



# The Tradition

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### AMVETS Post 770

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From the Commander

**Edward J. Krug**

Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary and volunteers for hosting game day on September 18, 2021. The ladies donated \$45 to the Club operation. They also donated \$85 to the Club for food. I was very disappointed in the lack of support for the function.

The kitchen has added dinners on every Thursday and to date it has been a success. Also, beginning on October 5, 2021, we will be having Taco Tuesday every Tuesday of the month from 12:30 – 6:00 pm. An enlarged menu of the kitchen dinners is posted on the grease board as you enter the Club as well as in the newsletter.

I am still looking for veterans to give up an hour or two a week. We need help selling Bar Bingo cards the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays each month – two hours per each session. Bar Bingo is held from 5-7 pm.

Volunteers are also needed for checking membership cards at the door on Wednesdays from 4-6 pm; Fridays, 4-6 pm and Saturdays, 7-8 pm. Come on veterans, step up and help your Post. It takes all of us not the same few.

From The Ladies Auxiliary President

**Ginny Graves**

### **Community Service**

#### **ALS**

The Aux. is supporting ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease, with fundraisers this month in honor of John Carlson and all those who suffered with this dreadful disease. Our ALS Walkathon is scheduled for Sat., Oct 23 at 9am starting at the trail head on Sarasota Blvd. A gift basket raffle and 50/50 will be offered for donations later on that same day from and during the Aux. dinner hours, 4-6pm. The Aux will also host a waffle/pancake breakfast on Sunday, Oct 31 at the Post, 9am-noon. Watch for the flyers.

All donations will be forwarded to the Arizona Chapter of ALS Association. Thanks for helping in the fight to discover treatments and a cure for ALS.

### **Hospital**

Meleagi is our new Hospital Chairwoman and VAVS rep. to our Southern AZ VA Health Care System. She brings decades of experience in volunteer service for VA patients and will provide leadership to those who'd like to volunteer at the VA Hospital, or at the AZ State Vets Home.

Working with AMVETS Post 770 Service Officer, Dave Johnson, Meleagi has already assisted a few of our veterans with their documentation and submittals needed for their healthcare. She was introduced at the Post business meeting and offered her vast experience to help our veterans.

### **Americanism**

The Aux donated clothing and supplies to the Tucson Stand Down again this year in support of disadvantaged vets and their families.

AMVETS Nat'l. Ladies Aux. has designated the month of October to support the Freedoms Foundation. AMVETS sponsors the Spirit of America Youth Leadership program held there annually, and Auxiliary 770 supports this National program every year.

### **Pull-Tab Program**

The Auxiliary has renewed the AZ Lottery License for three more years. We own two machines offering pull-tab instant tickets ranging from \$.25 to \$2.00 for your gaming pleasure. The Pull-Tab program contributes heavily to our fundraising activities in support of Auxiliary service programs and in support of the Post, with annual donations to the Club.

A special shout out to Lynda and Vickie, who tirelessly manage the whole Pull-Tab operation. Thank you both for all that you do for AMVETS!

### **Reminders**

The Aux. discontinued collecting all coupons and pill bottles a few years ago. We cannot accept them.

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Membership Annual dues of \$40 and Life dues of \$350 are now being accepted; the deadline is Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

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Our next Business Meeting is Sunday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.

*Also....Save the Date!*

### **Saturday, Oct 16**

Throughout the day AMVETS, Aux and SOA will be hosting an outdoor Oktoberfest held in the parking lot. The Aux is contributing a Bake Sale in the morning and a Cheer Basket raffle that'll be full of valuable gift certificates, lots of cheer and other gifts. Come support your AMVETS Post. All donations are for the Post's Club account. Watch for the flyers.

