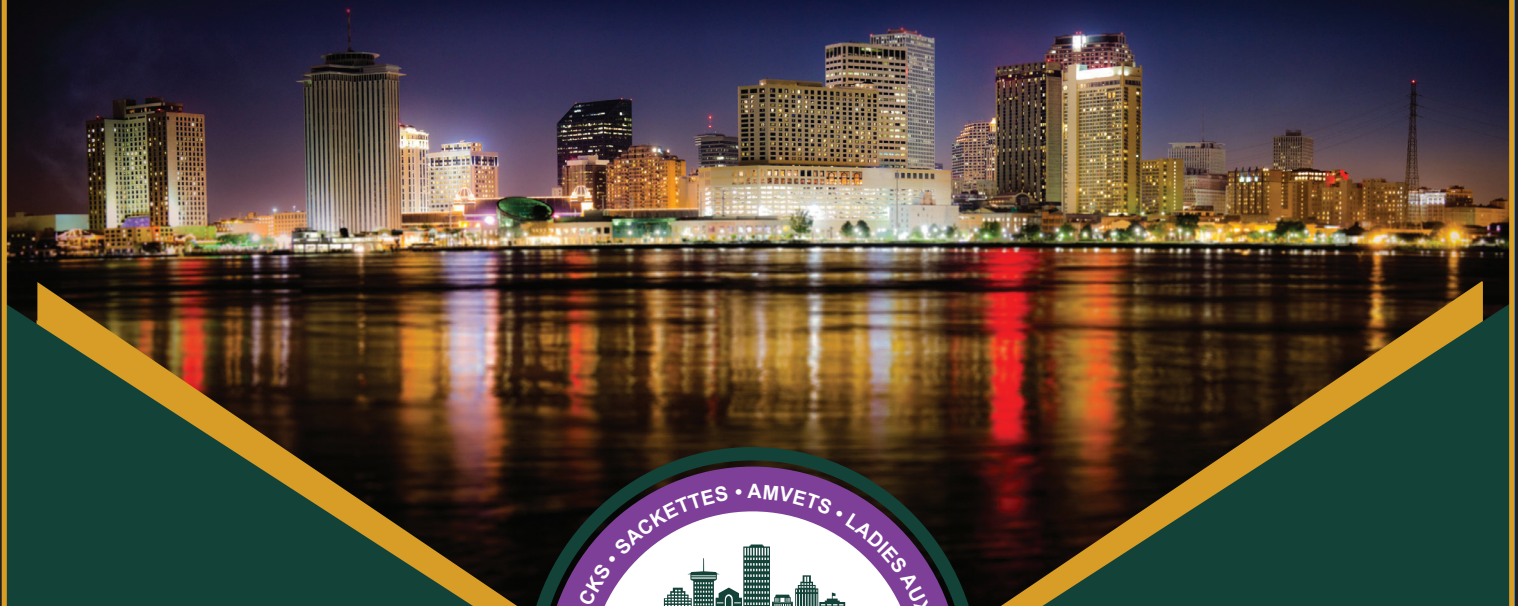
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1945-1946	Jack Hardy*	
1946-1947	Raymond Sawyer	Edith G. Males*
1947-1948	Edgar C. Corry, Jr.*	Kathryn N. Snyder*
1948-1949	Harold A. Keats*	Adeline P. Fogg*
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1951-1952	John L. Smith*	Dorothy Sullivan*
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1960-1961	Harold Russell*	Lucia C. Russo*
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1969-1970	Robert B. Gomulinski*	Marie Miller*
1970-1971	Robert W. Showalter*	Betty Torner*
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1975-1976	Paul C. Welsh*	Toni Gomulinski
1976-1977	Tom McDonough, Sr.*	Doris G. Shrake
1977-1978	Frank Ruggiero*	Pearl V. Barnett*
1978-1979	Ted Leszkiewicz*	Jane Ashley*
1979-1980	Joseph R. Koralewski*	Lila B. Longworth*
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1982-1983	Robert Martin*	Ruth Singler
1983-1984	Robert L. Wilbraham*	Agnes P. Kolano*
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1985-1986	Robert A. Medairos*	Mary S. Barrow
1986-1987	Joseph T. Piening	Sylvia Lipowski*
1987-1988	James B. King	Dorothy J. Stoddard
1988-1989	Jimmy T. Smith	Betty J. Leisure*
1989-1990	Warren Eagles, Sr.*	Jean Baxter*
1990-1991	Vaughn L. Brown Sr.*	Nita I. Cornell*
1991-1992	James L. Singler*	Dorothy R. Bull*
1992-1993	James J. Kenney	Betty S. Lawson
1993-1994	Donald M. Hearon*	Barbara S. Hinsley*
1994 -1995	Arthur W. Klingel Jr.*	Janet M. St. Michel*
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2001-2002	Joseph W. Lipowski	Susan Sisler*
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2003-2004	John Sisler*	Virginia Hayes
2004-2005	William A. Boettcher	Carol King
2005-2006	Edward Kemp	Bonnie A. Scott*
2006-2007	Tom C. McGriff*	Barbara K. Guth
2007-2008	J.P. Brown, III	Heidi Dineen-Serpis
2008-2009	John “Chad” Hapner*	Charlene Kee
2009-2010	Duane J. Miskulin	Patty Piening
2010-2011	Gerald “Jerry” Hotop	Dee Kreiling-Riley
2011-2012	Gary Fry	Lynda Taylor
2012-2013	Cleve Geer*	Leslie Wunderle
2013-2014	John H. Mitchell	Linda McGriff
2014-2015	Larry Via	Sylvia Rowland*
2015-2016	James Pidgeon	Kathryn M. Berning
2016-2017	Harold Chapman	Evelyn R. McElvin
2017-2018	Marion Polk*	Marvell Ruppel
2018-2019	Rege Riley	Barbara Valley
2019-2021	Jan Brown	Dee Baggett

