

# NATIONAL AMVETS RIDERS 2024 MID-YEAR RALLY

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## Our Mission Statement

*“We the AMVETS Riders are a dedicated and patriotic group of motorcycle riders who hold true to an unwavering respect for our Nation, our Flag, and our Military...past, present and future.”*



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"Who is a Gold Star Mother?" During the early days of World War I, a Blue Star was used to represent each person, man or woman in the Military Service of the United States. As the war progressed and men were killed in combat, others wounded and died of their wounds or disease, there came about the accepted usage of the Gold Star.

This Gold Star was substituted and superimposed upon the blue Star in such a manner as to entirely cover it. The idea of the Gold Star was that the honor and glory accorded the person for his supreme sacrifice in offering for his country, the last full measure of devotion and pride of the family in this sacrifice, rather than the sense of personal loss which would be represented by the mourning symbols.

***LAST SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER IS "GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY"***



## RALLY SCHEDULE

*(Times Subject to Change if Necessary)*

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 04, 2024**

2:00 PM-3:30 PM	Registration	Karen Cox
4:00 PM	Pre-Mid-Year NEB	
5:00 PM	Officers Call	
6:00 PM	Dinner with NEB	

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 05, 2024**

8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Registration	Karen Cox
9:00 AM-9:30 AM	Opening Ceremony/Remarks	Natalie Cummings
9:30 AM-10:30 AM	Audit Committee & Finance	Paul Spuhl
9:30 AM-10:30 AM	Past Presidents Council	Closed Mtg
10:30 AM-11:00 AM	Uniform (U&I) Committee	JR May
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Standard Operating Procedures	Jim Whitcraft
12:00 PM-1:30 PM	Lunch	
1:30 PM-2:00 PM	IRS 990 Compliance	JR May/Paul Spuhl
2:00 PM-4:00 PM	Registration	Karen Cox
2:00 PM-3:00 PM	Membership: Dues & Remittance	Natalie Cummings/Paul Spuhl
3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Programs and Reporting	Kurt Knechtle
4:00 PM-5:00 PM	CBL Committee	Jim Whitcraft
5:00 PM-6:00 PM	NEB	
6:00-	Dinner	
8:00-12:00 AM	Entertainment	

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 06, 2024**

8:00 AM-8:30 AM	Registration	Karen Cox	
8:30 AM-9:00 AM	Long Range Planning	Kurt Knechtle	
9:00 AM-9:30 AM	Gold Star Families	Jeremiah Botkin	
9:30 AM-10:00 AM	Committee Wrap-ups/Questions if needed		
10:30 AM-11:00 AM	Blessing of the Bikes	Jeremiah Botkin	Parking lot
11:00-12:00 PM	Lunch		
12:30 PM-1:00 PM	Credentials/Delegate Count	1 <sup>st</sup> V/JA/Sec	
1:00 PM-4:00 PM	General business meeting		
5:00 PM-	Dinner		
8:00 PM-	Entertainment		



## 2024 RALLY T-SHIRT



The 2024 Mid-Year rally T-SHIRT was designed via a coloring contest with the local schools. The shirt is a combination of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winning drawings. Thank you to all the youngsters that participated in bringing this AWESOME shirt to life!



## 2023 ROLLING TO REMEMBER



If you didn't have the opportunity to attend this amazing and awe-inspiring event, it is an event that everyone should try to attend at least once. AMVETS is the host of this amazing event and continues to lead the way in Veterans support and awareness. RTR designed to ***“raise awareness of the mental health crisis stealing thousands of veterans’ lives a year and demand full accounting for America’s Missing in Action and Prisoners of War”***. From the thundering sound of thousands of motorcycles rolling around our nation’s capital prior to the actual RTR event, to the friendships made when meeting motorcycle riders from all over the U.S. and Canada, the total experience of RTR is one that will always be cherished. Highlights of RTT included. Gold Star Mother’s banquet, Blessing of the Bikes, Placing of the Wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Wall and of course the execution of the ride itself.





