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Commanders Message June 2026

Greetings to everyone,

First, I would like to thank you, the officers and AMVET family members, for your cooperation, support and enthusiasm during this past year. As Veterans we have two families - our hereditary family and our military family. They ae both important in our lives. The support from everyone is the key to the success of our Post. We are all a part of the team – some are in the background and some are very visible. Everyone is important to our existence.

Post elections took place in May and installation of officers by PDC Dennis Barrington will occur at our June meeting. Once again, we are humbled by your vote of confidence for the Veterans holding office for this next year. Will you join us at the next meeting to start our year on the right note?

Now that summer is near, there will be some events that will be of interest to you. Ron Laux and a team of volunteers did a fundraiser in May at Woodman's. Our post is scheduled to have a fundraiser at American Family Field on 27 June. All volunteers will meet at Landmark Credit Union to carpool to the park. We need volunteers to make this a big success. Ron Laux is always happy to hear from you and coordinate the event. Please call him to volunteer for this event.

Our **AMVETS State Convention** is 19-21 June in Green Bay at the Oneida Hotel. We have room for a few more delegates if you are interested. The post pays the registration fee and one night's stay at the hotel. Call Ron if interested.
The Military **Family Day at the Zoo** is 5 July. Every Veteran may receive 10 free tickets for admission and free parking. Tickets are required and are available from the CVSO office in the county where you reside. **Post #4's annual picnic** is 19 July, starting at 11 AM to ? at the American Legion #434 grounds on Shepherd Ave. in Oak Creek. The fee is $5 or donation of a door prize or help at the picnic or a dish to pass. Everyone is invited!
Our **Post #60's picnic** is 9 August at Mueller Pond in Oak Creek starting at 11:30 AM. More details coming later. If you are interested in being on the picnic Committee, call Jean.
Please support the listed events so that the chairmen of the events continue to plan the activities next year.

The AMVETS Americanism Contest was entered at two grade levels from our post this year. Their entries were forwarded to 2nd District for consideration to be judged at the Department level. Thanks to those who promoted the contest.

The AMVETS Riders Group from 2nd District, disbanded because Post #120 in Racine, disbanded this past year. There are some riders from the area interested in forming a new Riders Group. If you ride, have a license, and belong to AMVETS, Ladies Auxiliary or Sons, Matt Bergs from Post #911 would appreciate hearing from you. This notice is being shared with members in 2nd District (Posts #4, 14, 37, 60, 262 and 911). Call Jean for more information.

Thank you for your support of our activities. Enjoy the summer and stay well.

God Bless you and God Bless America.

Jean Ruka, Commander

(414)764-3637 or (414)628-4050 cell

June 2026

Greetings, Auxiliary sisters, AMVETS, and friends,

I hope this writing finds everyone healthy and safe!

I'm so thrilled to announce that we have added another new member to our Auxiliary. Edith "Edie" Litkowiec. Our new members have been a wonderful addition to our group. As you will see below, they have really jumped in to supporting our Auxiliary and programs!

New officers have been elected for the 2026-27 Auxiliary year. They are:
1st Vice President (Membership) – Candy Endres
2nd & 3rd Vice President – Whitney Betanzos
Treasurer – Mary Rose Accetturo
Secretary – Debbie Janczak
Appointed: Cheryl Rataicheck - Scholarship & Americanism officer.
Debbie Awe-Jones has volunteered to be our Hospitality person.

Since my last article, our Auxiliary has held two successful White Clover fundraisers at American Family Field. First was the Brewer/Dodger game on May 23rd, and second was the Banana Ball Game on June 6th.

Deep gratitude is extended to Debbie Janczak, Susan Kartes, Edith Litkowiec, and Mary Rose Accetturo for volunteering their time to help us out. A special thank you goes to AMVETS Post 60 Commander, Jean Ruka, who not only volunteered her time to drive our ladies to and from American Family Field but also donated the monies she raised to the Auxiliary.

I can't say enough about the support we have received from our Post! We have been sharing fundraising opportunities at American Family Field for the past couple of years. The Post has also purchased Calendar Raffle tickets being sold by the AMVETS Department of WI Ladies Auxiliary. In addition, Commander Ruka donated baby items for the diaper drive being conducted by our AMVETS Child Welfare chairman in conjunction with the House of Hope in Green Bay.
As a reminder, we will be having a White Clover Drive on June 27th at Woodman's in Oak Creek. August 6th. On Aug. 8th, we will be hosting a picnic at the Spinal Cord Injury Unit at Zablocki VAMC. Set up and grilling will start at 10:30 am. We plan to start serving at noon and wrap up by 2 p.m. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend!

The AMVETS Department of WI Ladies Auxiliary will continue to sell calendar raffle tickets until they are all sold. Tickets are $20.00 each. Drawings are held the third Wednesday of each month. You don't need to be present to win and there is no limit to how often you can win! If you're interested in purchasing a ticket, please let me know.

As always, if you or an Auxiliary member you know is hospitalized, experiencing health challenges, or could use a little "thinking of you" cheer, please contact Susan Kartes at 414-350-1579.

God Bless America, God Bless our Military Personnel, and God Bless you.

Yours in Service,
Marvell Ruppel
President
262-305-1330 | MarvellRuppel@gmail.com

Important dates:
6/16/26 -Aux. meeting 10 am, Howard Village, room 318.
6/27/26 – White Clover Drive – Woodman's – 9 am – 4 pm
7/21/26 - Aux. meeting 10 am, Howard Village, room 318.
8/6/26 – Zablocki SCIU picnic – 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
8/8/26 – White Clover Drive - American Family Field

AMVETS POST 60 May 19, 2026 General Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1900 hours by Commander Jean Ruka

Invocation by Post Chaplain & Pledge of Allegiance by all. Preamble by Commander

Commander: Jean Ruka – P

2nd Year Trustee: – Don Schambureck - P

1st Vice Commander: Ron Laux – P

2nd Vice Commander: open

Provost Marshall: Ted Palmisano - E

Finance Officer: Chris Banedt – E

Judge Advocate: Robert Litkowiek – P

1st year Trustee: Ralph Pietruszynski - P

Guest: None

3rd Year Trustee:– open

Adjutant: Terri Wooldridge – E

S E C: Ron Laux – P

Alternate SEC: Robert Sorrell – P

Post Chaplain: Don Schambureck – P

Post Service Officer: Jean Ruka – P

Editor:

Minutes: April minutes reviewed– Motion carried to accept as printed.

Financial: Financial report for April reviewed and motion carried to approve.

Outstanding Bills: ROTC medal and postage ($35.XX), Convention registration and Banquet for those attending convention. Motion carried to pay the bills.

Service and Welfare: There was a death of member, Bill Goralski. His funeral will be this weekend. A list of the 10 deceased members will be provided to be printed in the Memorial book at Convention.

Correspondence: Don Carlson is the chairman of: "Thank You to Our Veterans Ice Cream Social"- Thurs. May 21st, 12-2pm at the Greenfield Community Center, 7215 W. Cold Spring Road.

Officer reports:

1st VC: Ron is working on getting annual memberships updated. Have worked on contacting MAL members in 2nd District. Of the members contacted, 5 members will be joining our post. **2nd VC**: We had fundraising at Woodman's and awarded ROTC medal at Greenfield High School. **Provost Marshall**: Nothing to report **Judge Advocate**: Nothing to report

SEC: The SEC meeting is 18 June in Green Bay. Convention is 19-21 June. Second Dist. is going to host the Hospitality room at Convention in June. Dept. will provide beverages.

Adjutant: Continue to report project hours on sheet at meeting or to Jean Ruka

Alternate SEC: Nothing to Report

Post Chaplain: Nothing to report

Post Editor: If you want something special added to paper, let me know.

2nd District: Next meeting May 27th, 7PM at Paisano's in So. Milwaukee. Elections will be held. Your participation is requested. Please come and be a part of this group. Matt Bergs will be the next commander of 2nd District. Raffle tickets are now available. (Prizes from $1000-$100) Winners will be pulled at State Convention. You do not have to be present to win! Contact Ron Laux for tickets.

