



# LT. COL. MATT W. URBAN VFW/AMVETS POST 7275

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Post Newsletter

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## Post Meetings

Post VFW meetings are held at 1900 on the third Wednesday of every month, except during Cruise Night weeks, meetings are the third Thursday. Post AMVETS meetings are held at 1900 on the third Tuesday of every month. We are looking for new people to help out on committees and to serve in Post positions. We invite you and urge you to attend.

### VFW Post Officers

Commander—Carl Malczewski  
Sr. Vice—Commander—Jim Wier  
Jr. Vice—Commander—Mike Zalikowski  
Quartermaster—Lance Becker  
Adjutant—Joseph Brunet  
Chaplain—Henry Mazurek  
Judge Advocate—Jim Wier  
Surgeon— Ron Olson  
Service Officer—Lance Becker  
1 Yr. Trustee—Walter Buechi  
2 Yr. Trustee—Raymond Wolfe  
3 Yr. Trustee—John Miller

### VFW Corporation Officers

President—Mike Zalikowski  
Director—Carl Malczewski  
Director—Henry Mazurek  
Director—Joseph Brunet  
Director—Raymond Wolfe  
Bar Steward—Carl Malczewski  
Bar Steward—James Wier

### AMVETS Post Officers

Commander—Mike Zalikowski  
1st Vice—Commander— Phil Volpe  
2nd Vice—Thomas Blaszkiewicz  
Adjutant— Jacob Schu  
Finance Officer— Joseph Brunet  
Provost Marshal—Anthony Mineo  
Judge Advocate—Lance Becker  
Chaplain—Mike Zalikowski  
Service Officer— Lance Becker  
Quartermaster—Tina Volpe  
Women’s veterans Rep.—Open  
Historian—Open  
Public Relations—Open

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## POST NEWS

AMVETS sadly lost our Commander, James Green, suddenly in July. As such, officers moved up in position to fill that unfortunate vacancy. Jim was a dedicated member who was always willing to help out. We keep Jim and family in our prayers.

VFW elections were held in May and officers are listed on the front page and on the Post Officer's page of the web site.

AMVETS dues are due now. If you have not yet renewed, please renew now. Dues are \$30.00 annually. Contact Finance Officer Joe Brunet for questions.

The Post has a website. You can view it at: [www.vfwamvets7275.org](http://www.vfwamvets7275.org). There are password protected

pages for members and officers. See an officer for the log-in information. Please visit it often as it is updated frequently. Please contact the Webmaster at [webmaster@vfwamvets7275.org](mailto:webmaster@vfwamvets7275.org) with your email and contact information that we can keep you informed. Emailing info also saves the Post money.

The Post needs to refurbish our parking lot. The cost is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$100K. We are asking for donations to help offset this cost. Please help if you can.

VFW Jackets are available for \$75; Ball hats for \$10. Contact the Post if you are interested at 716 681-8387.

## COMMANDER'S REPORT— BY CARL MALCZEWSKI, COMMANDER—VFW POST 7275

To all our active and non-active members, another busy summer has passed us by! With the help of many volunteers, we had our cruise nights every Wednesday. We also had great success with all the various functions held this past year. New air conditioners were installed to make things more comfortable for our functions in the hall. Also, the exterior of the building has been freshly painted and new VFW and AMVETS logos painted on the front.

On November 10th from 12—4PM, we are holding a steak dinner to celebrate Veteran's Day. Cost is \$12/person. A food drive now to Nov. 16th for homeless veterans. Drop off non-perishable food items at the Post and enjoy a drink with fellow vets. Stop in on Sundays for the Bills game, drink specials are available! The annual Kids Christmas Party will be Dec. 14th from 1—4PM.

To all my comrades, our monthly meetings are the 3rd Wed. of the month at 7PM. **MAKE SURE YOUR DUES ARE PAID UP TO DATE!** Stop in to find out what is happening at your Post and changes at the VA Medical Center.

So, to all my members, try to get more active in your Post. Remember, more people to help means less work for all to keep our Post going! Welcome aboard to our new members: Dan Flaig, Philip Goldfuss and John Williams!