# AMVETS Riders 2024 Convention Rules

## I - REGISTRATION

The following Rules for the National Convention have been presented to the National Executive Committee during the 2024 Mid-Year Rally Meeting and have been adopted as the governing procedures for the Annual National Convention. These Convention Rules will be presented to delegates for adoption by a majority vote at the start of the Convention.

1. **Pre-Registration:** The National Secretary shall send each Chapter and Department official convention registration materials and instructions of the 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 30 days prior to convention start date. If not registered by the aforementioned date, delegates, alternates or National Officers will register at convention at the on-site rate.** Chapter and/or Department Revalidations are pre-requisites to acceptance of Chapter and Department pre-registration requests by the Credentials Committee at the National Convention.
2. **Membership Transfers:** A member who has transferred from one Chapter to another must be a member of the new Chapter 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:** To register at the National Convention, a delegate, alternate or National Officer must be a member in good standing on the National membership rolls for at least 30 days prior to the opening of the National Convention.
  - Chapters must be chartered no later than 1 May of each year to be eligible to vote at the National Convention.
  - At the registration desk, each registrant will verify that they have pre-registered and verify if they are a delegate or not. Those non-members wishing to register as a guest are required to present a photo identification card.
  - Registration fees will be as follows:
    - a. **Pre-registration will be postmarked no later than 30 days prior to start of convention.....\$10.00**
    - b. **On-site registration (all registering at convention) .....\$20.00**
  - Once the credentials have been verified by the Credentials Committee and payment is received, the registrants name shall be entered in the registration data base; and the registrant will receive proof of registration, unless the respective Chapter or Department has not been revalidated as required by the AMVETS Riders National Constitution.  
All accounts payable or any other requirements for accreditation must be settled prior to registration.



- a. Members of the AMVETS Riders who are AMVETS, Ladies Auxiliary, or Son's of AMVETS and are attending the National Convention must register as an AMVETS, Ladies Auxiliary, Son's of AMVETS (Parent Organization) as well as the AMVETS Riders.  
Must show Proof of registration with the (Parent Organization) when registering with the AMVETS Riders.
- b. Past National Presidents are not required to pay a registration fee.

**Note:** Delegate's convention registration fees are non-refundable.

**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 8:30 a.m. SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH**  
(Those in line at 8:30 am will be registered)

**THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR REGISTRATION ARE:**

<b>All Times Are Local Central Daylight Saving</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Times</b>
Thursday	8 August	TBD
Friday	9 August	TBD
Saturday	10 August	YBD

**The AMVETS Riders General Meeting will be conducted as a split session. The first session will consist of approval of the Convention Rules, roll call of delegates, and election of officers. The meeting will be suspended until a time to be announced for the second session where the remainder of business will be concluded. This is necessary to allow the new officers to be installed with all other subordinate groups at the AMVETS meeting. The elected AMVETS Riders officers will take office at the end of the Riders Convention.**

**II -DELEGATE STRENGTH**

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

5.1 The National Convention shall be comprised of the following:

A.) Each Chapter shall be entitled to two delegates and two alternates for its first 50 members or fraction thereof. Thereafter, a Chapter shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for each additional 50 members. The Riders National Headquarters will determine the total number of delegates per Chapter based on the Chapter Dues Remittance Forms as of the 1st day of July each year.

B.) Each Department President shall have a vote as a member of the National Executive Committee.

C.) Each member of the National Executive Committee shall be entitled to vote. All Riders Past National President shall be entitled to one vote collectively at the National Convention, provided the member's Chapter and Department are in good standing. The National President shall vote only in the case of a tie.





5.2 Elections will be held at the Annual Convention, at a location to be announced no later than one hour prior to the start of the Convention. The voting will be done by hand or by voice.

5.3 Nominations of Officers will be made from the floor at the regularly scheduled general membership meeting prior to the Annual Convention.