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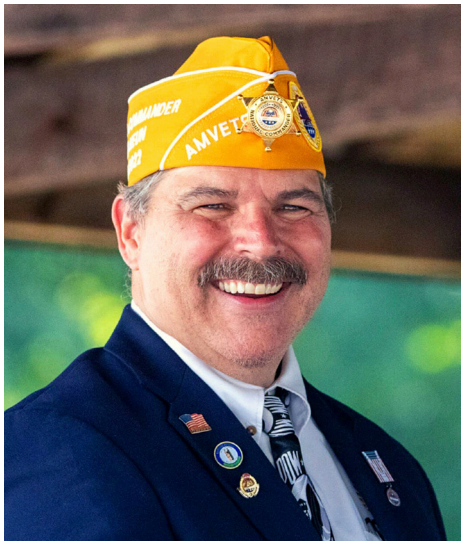
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National Third Vice Commander.....Paul Shipley
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National Finance Officer.....Donald Stream
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National Chaplain.....Gary Sallade
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National District II Commander.....Billie Ainsworth (DC)
National District III Commander.....Allen Doubek (AL)
National District IV Commander.....Steve Bidstrup (MI)
National District V Commander.....Deborah L. Wehrli (NE)
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Junior AMVETS Coordinator.....Denise Speigle

National Service Foundation President.....PNC William Kilgore
Sons of AMVETS National Commander.....Paul Speigle
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Sackettes National Snappiest.....Faye Rischardson-Green
Junior AMVETS National President.....Joseph Stopyra
AMVETS Riders National President.....John Reando

GREG HEUN
NATIONAL COMMANDER





Dear AMVETS family,

I am very pleased to welcome you all to our 77th National Convention in the beautiful city of New Orleans, Louisiana. Over the next week, we will come together to have a great dialogue about where our organization is and where we envision ourselves in the future. We will conduct important business, honor some very deserving award recipients, remember great AMVETS who are no longer with us, and share in fellowship and camaraderie as we build on our service to American veterans and their families.

Our members are the reason AMVETS enjoys prominence as one of the nation's top veteran service organizations. It is only because of your tireless service that AMVETS is able to successfully carry out our mission to serve veterans of all conflicts. We have built this incredible reputation through the tireless efforts of our members, and over the past year, we have accomplished nothing short of a substantially impactful chapter in our story.

This year, National has continued to represent this organization to the best of our ability. Through our H.E.A.L. program, we've spearheaded conversations with Veterans Affairs regarding the benefits alternative treatments like cannabis provide veterans suffering from visible and invisible wounds. We're on the forefront of issues such as mental healthcare and suicide prevention shortcomings for veterans with sdvocacy efforts like Rolling to Remember this past Memorial Day weekend and my testimony before Congress back in March. We've honored AMVETS leadership who built on our organization's legacy, such as Dr. John Henry Felix, who I presented a Silver Helmet award to earlier this year. None of this would be possible without you, our leaders across the nation, who attend these gatherings to ensure AMVETS' bright future with regards to serving American veterans.

It has been an honor to serve as your National Commander. I would like to thank you for your support, and I wish us a successful convention and a great week in "the Pelican state."

Yours in service to American Veterans,



JOAN SIREK
NATIONAL AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Welcome to New Orleans!

It has been an honor and privilege to have served as AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary President.

Together we have “Honored our Heroes” this past year for our communities, states and most importantly for our Veterans. At Convention it is time for all of us, to be proud of our years achievements and accomplishments as we celebrate with our AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of AMVETS, Junior AMVETS and AMVETS Riders at our National Convention. THANK YOU for a job well done!

To the incoming officers on the Local, Department and National Level, it is up to you to continue the momentum to support and defend the freedoms offered by this great country.

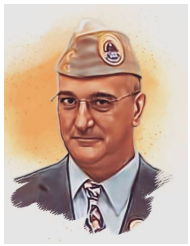
I wish you all a successful, productive convention.

God Bless you, God Bless America, and God Bless the servicemen and women who have served and continue to serve in order to preserve the freedoms we share.

Joan Sirek, National President
AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary
2021-2022

PAUL R. SPEIGLE
NATIONAL SONS COMMANDERS





National AMVETS Commander Heun, Officers, Members and Guests,

It is my pleasure to extend greetings and best wishes to you on behalf of the National Sons of AMVETS Officers, Headquarters Staff and membership as you convene National Convention.

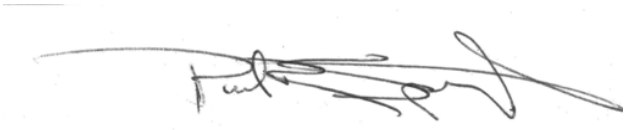
Nationwide, the Sons of AMVETS have had a busy year working hard for our Veterans, their communities, and families. I am pleased to inform you that our volunteer hours continue to rise. This is proof positive that our members live up to our motto "If you want something done, ask a Son!"

As announced to the AMVETS family at the 2022 Spring NEC, I was faced with finding another worthy cause to call my Commander's project. On May 20, I visited "Operation Second Chance", a 501c3 organization that supports wounded service members. A 275-acre retreat center, located atop a mountain that sprawls across the Maryland/Pennsylvania boarder, provides a safe haven for "Helping Heroes Move On". After my tour, it was clear to me that Operation Second Chance (OSC) was just the place I was looking for. OSC is committed to serving our wounded, injured and ill Veterans. OSC recognizes the stress families experience from combat-related trauma and the importance of strong family support More information is available on their website www.operationsecondchance.com.

