

**March/April/May 2024**  
**AMVETS POST 9 NEWSLETTER**



**AMVETS VALLEY MEMORIAL POST 9**

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FOR SALE**

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Chance to be a winner 365 days based on the MD Lottery Evening Pick 3 numbers.

Please help with this major fundraiser - When you sell 50 calendars, you will receive 1 free.

## Save the Date

Memorial Day Monday, May 27, 2024, at 11:00 am.

The 3rd Annual Middletown Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the Memorial Park Flag Court at the intersection of South Church Street and Franklin Street. This is a solemn Ceremony to commemorate the Service of 38 Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen from Middletown who died during the conflicts of the 20th Century. Our Ceremony includes a short concert of Patriotic and Remembrance music by the Rohrsersville Band, Presentation of the Colors and three volley rifle salute by the Boonsboro American Legion Honor Guard, Town Officials reading the 38 names, laying wreaths at the Monuments and the playing of Taps. Each year, we select two of the 38 Fallen Heroes to Honor with details of their Family Life and Service. For 2024 we will be featuring the stories of Private Edward L. Fulmer Jr., 502 PIR, 101st Airborne, KIA Battle of Carentan and Private Charles Austin Brandenburg, 8th Cavalry Division, KIA Korea. The Town of Middletown with support from AMVETS Post 9 and Sons of AMVETS-Squadron 9, are joining in this effort to ensure that the Ultimate Sacrifices made by these 38 Fallen Heroes will not be forgotten. We are asking for a large turnout of Post 9/Sons/Auxiliary members to attend this event to honor and remember our Fallen Brothers in Arms.

Submitted by Ron Moss, Chair Middletown's Memorial Day Ceremony Committee, Member Sons of AMVETS. Squadron 9

### Middletown Valley Young At Heart Exercise

10-11 am Yoga 11-12 @ \$5.00

Senior Lunch - 2nd Thursday of the month at Noon @ \$13.00 per person . Questions, call Dottie 301-371-5170.

**MARCH 14 — Corned Beef & Cabbage**

**APRIL 11th — Roasted Turkey Breast**

**MAY 9th — Chicken Salad**

A Huge thank you to...



**For the Donation of Turkeys for our Veterans Activities**

#### CURRENT INFORMATION REGARDING DD-214's

DD-214 discharge papers are NOW ONLINE. The National Personnel Records Center has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's online: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans> and the next of kin of deceased former military-service-records/ This may be helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his/her DD-214 for employment purposes. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may use a new online personnel records system to request documents.



**SONS OF  
AMVETS  
TEE SHIRTS  
FOR SALE  
\$21.00**



**Amvets Post 9 Pool  
is now available  
\$10.00 per Square**



MARCH 2024

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					1 Kitchen Specials	2 Kitchen Specials Sons Corn Hole Tournament 2 pm
3 Kitchen Open	4 <b>POST CLOSED</b>	5 <b>POST CLOSED</b>	6 Menu	7 Kitchen Specials	8 Kitchen Specials	9 Kitchen Specials
10 <b>VETS 20/20</b> 3-6pm Kitchen Closed	11 <b>POST CLOSED</b>	12 <b>POST CLOSED</b>	13 Menu	14 <b>Seniors Lunch</b> Kitchen Specials Amvets Board Meeting	15 Kitchen Specials	16 Kitchen Specials <b>Easter Bunny Ice Cream Social 11-1</b> Bar Bingo 6-8
17 Kitchen Open	18 <b>POST CLOSED</b>	19 <b>POST CLOSED</b>	20 Menu Amvets Sons Meeting	21 Kitchen Special Auxiliary Meeting	22 Kitchen Specials	23 Kitchen Specials <b>Karaoke 8-11</b>
24 Kitchen Open / 31 Easter POST CLOSED	25 <b>POST CLOSED</b>	26 <b>POST CLOSED</b>	27 Menu	28 Kitchen Special All Members/ Board Meeting	29 Kitchen Specials	30 Kitchen Specials

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28 Kitchen Open Auxiliary Mini Raffle 2-5	29 <b>POST CLOSED</b>	30 <b>POST CLOSED</b>	31 Menu			

