



OUR PURPOSE

As part of the national AMVETS organization, our purpose is to serve veterans, their families, and our community with unwavering dedication and support. We honor the sacrifices of those who served by fostering camaraderie, providing assistance, and advocating for veterans' rights.

At AMVETS Post 98 in West Plains, Missouri, we take pride in maintaining Memorial Hill, a resting place designated for veterans who have been cremated. It stands as a lasting tribute to those who have served our nation. Currently, we have two veterans interred at Memorial Hill, and we remain committed to preserving their memory and honoring their legacy.

Our mission is to continue serving veterans and our community with respect, dedication, and a commitment to remembering those who have gone before us.

AMVETS POST 98

MARCH 2026

Newsletter



1852 County Road 6070 - West Plains, MO 65775 - (417)256-6986

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Dear Members of Post 98,

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting and appreciation dinner. Also thank you to everyone who cooked.

During the appreciation dinner (3-6pm) we had the following drink specials which we will continue to do:

\$1 domestic bottled beer and short drafts

\$1.50 Imported bottle beer

\$2 Well drinks

\$3 tall drafts

Along with games and an awards ceremony for the volunteer recognition. Every member and their family is welcome to attend.



2025-2026 Officers

Commander: Leo Santoro

1st Vice: Josh Ray

2nd Vice: Steve Kehrlri

3rd Vice: Vacant

Adjutant: Vacant

Judge Advocate: Vacant

Financial Officer: Michael Gelsinger

Provost Marshall: Sean Poindexter

1 year Trustee: Randy Morgan

2 year Trustee: Dennis Cozort

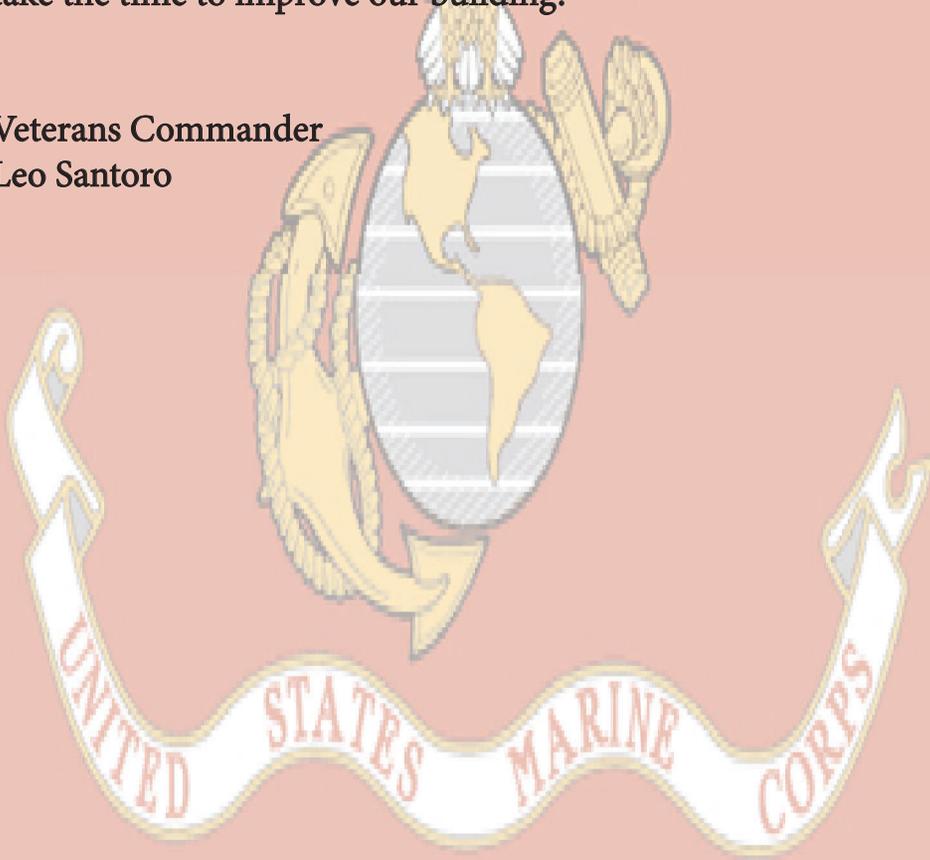
3 year Trustee: Allen Clarke



COMMANDER'S REPORT

I would like to start by thanking all of the volunteers that helped with the holidays over the last couple months. Also, a big thank you to the Riders for a great dinner. It was voted to replace the ceiling tiles with wood and for barn door style separation in place of the wall. We hope to have all construction done as soon as possible. Once again thank you all, not only for your support of me and our post but for your patience as we take the time to improve our building!

Veterans Commander
Leo Santoro



AMVETS POST 98 LADIES AUXILIARY

Dress Sale

March 7, 14, 21
2-5pm

**\$10/Dress or bring in an
old one in good
condition to trade**

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West Plains, mo 65775

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**Ticket Sales begin
January 17th-May
2nd**

**Fish Fry during
Raffle Drawing @
4pm**

DRAWING: SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

\$10 PER TICKET

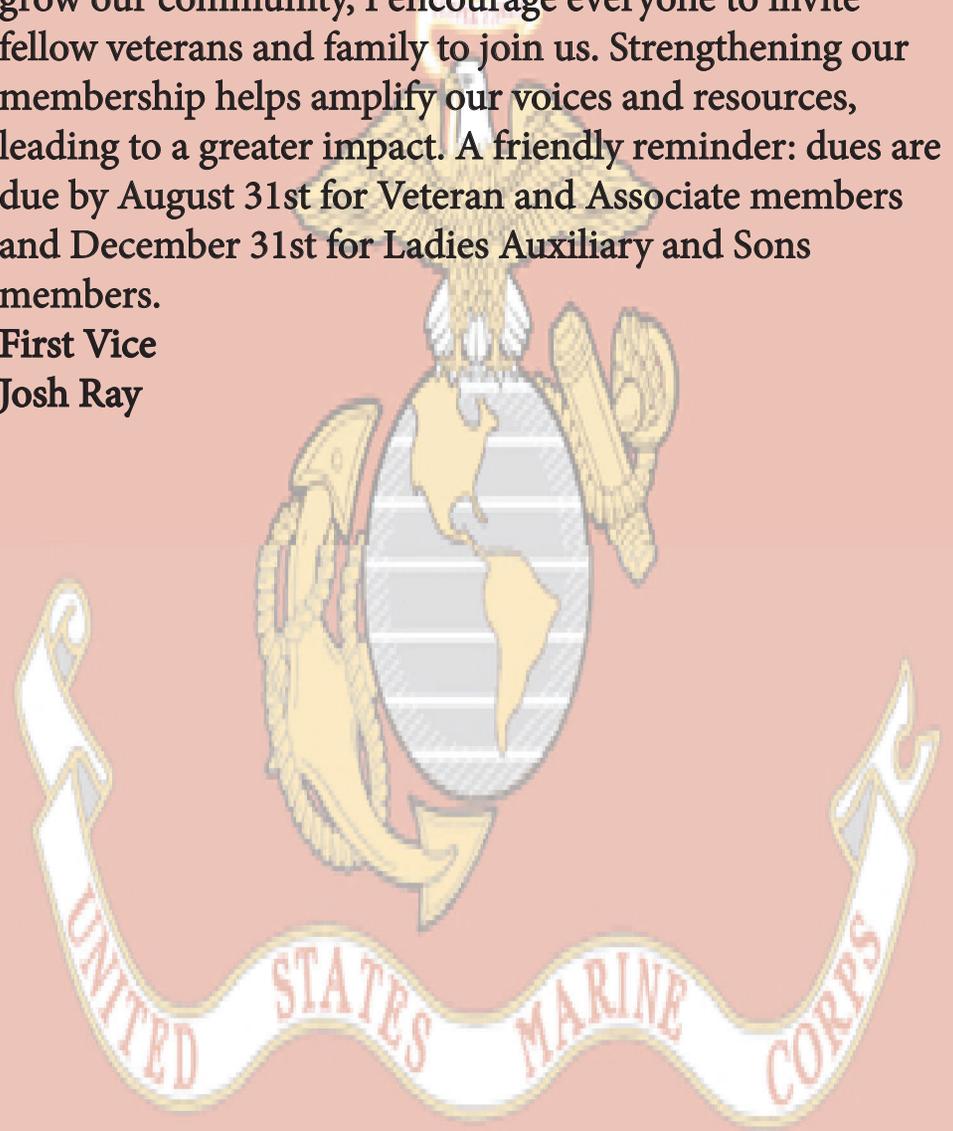
PURCHASE TICKETS FROM ANY SONS MEMBER POST 98