Commander Heun, congratulations on a great year and I wish you a successful, productive convention.

It has been an honor to serve as National Sons of AMVETS Commander this year and I appreciate the support and guidance that many of you have given me.

God Bless America and our Veterans.





AMVETS, Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of AMVETS, Juniors, Riders, and Sad Sacks,

Welcome to New Orleans, Louisiana. AMVETS Department of Louisiana is proud to be your hosting Department and we too welcome you from across the entire nation to lively New Orleans for the 76th National Convention.

Needless to say, things are slowly getting back to normal and routine since the many displacements COVID 19 has created. Our programs have bounced back stronger than ever, our members are able to convene in person again, and we are back to serving our veterans and their families to the best of our abilities. We are all grateful to our National Officers and National Staff for helping AMVETS to operate through all the many issues so that our organization did not become another casualty.

Commander Mark Ashley, LA AMVETS Department Commander 2021-2022 wishes everyone a productive and memorable convention; enjoy the many activities here in New Orleans as well as throughout the Pelican state. Please feel free to seek out members of NC AMVETS should you have questions or problems and we will do our best to get you to the appropriate person for a solution.

Veterans Helping Veterans
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DENIS MCDONOUGH
VETERANS AFFAIRS SECRETARY

AMERICAN VETERANS (AMVETS) 77th CONVENTION
CONVENTION LETTER

Whenever someone signs up to serve in the military, our country makes them a simple promise: if you take care of us, we will serve you when you transition out of the service. That promise dates all the way back to President Lincoln's second inagural address, when he charged a wounded Nation to care for those "who shall have borne the battle," and for their families, caregivers and survivors. And it echos into today, when President Biden reminds us that our Nation's "most sacred obligation" is to prepare and equip the troops we send into harm's way, and to care for them and their families when they return home.

For generations now, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and AMVETS have been keeping that promise to Veterans-together. As the first Veterans Service Organization chartered by Congress after World War II, you have been at the very forefront of initiatives to serve Veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors. And amid the pandemic, our shared work-our our-shared mission-has never been more important.

I am proud to say that-together-we are stepping up for Veterans during this critical time. Since President Biden took office, we at VA have provided more care and more benefits to more Veterans than ever before. Though the VA Voluntaty Service programs, AMVETS members have volunteered nearly 130,000 hours of their time across 86 VA medical centers. And this Memorial Day weekend, you once again put on an amzing Rolling to Remember event, bringing attention to tragedy of Veterans suicide and those Servic members still missing in action.

Looking ahead to the next year, we are going to do even more to deliver the timely access to care and benefits tha Veterans have earned and deserve. That means ensuring that Veterans have access to world-class VA health care, ehrnever and wherever they need it; it means making sure that all Veterans feel safe, welcomed and served at VA; it means implementing the Honoring our Promis to Address Comprehensive Toxic (PACT) Act of 2022, the largest expansion of VA benefits in the history; and much, much more.

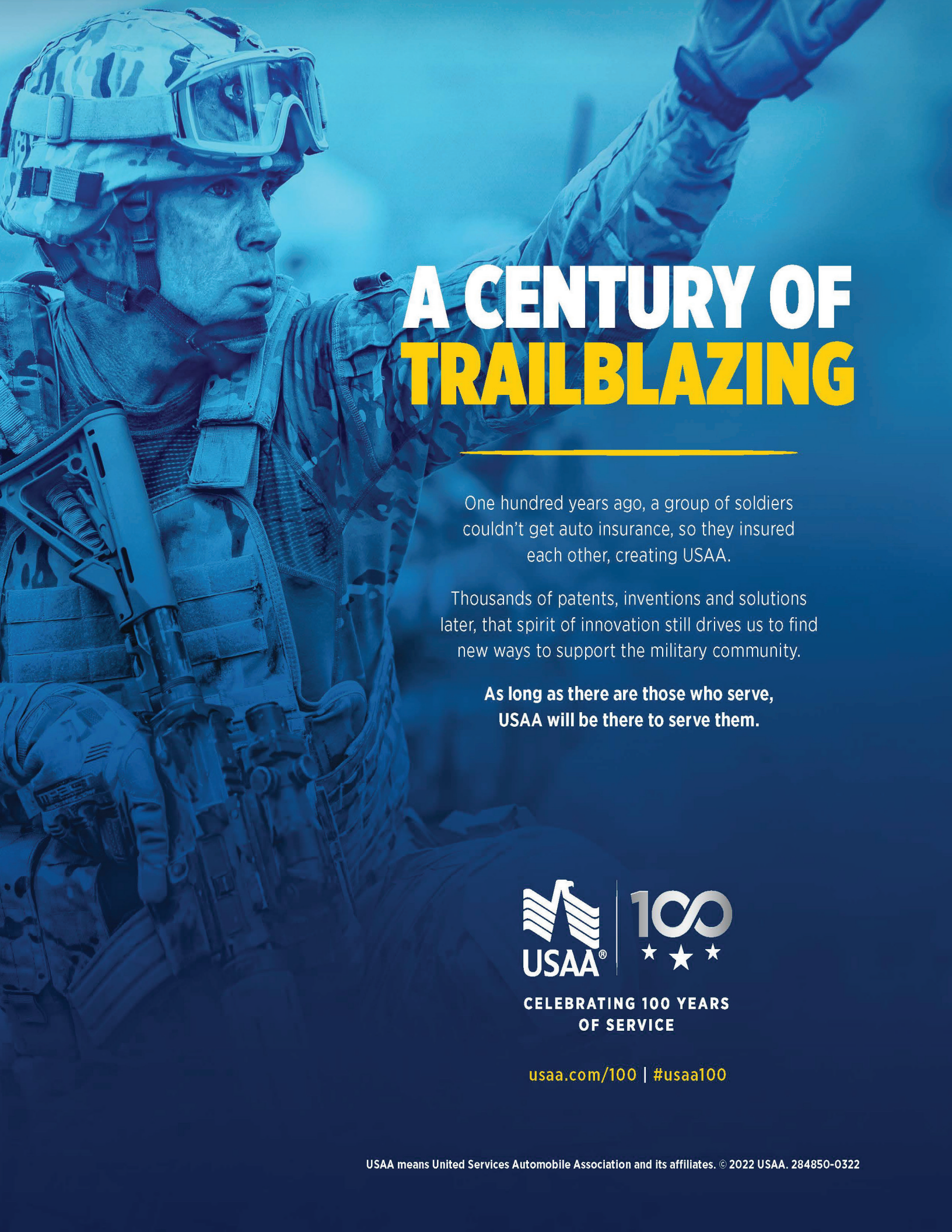
Simply put, it is our shared responsibility at VA and AMVETS to fight like hell for those who fought for us-and I am so proud and grateful to count AMVETS as a partner in that fight-today, tomorrow and always.