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19  Kitchen Open Dept of MD Picnic 1-4 pm at the Amvets Post 2 Farm	20  <b>POST CLOSED</b>	21  <b>POST CLOSED</b>	22  Menu	23  Kitchen Specials  Board/All Members Meeting	24  Kitchen Specials	25  Kitchen Specials Karaoke 8-11
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# Bar



**March 16th**  
**April 20th**  
**May 18th**  
**6-8 pm**

Kitchen Menus  
Are subject to  
change/based  
on food  
availability  
Call  
301-371-5115  
for Details or  
Reservations



### Commander's Message:

I trust everyone had a Very Merry Christmas, Happy and Safe New Year Celebration and a cozy Valentine's Day event. The post has been doing very well financially as well as serving our community and veterans organizations. I would encourage all who have kids or grandkids from 1st grade thru 12th grade to pickup a copy of the AADAA and Americanism contest packets under the white board on the table and have them complete the project and submit it as directed....there are monetary awards available. Also, anyone with kids or grandkids in college, you will find AMVETS Department of Maryland scholarship applications there with the contest forms. Let's get your kids involved and not let scholarship money on the table like last year.

Please beware of the required submittal dates. We held the mandatory Corporation and Post 9 Business Meeting 1/25/2024 with many handouts available providing health and wealth info of the two(2) entities and the meeting was well attended, though not as well as I would like. You will see some staffing changes due to some recent turnovers; Austin is back as bar tender and will also fill the open position of Assistant Manager. Janet Shankle and Cheyenne Haggerty have resigned, Devon Tan will be working some part-time shifts again, and mid-March Laurie Krug will be joining Carol in the kitchen on Thursday and Friday evenings. Thanks to those who served us well and moved on to other aspirations and "welcome" to all who are coming back to help with the workload. We are always looking for volunteers to help out with running food orders at bingo, selling jar tickets, preparing food with Carol, setting up and tearing down after events and just a plethora of tasks to help things go well. If interested, let Rick know.

**Ed Moser, Commander**

### Greeting Ladies;

Hope all of you are as happy for Spring as I am! We have had a great start to the New Year with the Ladies Auxiliary. Congratulations to Lola Haupt for being selected as the 2023 Auxiliary Member of the Year, she is an incredible example of what "Auxiliary member" means. Lola is one of the first to get to any event/meeting and usually one of the last to leave, has been on the Auxiliary executive board for many years, is a great mentor to our new members. WE have set the dates for many upcoming events...

- ◆ Easter Bunny Social March 16th and it is free, but we request a reservation to ensure we have enough for all our friends attending.
- ◆ Auxiliary Mini Raffle and Steak Feed April 28th 2-5pm \$25 per person, tickets go quickly, be sure to get yours early. Many hands are needed for the above events, please reach out to assist.
- ◆ May 19th Amvets Department of Maryland Family Picnic, at the Farm, all are welcome, tickets are available via Donna Tolland and at the Bar, \$5.00 per person ages 12 years and up, this will be refunded upon arrival at the event.

As your President, I have had the goal of enlarging our membership, we are currently 163 Auxiliary members strong, please help us reach our next goal of 175, I know if we all work together, we can easily achieve this. We have our elections upon us, first nominations will be held at the April meeting, with elections in May. Are you ready for the next step? Want to be more involved? I will gladly answer questions regarding any office & their duties. Happy Spring

Donna Tolland, President

**President: Donna Tolland, 1st Vice: Dianna Plotner, 2nd Vice: Wendy Duffy, Secretary: Sherrie Ross, Treasurer: Lola Haupt, Parliamentarian: Marti Kefauver, Chaplain: Virginia Lewis, Scholarship: Susan Serdensky, the position of 3rd Vice is currently open, if you are interested in filling this position, please reach out to Donna.**