**Make America Great Again!**

**May God bless America and God bless all our Veterans!**

## COMMANDER'S REPORT— BY MIKE ZALIKOWSKI, COMMANDER—AMVETS POST 7275

Post 7275 hosted the Erie County Council meeting on September 14th. It gave me an opportunity to meet some of our Erie County officers. We received compliments as to how clean and inviting it is. Kitty Lorenz did her usual bang up job, providing a nice spread for the members to enjoy. Our cost was \$90, which was completely reimbursed by County. A thank you to the Post members who helped with lawn maintenance—Lance Becker, Jake Schu, Mike Zalikowski, John Miller and Walt Bueschi.

The date has been set for our next meat raffle for February 22, 2020. Mark Demmin will again run it for us and we need volunteers to sell tickets, man the admission table and in the kitchen. Contact one of the AMVETS Officers if you can help out. A thank you to the Post members who helped with painting of the Post exterior—Walt Bueschi, Mike Zalikowski, Jake Schu, John Miller and Ray Mandel. The new logos are also complete and look great on the front of the building and are lit up at night by an overhead light. The Post will be holding another White Clover

drive on Friday, November 8th and Saturday, November 9th, from 1000 to 1700 at Tops on Broadway, D&L Plaza. Please let one of the officers know if you can help and what time you are available.

The Department of NY Fall Executive Committee (SEC) meeting was attended by Commander Zalikowski and Jake Schu, on October 4th and 5th in Binghamton, NY.

Past Commander Joe Brunet was able to get a \$2000 grant from the West Seneca Home Depot and was used to purchase paint and flowers for the Lancaster Veterans Park on Lake Avenue. The West Seneca Home Depot was also very helpful in getting the two cannons painted, using their employees. The Rotary Club assisted by planting flowers around the Memorial Wall. The park looked great in time for Memorial Day services and the parade.

AMVETS ball hats and polo shirts will be ordered for those who would like them. Hats are \$12. Shirts are available in two types: a 60/40 polyester /cotton blend will be lighter and cost \$19.50; a 50/50 blend will cost \$16.75. Call or email Quartermaster Tina Volpe with your size and selection at: [amvetsqtrm@vfwamvets7275.org](mailto:amvetsqtrm@vfwamvets7275.org) or (716) 681-9496.

We have several new members: John Karan, Don Bogdan, Warren Cotton and Larry Pignataro. Come to a meeting and say hello and welcome.

## POST 7275 EVENTS

- AMVETS will again hold our meat raffle on February 22, 2020. Doors open at 6 PM, first spin at 7 PM. See our website for flyers and details as they become available.
- See the Post calendar at the end of the newsletter for remaining 2019 events. You can also check our website, as it is updated frequently with any additions or changes.

## VETERANS DAY

- VFW Post 7275 will host our annual Steak Dinner on Sunday, November 10th from 12N to 4 PM. Tickets are available at the bar.
- The Lancaster Elks Lodge will again be providing a free spaghetti dinner on November 11th from 1PM to 6PM. All veterans are welcome. There will be a POW/MIA Ceremony conducted by Depew American Legion Post 1528 at 1:15PM



## DEPEW JOINT VETERANS COMMITTEE (DJVC)

Veterans Day services will be held at the St. John's Lutheran Church on Litchfield Ave. (off terrace Blvd.) on Nov. 11th at 1015. Anyone who can attend is welcome. Muster at the church at 0945 and we will enter together. A service and firing detail will be held at 1100, outside of the church; and will include placing of a wreath by Post Commanders.

We have many programs and services that work to support veterans, service members and their families, as well as communities worldwide.

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## COMBINED POST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>2019</b>	
Homeless Veteran's Food Drive Collection	Oct. 15th - Nov. 16th
Stink & Drink party	Oct. 19th
Crash Cadillac Dance - 7 - 11	Oct. 26th
Veterans Day Steak Dinner 12 - 4PM	Nov. 10th
Half Way to Dyngus Day Party 4 - 8PM	Nov. 16th
Post Kid's Christmas Party 1 - 4PM	Dec. 14th

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