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My best wishes to you for an enjoyable and productive 77th convention. May God bless our Nation's Veterans, their families and survivors-and, together, may we always give them our very best.

Sincerely,

Denis McDonough



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JON TESTER
SENATE VA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN



Dear AMVETS members,

Thank you for attending the 77th AMVETS National Convention. We appreciate your service to this nation.

For generations, AMVETS has played a key role in helping veterans and their families get the benefits and care they have earned in communities across the country. And as Chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I am proud of what we are accomplishing each and every day for America's bravest.

I am grateful to you, as veterans and advocates, for never taking your foot off the gas and pushing Washington to do the right thing by passing comprehensive toxic exposure legislation. Together, we delivered the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our PACT Act. It provides all eras of toxic-exposed veterans their earned health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for the first time in this nation's history, and I am proud to have been part of making it a reality.

We continue to be laser-focused on holding VA accountable in making sure it implements landmark laws we championed—including the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act—the way Congress intended. With you as partners, we will also continue our push to bolster veterans' access to lifesaving mental health care and resources through the Support The Resilience of Our Nation's Great (STRONG) Veterans Act, so that our fighting men and women have the tools they need to treat the invisible wounds of war when they return from service.

Thank you again for your unwavering support and dedication to veterans and their families. Your service continues to be felt in every corner of this country—including in my home state of Montana, where every one in ten Montanans is a veteran. I look forward to continuing to work hand-in-hand to make good on our promises to those who have served and sacrificed.

Sincerely,

Jon Tester
Chairman
Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs



JERRY MORAN
SENATE VA COMMITTEE RANKING MEMBER

To our veterans:

I want to offer my sincere gratitude to you for your service to our country, both in uniform and out. Each one of you has sacrificed much, and our nation owes you a great debt.

My name is Jerry Moran, and I represent the great state of Kansas in the United States Senate. I also have the honor of serving as the lead Republican on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee. The opportunity to serve our nation's veterans is one of the greatest privileges of my life.

Through the help of organizations like AMVETS, we have accomplished important victories for our veteran community in recent months. One of these key wins is the SFC Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act of 2022. This legislation delivers on a promise that veterans exposed to burn pits will not have to wait decades for disability benefits as Vietnam veterans were forced to do after Agent Orange exposure.

After being signed into law, this legislation will deliver immediate access to health care for all generations of veterans suffering from toxic exposures, streamline disability claims consideration for toxic exposure-related illnesses and prescribe a fair and transparent process for the VA to add additional disease presumptions.

Additionally, another bill I introduced, the VA Electronic Health Record Transparency Act of 2021, was recently signed into law. As the VA works to modernize its health care records, this law will make certain it is done in a transparent and efficient manner.

I want to thank you all for your advocacy for our nation's veterans. You bring both issues veterans are facing and solutions to Washington, D.C. to help Congress fulfill its responsibility to care for our veterans. As Ranking Member, my promise to each of you remains the same – to support our veteran community and to make certain our nation's heroes have a Department of Veterans Affairs worthy of your service and sacrifice. I look forward to continuing our work together on behalf of all who have served our great nation.

Sincerely,

Jerry Moran

Jerry Moran
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs



中華民國國軍退除役官兵輔導委員會

Veterans Affairs Council
Republic of China

Thank you for the invitation. New Orleans is the place I am familiar with. The cafe shops there are so special that I miss the flavor deeply. I am really enthusiastic to attend your National Convention held in New Orleans. The COVID-19 pandemic is still raging, and we are affected by the disease. I value your National Convention

and long term friendship deeply, but as Minister, I have to prepare the opening session of Legislature. Deputy minister Lee, Wen-Chung will attend the convention on behalf of me by my request.

VAC convention is usually held on Oct. 26 every year. This is the third time we failed to invite the delegates of our brother organization like AMVETS and overseas ROC veterans associations back to Taiwan for VAC convention due to Covid-19. I truly regret that.

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate you on the tremendous success of AMVETS's 77th National Convention along with lasting friendship. Promotion of cultural and educational exchanges between us will go on as the epidemic subsides.