Public Relations Officer

**Valerie H. Davis**

**Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be the November 2021 newsletter. All articles are due to me no later than Friday, 15 October 2021. Electronic articles are greatly appreciated. Articles need to be written in Word and sent as an attachment to an email. Photos for the newsletter are also accepted when sent as an email attachment. Articles received after the deadline will **not** be published in the November newsletter. If you have any questions, you may email me at [amvets\\_newsed@q.com](mailto:amvets_newsed@q.com).

**Business card advertising:** If you have a business and would like to advertise it in the newsletter, please give The Post's administrative assistant or Val Davis a copy of your business card and \$25 for a calendar year (1 Jan to 31 Dec 2021) of advertising in the newsletter and on the Post's website. It is \$5 a month, if you chose to advertise monthly.

### **UPCOMING VETERAN ACTIVITIES:**

Sunday, 17 October 2021, USMC Tucson Reserve Birthday Fundraiser. (See Attached.)

**Nam to Sand 2021:** Nam to Sand 2021 will be held on Saturday, 23 October, from 10am to 6pm, at Reid Park.

**Veterans' Day:** Veterans' Day is on Thursday, 11 November 2021.

**Honor Flight Of Southern Arizona:** According to the Honor Flight of Southern Arizona's website all Honor Flights have been suspended until spring 2022. 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!! Get your application in so you can be put on the waiting list. **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. **The trip includes:** Airfare to and from Washington, D.C; two-night hotel accommodations; breakfasts, lunches, and sit down banquet dinners; transportation to all venues; Honor Flight t-shirt; and assistance to and from all venues, wheelchairs are available as needed. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Post and leave a message for me.

**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 2021 Wreaths Across America Remembrance Ceremony will be on Saturday, 18 December 2021, at 10 am. AMVETS Post 770 has become a Sponsorship Group for Wreaths Across America on the 3-for-2 plan – for every two wreaths sponsored through AMVETS Post 770, a third wreath will be given at no charge. This is a great way to increase the number of wreaths so that more vets will have a wreath adorning their final resting place. Attached is a copy of the “Wreaths Across America Wreath Sponsorship Form”. On the bottom about 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the form is a space marked “Fundraising Group ID”. This where you should put AMVETS Post 770's ID: AZ0192. In the space marked “Location ID” is where you should put the cemetery that you would like your wreath(s) to go to. Below are listed the six cemeteries in Southern Arizona and their ID Codes.

Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Marana	AZAZVM
Evergreen Cemetery	AZEGCT
East Lawn Cemetery	AZELPC
Holy Hope Cemetery	AZHHCT
South Lawn Mortuary & Cemetery	AZSLMC
Southern AZ Vet's Memorial Cemetery, Sierra Vista	AZSAVA

If you want your wreath(s) to go to a cemetery outside of southern Arizona, you will need to look up the cemetery's code on the Wreaths Across America website [www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org).

If you do not care which cemetery your wreath(s) goes to, the code is NAGVRW. This code will send your wreath(s) to the cemetery that needs them the most.

The cutoff date for guaranteeing that your wreath(s) will be used in 2021 is Monday, 29 November 2021. Payments made after this date will be used for wreaths in 2022.

If you will not be able to donate a wreath, please consider donating your time to help place the wreaths up on the graves of our veterans. I've made contact with Evergreen Cemetery, East Lawn Cemetery, Holy Hope Cemetery, and the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Marana. All of them will be welcoming volunteers to help place the wreaths on the final resting place of the veterans. All Wreaths Across America will start at 10 am on Saturday, 18 December 2021.

## **October: Official Days To Fly The Flag**

- Monday 11 October – Columbus Day.

## **October Dates Of Interest**

- Monday, 1 October – 96<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of Mount Rushmore
- Wednesday, 13 October – 246<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the US Navy.

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- Saturday, 16 October – 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cuban missile crisis.
- Tuesday, 19 October – 240<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the surrender at Yorktown.
  - Saturday, 23 October – 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Leyte Gulf.
- Wednesday, 27 October – 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AMVETS Post 770 moving into the new building.