Milwaukee Allied Veterans Council: Next meeting May 28th at 7pm at the War Memorial. Delegates are needed. The June meeting will be a social gathering in the Beer Garden at the War Memorial. Beer Garden closes at 8 PM. Please come and join us.

Zablocki Hospital: To celebrate the 4th of July, there will be a catered picnic on the VA grounds at Lake Wheeler- Food, Music and Fun! An Awards event for volunteers will occur in August.

MCVA: Next meeting is on June 29th at the War Memorial at 7PM. All of our activities will be listed on Facebook

including the drawings for the Monthly calendar raffle. The Americanism Awards Breakfast is in October and the Veterans Day Banquet is in November. If you are interested in becoming Veteran of the Year, now is the time to work on your resume'. The new Calendar raffle will begin in July for 12 months.

Fundraising: Fundraising at Woodman's on May 9th resulted in $1220.30 for our projects. Thanks to John, Jean, Bob, Ron and Ralph for helping us. Dates at American Family Field are June 6 and 27, 2026. Contact Ron Laux if you can attend or have questions.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Nominations for Post Officers: Commander: Jean Ruka
1st Vice Commander: Ron Laux
2nd Vice Commander: Terri Wooldridge
Finance Officer: Chris Banedt
Adjutant; Terri Wooldridge
Judge Advocate: Robert Litkowiek
Provost Marshall: Robert Sorrell
3 Yr. Trustee: John Horvat
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A unanimous ballot was cast for each delegate to the respective office. Oaths will be taken at the June meeting.

Good of the Order

June 12,13,14- **Polish Fest** at Henry Maier Festival Park (Summerfest) has free admission with military ID
June 13th-**Flag Day**, Oak Creek hosts annual celebration at Drexel Town Square 8040 S. 6th Street from 4pm to 6 pm. Patriotic music by American Legion Band and solemn Unserviceable Flag Ceremony.
June 30th- **"Chill on the Hill",** at 6:30 PM in Humboldt Park at the Band Chalet. The American Legion Band performs and presents a Salute to the Services and other good music. Bring your chair... Free
July 3- **Drone Show** at McKinley Park – 45 minutes, Free
July 4- **Fireworks** sponsored by Harley Davidson from the Summerfest grounds
July 5- **Milwaukee County Zoo** has free admission and free parking for veterans. Get tickets (up to ten) from your CVSO. In Milwaukee, CVSO is on Greenfield Ave.
July- 23 Star Spangled Tea Party with guest speaker Crystal Schaefer, CO of the USS Constitution.
September 11- **911 Ceremony** on Fitch Plaza of War Memorial
See Doc Dentice's website at www.war-veterans.org for more information on events around the state.

Motion to close meeting, seconded and carried
Closing prayer by Post Chaplain at 2001 hours.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Ruka- Acting Adjutant



Happy Birthday to You!

Wishes for Your Birthday,
Much Fun in All You Do,
A Day Filled With Sunshine
And Happiness for You!

June 2026

Michael Burzelic
Ralph Glowacki
James Hunter
James Janicek
James Keltesch
Patricia Meuler
Theodore Palmisano
Joel Schanning
Diane Swanke
George Zaboklicki
Francis Freudinger
Allan Groszczyk
Terry Ignaczak
Linda Janicek
Bruce Kucaj
Craig Nienas
Anthony Reyes
Gwen Sheppard
Richard Turzinski

If we missed your birthday this month, it's because we don't have the information. Please share the data with us and we will remember you with greetings next year!



UPCOMING EVENTS.