### NEWS FROM THE SONS OF AMVETS



**THE 2023 SON OF THE YEAR IS BILL HARTSOCK. A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL THE TIME HE PUT IN WITH THE NEW CORN HOLE PITS AT OUR POST. WE STILL HAVE SONS OF AMVETS TEE SHIRTS FOR SALE. STOP IN AT OUR NEXT MEETING AND PICK ONE UP. THE SONS ARE HOLDING AN INSIDE CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT ON MARCH 2ND WITH THE SIGN UP AT @2:00 .**

**THE SON'S LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IS NOW \$450. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE SONS ARE DOING DROP YOUR NAME AND EMAIL IN THE SONS BOX INSIDE THE DOOR AT POST. JAMES GOODMAN IS DOING A GREAT JOB GETTING ALL THE INFORMATION OUT TO OUR MEMBERS.**

**I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE SONS WHO SHOW UP FOR OUR MEETINGS—FOR ATTENDING AND THEIR INPUT. OUR MEETINGS ARE THE 3RD WEDNESDAY AT 7 PM. COME AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH US.**

**SONS SERVING VETERANS      COMMANDER, ED STELY**





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With Jim

**March 23rd**

**April 13th**

**May 25th**



**Veterans Member  
of the Year**

**John Leeland**



**Auxiliary Member  
of the Year**

**Lola Haupt**



**Sons Member  
of the Year**

**Bill Hartsock**





## Post 9 Deceased Members



**May  
They  
All  
Rest  
in  
Peace**

Douglas Mellow 8/2020  
Bill Williams 9/18/2020  
Walter Gordon 10/29/2020  
Alfred E. Roberts 12/20/2020  
Glenn Souders 1/14/2021  
Reese Grams 1/21/2021  
Nancy Grams 2/08/2021  
Harold (Corky) Zeigler 2/19/2021  
Frank C. Kovalchick 2/24/2021  
John S. Holmes 5/8/2021  
Joseph Krusinski 9/16/2021  
George Linton, Jr. 1/22/2022  
Thomas Nyswaner 1/24/2022  
Charles Keller 1/27/2022  
Charles Coulter 5/24/2022  
Clifford Cunningham 7/12/2022  
Phyllis Thompson 7/17/2022  
Lewis Smith 9/7/2022  
James Moran 9/11/2022  
Clinton Wimsatt 9/17/2022  
Harold Shank 11/5/2022

Sherrill Schultz 12/24/22  
Mark D. McGlaughlin 1/17/2023  
Michael D. Martin, Sr 2/7/2023  
Carlos Mercado-Comoega 5/12/2023  
Wayne "Skeeter" Geisbert 5/22/2023  
Jeff Corun 6/13/2023  
Cassandra Gould 7/11/2023  
Jack Newkirk 7/16/2023  
Eugene Stup 7/29/2023  
Scott Barkdoll 8/15/2023  
Mark Miller 8/19/2023  
William Eisentrout 8/28/2023  
Fred Dodge, II 10/25/2023  
Leah MacMillan 11/8/2023  
Ron Zecher 12/4/2023  
Janet Young 12/6/2023  
Edward Lewandowski 12/21/2023  
John C. Gladhill 1/4/2024  
James Kneussl 2/4/2024  
Larry Cassell 2/15/2024  
Mark Gladhill 2/20/2024

## Ladies Auxiliary \$1,500 Scholarship

Applications for the Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship is available from Amvets Post 9 and the guidance department at Middletown High School. The deadline for submission is March 5, 2024. Any high school senior who attends Middletown High School or resides in the Middletown feeder area, and meets the qualifications detailed on the application, will be considered.

## Rule Enforcement

We are enforcing the membership requirements of the post: If you do not use your access key card to enter the facility, be prepared to show your membership card. The bartenders have enough to do without having to buzz you in because you haven't taken care of your requirements.

IF you are a member and have not attended a meeting of your respective organization, please attend the next meeting so you can be issued a key access card. This is a requirement for all members.

If you are a guest, your host or sponsor must be with you and sign you into the guest register in the foyer. A guest may only be allowed entry with sponsor one (1) time per week. IF you qualify for membership, you must make application ASAP.

**SEE THE "HOUSE RULES" FOR CLARIFICATION.**

## Annual Veterans

**2024 dues notices  
have been mailed  
and are due when  
received!**