

Draft Resolution 27-01

SUBJECT: Support Statehood for Puerto Rico

Source: AMVETS National Legislative Committee

WHEREAS, the people of the U.S. Territory of Puerto Rico have voted to join the Union by becoming the 51st State; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution provides for Statehood through its territories in Article 4, Sect. 3 by vote of the consent of Congress; and

WHEREAS, the people of Puerto Rico have fought for the American way of life against the enemies of America since WWI; and

WHEREAS, AMVETS has strengthened its legislative capabilities by creating the position of 3rd Vice Commander for its National Headquarters and its related subordinate membership organizations; and

WHEREAS, AMVETS Membership Department seeks to open the first AMVETS Post in Puerto Rico; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports Statehood for Puerto Rico in its activities with the U.S. Congress.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

DEPARTMENT of Michigan ☐ ADOPT ☐ AMEND ☒ REJECT ☐ NONE

PDC Hierarchy No Support for P.R.
2nd by Hierarchy
Passed

Draft Resolution 27-02

SUBJECT: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention in the VA and Armed Forces

Source: AMVETS National Legislative Committee

WHEREAS, federal law requires the VA to administer significant grant programs to community-based and nonprofit organizations, as well as to develop and implement innovative pilot programs aimed at reducing veteran suicide; and

WHEREAS, veteran and servicemember suicide remains a national crisis, requiring sustained, coordinated action across the VA, the Department of Defense (DOD), and Congress; and

WHEREAS, Congress has demonstrated interest in strengthening oversight and coordination of suicide prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the DOD to take a more proactive role in equipping servicemembers with the tools, education, and resilience-building strategies necessary to support mental wellness and lead meaningful, fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, increased congressional oversight of the VA is necessary to better understand the extent to which veterans who die by suicide have previously interacted with VA services, and to ensure that resources are effectively allocated toward evidence-based and innovative suicide prevention strategies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports Mental Health and Suicide Prevention in the VA and Armed Forces; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports increased congressional oversight to ensure accountability, transparency, and the effective use of resources in addressing veteran and servicemember suicide; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports legislation and policies that expand community-based partnerships, promote innovation through pilot programs, and improve access to comprehensive, evidence-based mental health care for veterans and servicemembers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports efforts by the Department of Defense to proactively provide servicemembers with training and resources that promote resilience, purpose, and overall well-being.

DEPARTMENT of Michigan ☒ ADOPT ☐ AMEND ☐ REJECT ☐ NONE

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Motion to Adopt by Lowell Post
2nd Marlene Gaulton Passed 4250

Draft Resolution 27-03

SUBJECT: Support Increased Oversight of the VA Mental Health Budget & Related Outcomes

Source: AMVETS National Legislative Committee

WHEREAS, the VA administers a substantial and growing mental health budget, including funding for community-based grants and partnerships with nonprofit organizations to support veteran mental wellness; and

WHEREAS, the VA is also directed by law to develop and implement pilot programs and innovative approaches aimed at reducing veteran suicide and improving mental health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, despite significant federal investment, veteran suicide rates and mental health challenges persist, raising concerns about the effectiveness, coordination, and accountability of existing programs; and

WHEREAS, there is insufficient transparency regarding how which VA mental health programs produce measurable outcomes; and

WHEREAS, effective oversight requires clear data, consistent reporting, and measurable performance metrics that link funding decisions to outcomes in suicide prevention, access to care, and overall veteran well-being; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS urges Congress to strengthen oversight of the VA's mental health budget to ensure funds are allocated efficiently, transparently, and in a manner that demonstrably improves veteran outcomes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports congressional action to require independent evaluation of VA mental health programs, including grant programs and pilot initiatives, to identify best practices and eliminate ineffective or duplicative efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports policies that align VA mental health funding with evidence-driven practices and strategies that improve access to care, quality of services, and suicide prevention outcomes.

DEPARTMENT of Michigan ☒ ADOPT ☐ AMEND ☐ REJECT ☐ NONE

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Motion to Adopt by H. 11
2nd by Lewis

Draft Resolution 27-04

SUBJECT: Legislation to Modernize Traumatic Brain Injury Care

Source: AMVETS Legislative Committee

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of veterans have sustained traumatic brain injuries (TBI) since 2000, injuries that frequently lead to long-term cognitive impairment, increased suicide risk, and strained family dynamics; and

WHEREAS, traditional VA treatment models have historically relied on medication-centered approaches that often treat the symptoms of TBI rather than the underlying neurological injury, leaving significant gaps in veteran recovery and wellness; and

WHEREAS, the BEACON Act of 2026 (H.R. 6993) seeks to modernize the VA's approach by expanding access to innovative, evidence-driven, non-pharmacological therapies and integrating civilian and academic research into the VA treatment pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans TBI Adaptive Care Opportunities Nationwide Act of 2025 (S. 3130) directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants for the development and evaluation of neuro-rehabilitation treatments specifically for chronic mild TBI through rigorous clinical trials; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS formally endorses and urges Congress to pass the BEACON Act of 2026, ensuring the VA establishes robust grant programs to accelerate the adoption of non-pharmacological treatments for mild to moderate TBI; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports the swift passage and implementation of the Veterans TBI Adaptive Care Opportunities Nationwide Act of 2025 to ensure the VA utilizes randomized control trials to validate neuro-rehabilitation methodologies that improve long-term health outcomes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS urges the VA to utilize the authorities granted by these Acts to strengthen partnerships with community providers and academic institutions to provide a "whole-of-nation" approach to brain health; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS advocates for the inclusion of specialized clinician training and family outreach as mandated by these bills, recognizing that successful TBI recovery requires a support system that is as informed and resilient as the veteran.