### **III- THE MEETING**

1. A minimum of twenty-five 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 on the floor of the convention floor to constitute a quorum.
2. Except as otherwise specified by these rules, Robert's Rules of Order, shall govern the proceedings of this National Convention.
3. At the general meetings of the convention, delegates and alternates shall be seated by Departments and Chapter, other AMVETS Riders members or guests, who are registered, but not delegates or alternates, shall be seated in a separate area as designated by the National President.
4. The Chairman shall preserve order and shall call upon the National SAA 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.
5. The order of business shall be determined by the chairman in accordance with the published agenda of the convention.
6. Delegates, alternates, and guests must have proof of registration prominently displayed to be present on the convention floor.
7. **DRESS CODE FOR AMVETS RIDERS NATIONAL MEETING WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**
  - A. Riders Unadulterated Beret and in the proper color.
  - B. Black Boots or Black Shoes.
  - C. Riders Patched Vest or a plain unadulterated Black Vest
  - D. Red AMVETS, Auxiliary, Sons or AMVETS Riders Dress Shirt/Long Sleeve or Short Sleeve.
  - E. Black or Blue colored Jeans, slacks, or Black Skirts in Good Condition.
  - F. A Riders Patched Jacket or plain Jacket as stated in Article 13 may be worn.
8. To assist in minute 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, Chapter number and Department. The National SAA assisted by Deputy SAA's, shall maintain order at the Microphones.
9. The National SAA shall be assisted by such Deputy SAA as the National President appoints.
10. Instances of disorder or misconduct by a Riders member shall be reported to the National SAA. Upon request of the National President the SAA shall investigate the matter and refer offenders(s) to the floor for dismissal from the Convention if so warranted.



## **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 Chapter for review prior to consideration by the Convention body. In any case, no formal vote shall take place on any resolution originating from the Convention floor until minimum of one hour has expired after 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 appropriated National Committee Chairperson.
3. Each Convention reporting committee shall consider only 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 appropriated National Committees. The Resolutions Committee shall take no further actions on resolutions other than assignment or reassignment. Decisions involving the assignment or reassignment of resolutions by the 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 or resolutions considered by that committee, including resolutions 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 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 question shall be permitted to speak upon the same subject except by 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 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 subject except by unanimous consent of the delegates present, however, a delegate who originally proposes a matter may be accorded on minute rebuttal.

## **VI-VOTING**

1. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. An alternate shall have all the rights and privileges of their delegate except they shall vote only in the delegates' absence. No delegates vote will be counted unless he/she can present valid proof of their registration.
2. Voting shall be by voice, hand or secret ballot at the discretion of the presiding office, except when a roll call is ordered by the chairperson or upon request of at least five (5) Chapter delegations.
3. Each Chapter shall select a chair- person who shall announce the vote of his/her delegation. When any delegate thereof entitled to vote demands the roll call of any Chapter/Department delegation, the Credentials Chairperson, using the registration file, shall call the roll of Chapters and the names of the delegates appearing therein. As each delegate's name is called, he/she shall then be required to announce his/her vote at a floor microphone so that it may be 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 announce vote. If there are fewer delegates present on the floor than the votes announced, then the Credentials Committee shall use the registration file to poll the delegation(s) to obtain the correct count.
4. Votes cast by a Chapter cannot be challenged after the next Department has been called.
5. Unit rule and proxy voting will not be permitted.

## **VII-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Each reporting committee chairperson or his/her substitute shall present a report of that committees meeting to the Convention body for approval.
2. The Credentials Committee shall report orally at the beginning of each session of the Convention and whenever called by the presiding officer. A final report shall be submitted to the Riders National Executive Secretary for the permanent records.