General Kent Feng (Ret.)
Minister
Veterans Affairs Council
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 AM 9:30 AM	National Service Foundation Meeting	Balcony I
8:30 AM 12:00 PM	Convention Registraton	Galerie Booth
12:00 PM 5:00 PM	AMVETS Expo Set-up	Carondelet
9:30 AM 10:30 AM	AMVETS Charities Board Meeting	Balcony I
10:45 AM 12:00 PM	National Finance Committee Meeting	Balcony I
1:00 PM 1:45 PM	AMVETS Joint First Timer's Orientation	Balcony L
1:00 PM 2:30 PM	National Finance Committee Meeting Convention Bids	Balcony I
1:30 PM 4:00 PM	Convention Registraton	Galerie Booth
2:00 PM 2:45 PM	POW and MIA Committee	Salon A
2:00 PM 2:45 PM	VAVS & Medical Committee	Salon B
2:00 PM 2:45 PM	Community Services	Salon C
3:00 PM 4:00 PM	Uniform Committee	Salon C
3:00 PM 4:00 PM	Diversity Committee	Balcony L
3:00 PM 4:00 PM	Suicide Prevention Committee	Salon B
3:00 PM 4:00 PM	Civil Service Committee	Salon F
3:00 PM 4:30 PM	Grievance Committee (Closed)	Salon G
3:00 PM 6:00 PM	Junior AMVETS	Galerie 3
5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Women Veterans Committee	Salon A
6:00 PM 11:59 PM	Junior AMVETS Coordinator Training	Galerie 3
6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Traditions Committee	Salon A

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30 AM 8:30 AM	NEC Registraton	Rhythm
8:00 AM 6:00 PM	Junior AMVETS	Galerie 3
8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Pre-Convention NEC Meeting	Salon H-G
8:30 AM 11:30 AM	Convention Registration	Galerie Booth
9:00 AM 5:00 PM	AMVETS Expo	Carondelet
9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Quartermaster	
10:30 AM 11:00 AM	Americanism Committee	Salon A
10:30 AM 11:00 AM	Honor Guard Committee	Salon B
10:30 AM 11:00 AM	Armed Service Committee	Salon B
11:15 AM 11:45 AM	Personnel Committee	Salon C
1:00 PM 3:00 PM	AMVETS Joint Opening Ceremony **Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough*	Acadia Bissonet
3:00 PM 3:45 PM	AMVETS Joint Memorial Service	Acadia Bissonet
4:00 PM 5:00 PM	AMVETS First Business Session **National Committees Reports* **National Executive Director Report*	Acadia Bissonet

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6:00PM 7:00PM	PRE-AWARD VIP RECEPTION	Bacchus
7:00 PM 10:00 PM	Silver Helmet Awards *7 PM Desserts & coffee. Cash bar *7:45 Awards presentation *Business or Cocktail attire.	Salon DE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 AM 9:00 AM	California Meeting	Blacony I
8:00 AM 2:00 PM	Junior AMVETS	Galerie 3
8:00 AM 8:50 AM	1st Vice/Recruiting Training	Salon A
8:00 AM 8:50 AM	2nd Vice/Programs Training	Salon B
8:00 AM 8:50 AM	3rd Vice/Legislative Training	Salon C
8:00 AM 8:50 AM	Finance Officer/Bookeeping Training	Balcony I
8:00 AM 8:50 AM	Public Relations Officer/Media Training	Salon H
8:30 AM 11:30 AM	Convention Registration	Galerie Booth
9:00 AM 5:00 PM	AMVETS Expo	Carondelet
9:00 AM 10:00 AM	1st Vice/Starting A New Post	Salon A
9:00 AM 10:00 AM	2nd Vice/Reporting and Training	Salon B
9:00 AM 10:00 AM	3rd Vice/Resolution Writing Training	Salon C
9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Fundraising 101 Training	Balcony I
9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Public Relations Officer/Social Media	Salon H
10:30 AM 12:00 PM	AMVETS 2nd Business Session *National Programs Presented *Membership & Programs Awards	Acadia Bissonet
1:00PM 2:00PM	AMVETS 2nd Business Session (cont.) *1st Round of Nominations for National Officers Elections	Acadia Bissonet
1:00 PM 4:00 PM	Convention Registration	Galerie Booth
2:00PM 3:30PM	Disciplinary procedures	Salon A
2:00 PM 4:00 PM	Riders Registration	Salon H-G
2:30 PM 3:30 PM	Membership Roundtable	Balcony I
2:30 PM 3:30 PM	Programs Roundtable	Salon B
2:30 PM 3:30 PM	Legislative Roundtable	Salon C
2:30 PM 3:30 PM	Finance Roundtable/Fundraising	Balcony I
2:30 PM 3:30 PM	Communications Roundtable	Salon H
3:45 PM 4:45 PM	Bylaws Committee	Balcony L
3:45 PM 4:45 PM	National Americanism Poster Judging	Balcony M

