathsacrossamerica.org)) and make your donation directly to that cemetery.