## **VII-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 President may be made from the podium.
2. Nominations and elections of National Officers shall be conducted in the following order:
  - National President



- National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
  - National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
  - National Treasurer
  - National Sergeant-at-Arms
  - National Judge Advocate
3. Nominations and seconding speeches for National Officers other than the National President shall be limited to two minutes each. Nominating speeches for National President shall be limited to five minutes each. Not more than two seconding speeches may be made on behalf of candidates for National President and one such speech for candidates for other offices.
  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.
  5. No person shall be nominated for or accept a nomination for more than one (1) National Office.

## **IX-ELECTIONS**

1. Election of all National Officers shall be by delegates present and voting on the convention floor. After the second 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. All voting shall be by hand or voice or secret ballot. If a roll call vote is requested no Chapter may change or correct its vote or be challenged by a delegate of that Chapter within the same ballot after the next Chapter has been recognized. A Chapter 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 Departments) in the Convention Hall is prohibited, as well as, in those areas prohibited by hotel and convention center management.



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

## AMVETS Riders Immediate Past National President

Greetings Legendary AMVETS Riders,

Hello Riders nation! It's been a Year to say for me but I'm back and doing great! I hope everyone in riders nation is doing the same. Looking forward to another Mid Year with you all! See ya in Florida!

LRB/LRS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Reando".

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## AMVETS Riders National

Greetings AMVETS Riders and Welcome to the 2024 Mid-Year Rally.

The Board is looking forward to welcoming back old friends, meeting new ones, and planning the direction of the AMVETS Riders in promoting and continuing our mission and helping our Veterans.

You will see on the agenda training opportunities that can enhance your knowledge of the positions, along with committee sessions, that all members are welcome to attend.

We encourage all members to spend time with each other. By engaging with a Rider from another State or even a different part of your State, you will have the opportunity to discuss things that each of you are doing to enhance our presence in the communities where we serve our Veterans.

Thank you to the Department of Florida and Post 78 for hosting this year's Mid-Year Rally.

The Officers of the National Riders Board.

<https://www.amvetsridersnational.org/officers.html>



## AMVETS Riders National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice

Greetings Legendary AMVETS Riders,

Welcome to Mid-Year Rally, it's going to be a beautiful couple of days here in Florida.

I look forward to a productive Mid-Year Rally and I hope you take this opportunity to join the different training sessions these next couple of days to learn the different offices in the AMVETS Riders organization.

I will have membership numbers and lots of information to share with you at the membership training session. I will be asking for your feedback to improve and streamline the process, so please join me if you can.

Enjoy the food, fun and make new memories with your brothers and sisters that have gathered for this great event.

I thank you all again for this opportunity to serve as your National 1 Vice.

LRB/LRS

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## AMVETS Riders National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

Greetings Legendary AMVETS Riders!

Welcome Amvets Riders and Supporters to our 2024 Spring Rally. As your RN2V I am proud to say we are headed in the right direction with our new system provided by Amvets. At this time, there are some issues ongoing with reports and how info is input. I hope at the end of this Rally we will all be on the same page and carry this info back to our people.

I believe we are very close to becoming one with this new system. We have come a long way since we began this new system. Most of us are on track. We only have a few problems I feel sure we can fix. This being said, I am sure you all would like to see reporting numbers. However, I believe the problems we are having do not reflect true totals. Therefore, I would like to give this a little time to correct reports prior to throwing out numbers that are incorrect.

Let's have a great time and master this reporting system as we know we blow all Amvets families away.

LRB/LRS

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## AMVETS Riders National Treasurer

Greetings Legendary AMVETS Riders!

Welcome to Mid-Year 2024! Since the August Convention 2023, many Chapters have been busy with different activities and initiatives that have positively impacted our communities and helped Veterans. It's great to see so much activity on Facebook.

In March, the AMVETS held NEC meetings in Washington, DC., Natalie, Jeremiah, and I were fortunate enough to attend meetings and participate in the Legislative Advocacy Week activities on Capitol Hill. It was an incredible four days. I encourage all to consider attending next year if you're available. It is through our volunteerism and activity within our Parent Organizations, Posts, and Chapters that allow us to make a difference in the lives of Veterans and our communities. Please attend as many parent organization meetings as possible and be involved. Remember, we are AMVETS first.