June 12-14- Polish Fest, Free with military ID
June 14: Flag Day
June 16: Post #60 meeting at Waterstone Bank on 27th St. in Oak Creek at 7PM
June 19-21: AMVETS State Convention in Green Bay at the Oneida Hotel
June 21 Happy Father's Day!
June 25: Allied Veterans Council 7 PM at War Memorial in Beer Garden
June 27: Fundraiser at AmFam, volunteer call Ron
June 28: "Chill on Hill" at Humboldt Park
July 4: Independence Day, Be safe and enjoy!
July 5: Veterans Family **"Free"** day at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Need tickets for admission from CVSO.
July 18: District Fundraiser at American Family Field. Please call Ron Laux to volunteer.
July 19: Post #4 Picnic at American Legion #434 located at 9327 South Shepard Ave., in Oak Creek. (11AM-5PM)
July 21: Post #60 meeting at Waterstone Bank in Oak Creek at 7PM.
July 29: 2nd District meeting at Waterstone Bank in Oak Creek, 7PM
Aug 9 Post #60 Picnic at Miller Pond Pavilion in Oak Creek at 11:30-4 PM

Post #4-Annual Picnic

July 19th is Post #4's Picnic at the American Legion #434 grounds at 9327 S. Shepard Ave. Oak Creek, WI. There will be free refreshments, snacks and good food provided in a beautiful outdoor setting. Admission is $5.00, a descent door prize, or dish to pass. This is always a great event. See you there!



Our Departed Post Members

On the last morning of our State AMVETS Convention, a solemn Memorial Service is held to remember all AMVET members deceased since last year's convention. Post #60 AMVETS and Aux. are:

LeRoy Judd
Sam Scifo
Ronald Portz
John Thren
LeRoy Bluma
Frank Jumbeck
James Ruppell
Joel Staven
Richard Hankwitz
William Goralski
And Ladies Aux members: Helen Labinski
Geraldine Bills
Norma Kramer

Elected Officers of Second District

Elections were held at the 2nd District Meeting in May. The following officers will remain in office until May 2028. (2 yr. terms)

Commander: Matt Bergs
1st Vice Cmdr.: Ron Laux
Finance Officer: Wayne Amborn
JA: Tim Wendt
Adjutant: Jean Ruka
2 Yr. Trustee: Dennis Barrington
1 Yr. Trustee: Joe Maier
Provost Marshall: Kelly Clingaman
Chaplain: Dennis Barrington

Get well Wishes

Kind wishes and prayers are being requested for everyone who might be having health issues and not feeling well. Many of our members don't share their needs when they are ill and go on in silence and isolation; resulting in stress. If anyone needs assistance, please contact one of the officers and we will assist however possible.
Wishing everyone good health and a safe and fun-filled summer.

Free Day at the Zoo – 5 July

Every Veteran or active military person may have 10 tickets for free admission to the Milwaukee County Zoo on 30 June. This includes free parking. Tickets are available from the CVSO in your community. In Milwaukee County, the CVSO is Rick Flowers and his office is at 6401 W. Greenfield Ave. in West Allis, WI 53214. His phone is (414) 266 1234 or (414) 266-1235. Call his office for all Veteran issues as well as for the free tickets.

Post #60 Annual Picnic

August 9th is the date of our Post picnic from 11:30 to 4 PM. We will be at Miller Pond Pavilion again. Mark your calendar and save the date.

Your Name: _____
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION Our AMVETS State Department and National Headquarters need the information of members activities in order to qualify for "Post of the Year" awards. Please fill out the forms as best you can and if there are any personal costs involved in any activity you are involved with, write the total some place on the form. You may include activity with any other Veterans organizations, as well.

E-mail to James Ruppel at jhruppel@yahoo.com

In our continuing effort to cut costs for AMVETS Post 60, I am reviewing our mailing list, both for accuracy and reductions.

If you would be willing to receive the Scuttlebutt by email, rather than regular mail, please email me at jschruka@gmail.com

This will save the cost of postage, paper and ink, not to mention the work of printing and assembling the mailing.

Jean Ruka, Editor

***** JOIN US IN SONG *****

Festival City Chorus, Milwaukee's own a capela chorus, is working diligently to prepare for Performances and Contests. We have resumed Tuesday evening rehearsals at Mount Hope Lutheran Church, 86th and Becher.
ALL males interested in learning more about us are encouraged to call 414-281-SING (7464)

Don Doss, Life Member AMVETS Post 60

AMVETS AUXILIARY POST 60

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Now let's work together

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