DEPARTMENT of Michigan ☒ ADOPT ☐ AMEND ☐ REJECT ☐ NONE

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Motion to Adopt on All
2nd by HARRIS

Draft Resolution 27-05

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Modernization of VA Healthcare Access & Provider Standards

Source: AMVETS Legislative Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs is responsible for establishing National Standards of Practice to ensure a uniform standard of care across the Veterans Health Administration that remains consistent regardless of state borders; and

WHEREAS, the success of the VA healthcare system depends on the ability of all licensed healthcare practitioners to practice to the fullest extent of their education and training; and

WHEREAS, any standard of practice that limits these practitioners' ability to perform the full range of medical services allowed by their licensure would negatively impact veteran wait times and clinical outcomes; and

WHEREAS, modernized access to care must include the permanent expansion of telehealth services and remote patient monitoring to ensure that rural and homebound veterans receive timely medical attention without the burden of excessive travel; and

WHEREAS, the availability of over the counter hearing aids provides an essential opportunity for the VA to streamline hearing health services and provide faster relief for those with mild to moderate hearing loss; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive approach to veteran wellness requires the integration of these modern access points alongside a workforce that is empowered to use every skill for which they are professionally certified; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS urges the VA to finalize National Standards of Practice that authorize all healthcare professionals to provide the full scope of care permitted by their professional licensure and training; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports the permanent codification of telehealth flexibilities and the integration of over the counter hearing aid options into the VA prosthetic benefit package to enhance the accessibility of rehabilitative services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS advocates for a VA healthcare model that prioritizes the removal of administrative barriers to care, ensuring that every veteran has access to the highest quality medical services through a combination of empowered practitioners and cutting edge delivery methods.

DEPARTMENT of Michigan ☒ ADOPT ☐ AMEND ☐ REJECT ☐ NONE

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Motion to adopt by Lums
2nd by Hosan

Draft Resolution 27-06

SUBJECT: Advancing equity and quality care for women veterans in the Department of Veterans Affairs' health care system

Source: Department of California

WHEREAS there are approximately 2.1 million women veterans in the United States, representing about 11-12% of the total veteran population, and they are one of the fastest-growing segments of VA users;

WHEREAS more than 900,000 women veterans are currently enrolled in VA health care, with hundreds of thousands requiring gender-specific and reproductive health services;

WHEREAS women veterans are disproportionately affected by complex health conditions, with studies showing high rates of chronic illness and mental health needs, including 41% screening positive for PTSD, 32% for anxiety, and 27% for depression;

WHEREAS a significant number of women veterans report exposure to trauma, including findings that up to 62% have experienced military sexual trauma (MST), necessitating specialized, trauma-informed care;

WHEREAS, women veterans face elevated social and economic challenges, with research indicating that 61% experience multiple health-related social needs, impacting their access to consistent and preventive care;

WHEREAS disparities in outcomes persist, including data showing that the suicide rate among women veterans is over 160% higher than that of non-veteran women, highlighting urgent gaps in mental health care and support systems;

WHEREAS, despite improvements, VA infrastructure remains inconsistent, with only a portion of facilities offering fully dedicated women's health clinics and specialized providers nationwide;

WHEREAS women veterans still face obstacles to receiving care, such as extended wait times, a shortage of providers with expertise in women's health, insufficient privacy and safety provisions, and uneven access to comprehensive services at VA facilities;

Motion to adopt

Devoe

and by Harris

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WHEREAS disparities in diagnosis, treatment, and health outcomes continue to affect women veterans, particularly those from underserved and minority populations, who make up a growing share of the women veteran community;

WHEREAS research and data collection specific to women veterans' health needs are essential to inform policy, improve care delivery, and ensure accountability within the VA system;

WHEREAS AMVETS is committed to advocating for equitable, high-quality, and accessible health care for all veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS urges the Department of Veterans Affairs and the United States Congress to prioritize funding and policy initiatives that ensure equitable access to comprehensive, gender-specific health care services for women veterans across all VA facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports the expansion and standardization of women's health services at all VA medical centers and clinics, including the availability of full-time women's health providers and access to specialty care; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS advocates mandatory training of VA health care staff in gender-specific care, cultural competency, and trauma-informed practices, particularly related to military sexual trauma; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS calls for improved infrastructure within VA facilities to ensure privacy, safety, and dignity for women veterans receiving care; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS urges the VA to enhance data collection, transparency, and reporting on women veterans' health outcomes to identify disparities and drive continuous improvement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports outreach and education efforts to ensure women veterans are aware of and able to access the benefits and services available to them; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted to the appropriate authorities within AMVETS, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and members of Congress for consideration and action.