Over the next couple of days, attend as many training sessions as possible, ask questions, and take new information and ideas back to your Posts. Also, remember Rolling to Remember, as we will need your help on the Pentagon parking lot!

Thank you for your hard work with the National Fundraiser Raffle for the Big Horn Explorer UTV. I hope that all the tickets have been sold out.

It has been an honor and great responsibility to serve as your National Treasurer. As of March 12th, the national bank accounts have a balance of \$129,808.88, with more dues still coming in. (this doesn't reflect fundraiser funds.) The 2024-2025 National Budget is included in this report.

LRB/LRS

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**National Riders Budget July 1st 2024 to June 30 2025**

National Riders Budget July 1st 2024 to June 30 2025				
Income Forecast Line Item Description		Income	Received	Variance
10	Fund Raisers + Gold Star Donations + other donations	30,000	0	-30,000
20	Rider Membership Dues	31,200	0	-31,200
30	Supporter Dues	7,500	0	-7,500
40	National Service Foundation	5,000	0	-5,000
50	Convention Registration	1,700	0	-1,700
<b>Total</b>		<b>75,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-75,400</b>
Expense Forecast Line Item Description		Expenses	Actual	Variance
<b>100</b>	<b>President Expenses Total</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-10,400</b>
101	Mid-Year - Travel/Hotel	800	0	-800
102	Convention - Travel/Hotel	1,400	0	-1,400
103	Other Travel	1,000	0	-1,000
105	Convention Site Review Directive	350	0	-350
106	Spring NEC Expenses - Travel/Hotel	1,200	0	-1,200
107	Fall NEC/ Veterans Day Expenses - Travel/Hotel	1,200	0	-1,200
108	RTR 2022 - Travel (Fuel/Hotel-Receipts)-Not Mileage	500	0	-500
109	Silver Helmet Banquet/Commanders Banquet	150	0	-150
110	Award Costs / Badges /Guardian Award	600	0	-600
111	AMVETS Organization Projects Support	1,000	0	-1,000
114	Presidents Discretionary Fund	1,000	0	-1,000
112	Organization Leadership & ED Mid-Year	1,200	0	-1,200
<b>200</b>	<b>1st Vice Expenses Total</b>	<b>5,877</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-5,877</b>
201	Mid-Year - Travel/Hotel	800	0	-800
202	Convention - Travel/Hotel	1,200	0	-1,200
203	Other Travel/Veterans Day DC	1,200	0	-1,200
204	RTR 2022 - Travel (Fuel/Hotel-Receipts)-Not Mileage	500	0	-500
205		0	0	0
206	Spring NEC Expenses - Travel/Hotel	1,200	0	-1,200
207	Membership Dues- PayPal Fees	400	0	-400
208	Silver Helmet/Commanders Banquet	150	0	-150
209	Awards	427	0	-427
<b>300</b>	<b>2nd Vice Expenses Total</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-3,200</b>
301	Mid-Year - Travel/Hotel	800	0	-800
302	Convention - Travel/Hotel	1,200	0	-1,200
303	Other Travel	300	0	-300
304	RTR 2022 - Travel (Fuel/Hotel-Receipts)-Not Mileage	500	0	-500
305	Programs	0	0	0
306	Commanders Banquet	0	0	0
307	Awards	400	0	-400
<b>400</b>	<b>Treasurer Expenses Total</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-4,100</b>
401	Mid-Year - Travel/Hotel	800	0	-800
402	Convention - Travel/Hotel	1,200	0	-1,200
403	Other Travel	0	0	0
404	RTR 2022 - Travel (Fuel/Hotel-Receipts)-Not Mileage	500	0	-500
405	Supplies/Stamps/Envelopes	150	0	-150
406	Audit	400	0	-400
407	Officer Bonding Insurance	450	0	-450
408	Membership Emergency Support Fund	500	0	-500
409	Commanders Banquet	0	0	0
410	Miscellaneous Expenses	100	0	-100



