

October 17, 2025

Commander Pulizzi, fellow SEC members and guests,

The following is my 1st Vice Commander report; I attended the National Convention in August and with the assistance of John Hoecherl, brought home the annual membership cards. I reached out to all the District Commanders asking for their assistance in their delivery. I heard back from all but one so I do still have some annual cards that need to be delivered.

At the Appointments meeting in August, I was appointed Chair of the Women Veterans Committee. I did plan to hold a meeting this weekend but have not had much luck from National in regard to receiving information or guidance so I might be asking the Commander that we dissolve or table this committee for the time being.

Last month, I attended the National 1st Vice Commander meeting led by National 1st Vice Commander Sandy Vorhees. In this meeting, it was suggested that Departments attempt to start AMVETS Posts within our prison systems. There is a prison within 45 minutes from where I live so I might be attempting to figure out how to start one. Warren Cox was also in attendance so we discussed some of the problems we are still experiencing as a result of our attempt at another membership program.

Regarding membership, Michigan currently has 6,286 members with 1,378 of those members being Members at Large. I do my best to answer emails and phone calls regarding membership questions in a timely manner. And if I don't know the answer, I will reach out to National.

I spent a weekend in September at the Lodge at Higgins Lake. I am very proud to say that the lodge has had some major improvements and is run very professionally and would recommend a visit to anyone who hasn't been there lately.

Last week, I accompanied District 6 Commander Curtis to the Mesick Post as they are still having some leadership problems. We plan to attend their meeting next week as they will be holding another election for Post Commander.

I continue to attend the quarterly Commander's Group business and legislative meetings. These are very informative as they cover everything that is happening within the state to include legislation. If anyone has any questions on these meetings, please see me and I will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

I look forward to continuing my position to the best of my ability but sometimes question the direction our SEC is heading. That is my personal opinion right now and hopefully this will change after this weekend's conference.

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



Terrence B. Lavis
31310 28 Mile Road

Lenox, MI 48048

13 sep 2025

Department Commander, Members of the SEC:

1. The 2026 Convention will occur on 18-21 June 2026 at the Courtyard by Marriott Mount Pleasant. The Address for Courtyard Mt Pleasant is 2400 East Campus Drive, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858. Phone number is 989-773-1444. Reservations can be made at anytime between now and Wednesday, May 20th 2026.

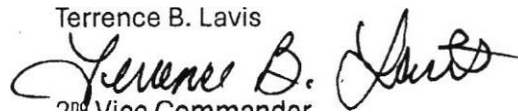
- a. Conference Rooms are all on the 1st floor, no guest rooms are on the 1st floor. If special accommodations are required for wheelchair access, walk-in showers etc, make that known at the time the reservation is made. All guestrooms have a small refrigerator, coffee maker and microwave. Parking is free.
- b. Guestroom rates were negotiated to the Military per diem rate of \$98.00 per night. A block of thirty, (30) rooms are set aside for Thursday night and a block of fifty, (50) rooms are set aside for Friday and Saturday night for our use. After May 20th, the Hotel will release the block and the rooms will be sold at the prevailing rate to the general public.
- c. The Americanism session will be conducted on Thursday 18 June 2026. The Ladies Auxiliary selected that day and will therefore be responsible for the meeting room price which was negotiated down to just \$200.
- d. The Sons will have a Hospitality Room on both Friday and Saturday located on the 6th floor. This space has a complete kitchen and an outdoor patio overlooking the CMU Campus football field. The fee for this space was negotiated to be \$98.00 per night and the Sons will be responsible for these costs.
- e. For Friday and Saturday, in addition to the Ladies and Sons meeting spaces, the AMVETS will have access to one Large Room that can accommodate 120 and two

Department Commander, Members of the SEC (CONT'D):

classrooms that will each accommodate 30 students. The cost of these spaces is \$500 per day on Friday and Saturday and \$250.00 on Sunday.

