



# AMVETS (American Veterans)

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## MAJOR PUBLICATION

AMERICAN Veteran

([www.amvets.org](http://www.amvets.org))

## SLOGAN

We fought Together—Let's Build  
Together for a Better America

## FOUNDED

1944 – Kansas City, MO  
Federal Charter - 1947

## PURPOSE

- Uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States.
- Safeguard principles of freedom, liberty, and justice for all.
- Promote peace and goodwill among nations.
- Maintain freedom and preserve democracy.
- Perpetuate friendship and association of service.
- Dedicate selves to mutual assistance, community service.

## FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

**Special Interests.** Service to veterans, youth, Americanism. A leader in preserving the freedoms secured by America's Armed Forces—provides, not only support for veterans and the active military in procuring their earned entitlements, but also community services that enhance the quality of life for this nation's citizens.

**Special Interest in Scouting.** The Scouting program was adopted as the number one program for youth by AMVETS at its first national convention in 1947.

**Methods of Supporting Scouting.** Unit operation, volunteer leadership, financial help and project help.

Scouting-Related Literature. Leaflet –AMVETS and the Boy Scouts of America, No. 03-180

**AMVETS Community Organization Award.** AMVETS / BSA Youth Outreach Award – The award is designed to recognize AMVETS members who are

actively engaged in the Scouting program in their local communities. Any AMVETS member who is a registered Scouter may apply, not only those affiliated with an AMVETS chartered Scout unit.

**Other Youth Programs.** AMVETS sponsors Americanism poster, essay and Flag drawing contests age specific, K-12. The winners of the 9th grade essay contest participate in a Spirit of America Leadership Conference at Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge, PA; AMVETS Against Drugs and Alcohol Abuse, (AADAA) essay contest; College scholarships for children and grand children of veterans and the active military.

**Structure.** AMVETS membership is open to all honorably discharged veterans who have served from World War II to the present, including active duty, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve components.

The national organization is administered through state departments. The national Commander is the top lay executive officer. National Executive Director is the top professional executive officer. *Scouting relationships are administered through the National Programs Department.* All organized departments, (39), have a Department Commander. He/she is a layperson. Local affiliates are called Posts. The top officer in the Post is the Post Commander. Local Post Commanders normally take office in April or May annually.

**Local Contact.** Post Commander

## AMVETS POSTS IN MY DISTRICT

| Name of Post | Location ..... | Name of Commander | Phone ..... | Units ..... |
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