Expense Forecast Line Item Description		Expenses	Actual	Variance	
<b>500</b>	<b>JA</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,850</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2,850</b>
501	Mid-Year - Travel/Hotel	800	0	-800	
502	Convention - Travel/Hotel	1,200	0	-1,200	
503	Other Travel / Supplies	300	0	-300	
504	RTR 2022 - Travel (Fuel/Hotel-Receipts)-Not Mileage	500	0	-500	
505	Articles of Incorporation Filing - Year 2024	50	0	-50	
506	Commanders Banquet	0	0	0	
<b>600</b>	<b>SAA</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-3,000</b>
601	Mid-Year - Travel/Hotel	800	0	-800	
602	Convention - Travel/Hotel	1,200	0	-1,200	
603	Other Travel	500	0	-500	
604	RTR 2022 - Travel (Fuel/Hotel-Receipts)-Not Mileage	500	0	-500	
605	Commanders Banquet	0	0	0	
<b>700</b>	<b>Immediate PNP</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2,500</b>
701	Mid-Year - Travel/Hotel	800	0	-800	
702	Convention - Travel/Hotel	1,200	0	-1,200	
703	Other Travel	0	0	0	
704	RTR 2022 - Travel (Fuel/Hotel-Receipts)-Not Mileage	500	0	-500	
705	Other Expenses	0	0	0	
706	Commanders Banquet	0	0	0	
<b>800</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,850</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2,850</b>
801	Mid-Year - Travel/Hotel	800	0	-800	
802	Convention - Travel/Hotel	1,200	0	-1,200	
803	RTR 2022 - Travel (Fuel/Hotel-Receipts)-Not Mileage	500	0	-500	
804	Other Expenses	150	0	-150	
805	Equipment, Supplies, Anti Virus	200	0	-200	
806		0	0	0	
807	Commanders Banquet	0	0	0	
<b>900</b>	<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>20,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-20,200</b>
901	Mid-Year - Travel/Hotel	800	0	-800	
902	Convention - Travel/Hotel	1,200	0	-1,200	
903	Other Travel	150	0	-150	
904	RTR 2022 - Travel (Fuel/Hotel-Receipts)-Not Mileage	500	0	-500	
905	Gold Star Mothers Event	11,000	0	-11,000	
906	Postage/Memorials/Letters/Cards	50	0	-50	
907	Scholarships, Three \$1,000- Awards	3,000	0	-3,000	
908	Membership Death Benefit	3,500	0	-3,500	
909	Commanders Banquet	0	0	0	
<b>1000</b>	<b>Communications</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,073</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-3,073</b>
1001	Mid-Year - Travel/Hotel	800	0	-800	
1002	Convention - Travel/Hotel	1,200	0	-1,200	
1003	RTR 2022 - Travel (Fuel/Hotel-Receipts)-Not Mileage	500	0	-500	
1004	Email Maintenance	423	0	-423	
1005	Equipment and Supplies	150	0	-150	
1006		0	0	0	
1007	Commanders Banquet	0	0	0	