- f. The Americanism Committee will be responsible to arrange for any catered food for the Americanism ceremony. The contract for those food services does accommodate that probability but no specific requirements are contractually obligated. All food and beverages, with the exception of the hospitality suite provisions, MUST BE catered by the hotel.
- g. There is an on-premises Bistro serving breakfast and supper but they are not open for lunch. There is a strip mall just outside the front door that has several restaurants.

- h. The Soaring Eagle Casino is just a few miles away from the premises however, there is no shuttle service from the Courtyard to the Soaring Eagle properties.
 - i. Having filed our sales tax exemption paperwork with the Courtyard by Marriott Mt Pleasant already, the sales tax is waived. The balance of fees will be calculated at the conclusion of the event for incidentals such as consumption fees for coffee at the rate of \$38.00 per gallon and the recovery of any damages that may occur during the event by our guests.
 - j. Meeting Room Space fee responsibilities, before taxes, administrative fees, Hotel assessments and incidentals, are broken out as follows:
 - AMVETS: \$1,250.00
 - Ladies: \$ 200.00
 - Sons: \$ 196.00
2. With the signed Convention Contract, I am prepared to file for the Raffle License Application citing the Courtyard as the drawing site on Saturday 20 June 2026. I am prepared to pursue the 50/25/25 Department Raffle to raise funds for the Department. These funds may be designated to cover Lodge Repairs or for any other requirement deemed appropriate by the SEC.
3. This concludes the 2nd Vice Commander Report, I ask that it be accepted as written.

Terrence B. Lavis

2nd Vice Commander,
Department of Michigan

Re: Fall Conference Reports

Jessica Jones <jessa.simons@gmail.com>
To: timothy_w_hill@yahoo.com

Good morning Tim,

3rd Vice has no report.

Yahoo Mail/Inbox

Oct 1 at 10:45 AM

"The only thing in the works is the application for the raffle and I am not sure if a check has been cut and application sent out yet from Department.

Jessica Jones
616-262-4088

on sat, sep 13, 2025 at 8:46AM Timothy Hill <timothy_w_hill@yahoo.com> wrote:

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3rd vice-Commander

Re: Fall Conference Reports

Yahoo
Mail/Inbox

tim brown <timbrown51163@yahoo.com>

To:timothy_w_hill@yahoo.com

sep 15 at 1:16 PM

District 1 we like to thank Jim Hario from the Monroe post for stepping up to help plan our next convention seeing as district 1 doesn't have a second vice. The Ann Arbor post which is a paper post will let me know in January if they are turning their charter. Their age has caught up with them and they don't know if they want to keep going or able to

Tim brown
District 1 Commander
Sent from my iPhone

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Post 69 to turn in charter in January 2026



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Commander District II

13 sep 2025

Department Commander, Members of the SEC:

1. District II had a Post Commander do his Life Conversion in August 2023 however the payment never fully processed, and this member was reflected as delinquent on his Dues.
2. Research proved the member made his payment and produced a cleared check for his dues.

3. Post records showed the Post had paid the Department and National portion of his dues to Department and produced the cleared check reflecting that payment.
4. No record that the Department had processed the payment to National could be produced.
5. Department 1ST Vice is responsible for processing membership payments to National however, 1st Vice has not been authorized a debit card to conduct these official duties.
6. This concludes the District II Report, i move that it be accepted as written and I further move that Department 1ST Vice be provided access to a Debit card for the exclusive use of performing the membership account duties.

Terrence B. Lavis



Commander, District II
Department of Michigan



Michigan District III Commander
Cletus Cryderman

Oct 11, 2025

Since my last report, I have the following news to share:

Post 101 Pontiac. This is my home post and I attend monthly meetings. This post has solid fund raising activities including car shows, Dream Cruise Week, POW/MIA Yellow ribbon campaign. On June 14th, I conducted a flag retirement ceremony at the post attended by members of the AmVets, VFW and Auxiliary and guests from the community. We retired hundreds of American flags, many Armed Services flags and many POW/MIA flag. This was followed by a large celebration and picnic reflecting the Army's 250th birthday. I also attended Memorial Day Ceremonies with VFW Auxiliary Post 1370 at Perry Mount Park Cemetery.