AMVETS POST 98 1852 CR 6070, WEST PLAINS, MO 65775

1ST VICE

As we continue our mission to support veterans and grow our community, I encourage everyone to invite fellow veterans and family to join us. Strengthening our membership helps amplify our voices and resources, leading to a greater impact. A friendly reminder: dues are due by August 31st for Veteran and Associate members and December 31st for Ladies Auxiliary and Sons members.

**First Vice
Josh Ray**



1ST VICE

For non-Life Members, yearly membership dues will be due again in August. The yearly membership dues are \$45.00 per year.

Life Membership prices are as follows:

55 and below: \$500

56 to 65: \$400

66 and over: \$300

Respectfully,

AMVETS Post 98
1st Vice Commander



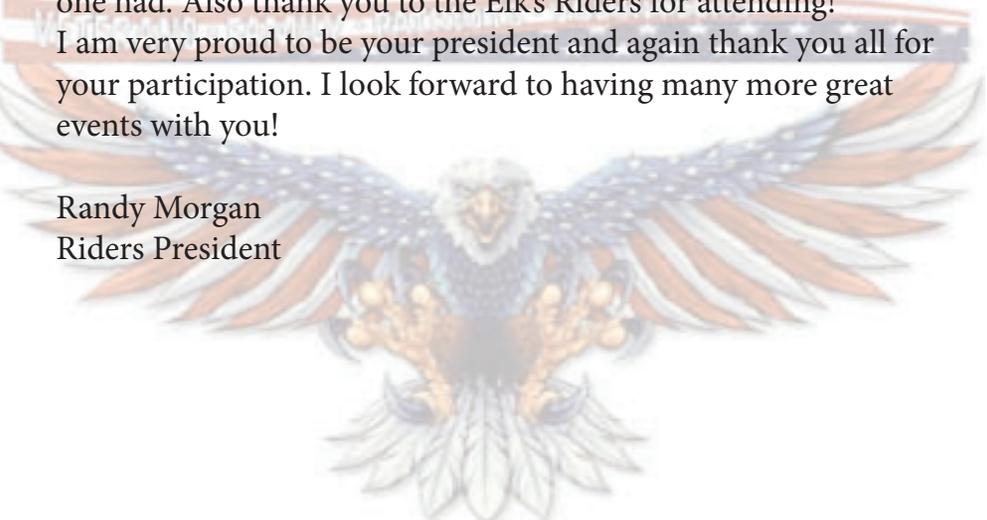
AMVETS POST 98

The poster is for an Easter Egg Hunt. At the top, it says "AMVETS POST 98". Below that is a large, cute white bunny with pink inner ears and a pink belly. The bunny is sitting on a wooden crate. Behind the bunny are several colorful Easter eggs: a yellow one with white flowers, a purple one with white stripes, and a pink one with white hearts. There are also some white daisies and green grass. The text "EASTER EGG HUNT" is written in large, white, bold letters on the wooden crate. Below that, it says "4 APRIL 2026" and "TIME 2:00-5:00 PM". Underneath, it says "Open to the public Games Food And Fun". At the bottom, it gives the address: "1852 CoRd 6070 West Plains, MO 65775". There are also some butterflies (orange and blue) and another smaller bunny in the bottom right corner.