DEPARTMENT of Michigan ☒ ADOPT ☐ AMEND ☐ REJECT ☐ NONE

motion to Adopt Devoe
2nd by Harris

Draft Resolution 27-07

SUBJECT: improving equity, access, and recognition of women veterans' and minority veterans' claims within the Department of Veterans Affairs' disability compensation system

Source: Department of California

WHEREAS, there are over 2.1 million women veterans in the United States, representing one of the fastest-growing veteran populations, with projections showing continued growth in coming decades;

WHEREAS, more than 700,000 women veterans currently receive VA disability compensation, reflecting increasing reliance on the VA claims system for service-connected conditions;

WHEREAS, women veterans are more diverse than the overall veteran population, with approximately 43% of women VA health care users identifying as racial or ethnic minorities, highlighting the intersection of gender and minority status within the claims system;

WHEREAS, military sexual trauma (MST) remains a significant issue, affecting approximately 1 in 4 women service members, and is frequently underreported, resulting in challenges when filing disability claims;

WHEREAS, MST-related disability claims face systemic barriers, including higher denial rates compared to combat-related PTSD claims, with 27.6% of MST-related PTSD claims denied versus 18.2% for combat-related claims;

WHEREAS, despite improvements, disparities persist in MST claims processing, with historical data showing that up to 40% of MST-related claims were improperly denied, underscoring ongoing concerns about consistency and fairness;

WHEREAS, although VA has improved MST-related grant rates to approximately 72% in recent years, the complexity of evidence requirements and trauma-related reporting barriers continue to disadvantage survivors;

WHEREAS, women veterans often experience unique and under-recognized service-connected conditions—including reproductive health complications, pregnancy-related disabilities, and chronic conditions linked to MST—that are not consistently or adequately evaluated within the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities;

WHEREAS, research shows that military sexual trauma is associated with long-term socioeconomic impacts, including reduced employment and increased health challenges among women veterans, which may compound difficulties navigating the claims process;

WHEREAS, systemic inequities, implicit bias, and lack of standardized training contribute to disparities in claims adjudication outcomes for women and minority veterans;

WHEREAS, limited transparency and insufficient disaggregated data on claims outcomes by gender, race, and trauma type hinder accountability and targeted improvements within the VA system;

WHEREAS, AMVETS is committed to ensuring that all veterans receive fair, equitable, and just consideration of their claims and access to the benefits they have earned; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS urges the Department of Veterans Affairs and the United States Congress to review and modernize the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities to ensure the inclusion, accurate evaluation, and appropriate rating of conditions that disproportionately affect women veterans, minority veterans, and survivors of military sexual trauma; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS calls for the establishment of standardized, trauma-informed protocols for evaluating MST-related claims, including expanded guidance on acceptable evidence and markers to reduce the burden of proof on survivors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS advocates for mandatory, recurring training for VA claims processors, adjudicators, and Compensation & Pension (C&P) examiners on gender-specific conditions, implicit bias, cultural competency, and trauma-informed assessment practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports increased access to accredited Veterans Service Officers (VSOs), legal assistance, and claims navigation support for women veterans and veterans from marginalized populations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS urges the VA to improve outreach and education efforts to ensure that underserved veterans are aware of their eligibility, rights, and the claims process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS calls for enhanced data collection and public reporting on VA claims decisions, disaggregated by gender, race, ethnicity, and condition type, to identify disparities and drive accountability; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports the development of specialized claims processing teams or centers of excellence focused on women veterans and MST-related claims to ensure consistency, expertise, and sensitivity in adjudication; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted to the appropriate authorities within AMVETS, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and members of Congress for consideration and action.

DEPARTMENT of Michigan ☒ ADOPT ☐ AMEND ☐ REJECT ☐ NONE

Motion to Approve Hogan
2nd by Curtis

NO

WRITTEN REPORT

SUBMITTED AS REQUESTED

BY JUNE 15, 2026

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*No report Marshall
until Ask - given
came in email
6-30-26*

Re: Convention Report

Yahoo Mail/Inbox

 rob harris <rock67r@yahoo.com>
To: timothy_w_hill@yahoo.com

Jun 30 at 4:07 PM

Memorial weekend had a honor guard with the 21 gun salute at the river and at the cemetery. Also filled in for district commander at the Americanism awards banquet for the district 1 convention and elections. Didn't have enough people to hold elections so needs to be appointed

On Tue, Jun 30, 2009, at 10:07 AM, Timothy W. Hill wrote:
> rob harris <rock67r@yahoo.com>
> To: timothy_w_hill@yahoo.com

Rob,

You gave a combined oral report for Provost Marshall and District 1.

Can you email me a copy of that report for the record?

Thanks

Tim

Combined Report
Provost Marshall / Dist 1 CMDR

Motion to Accept
Tim Hill

Seconded by
Jike Reinhardt

Passed

NO

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Terrence B. Lavis
2nd Vice Commander
31310 28 Mile Road
Lenox, MI 48048

18 June 2026

Department Commander, Members of the SEC:

1. The Department Raffle was not a resounding success. Ticket sales were slow, so the prize amount is down quite a bit from prior years. Final tally is not complete as of the time of this writing. Perhaps the ticket price of \$10.00 should be cut to \$5.00 to increase participation next time.
2. The ROTC program went well this year, in all, the number of medals and certificates exceeded 25 state-wide. There was a shortage of medals at the National AMVETS so it was touch and go as to whether some of the cadets would receive their hardware in time\.. Fortunately, some were available on EBAY, Craig Robinson provided me with some and we were able to get seven medals from National. In one case, I was made aware that the overnight mailing of the medal for one cadet arrived just hours ahead of the ceremony. Nobody went without their certificates or medals.
3. I do have a receipt for \$24.08 for express mail of two of the medals and certificates which I will submit for reimbursement at this time and hereby request a motion be made for reimbursement of \$24.08
4. This concludes the 2nd Vice Commander Report and I ask that it be accepted as written.