CONVENTION AGENDA



FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022		
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 AM 9:00 AM	California Meeting	Balcony I
8:30 AM 12:00 PM	Convention Registration	Galerie Booth
8:00 AM 5:00 PM	Junior AMVETS	Galerie 3
8:00 AM 12:00 PM	AMVETS 3rd Business Session/Resolution Review *Resolutions & CBL Amendments *2025 Convention Site Picked	
9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Pre-Convention NEB	Acadia Bissonet
9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Officer's Call	Salon H-G
9:00 AM 1:00 PM	AMVETS EXPO	Salon H-G
10:00 AM 11:00 AM	CBL Committee	Carondelet
11:00 AM 11:30 AM	Communications/Publications Training	Salon H-G
1:00 PM 2:00 PM	Council of Past National Commanders/Awards	Salon H-G
1:00 PM 1:30 PM	Membership Roundtable	Salon H-G
1:00 PM 2:00 PM	Uniform Committee	Salon H-G
2:00 PM 4:00 PM	Riders Registration	Salon H-G
2:00 PM 2:30 PM	Programs Roundtable	Salon H-G
2:30 PM 3:15 PM	Audit Committee	Salon H-G
2:30 PM 3:30 PM	District I Meeting	Salon H-G
2:30 PM 3:30 PM	District II Meeting	Balcony I
2:30 PM 3:30 PM	District III Meeting	Salon B
2:30 PM 3:30 PM	District IV Meeting	Salon C
2:30 PM 3:30 PM	Distict V Meeting	Salon A
2:30 PM 3:30 PM	District VI Meeting	Balcony M
3:15 PM 4:00 PM	Finance Committee	Balcony N
3:45 PM 4:00 PM	Convention Rules Committee	Salon H-G
6:00 PM 7:00 PM	General Reception	Balcony L
7:00 PM 9:30 PM	National Commander/Presidents Banquet *7PM Plated fried chicken meal; cash bar *Business Attire/Formal	Acadia Bissonet

CONVENTION AGENDA



FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022		
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 AM 9:00 AM	California Meeting	Balcony I
8:00 AM 5:00 PM	Junior AMVETS	Galerie 3
8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Convention Registration (Registration closes at 10AM sharp)	Galerie Booth
8:30 AM 11:30 AM	AMVETS 4th Business Session *Doors close, election starts at 10AM	Acadia Bissonet
9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Long Range Planning	Salon H-G
9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Meeting Wrap-Up	Salon H-G
10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Riders Registration	Salon H-G
11:30 AM 12:30 PM	NEC Registraton	Galerie Booth
12:30 PM 1:30 PM	AMVETS Post Convention NEC Meeting	Acadia Bissonet
2:00 PM 6:00 PM	National Convention Meeting	Salon H-G
2:00 PM 3:00 PM	AMVETS Joint Installation Ceremony	Acadia Bissonet
3:30 PM 4:30 PM	National Service Foundation Post Meeting	Acadia Bissonet
3:30 PM 11:00PM	Commander's Hospitality Suite	Riverview II
		Rhythm Bonaparte



JOINT OPENING CEREMONY - PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Welcome Remarks and Introduction of Processional… …Joe Chenelly
Invocation… …Gary Sallade
Presentation of Colors… …Color Guard
Pledge of Allegiance… …Art Major

National Flag Anthem, Republic of China
National Anthem, United States

Retirement of the Colors

Preamble
Armed Forces Medley

Welcome Remarks, AMVETS National Commander… …Greg Huen
Welcome Remarks, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary National President… …Joan Sirek
Welcome Remarks, AMVETS Convention Chair… …Emmett Bailey
Welcome Remarks, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Convention Chair… …Ginny Rominger
Welcome Remarks, Sons of AMVETS National Commander… …Paul Speigle
Welcome Remarks, Junior AMVETS National President … …Joseph Stopyra
Welcome Remarks, AMVETS Riders National President… …John Reando
Introduction of Keynote Speaker… …Greg Heun
Keynote, Veterans Affairs Council, R.O.C. Deputy Minister Lee Wen-Chung
Honors to Colors… …Color Guard
Remarks, Minister of the Veterans Affairs Council, R.O.C.
Benediction… …Gary Sallade
Honors to Colors… …Art Majors

LEE WEN-CHUNG

SENATE VA COMMITTEE RANKING MEMBER



Mr. Lee Wen-Chung served in the National Assembly from 1992 to 1999, then in the Legislative Yuan until his resignation in 2006.

Heavily influenced by the 1979 Kaohsiung Incident, he edited tangwai publications and pushed for the school to permit direct elections for student body president alongside Liu Yi-te and Lai Chin-lin. He became active in Taiwan's labor rights movement. Lee was also active in the Wild Lily student movement of 1990.

Within the Democratic Progressive Party, Lee is allied with the New Tide faction. Elected to the National Assembly in 1991 and again in 1996, Lee launched his first campaign for a seat on the Legislative Yuan in 1998. Shortly after the 1999 Jiji earthquake, Lee proposed a number of bills intended to aid rescue efforts. In his first term, Lee helped uncover a financial scandal involving Taiwan Pineapple Group and members of the Taiwanese judiciary dating back to November 1999.

He won reelection to the legislature in 2001. Lee spent the end of his second legislative term advocating that the government acquire extensive military equipment. After winning reelection in December 2004, he continued advocating for military upgrades.

Despite his resignation, Lee declared his candidacy for the 2008 legislative election cycle. He next represented the Democratic Progressive Party in the 2009 Nantou County magistracy election. Lee later became director of the party's Department of Organization. He launched his second campaign for the Nantou County magistracy in June 2013 and was formally confirmed as DPP candidate in November. He was named deputy minister of the Veterans Affairs Council in 2016.



I-REGISTRATION

In accordance with Article V§ 9 of the AMVETS National Constitution and Bylaws, the following Rules for National Convention have been presented during the 2018 Spring NEC Meeting and have been adopted as the governing procedures for the 74th Annual National Convention.

1. Pre-Registration: The national department shall send each post and department official convention registration materials and instructions of online pre-registration process. Each delegate, alternate, or national officer may pre-register no later than 30 days prior to
the start of the convention. Those submitting pre-registration via U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than the 30 days prior to convention start date. You may continue to register on-line up to on full week prior to the 1st day of on-site registration at the convention at the on-site rate. Post and Department revalidation are prerequisites to acceptance of post and department pre-registration requests by the Credentials Committee at the national convention.