RIDERS REPORT

Thanks to all of our amazing Riders, our first event, the Mexican dinner, was a success! I am very thankful and proud of you all for all of the hard work and time you put into our dinner. I heard several compliments on the food and how good of a time everyone had. Also thank you to the Elk's Riders for attending! I am very proud to be your president and again thank you all for your participation. I look forward to having many more great events with you!

Randy Morgan
Riders President



RAY D. WOOD
MEMORIAL POST
#98

2ND VICE

Don't forget about our annual Veteran's Ball coming up at the end of the month. We look forward to seeing everyone there! We also have St. pattys day coming up. If anyone would like to help with that please let the bartenders know. I just want to remind everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours and turn them in, there is an envelope behind the bar. Lastly, a huge thank you to all those who continue to help us make these events possible.

Steven Kehrl



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3RD VICE

Contact Leo Santoro or a member of the Executive board if you are interested in serving in this office.

Vacant For Now



SONS REPORT

Son's Squadron

We would like to begin by extending our heartfelt gratitude to all of our veterans here at Post 98. Your service, sacrifice, and continued dedication do not go unnoticed. It is an honor to serve those who have served our country.

We are excited to announce an upcoming raffle benefiting our post. We will be raffling off a Ruger Mark II, available in any caliber and any style. Tickets may be purchased from any Sons member or the bartender.

Ticket Price: \$10 per ticket

Drawing Date: May 2

In addition, please join us for a Fish Fry on May 2, beginning at 4:00 PM, proudly sponsored by our Sons Squadron. Please watch for flyers posted around the post with additional details regarding the fish fry. Please remember that the Sons Squadron exists to support our veterans. As we proudly say:

“If you need something done, ask a Son.”

With love and respect to all veterans,

JD Stevens

Sons Commander

Sons of AMVETS Post 98



LADIES REPORT

Time for our dress sale has arrived! March 7, 14, 21 we will be set up in the back room 2-5PM. \$10/ dress or bring in a dress in good condition to trade. We also have Easter coming quickly. We will need volunteers for this event as it is open to the public.

Just a reminder that our meetings have temporarily moved to the Saturday before the second Sunday. Exec meeting will be at 11:30 and general meeting will be at noon. Also, April will be our nominations meeting for new officers. Start thinking about who you would like to see in office to represent our Ladies Auliliary!

Thank you all for your support and participation in all that we do!
Ladies President, Julia Mounce

RAY D. WOOD
MEMORIAL POST

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PROVOST MARCHALL

No Report.

Sean Poindexter



ADJUTANT

Contact Leo Santoro or a member of the Excutive board if you are interested in serving in this office.

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JUDGE ADVOCATE

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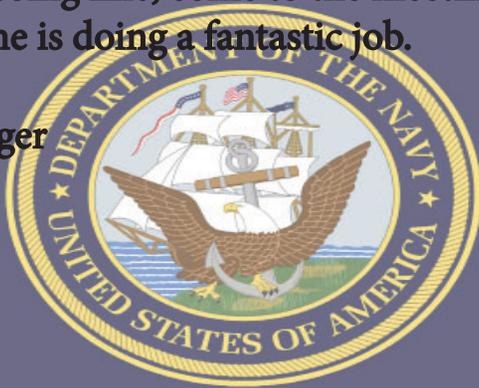
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FINANCE OFFICER

Finance is doing fine, come to the meeting for all the details. Everyone is doing a fantastic job.

Michael Gelsinger



CHAPLIN REPORT

“March is here — signaling the awakening of spring and bringing a revitalizing energy that inspires us to appreciate every blooming flower and lengthening day! It's a time for renewal, growth, and the anticipation of vibrant days ahead.”