Post 362, Howell. This post has shut its doors due to low membership. Those active members will be transferring to a nearby post or continuing as Members At Large. The post Commander has submitted their charter and bank record to the Department as required.

Post 1340, Troy. Commander Douglas continues to work with his post and new officers to straighten out records and paperwork for revalidation.

Post 1775, Brighton. This post is active with honor guard detail at Great Lakes National Cemetery and the surrounding area. This post continues a strong reporting program and great community engagement.

Post 2006, Milford. This is easily the most active post in District 3. About 50% of their members show up for monthly meetings. They're active with 3 different public zoom meetings every week discussing things like veterans benefits and navigating the VA health care system. I attend 2 out of 3 different "Coffee with Veterans" meetings per week with many members of post 2006. They excel in color guard and honor guard activities in their community, they visit with the local schools and they work with organizations like Operation Injured Soldiers and Tunnel to Towers. Their website and social media pages are active and up to date and very engaging, offering lots of photos and testimony to their efforts.

Post 3720, Swartz Creek. Another post that is very active in conducting honor guard duties. They continue to engage with their community by donating to homeless veterans and other similar causes. They have strong fund raising ideas and never ending energy to get things done.

Post 2273, Durand continues to be active with their community and local businesses. They have strong fund-raising efforts with raffles and special events and a fantastic program reporting record.

District 3 has held meetings 3 times yearly as mandated by our CBL. Our next scheduled meeting is in March, 2026.

This concludes my report.

This committee was created on the floor of the Amvets Convention June 2025. It will serve as a multipurpose platform to advance all our District's communication, knowledge, networking, proficiency, standardization, and future succession for District Officer turnover.

Currently District Commanders have Amvet posts located in multiple areas across the State of Michigan some extending over hundreds of miles. Due to closures of posts over the years for admin, or lack of membership issues, the remaining post have been absorbed into other Districts. District realignment needs to be addressed and completed. Standard Operating Procedures will need to be written, and current documents such as District Constitution and ByLaws will need to be adjusted with Amvets Department of Michigan guidance.

Below is a list of actions/tasks to be completed before a proposal is to be presented to the Amvets Department of Michigan SEC for decision to move forward:

- Identify current elected District Commanders.
- If the office is vacant the next officer in that District's seat will take charge.
- Identify all active Amvet posts under each District Commander.
- Which posts are actual physical buildings. Amvets owned and operated. ○ Which posts are sharing with another organization. I.E. American Legion, VFW, other.
 - Posts that are not in a physical building. Such as a (Paper Post).
 - Validate post numbers and locations.
 - Work with SEC to eliminate post that are no longer valid that need to be removed from Michigan Department registry.
- Identify current District zones layout.
 - Show 2025 District layouts and distances for travel miles and times.
 - Create at least 3 different options for realignment of district zones.
 - Purpose reinstatement of a District 4 and a commander to help with district zone alignments.
 - If needed purpose an addition of a new District Commander to help with district zone alignments.
- Identify documentation to be created and modified for realignment of districts. ○ Department of Michigan CBL with district changes
 - Overarching District CBL ○ Individual District CBLs ○ Post individual CBLs ○ Creation of District Commander SOP with duties, responsibilities, and turn over.

District Realignment 4 z/ So p

The committee can utilize multiple forms of media to reduce administration and logistics obstacles for best performance of data collection, meetings, and communication. Computers, Word, Excel, PDF, email, phone, Zoom calls, group text, central location group meetings with Zoom call option due to locations of other commanders.

Highly recommended to utilize the Department officers to help with guidance, documentation, administrative and possible Amvets National issues.

Meetings and locations still TBD following review and distribution of this document.

Below is a list of the current District Commanders with their contact info. District V Commander has been identified as the Chairperson for this committee by the Department Commander. Please contact Jake Reichert with any questions, concerns, suggestions, data collection, and answers to the actions/tasks within this document.

