



AMVETS

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The next regular AMVETS meeting will be, Tuesday, JANUARY 10, 2012

COMMANDER'S CALL

>During the holiday season things always get a little hectic with all the running around to get the Christmas shopping done. I trust that Santa was very good to all of you that were good boys and girls throughout the year.

>The Annual Christmas party at the Capt. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (formerly North Chicago VA Medical Center) was held on Wednesday December 21st and was a great success again as it is every year. Thanks to Carl Fabiszak and all the volunteers that work so hard to put it all together. As usual there was an abundance of good food, lots of goodies, great entertainment and presents for all the patients that attended. The givers and the receivers all had a good time.

>The Children's Christmas party was held on Saturday December 10th and I trust that everyone that attended enjoyed it. My sincere thanks to everyone that helped get it done. And lets not forget to thank Dan Miller who played Santa and Diane LeClair who plays Mrs. Claus every year. The decorations looked especially nice this year thanks to Karen, Darlene, Dolores and Jim. Thank you to everyone that stepped up and helped decorate the Christmas trees and the entire bar area. It is with deep regret that we note the passing of John McGady. John always made sure the tank got decorated. We are all happy that Jim and Dolores Peters stepped up and made sure the tank got decorated now that John is gone. Once again, thank you to everyone that helps keep us going. As I have said over and over again, "We couldn't do it without you"!

Plan to attend the Super Bowl game Sunday February 5th, 2012 and enjoy the excitement of the game with all your friends. It will be a while before we know who'll be playing. There will be lots of door prizes and the Sad Sacks will have a few raffles too! There will also be lots of goodies to satisfy your appetites. I hope you can join us and we can all watch the game together.

In closing let me say that I look forward to the New Year and continuing to work with all of you. 2011 was a pretty good year for Post 66 in spite of the slow economy. I'm confident that with your continued help and support we will continue doing our job to help veterans, their families and our community during 2012 and beyond.

"The value of a man resides in what he gives and not in what he is capable of receiving"
– Albert Einstein.

Remember to pray for our men and women defending our freedom. God bless you and God bless America!

Yours in service to AMVETS,
Tony Altieri

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1st – NEW YEAR'S Day, A Very Happy & Healthy New Year to All!
January 3rd – Building Corp & Exec Committee meetings 7:00 pm
January 4th – VFW Post 981 Membership meeting 7:00 pm
January 10th – AMVETS Membership meeting 7:00 pm
January 16th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 18th – BINGO at Capt. Lovell FHCC 7:00 pm
January 24th – SAD SACKS Unit 126 Scrimmage 7:31 pm
January 29th – NFL Pro Bowl

February 1st – VFW Post 981 Membership meeting 7:00 pm
February 2nd – Ground Hog Day – Will he see his shadow?
February 7th – Building Corp & Exec Committee meetings 7:00 pm
February 5th – Super Bowl Sunday (Drop in to watch the game. I'm not sure who will be playing!)

**BINGO IS HELD EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT AT POST 66.
A FEW NEW VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED!**

2012 Annual Dues!

If you haven't sent in your 2012 annual dues please do so ASAP! All of us are getting a bit older and we need all the help we can get. Please help us to continue to help veterans and our active duty military.

Donald L. Anderson	William G. Hoos	Simon M. Oshgan	Ron Serva
Dennis M. Bekkum	F. J. Kellerhals	Arnold C. Pecoraro	Bert Tovrog
Roger Bushnick	Andrew Kim	Bryant L. Ruhman	Jennifer Tario
Robert Conner	Ronald S. Kniskern	Jim Rocks	Charles Vallas
Jerome Czarnowski	David J. Kolozy	Richard Sandness	
Paul T. Doetsch	Daryl Lucero	Philip M. Schiffman	
Robert M. Eidsvoog	Gerald Malik	James A. Shatkus	
Rick F. Furguiuele	Mike L. Motch	John Schwar	

I apologize if your name is listed and you have already paid your dues. Please contact us so we can make the required corrections. Sometimes we do mess up and make mistakes.

Tony Altieri
Post Commander

*** * * Drawing for Free Upgrade to Life Membership * * ***

**Annual members that paid their 2012 dues before the December 2011
General Membership meeting qualified for the drawing.**

**And the lucky winner is:
David Salmeron
Congratulations!**

If you have any questions please call the Post or contact an Officer of the Post.
Most of us are available during Bingo on Thursday nights.