2. Membership Transfers: A member who has transferred from one post to another must be a member of the new post for at least six months prior to the opening of the national convention to be eligible to register as a delegate or alternate at the convention.

3. Registration at the National Convention:

• In accordance with National Convention Article V§ 5, to register at the national convention, a dele- gate, alternate or national officer must be a member in good standing on national membership rolls for at least 30 days prior to the opening of the national Convention.

• Members registering for subordinate organizations; i.e. amVETS Riders and / or Sad Sacks must also register as an amVET delegate or guest.

• In accordance with the national constitution, Article V § 2(a), Posts must be chartered no later than May 1st each year to be eligible to vote at the national convention.

• At the registration desk, each registrant will complete the registration Form, present a valid membership card and a government issued, photo identification card. Those non-members wishing to register as a “guest” are required to present a photo identification card and complete a guest questionnaire.

• Registration fees will be as follows:
a. Pre-registration (either online or postmarked no later than 30 days prior to start of convention): $50.00



b. Registration (all registering after pre-registration is closed: $60.00

- Once the credentials have been verified by the Credentials Committee and payment is received, the registrant's name shall be entered in the registration computer database; and, the registrant will re- ceive a convention badge, unless the respective post or department has not been revalidated as required by the amVETS National Constitution Article IX § 8(a) and/or Article X § 3.
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- All accounts payable or any other requirement for accreditation must be settled prior to registration.

Note: *Delegate fees are non-refundable, but are transferable within the same department.*

Convention Registration Desk: All national convention registration will be conducted at the registration desk only, according to the schedule below.

NO REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9:00A.M.

Saturday, August 20. 2022

(Those in line at 9:00 A.M. will be registered)

The hours of operation are:

(All times are local New Orleans, LA)

Monday- August 15, 2022,1:00-3:00pm (pre-registered only)
Tuesday: August 16, 2022; 0830-noon and 1330-1600
Wednesday: August 17, 2022; 0830-Noon
Thursday: August 18, 2022; 0830-1130 and 1300- 1600
Friday: August 19, 2022; 0830-noon
Saturday: August 20,2022; 0700-0900

Notes: 1. Wednesday registration closes at noon as opening ceremonies begin at 1:30pm.
2. Monday's hours are for pre-registered delegates only.
3. Friday's hours are to allow for set up of banquet and reception.

II-DELEGATE STRENGTH

As defined by Article 5, § 2, delegate voting strength is defined in the following manner:

Post: Delegate voting strength is defined by post voting strength as of July 1. Each post shall select two (2) delegates and two alternates for its first 50 members or fraction thereof.
Thereafter, the post will be entitled to one (1) delegate and one alternate for each additional 50 members or fraction thereof. The example below demonstrates the formula for determining post delegates:



III -The Meeting

- A minimum of two hundred and fifty registered voting delegates shall be required to constitute a national convention. In excess of 50% of the delegates registered at the national convention must be present on the floor of the convention to constitute a quorum.

- Except as otherwise specified by these rules, Roberts Rules of Order, shall govern the proceedings of this national convention.

- At all general meeting of the convention, delegates and alternates shall be seated by department. Other AMVETS' members or guests, who are registered, but not delegates or alternates, shall be seated in a separate area as designated by the national commander.

- The chairman shall preserve order and shall call upon the national provost marshal and his deputies to assist him, if necessary. The chairman shall require adherence to these rules and shall decide questions of order and procedure, subject to the decision of a majority of delegates present and voting on the convention floor. The order of business shall be determined by the chairman in accordance with the published agenda of the convention.

- Delegates, alternates, and guests must have their registration badges prominently displayed on their clothing to be present on the convention floor.

- **Dress Code:** Business casual is acceptable for all delegates, alternates and guests. At no time will shorts, T-Shirts, tank tops, flipflops or ball caps be allowed on the convention floor. Lack of an AMVET cover is not a reason to be barred from the convention floor. Final decision on acceptable dress will be made by the National Commander. Reasonable accommodations will be made for delegates with disabilities.

- To assist in minutes preparation and floor control, each delegate desiring to address the convention body, shall proceed to the nearest numbered microphone and wait to be recognized from the podium. Upon recognition, the delegate shall clearly state for the record his/her name, post number and department. The national provost marshal, assisted by the deputy provost marshals, shall maintain order at the microphones.

- The national provost marshal shall be the sergeant-at-arms for the convention and shall be assisted by such deputy provost marshals as the national commander may appoint.

- Instances of disorder or misconduct by and AMVET member shall be reported to the national provost marshal who shall report the same to the national inspector general. Upon request of the national commander, the inspector general shall investigate the matter and refer the offender(s) to the floor for dismissal from the convention.

- At the first credentials report, a state will be drawn for voting order of all elections with the states to follow in alphabetical order.



IV- RESOLUTIONS

1. No resolution shall be discussed on the convention floor unless it has been previously considered by appropriate national convention reporting committee(s). Resolutions originating from the convention floor will be read and referred by the chairman to the appropriate committee. Copies of such resolutions shall be provided to each department for review to consideration by the convention body. In any case, no formal vote shall take place on any resolution originating from the convention floor until a minimum of one hour has expired after the first reading to the assembled body.

2. All resolutions originating at the national convention shall be typewritten, submitted in proper resolution form, and duly signed by originator or appropriate national committee chairperson.