Terrence B. Lavis

Department 2nd Vice Commander

District III Commander's Report

Cletus A. Cryderman · June 20, 2026 · Michigan District III, AMVETS

POST ACTIVITY

Post 101 — Pontiac (Home Post)

Post 101 remains active with consistent monthly meetings and strong fundraising — including car shows, Dream Cruise Week, and the POW/MIA Yellow Ribbon Campaign. On June 14th, I led a flag retirement ceremony attended by AMVETS, VFW, Auxiliary members, and community guests. Hundreds of American, Armed Services, and POW/MIA flags were retired, followed by a celebration marking the Army's 250th birthday. I also represented the district at Memorial Day ceremonies with VFW Auxiliary Post 1370 at Perry Mount Park Cemetery.

Post 1775 — Brighton

Post 1775 maintains an active honor guard presence at Great Lakes National Cemetery and surrounding venues. Strong reporting and consistent community engagement continue.

Post 2006 — Milford

The most active post in District III. Monthly meeting attendance averages 50%. Three weekly public Zoom sessions cover veterans' benefits and VA navigation. I attend two of the three weekly 'Coffee with Veterans' meetings. The post excels in color guard and honor guard, visits local schools, and partners with Operation Injured Soldiers and Tunnel to Towers. Their website and social media are well-maintained and actively updated.

Post 3720 — Swartz Creek

Post 3720 performs regular honor guard duties and supports homeless veterans and similar community causes. Fundraising efforts are creative and consistently executed.

Post 2273 — Durand

Post 2273 is engaged with local businesses and community organizations. Raffles and special events sustain strong fundraising, and their program reporting record is excellent.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District III has met three times this year as required by our CBL. The next scheduled meeting is March 2026.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

Cletus A. Cryderman

District III Commander, AMVETS Michigan

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June 2026

Department Commander, Fellow Members of SEC and Guests,

The following is my report:

I have worked with my fellow District Commanders building a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for District Commanders, District Realignment of Michigan, and a Constitution and Bylaws boiler plate document for districts. Hosted the awards ceremony for FSU, and CMU ROTC Awards at Post 1941.

As the Commander of Post 1941, our post has planned, coordinated, and executed multiple projects for our local veterans, post members and the community. We installed a new sub floor for a retired Army SFC veteran who had fallen through his floor and broken his hip. Through the efforts of our post, we have brought together other local organizations, schools and churches, such as FSU, City Hall, Quilts of Valor, Mecosta County DAR, SAR, VFWs, and American Legions to help with the Amvets Mission. In conjunction with the American Legion 98 we have continued to be vigilant supporting Veterans with our Veterans relief fund. We have continued to improve the Post to make it a place for Veterans and their families to feel comfortable and safe.

To all my fellow Officers thank you for your time, advice, and patience with me during my 3 years as District V Commander. It has been a privilege to help when and where I could. This is my final report as District V Commander.

Commander, this is my report, and I move for its acceptance.

Jake Reichert, District V Commander

Department of Michigan

June 20, 2026

**District VI Commander's Report
2026 AMVETS Department of Michigan Annual Convention**

Dear Commander Pulizzi, Fellow SEC Members, and AMVETS Members:

I respectfully submit the following report of activities and accomplishments conducted in my capacity as District VI Commander since the Spring SEC Meeting.

Official Activities

March 18, 2026

Attended the AMVETS National Chaplains Virtual Meeting via Zoom. I was one of fifteen Department Chaplains participating in the meeting. Productive discussions were held regarding common challenges facing departments nationwide, particularly those involving member participation and engagement.

April 11, 2026

Attended the Department SEC Meeting in Swartz Creek, followed by participation in a Grievance Committee Hearing.

April 18, 2026

Attended the mandatory Executive Board Meeting in Mesick, Michigan. I was accompanied by Department Commander Pulizzi and Aide-de-Camp Leonard Hogan.

April 26, 2026

Attended the District VI Meeting in Mesick, Michigan. The meeting was well attended, and elections were successfully conducted for the 2026–2027 service year.

May 9, 2026

Participated in the AMVETS Post 1988 Pre-Blessing of the Bikes Poker Run.

May 17, 2026

Participated in the AMVETS Post 1988 Blessing of the Bikes event held in Baldwin, Michigan.

May 22, 2026

Represented the Department of Michigan as a Chaplain during the National Blessing of the Bikes ceremony at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Later that evening, participated in a candlelight vigil at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

May 23, 2026

Participated in events at the Military Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C., where I

delivered the opening address and invocation at the Annual Gold Star Mothers and Blue Star Families Luncheon.

May 24, 2026

Escorted the National Gold Star Mothers Chaplain during the 2026 Rolling to Remember Demonstration Rally in Washington, D.C.

District Initiatives

I continue to work collaboratively with fellow Department District Commanders toward the development and implementation of a standardized District Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and the establishment of baseline Consolidated Bylaws (CBLs) for district operations.

Additionally, efforts remain ongoing to visit every post within District VI, including Beaver Island, in support of membership engagement, communication, and organizational development.

Closing

It has been my honor to serve the veterans and members of District VI and the Department of Michigan. I remain committed to advancing the mission of AMVETS and supporting the continued success of our organization.

Commander, this concludes my report, and I respectfully move for its acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Curtis

District VI Commander
AMVETS Department of Michigan

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AMVETS Dept. of Michigan
State Convention Legislative Director Report
June 20, 2026 Mt Pleasant, Michigan

June 2026

Dept Commander/SEC Board:

As Legislative Director for 2025-2026, I have represented the AMVETS Dept. of Michigan at all the Michigan Commanders Group (CG) meeting, either through Zoom and Personal meetings in Lansing, MI. These monthly Zoom meetings are held the second Friday of each month along with Quarterly Business Meeting held at the American Legion H.Q. in Lansing.

Special meetings had been held with Michigan State Representatives to review the needs of Michigan's Veterans. I also, attended the House of Representatives Committee meeting on the HBOT (Hyperbolic Oxygen Therapy) legislation, supporting it usefulness in treating PDST and Brain Injuries. The committee fully supported this legislation and it went onto the State House Floor.

A significant amount of effort has been given to these following Veteran Issues at both the State and US Congress:

Suicide Prevention, Over Dosage of Prescribed Medicine and the Use and Acceptance of HBOT usage.

On 4-29-26, a Special Zoom Meeting was held between the CG Commander with the AMVETS Dept Commander, to hand off the Command of the CG to the sitting AMVETS Commander for the 2026-2027 year. This hand off will be held 7-13-26 at 10AM in the Michigan American Legion's HQ in Lansing.

The continued support and attendance of all the Michigan Veterans Organizations, working with the Michigan Commanders Group, has shown the successful legislation improvements for our Veterans.

Commander/SEC Board: This is my Report and I move for it's acceptance.

Charles A. Petch, PDC & Legislative Director

June 1, 2026

Commander & members of the SEC

This is the financial report for the Service Foundation for the period ending 5/31/2026

The foundation processed 5 individual requests for assistance since March 2026

The foundation received 1 request that was denied as the information provided by the veteran was not correct. Veteran would not respond when questioned.

Two 2 requests were never returned for processing, I had contacted both several times (through e-mail, text and phone) each time, I received no response, thus, the information was destroyed.

Two (2) requests were approved and processed as necessary.

This is the Service Foundation report for the period ending ~~5~~/31/2026 and move for acceptance.



Bob Buschman
Service Foundation
Finance Officer
AMVETS Dept of MI

6/18/2026

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Net Worth - As of 5/31/2026
(Includes unrealized gains)

Account	5/31/2025 Balance	6/30/2025 Balance	9/30/2025 Balance	12/31/2025 Balance	3/31/2026 Balance	5/31/2026 Balance
ASSETS						
Cash and Bank Accounts						
Foundation Savings	10,041.92	10,041.92	10,042.25	10,042.25	10,042.25	10,042.25
Huntington	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,050.00	14,340.81	15,045.81
Huntington Savings	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Service Foundation	20,886.61	16,511.73	17,967.47	6,995.42	0.00	0.00
Veterans Home	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	32,928.53	28,553.65	29,009.72	33,087.67	35,383.06	36,088.06
Investments						
CD # 1	24,564.67	24,808.83	24,808.83	24,808.83	24,808.83	24,808.83
CD # 2	5,547.13	5,587.88	5,587.88	5,587.88	5,587.88	5,587.88
CD # 3	10,102.40	10,181.61	10,181.61	10,181.61	10,181.61	10,181.61
CD # 4	5,477.68	5,518.87	5,518.87	5,518.87	5,518.87	5,518.87
CD # 5	5,504.18	5,544.61	5,544.61	5,544.61	5,544.61	5,544.61
CD# 6	20,720.66	20,765.09	20,765.09	20,765.09	20,765.09	20,765.09
TOTAL Investments	71,916.72	72,406.89	72,406.89	72,406.89	72,406.89	72,406.89
TOTAL ASSETS	104,845.25	100,960.54	101,416.61	105,494.56	107,789.95	108,494.95
LIABILITIES						
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	104,845.25	100,960.54	101,416.61	105,494.56	107,789.95	108,494.95

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Account Balances - As of 6/18/2026
(Includes unrealized gains)

Account	6/18/2025 Balance	6/30/2025 Balance	9/30/2025 Balance	12/31/2025 Balance	3/31/2026 Balance	6/18/2026 Balance
Bank Accounts						
Foundation Savings	10,041.92	10,041.92	10,042.25	10,042.25	10,042.25	10,042.25
Huntington	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,050.00	14,340.81	14,545.81
Huntington Savings	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Service Foundation	20,957.36	16,511.73	17,967.47	6,995.42	0.00	0.00
Veterans Home	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL Bank Accounts	32,999.28	28,553.65	29,009.72	33,087.67	35,383.06	35,588.06
Investment Accounts						
CD # 1	24,564.67	24,808.83	24,808.83	24,808.83	24,808.83	24,808.83
CD # 2	5,547.13	5,587.88	5,587.88	5,587.88	5,587.88	5,587.88
CD # 3	10,102.40	10,181.61	10,181.61	10,181.61	10,181.61	10,181.61
CD # 4	5,477.68	5,518.87	5,518.87	5,518.87	5,518.87	5,518.87
CD # 5	5,504.18	5,544.61	5,544.61	5,544.61	5,544.61	5,544.61
CD# 6	20,720.66	20,765.09	20,765.09	20,765.09	20,765.09	20,765.09
TOTAL Investment Accounts	71,916.72	72,406.89	72,406.89	72,406.89	72,406.89	72,406.89
OVERALL TOTAL	104,916.00	100,960.54	101,416.61	105,494.56	107,789.95	107,994.95

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Joseph M. Salvia
3770 Dunham
Highland, Michigan 48357

June 20, 2026

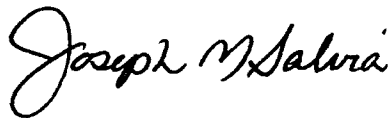
Department Commander
AMVETS Department of Michigan
Roscommon, MI 48653

RE Letter of resignation as Inspector General, AMVETS Department of Michigan

Commander,

This letter is to notify you of my decision that, for personal reasons and other scheduling conflicts, I am resigning my position as Inspector General, Department of Michigan. The effective date is June 21, 2026.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph M. Salvia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joseph M. Salvia



Office of the Representative to Great Lakes National Cemetery

State of Michigan

Natale (Nat) V. Pulizzi

22198 International Ln, Macomb, MI 48044

19 June 2026

Members of the SEC:

This is my report on the current affairs of the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holy, Michigan.

As of year, ending 30 September 2025, total Cemetery burials were **70,636**.

Beginning 1 October 2025 (FY-26), Cemetery burials to date are **2,432**.

Cemetery burials for the month of May were **480**, Cemetery is averaging **24+** burials per day.

This brings the total burials to **73,068**. (over the past 20 years)

AMVETS hosted the June luncheon, Nat is due \$100.00 (previously approved in minutes)

Construction Progress- Julne1, 2026, restrooms restoration completed.

Golf Outing - The date is August 22, 2026.

Flags Retirement Ceremony – No longer on site, over 3,000+ flags retired June 22nd.

Head Stone Cleaning –it was well attended. 398 volunteers were pre-registered. 362 checked in with an additional 29 new volunteers added to the email list. **The next cleaning is October 24, 2026.**

Memorial Day Ceremony: The Memorial Day Ceremony hosted by The Marine Corps League was held on Sunday May 24, 2026, at 1 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Every Monday: Avenue of Flags Team at Section 1 at 9:30 am.
GLNCAC Meeting: 8 July 2026 at 1:00 PM
Golf Outing: 22 August 2026
Carry the Load/Patriots Day: 10 September 2026
Saluting Branches: 16 September 2026
Quarterly VSO Meeting: 16 September 2026 5:00 PM
Unaccompanied Ceremony: 18 September 2026 11:00 AM (DAR supports this)
POW/MIA Day 18 September 2026
Fall Headstone Cleaning: 17 October 2026 9:00 AM
Veterans Day: 11 November 2026 11:11 AM, VFW - Host organization.
Wreaths Across America 12 December 2026 11:00 AM
Vietnam Veterans Day: 28 March 2027
Spring Headstone Cleaning: TBD

Finally, I respectfully request \$100.00 be approved to support membership renewal with the Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Council due **1 August 2026.**

Nat Pulizzi
AMVETS State of Michigan Representative



AMVETS POST OF THE YEAR



This certificate is presented to

Huron Valley AMVETS Post 2006

In recognition of your exceptional member engagement,
active community partnerships, and faithful rendering of sacred military honors.
Your premier veteran support, creative patriotism, and deep devotion
to those who served set the gold standard for all AMVETS Posts.

Natale "Nat" Pulizzi
Commander, AMVETS Department of Michigan
2025-2026



AMVET OF THE YEAR



This certificate is awarded to

Henry Storm Sr.

In recognition of your exceptional leadership, active community service,
and outstanding dedication to our sacred military honors.

Your premier veteran advocacy, creative patriotism, and tireless
personal volunteerism serve as an inspiring model of excellence.

Natale "Nat" Pulizzi
Commander, AMVETS Department of Michigan
2025-2026

Amvets Dept. of Michigan
Sons of Amvets State Convention
Meeting @ Mount Pleasant Marriott

9:52 AM

Commander D. Torr in Attendance - Report Given
1st Vice Report Presently 1,896 Total SOA Michigan Members

2nd Vice

3rd Vice

Adjutant - Request nominations for his Replacement

Finance Officer - Report Presented

- 2026/2027 Budget Accepted with Corrections
and Approved

Battle Creek VA Hospital Picnic July 18,

NEC Rep. Received \$500 Grant from National for VA Picnic

Americanism - Commander Attended

Higgins Lake Report - New Roof/Furniture Needed

Liaison Report: Legislation to approve HBOT/Guidelines for SPAMERS

Old Bus: Motion/Accepted - Move Grant Money \$500 to Aid Vets Account

New Bus: Motion/Accepted - Donate \$500 - Post 4 Am. Legion Homeless Backpack

Motion/Accepted - Donate \$1,000 National Commander PA Home

Motion/Accepted - Buy \$300 - ~~Raffle Tickets from Dept Raffle~~
Donate to Higgins Lake Lodge Furniture

Motion

SOA Open positions for J.A. & Adjutant 2026-2027

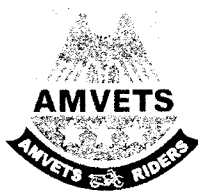
Adjutant/Finance Officer to meet for Awards Selection

Good Welfare Motion PAY(3) SOA for Extra Night Stay for Setup Approve

Nomination of Officers held for 2026-2027

Recess till 6-21-26 9 AM

ALL Officers for Dept SOA Re-elected for 2026-27
under Commander DEN TORR / Sworn in by C. Petch PDC



AMVETS Riders Department of Michigan

June 15, 2026

There are 5 Chapters at this time with a total of 143 members: 127 Riders

16 Supporters

53 AMVETS

51 Sons

39 Aux

Programs reporting for the Riders as of Jan. 1, 2026 until date of this report, total is \$884,770.19. At this time only 4 chapters are reporting. I personally as well as the Riders Dept 2nd Vice have been in contact with the chapter to encourage them to get the program reporting up to date. I expect these numbers to still increase by the end of the year do to Poker Runs and other functions that each of the Chapters are participating in.

Baldwin chapter 1988 once again had an amazing turnout for the Blessing of the Bikes. Estimated of over 4,200 bikes on the airfield for the actual blessing. Approximately another 3,00 to 5,000 bikes throughout the town for the weekend. Chapter 93 Armada held the 4th Poker Run for Strength In Numbers, which is an organization that provides food and housing essentials for Veterans transitioning from being homeless into housing. Close to \$4,000 was raised and 100% will go to Strength In Numbers.

All Chapters continue with great pride and dedication for our Nation, our Flag and our Military.

Trainings, meaningful conversations, and sharing ideas is why Amvets Riders are growing and are well known for who and what we are.

We take pride in honoring our Veterans and supporting local activities.

Respectfully Submitted by: Joel "Backpack" Trombley

Dept of MI Amvets Riders President

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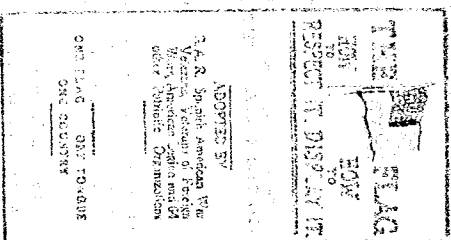
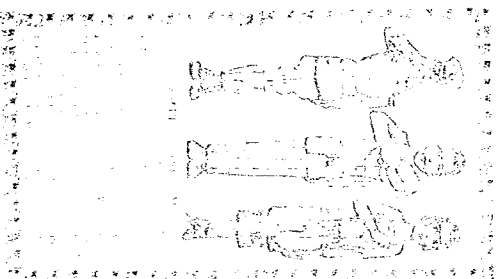
PRESIDENT PAM PEARCE'S

CONVENTION REPORT

Flag Protection Act of 1989

Whoever knowingly mutitates, defaces, physically defiles, burns, maintains on the floor or ground, or tramples upon any flag of the United States shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Clause that gave the Supreme Court direct jurisdiction over any appeal asking to address the constitutionality of the provision



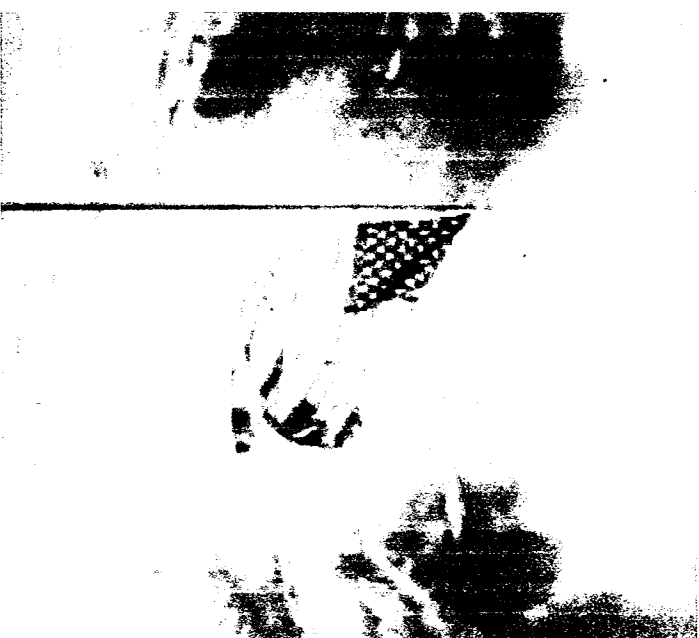
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AMERICANISM AWARDS PRESENTATION

Theme: "What does it mean to be an American?"



Saturday, June 20th, 11:30am-1pm

Courtyard by Marriott, Mt Pleasant

PROGRAM

Call to Order Jessica Jones
Dept 3rd Vice Commander

Opening Prayer AMVETS Chaplin

Pledge of Allegiance Provost Marshall

Star Spangled Banner All Sing

Presentation to Winners by

Nat Pulizzi Department Commander

Pamela Pearce Department President

Don Torr Department Commander,
Sons of AMVETS

Jessica Jones Department 3rd Vice-Commander

Jennifer Zelony Ladies Auxiliary Americanism Officer

Closing

GOD Bless the U.S.A. All Sing

Dismissal of Winners and Guests

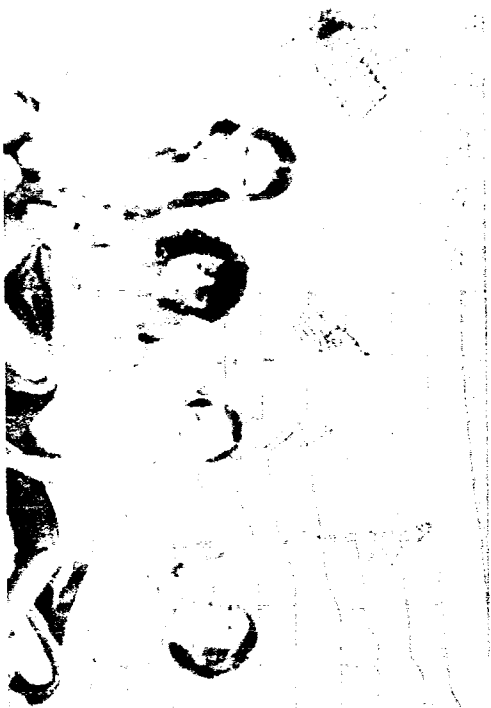
Luncheon immediately following.

On behalf of

*AMVETS, Ladies Auxiliary, and
Sons of AMVETS,*

*We would like to congratulate all the
winners and wish them good luck in
the National Competition.*

2026 Joint Americanism Committee



List of Winners:

Kdgc. Flag Coloring

1st place- Leo Morrissey
Sponsored by: Aux#23 - \$50

2nd place- Mila Hourani
Sponsored by: Aux#23- \$25

3rd place- Ariana Kosicki-Griffin
Sponsored by: District 2 - \$15

3rd Grade Poster

1st- Margaret rubin
Sponsored by: Aux#23 - \$50

2nd- Vincent D'Archangel
Sponsored by: District II - \$25

3rd- Madicyn Hill
Sponsored by: Aux. #57 - \$15

6th Grade Essay

1st- Rakesh Prabhaker
Sponsored by: AUX#114 - \$100

2nd- Joseph Crop
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2nd- Gwyn Amber Melgar
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5th Grade Poster

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**AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary
2026 Department Convention
Daily Session Agenda
Thursday, June 18**

2:00 pm Honors and Awards - Judging (closed)
2:00 pm Finance- audit (TBD)
3:00 pm By-laws/Resolutions Committee (TBD)
4:30 pm Personnel Committee (TBD)
6:00 pm Hospital Audit (Closed) (TBD)
6:00 pm Scholarship Judging (Closed) (TBD)
6:00 pm Joint Americanism Committee (TBD)

Friday, June 19 T-Shirt Day

8:00 – 9:00 Registration
8:00 am Attendance prize Drawings
8:30-9:30 Joint opening
9:30 am 1st Convention Session

Welcome

Introduction of Officers

Placing/opening of Bible

Invocation

Presentation of the Colors

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence

Credentials

Adoption of Convention Rules

Appointment of a Timekeeper

Report of Executive Secretary

Officer/Chairman/Rep/ Reports:

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
3rd Vice President

Pamela Pearce
Gloria Hall
Wendy Lynema
Allison Aldrich

Friday June 19, Continued

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	First Round of Nominations	
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7:00 pm	<i>Gavelier's Dinner</i>	

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9:30 am	2 nd Convention session – Uniforms, please!
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	Roll Call of Officers
	Credentials
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	Bylaws & Resolutions discussion & approval
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12 – 2 pm Americanism Program & lunch

2:30 pm 2nd Convention session resumes

 Credentials

 Unfinished Business

 New Business

3 pm Reading of Election Rules

 2nd Round of nominations and Elections

4:00 pm Memorial Service

4:30 pm Benediction

 Salute to Colors

 Adjournment

6:00 pm AMVETS Family Ice Cream Social in Sons Hospitality Room

Sunday, June 21

8:00 am 3rd Convention session / Post SEC (TBD)

 Roll Call of Officers

 Credentials

 Unfinished Business

 New Business

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9:30 am Joint Installation (TBD) of 2026- 2027 Officers

 Closing of the Bible

 Benediction

 Retirement of Colors

 Adjournment

11:00 am Joint AMVET Family Installation
 of 2023/2024 Officers

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Thank you for attending the 2026 annual Department Convention. It is my hope for each of you to go back to your locals and share your experience about our service organization with other members. Please take a moment to fill out a comment paper available on your table Sunday morning. We would like your input in planning for future Conventions.

It has been truly an honor to serve as your 2025/2026 Department President.

I wish you safe travels home and an even better service year for 2026/2027.

May you all continue to "Understand Our Service Organization."

PDP Pamela K Pearce