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District 2 Commander
Terry Lavis
(586) 246-8813

District 3 Commander
Butch Cryderman
248) 875 765b

District 5 Commander
Jake Reichert
(949)878-0594

District 6 Commander
Lisa Curtis
(586) 337-2415

District 7 Commander
Mark List
(906) 420-0581

District and Post Realignment+reorganization

West Region

District7

Posts 122, 123, 436

District 6

Posts 46, 110, 114, 120, 1988, 6986

DistrictS

Posts 23, 126, 422, 588, 1941, 1978, 4250

East Region

District4

Posts Raber, 13, Dept HQ, 2497

District 3

Posts Kingston, 82, 115, 2273, 3270, 3652, 4064

District 2

Posts 14, 27, 29, 52, 72, 93, 101, 121, 1775

District 1

Posts Westland, Gross Pointe, 4, 69, 910, 1942, 1957
DistrictCommanders HandbookSOP

Top Down duties, responsibilities, how to, information portal, and turn over binder.

A few thoughts for SOP handbook

Welcome guide.

> Perform the duties of Liaison between your Posts and Department of Michigan AMVETS

> Disseminate Department information to your Posts

> Be knowledgeable about National and Department Constitution and Bylaws so you can assist your Posts with proposed Post Bylaw changes

> Help your Posts with new Officer training for all Post Officer positions

> Help your Posts with Program Reporting

> Encourage Posts to participate in Community Events, engage with local City Councils and make the Community aware of the AMVET Presence in your communities

> Help your Posts engage with local schools to promote the AMVETS Americanism program

> At District meetings, encourage your Posts to share their community engagements with other Posts and support each other's community events

September 24, 2025

Dear Commander Pulizzi, fellow SEC members and AMVETS,

The following is my District 6 Fall Conference 2025 report.

I emailed all posts a letter informing them of my appointment as well as an introduction. I also asked that current officers remain in their positions until our next election in May of 2026. Only one officer responded that they were unable to fulfill this obligation and I am now actively seeking their replacement.

I scheduled a meeting during the weekend of our Fall Conference in Grand Rapids. Details of said meeting will be shared at conference.

I will schedule future meeting times and locations for the rest of the year and will inform the Department of such. At these meetings, I would like to establish goals for us to accomplish regarding fundraising and advancing veteran advocacy as outlined in the AMVETS mission statement.

I ensured all membership cards were mailed or personally delivered to their respective posts.

I have a goal to visit all posts within the District, to include Beaver Island.

It is an honor to have received this appointment. I look forward to working alongside other District Commanders as we collectively establish and confirm the specific roles of each District within the Department.

Wishing everyone a productive and successful Fall Conference.

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

Respectfully,

Lisa Curtis, District 6 Commander

AMVETS Department of Michigan

Amvets Post 122 maintains a state license campground with 25 electric sites and 5 nonelectric sites. The campground has a small recreational lake (Lake Unky) that includes activities such as catch and release fishing, non-motorized boating and a swimming beach. The campground has modern features including children's playgrounds, post home with non-alcoholic beverages and food for purchase, pavilion and picnic area, two shower/bath houses, portable water and a dump station. This is a private campground for Amvets members, veterans, and guests providing a quiet quality camping experience for a small fraction of the average cost of camping in Michigan. Amvets Post 122 also provides rental property on the south side of Lake Unky for picnics, receptions and gatherings. Rental facilities include a large parade field, bathrooms, covered pavilions, bonfire pit, benches, chairs and a large kitchen with stoves and refrigerators. Rates for Amvets and veterans is greatly reduced and often donated for free of charge for veteran and other non-profit organizations. This year we have 17 full-time campers and a handful of other sites being used on various weekends. The Campground power and water is scheduled to be shut down on 1 October for this season. The picnic grounds, lake and property are still available for use by its members until 1 December.