3. Each convention reporting committee shall consider only the resolutions in which the subject matter pertains to the duties and functions of that particular committee. Resolutions that a committee does not consider its proper charge shall be referred by such committee to the proper committee. All resolutions received by the Resolutions Committee shall be assigned to one or more appropriate national committee. The Resolutions Committee shall take no other actions on resolutions other than assignment or reassignment. Decisions involving the assignment or reassignment of resolutions committee shall be final, including the return of a resolution to the committee to which it was originally assigned.

4. All committee chairpersons or their designated committee representatives shall be present on the convention floor during the consideration of resolutions to report committee recommendations. Absence of a committee chairperson or designated committee member will not preclude final action on resolutions considered by that committee, including resolution originated by that committee.

5. All resolutions shall be treated as main motions and shall require a second in order to be considered. Upon receiving a second, the Convention Chairperson shall open debate by requesting the considering committee(s) recommendation. If the recommendation is in the negative, the committee spokesperson shall state the reason for such recommendation. After committee recommendations, the Convention Chairperson shall open discussion to the delegates.



V-DEBATE

1. Debate shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker. No more than five speakers on each side of a questions shall be permitted to speak upon the same subject except by a unanimous consent of the convention body.

2. Total debate on any subject shall be limited to one hour. However, debate on a resolution may be extended to a greater time by majority vote of the delegates present on the convention floor, and the time so allotted shall be evenly divided between the proponents and opponents of the resolution. The floor shall be permitted only one time to any individual delegate on any one subject except by unanimous consent of the delegates present. However, a delegate who originally proposes a matter may be accorded one minute in rebuttal.

V-DEBATE

1. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. An alternate shall have all the rights and privileges of their delegate except they shall only vote in their delegate's absence. No delegate's vote will be counted unless he/she can present a registration badge.

2. Voting shall be by voice or standing vote at the discretion of the presiding officer, except when a roll call is ordered by the chairperson or upon request of at least five department delegations. The election of national officers shall be by roll call vote unless candidates for national office are unopposed.

3. Each department shall select a chairperson who shall announce the vote of his/her delegation. When any delegate thereof entitled to vote demands the roll call of any department delegation, the Credentials Chairperson, using the registration files, shall call the roll of the posts and the names of the delegates appearing therein. As each delegate's name is called, he/she shall be required to announce his/her vote at the floor microphone so that it may officially recorded. Subject to the above limitations, any voting delegate of the convention may demand a count of any delegation thus casting its vote for the sole purpose of determining whether an equal number of voting delegates present on the convention floor supports the announced vote.

4. If there are fewer delegates present on the floor than the vote announced, the Credentials Committee shall use the registration file to poll the delegation(s) to obtain correct vote.

5. Votes cast by a department cannot be challenged after the next department has been called.
Unit rule and proxy voting will not be permitted.



VII- COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Each reporting committee chairperson or his/her accredited substitute shall present a report of that committee's meeting to the convention body for approval.

2. The Credentials Committee shall report at the beginning of each daily session of the convention and whenever called by presiding officer. A final report shall be submitted for printing in the publication of the convention reports.

VIII-NOMINATIONS

1. Duly registered delegates shall make nominations and supporting speeches for National Officers from the floor, except that nominations and supporting speeches for National Commander may be made from the podium.

2. Nomination and election of national officers shall be conducted in the following order:

(a) Trustee, National Service Foundation (3 year term)
(b) Trustee, National Service Foundation (3 year term)
(c) Trustee, National Service Foundation (unexpired term(s)) (if required)
(d) National Judge Advocate
(e) National Provost Marshal
(f) National Finance Officer
(g) National Third Vice Commander (Legislative)
(h) National Second Vice Commander (Programs)
(i) National First Vice Commander (Membership)
(j) National Commander

3. Nominating and seconding speeches for national officers other than national commander shall be limited to two minutes. Nominating speeches for national commander shall be limited to five minutes each. Not more than two seconding speeches may be made on behalf of candidates for national commander and one such speech for candidates for other officers.

4. Persons wishing to be nominated for office, but unable to be present during nominations shall make such wishes known, in writing to the Credentials Chairman. Such request shall include a statement that the person promises, if elected, to fulfill the duties of the office to the best of his/her ability, be duly signed and dated, and comply with Article VI Section 1 (d) of the national constitution.



IX-ELECTIONS

1. Election of national officers shall be by members present and voting on the convention floor. After the first ballot for any office, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped on the succeeding ballot. Following each ballot thereafter, the candidate receiving the fewest votes will be eliminated from the ballot and balloting will continue in this manner until one candidate receives the majority of the votes cast.

2. A candidate elected to and accepting a national office shall be ineligible for nomination or election for any other national office.

3. No department may change or correct its vote or be challenged by a delegate of that department within the same ballot after the next state has been recognized. A department may pass, however, when first called upon to vote.

X-SUSPENSION OF RULES

1. A section or sections of these rules may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present on the floor if such suspension is not in conflict with the National Constitution and By-Laws.

XI-MISCELLANEOUS

1. Posting of banners and signs (except the signs placed by the Convention Committee designating the seating arrangements for the departments) in the convention hall or banquet hall is prohibited, as well as, in those areas prohibited by hotel and convention center management. Areas in which posting banners shall be prohibited will be posted on the convention bulletin board.

2. No convention bids will be received on the convention floor unless they have been previously submitted to the National Finance Committee in accordance with the rules of that committee.

3. A permanent log shall be kept by the Credentials Committee of proof of eligibility of candidates to be attested to by the Credentials Committee Chairman or Co- Chairman and one other member of the Credentials Committee.

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