Please join me in lifting up the following individuals and families in prayer:

- * Emma Petit - Currently in Hospice Care, Pray for comfort, dignity and peace in this journey.
- * Craig and Parris Jordan – Parris is improving. We pray for continued healing and support for them both.
- * Don Marsh – His health is currently declining. We pray for comfort and compassionate care.
- * Linda Bonnell – Battling Cancer along with other health problems. Lift her up in prayers during this time. Remember her Family as they go through this Battle with her.
- * Rita Hall – Continual Prayers for an uneventable surgery and recovery and renewed strength.
- * Ross Donner – Abdominal tumor and cirrhosis of the liver. Lift him up in your prayers.
- * Tom Morgan – Undisclosed health concerns. Lift him up in your Prayers.

All those that are struggling or going through hard times. You are not alone in this journey. Please continue to look after each other, listen with compassion for needs unspoken and be the steady presence someone may need in uncertain times.

Please contact Lewis Hall at 417-204-3693. if you need to add or give updates to the prayer list. Thank You for your continued Prayers and Support.

Chaplin, Lewis Hall

3 YEAR TRUSTEE

Valentine's Day, though small, went well. We had a great band. We're looking forward to the upcoming Veteran's Ball. We hope to see a lot of Veterans and members with their dates. Ozark Cafe will be catering again this year as it was such a big hit last year.

Join us St. Patrick's day for drink specials! Come party with us for the luck of the Irish and don't forget to wear your green!

I would like to remind everyone that we have chosen specific parking spaces for our bartenders with their safety in mind as they are in direct camera view. With this in mind, if you are not a bartender please refrain from parking in one of these reserved spaces (at the corner of the building on the memorial side and right outside the front door) marked with red paint. **SIGNS STATE ALL VIOLATORS WILL BE TOWED!**

In service,
Allen Clarke
Three-Year Trustee

To All of our Post 98 and

Extended Amvets family:

We want to take this time to say how thankful we are for all of you. Linda has started treatment (finally). Her projected end date is March 5th. Currently she is getting five days of radiation and one round of chemo a week. This has definitely hit her faster than any of us expected it to. She's pretty drained and tires easily. And we all know her patience is basically non-existent so keeping her in line is a full time job. (Hahaha)

We do apologize for the delay in extending our gratitude for all of you that showed up and donated to her benefit in November. It's been an emotional hectic few months for us and time has slipped by.

We thank the universe for all of you daily. The texts and calls and small acts of kindness and love you all show our family daily have kept us all going, even on the days when Linda is over it and at the end of her tolerance. The encouragement and hard truths you guys give have kept her going.

We couldn't ask for a better village to stand behind us through this and we have no idea how we will ever show how much you all mean to us. Just know none of it has gone unnoticed or unappreciated. We love you all endlessly and will never forget what you have done for us.

Thank you and we love you all BIG!

Linda, Kayla, Kayti, Julia and family.

MARCH 2026

Veterans and Sons Meeting will Sunday @ regular times

Ladies and Riders will be Saturday. Riders @ normal time. Ladies EXEC @ 1130 general to follow

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|------------------|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------|---|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 AOS 630 | 5 | 6 Live Music 8-11 BrotherPaint | 7 Meeting Day Karaoke 8-12 Mike Dress Sale 2-5 |
| 8 Meeting Day | 9 | 10 | 11 AOS 630 | 12 | 13 Live Music 8-11 Jimbo | 14 Karaoke 8-12 Sean Dress Sale 2-5 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 St Pattys Day Party | 18 AOS 630 Meal 530 | 19 | 20 Live Music 8-11 Charlie Nelson & the country nights band | 21 Karaoke 8-12 Danny Cobb Dress Sale 2-5 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 AOS 630 | 26 | 27 Live Music 8-11 3 CS | 28 Veteran's Ball |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |