

AMVETS POST 98

MAY 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: Randy Morgan

2nd Vice: Steve Kehrli

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

We had nominations in April, thank you all for attending. We will have our elections in May and I encourage all veteran members to attend. May's meeting will be moved to the third Sunday, May 17th due to mothers day being May 10th.

The backroom is almost complete, we are just waiting on the doors to be built and the door track to come in. This will hopefully be done by the upcoming May meeting.

The clubroom is doing well. We are looking for new ways to bring in members, if anyone has any ideas please come see me.

Thank you all for your support as we make improvements to our post.

Veterans Commander
Leo Santoro



1ST VICE

We've gotten membership cleaned up. We will have renewal forms for you to fill out when you renew your membership each year to ensure we have updated contact information. These are NOT new applications.

Just a reminder, you **MUST** have proof of membership to enter the May meeting. There will be a new first vice after this month's elections. Please be patient with them as they learn the job.

Thank you everyone for supporting our AMVETS.

First Vice
Randy Morgan



1ST VICE

A friendly reminder: dues are due by August 31st for Veteran and Associate members and December 31st for Ladies Auxiliary and Sons members.

For non-Life Veteran 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

Non-life Ladies:

\$40-annual

\$385-Life

Non-life Sons

\$45 Annual

\$530 Life

Respectfully,

AMVETS Post 98

1st Vice Commander

Randy Morgan



2ND VICE

We had a couple members help a veteran get a new ramp on his house and make it more accessible (see pictures attached). Just a reminder to keep getting your volunteer hours turned in. Thank you all for supporting our post! Steven Kehrli



MAMMOTH SPRING, AR
INSURED

JAMES WALKER

OWNER

870-569-6682

SERVING SE MISSOURI AND NE ARKANSAS

3RD VICE

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

Vacant For Now



Fence Installation
Fence Repair
Fence Maintenance
Automated Gates

Richie Shertz

Sales Manager

417-372-9815

f/WileyFencing

www.WileyFencing.com

PROVOST MARSHALL

No Report.

Sean Poindexter



ADJUTANT

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

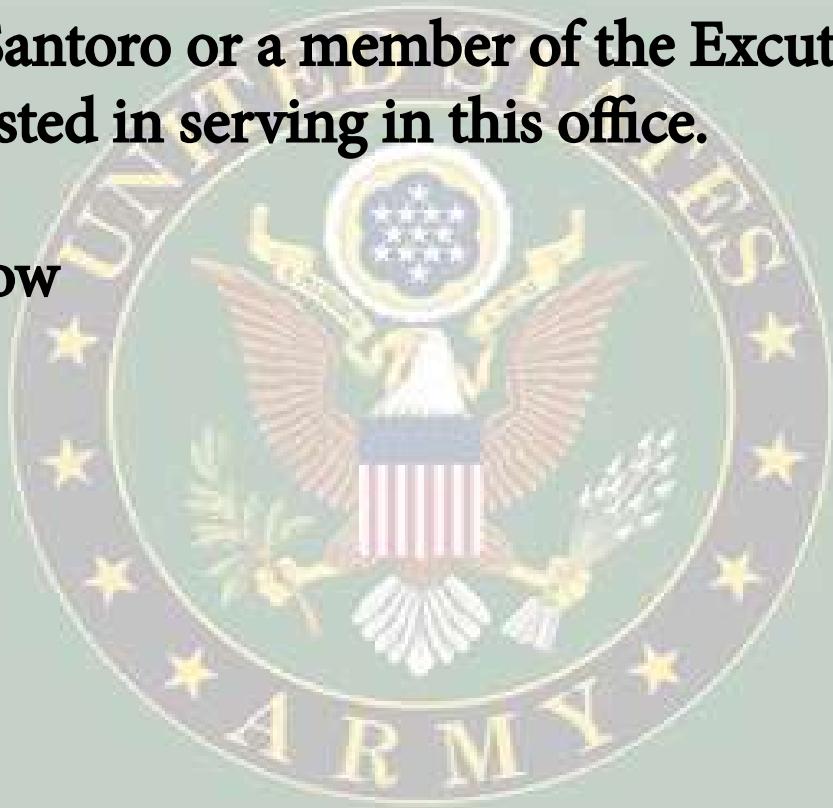
Vacant For Now



JUDGE ADVOCATE

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

Vacant For Now



FINANCE OFFICER

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

Michael Gelsinger



BEFORE



AFTER



Sons member Kyle Jones, Veteran Chris Guilbeau, and Veteran member Zacory Desanto

May

MON

TUE

WED

TH

Saturday meetings: Riders
10:30
Ladies Exec 11:30 General
noon

Sunday Meetings: Vet Exe
sons noon
Vet general 2:00

Cornhole ⁴	5	AoS 6 6:30	6
Cornhole ¹¹	12	AoS 6 6:30	13
Cornhole ¹⁸	19	Meal 5:30 AoS 6:30	20
Cornhole ²⁵	26	AoS 6 6:30	27



2026

SAT

SUN

THU

FRI

6 and

Karaoke 1
Maddie

Sons Gun 2
Raffle
Fish fry 4:00

3

7

Karaoke 8
TBD

9

Mother's 10
Day Dinner
5:00

14

Karaoke 15
TBD

16

Meeting Day

17

Meeting Day

21

Karaoke 22
Mike

23

Riders
Gold Ride
3Cs

24

28

Karaoke 29
TBD

30

31



CLUBROOM MANAGER REPORT

Everything is going well. We have decided to give Friday night music a break for the summer and will pick it back up in September. We will have karaoke Friday nights and different events on Saturdays. Saturdays will include \$1 beer specials (this will change) and \$2 rail shots.

Beginning May 1, 2026 beer prices will raise \$0.50

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!**

**Clubroom Manager,
Julia Mounce**

CHAPLIN REPORT

May is here — blooming with the full splendor of spring and radiating an uplifting energy that encourages us to relish every blossoming tree and bright, sunny day! It's a month of colorful renewal, continued growth, and the heartwarming promise of sunny 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.
- * Lynn Lee – Heart and blood pressure issues. Lift her and Family up in Prayers.
- * Ross Donner – Continue to lift his Family up in prayers as they go through this difficult time.
- * Tom Morgan – Undisclosed health concerns. Lift him up in your Prayers.
- * Coy Stockton – Recovering from heart surgery. Pray for continued healing and strength.

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



LADIES REPORT

Thank you to everyone who helped during our easter event!

During our April meeting we held our nominations for the 26/27 term.

The nominees are as follows:

President: Julia Mounce

First Vice: Sally Johnson

Second Vice: Madison(Maddie) Fultz & Brittney Desanto

Third Vice: Alanna Anderson

Secretary: Chris Dohrwardt

Treasurer: Wendy Cline

Our May meeting will be elections and will be May 16th. Just a reminder, nominations will be opened back up prior to voting.

Ladies President, Julia Mounce

RAY D. WOOD
MEMORIAL POST

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SONS REPORT

Son's Squadron

The Sons of AMVETS Post 98 are excited to announce our upcoming raffle drawing on ****May 2 at 4:00pm****. We appreciate everyone who has supported this effort and look forward to a great turnout.

Join us the same day for our ****Fish Fry on May 2****, with plates available for ****\$10****. Veterans will eat free as a small token of our appreciation for your service. This event will be ****open to the public****, and we encourage everyone to come out, enjoy a great meal, and show support for our veterans.

We would also like to extend a sincere ****thank you to our outgoing officers**** for their dedication and service. At the same time, we proudly ****welcome our incoming officers****, and we look forward to a year of growth, teamwork, and continued commitment to our mission.

As we move forward, remember—****if you want something done, ask a Son.****

Thank you all for your continued support. We hope to see you on May 2!

JD Stevens

Sons Commander

Sons of AMVETS Post 98

RIDERS REPORT

I would like to thank you all for attending our April meeting. We held our nominations and voted to keep all existing officers for a second term. We had 8 Combat Veteran members as guests. Several of them are joining the AMVETS as well as the Riders. We are pleased to welcome them to our Post and Chapter.

We have Riders apparel for sale. Ask the bartender or myself if you're interested in purchasing any.

Our gold ride will be May 23. Mary Campbell will host a breakfast that morning at 9:00AM. We are expecting Riders from all over the state.

Thank you everyone for all that you do.

Randy Morgan
Riders President

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Mothers Day **DINNER**

Celebrate Mom with Us!



Sunday, May 10th



AMVETS POST 98

5PM

Spaghetti Dinner

1852 CO 6070

WEST PLAINS MO 65775

GUN RAFFLE

Sponsored by Sons Squadron Post 98



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

**Ruger American Gen 2
Choose any style and
Caliaber**

(\$560 Value)

**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

GOLD RIDE

BILLY LEATHERWOOD MEMORIAL RIDE

BILLY LEATHERWOOD
MAY 23RD

START AT 8AM ★ **KICKSTANDS UP AT 11AM**
\$25/RIDER, \$15/PASSENGER (MEAL INCLUDED)
\$5 A PLATE FOR NON-RIDERS

← GOLD ROUTE →

- ★ 1st Roll: AMVETS Post 98
- ★ 2nd: Signal in Mtn. View
- ★ 3rd: Ally Springs
- ★ 4th: Cube in Winona
- ★ Final Roll: Back at AMVETS Post 98

BREAKFAST BEFORE THE RIDE ★
★ **DINNER AFTER THE RIDE**



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.