Post 122 has tracked and reported its volunteer hours in the past, but we have had trouble since about January being able to log on and submit hours. On average though we average about 75 volunteer hours per month. Most of these are from Red Shirt Friday participation and volunteer hours at the Jacobetti Home for Veterans.

Special activities between June and September included, hosting Monthly cookouts for veterans from the Jacobetti Home for Veterans during the months of June, July and August, hosting the Amvets District meeting and cookout in the month of August, hosting the National Guard 107th Engineers Headquarters Family Picnic in September, hosting the organization Veterans Served for a camping weekend in September, and we hosted our own membership picnic in August which included mini horses for the children. These activities we all free of cost for those participating. Post 122 also donated \$500 to the Marquette Veteran Coalition which was used to support the 9/11 Jacobetti Home for Veterans Pig Roast event.

We have lost a few lifetime members this summer, but we have also gained a few new members in the last couple of months. We will use the next few months to try to increase our membership. Also, in the next two months we will be compiling our list for our end-of-year giving, which we have budgeted for \$6,000. Donations go to local/regional veteran and community organizations.

Post 123 has performed several funeral services by rifle squad, which is greatly appreciated by the deceased family. They had one scholarship to the Escanaba High School, and will be setting up another one with the Gladstone High School for this school year.

The commander has been going on the radio to promote Amvets in hope of gaining more members, so far, they have 4 new members because of the radio broadcast. He has also given a presentation to the local National Guard unit.

They donated to delta county firework display

Post 436 helped in the set up and running of the "All Vets Picnic" for Iron County, this is a picnic like atmosphere for all veterans that attend there was 50/50 and raffle of some very nice items, i.e. large televisions, Milwaukee power tools, big BBQ to name a few of items, They had a fundraiser at the Iron County Fair for their scholarship programs netting \$1450.

They also preformed 6 funerals providing the rifle squad for military service.

This is me report and I ask that it be accepted for the record.

Mark List

7th district Commander

Commanders Group Legislative Committee Meeting

Mike Roof's message/ support- Change in County's Veteran Service Fund (CVSF) — elimination of allowable expenditures related to veteran outreach.

Old Business:

MVAA Comments-Open for 250 prizes to American Legion users.

Tim P. — Cemetery Bill- one bill written but no new updates.

CG Legislative Committee Discussion Items:

- Nov 5, 2025 Michigan Commanders Group Legislative Meet & Greet at 9AM Anderson House Bldg. 5th Floor with State Representatives
- Suicide Prevention Training to be held at 11:30 AM.
- HR 4837 Letter to Federal Representatives sent out for 10-9-25 approval and to send letter to all Michigan State Representatives.

New Business:

MVAA- Grants to counties VSO's, letter as to needed funds -County grant funding kicked back for 2025, with no raise in funding in 26 years.

- Questionable 2026 funding restrictions as to authorization to pay only VSO salaries and not outreach needs.
- What can CG do? Write letter to Rep. Ron Robinson, questioning MVAA's restrictions and authority on this issue - HB 4706 Budget Changes, MVAA Cuts, to be investigated by Sidney Love of the CG.

Next Zoom Meeting: Nov 14, 2025 at IOAM

Meeting ended 11:15 AM

NOTE: Veteran of the Year Nominations Extended

-Macomb County extended nominations until Tuesday Oct. 21, by 12 noon for newly submitted applicants.

Send submissions to:

mimacomb@public.govdelivery.com

AMVETS Dept. of Michigan Dept. Legislative Director's Report 2025 Fall Conference

Attended Dept. Commander's 8-9-25 Durand Post Meeting for assignment to attend MCG meetings and assigned to several Dept Committees, Attended MCG Michigan Commander's Group Meeting by Zoom 8-22-25, Items Discussed:

VA High Transportation Grant (HRTG) counties with less than 7 residents/ sq. mile

Review of website (HRTG) Funding Opportunities

18 weeks no cost training for Service members, Vets and spouses

Several Townhalls for Vets to learn about their benefits

Michigan UP Vets Cemetery location still not chosen

National AMVETS Legislative Priorities: —Health Access & Coordination Traumatic Brain Injury-Prevention Women Vets Issues Toxic Wound & Environmental Exposure Mental Health-Suicide Prevention VA Oversight, Accountability/Improvement Military Sexual Trauma Economic Jobs Fed. & State

Physically Attended MCG Michigan Commander's Group Meeting 9-29-25 in Lansing

AMVETS Dept. Commander Spoke by Zoom

Requesting MVA Michigan Vets Assoc. sign be on all State Police Vehicles Senate Bill 215

(Green Alert for Suicide Vets/ same as Amber Alert)

MCG Legislative Director/Committee Chair Tim Paxson Report on:

State Bill for 5 million for Cemetery

VSO Program Fund Bill 2078

Bill 239 Vietnam Vets reward

Vets Free to State Parks

Bill for Grants to Vets Post for Repair/ by MVAA

Letter to Congressional Reps. Approved by MCG/give \$200 Donation to Metro Airport Freedom

Center-Meet & Greet Vets/give support to Fisher Houses in Ann Arbor & Detroit

Nominations from each Vet Org. application to be submitted for State Vet of the Year.

Storm the Hill, meet and greet Michigan Reps 11-5-25 Anderson House Office Bldg. 5th Floor

Next MCG Meeting Jan 12, 2026

Commander, this is my Fall Conference Report/ and I move for it's acceptance. C. A. Petch,PDC



Salvia

American Veterans (AMVETS)

Department of Michigan

Joseph M. Salvia, Inspector General

2025 Fall Conference Activity Report

October 10, 2025

TO: SEC Members and other interested parties

State Commander Pulizzi contacted me and asked me if I would accept an appointment to be the Inspector General for the Department of Michigan. While not sure exactly what responsibilities would be in that position, I did accept the appointment to serve. Since being appointed, there has been no activity or assignments from the Commander that would involve my area of responsibility until just a few days ago. I did receive an email from a Post asking for my assistance. As I believe that my direction comes directly from the Commander, I immediately forwarded him a copy of the request and asked him to review the situation. I will hold off any direct communications with the Post pending instructions from the Commander. .

With respect to the appointment of Inspector General, I offer the following to the SEC for review and consideration of approval. I did contact the Commander and sent him via email my comments on expanding the position(excerpts below). He will bring up the matter for discussion at the upcoming SEC meeting.

"Commander, In our past conversations, I mentioned to you that I believe that this position should have either a co-chair or be permitted to add personnel as necessary to accomplish the task. Another important reason is to be able to have a witness during certain discussions. Also, in scheduling meetings, another person provides the availability of backup as this can be a problem on occasion.

Saying that, if this can be approved, I have a candidate who is most capable of filling that position, and I believe he would have an interest in doing so. He is currently a member of our Post, serving as Judge Advocate. He is also a full-time attorney and

possesses great communication skills. We work together on several projects. I have informally discussed this with him, and he shows an interest.”

This concludes my report. I ask that a motion be made for its acceptance.

Regards,

Joseph M. Salvia

Inspector General

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313-701-8000



AMVETS Riders Department of Michigan

sept 28, 2025

There are 5 Chapters at this time with a total of 150 members: 137 Riders 13

Supporters 57

AMVETS

55 Sons

36 Aux

Programs reporting for the Riders as of Jan. 1, 2025 totals is \$1,638,656.93 all 5 chapters reporting. 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.

Quality Chapters awards went to Armada Amvets Riders 93 and Baldwin Amvets Riders Chapter 1988. Department of Michigan Amvets Riders was awarded Gold Star Families award for a \$500.00 donation. Armada Amvets Riders Chapter 93 was awarded "Million Dollar Club 2025" for over \$1 million in programs reporting. This award was only given to 6 chapters throughout the United States

The Riders Fall Mtg(SEC) will be held on October 18, 2025 in Grand Rapids Michigan.

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