Expense Forecast Line Item Description		Expenses	Actual	Variance
<b>1100</b>	<b>Publications</b>	<b>3,850</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-3,850</b>
1101	Mid-Year - Travel/Hotel	800	0	-800
1102	Convention - Travel/Hotel	1,200	0	-1,200
1103	RTR 2022 - Travel (Fuel/Hotel-Receipts)-Not Mileage	500	0	-500
1104	Other Expenses/Postage	50	0	-50
1105	Equipment/Supplies/ Application/Brochures	300	0	-300
1106	Website Admin	200	0	-200
1107	Mid-Year Books	400	0	-400
1108	Convention Books	400	0	-400
1109	Commanders Banquet	0	0	0
<b>1200</b>	<b>Historian</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1201	Mid-Year	0	0	0
1202	Convention	0	0	0
1203	Other Travel	0	0	0
1204	Other Expenses	0	0	0
1205	Silver Helmet Banquet	0	0	0
<b>1300</b>	<b>PNP's</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-13,500</b>
1301	Mid-Year: up to \$750 Reimbursement	4,500	0	-4,500
1302	Convention: up to \$750 Reimbursement	4,500	0	-4,500
1303	RTR: up to \$750 Reimbursement	4,500	0	-4,500
1304	Other Tavel Approved by the NEB	0	0	0
1305	Silver Helmet Banquet	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>75,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-75,400</b>
Paul's Notes:	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
2022 Have Com	<b>Forecast Income</b>	75,400	0	-75,400
Comms/Pubs	<b>Forecast Expenses</b>	75,400	0	-75,400
	<b>Running Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



## AMVETS Riders National Judge Advocate

Greetings Legendary AMVETS Riders!

I would like to extend a welcome to all who are attending this year's Mid-Year Rally here in Valparaiso, Florida. It has been a busy year for me as we have dealt with things that have not been dealt with in the past. However, we all learned from that experience. The one thing that still seems to be misunderstood is the requirement of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). We did address with dealing with the enforcement aspect of requiring the SOP's. in By-Law in Pittsburg last August. I again will be going over all this in detail during my time slot at Mid-Year. I will be available for both days if you still have questions for me.

I look forward to seeing everyone.

Safe Travels.

LRB/LRS

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## AMVETS Riders National Sergeant at Arms

Greetings Legendary AMVETS Riders!

As your National Sgt. @ Arms, I would like to welcome you to this year's Midyear rally held here in sunny Florida! I hope you had an uneventful trip getting here and look forward to meeting and talking to you during the rally. If there is ever anything I can help with, feel free to contact me either by phone, email, message, or Facebook. All National officers are here for you, and we work for you.

Enjoy the rally, meet, and talk to other riders from around the country while you're here.

Safe travels as you return home following the rally and hope to see you at the National Convention in Springfield, IL in August.

LRB/LRS

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## AMVETS Riders National Chaplain

Greetings Legendary AMVETS Riders!

I am honored to continue serving as your Riders National Chaplain. I know we have been through some difficult times already this year. We've lost some close friends and had some really close calls. I want to encourage you to continue reaching out with the Last Chapter and Death Benefit requests. These exist to honor our fallen brothers and sisters. Please continue sending your prayer requests through the Chaplain's Corner on the Riders website, as well.

The Gold Star Fundraiser is underway and I'm looking forward to another great year of honoring those families that have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. If you, your post or chapter, your business, or anyone you know would like to donate please check the Riders website for a copy of the donation form.

If you'd like to be involved or just want more information about any of the Gold Star activities happening during RTR please feel free to attend the Gold Star Committee meeting.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our Riders Nation. If there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to reach out.

LRB/LRS

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## AMVETS Riders National Secretary

Greetings Legendary AMVETS Riders!

I am grateful to serve you as the National Riders Secretary.

My main function is to take minutes at the Mid-Year Rally's and the National Riders Conventions. I filter the mail and emails that come in and get it to the officer who deals with the issue.

Stay safe and have a great rally! Learn as much as you can. The officers have some great learning sessions.

Thank you, Florida Post 78, and the Department of Florida, for hosting this year's rally!

LRB/LRS

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**National Secretary**

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## AMVETS Riders National Communications Officer

Greetings Legendary AMVETS riders!

It has been my honor to welcome you to the 2024 Mid-Year rally. I am looking forward to seeing friends and meeting new ones that have joined together to support our Veterans and to promote our mission all over this Nation.

I enjoy the increased presence of the AMVETS Riders on your Facebook posts showing what you are doing to honor our Veterans, active-duty military, and your local communities. I encourage you to continue spreading our message and to increase your public and social media profile. The more people we reach will help grow our organization and help our voices to be heard.

Stay Safe, Check on your Buddies, and Keep the Rubber Side Down!

LRB/LRS

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## AMVETS Riders Publications Officer

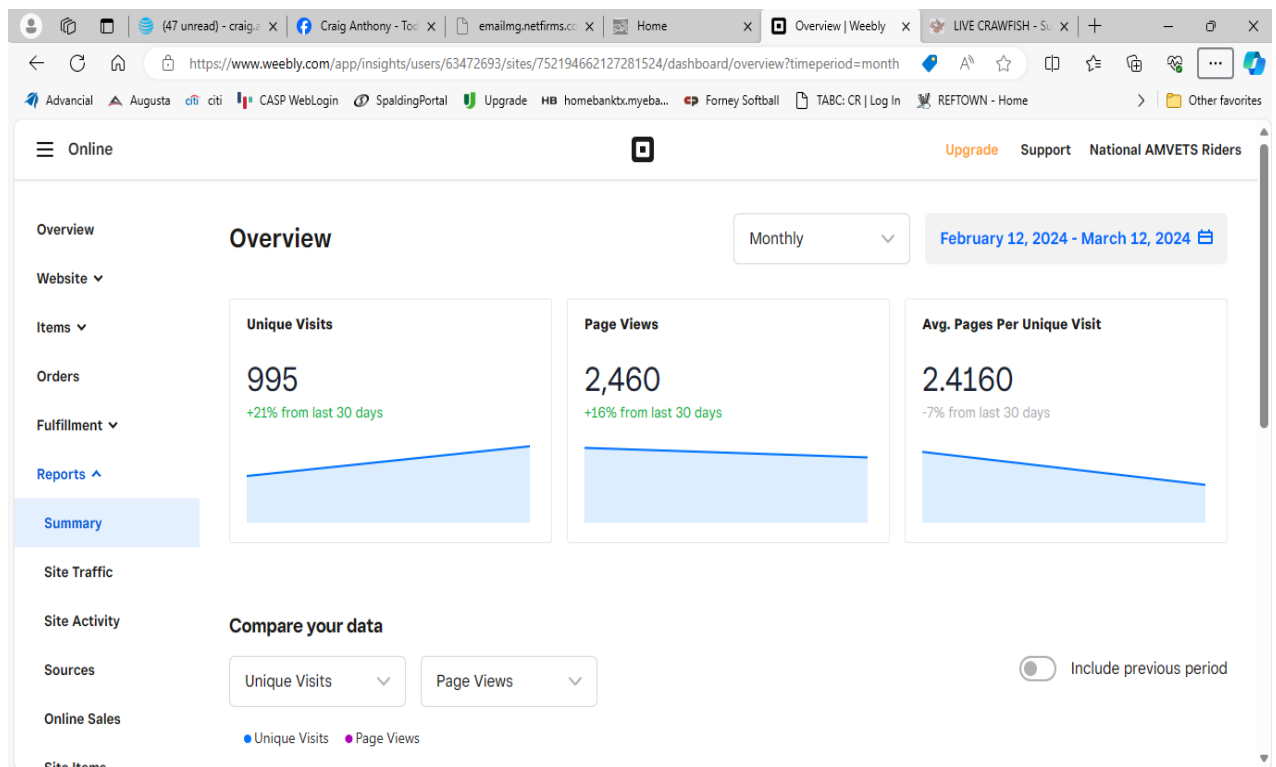
Greetings Legendary AMVETS Riders!

I continue to be honored to serve as your National Publications Officer in charge of managing your website ***amvetridersnational.org***. The website is your source for information, forms, events, news and updates and anything you would like to share with riders' nation.

Please continue to provide me and your national staff with feedback, comments, information and/or updates you would like to see that will make your website more useful. Below you will see a one-month site summary of activity from our website. I am pleased that many of you are using the website and I look forward to continuing increases in activity and service.

LRB/LRS

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## AMVETS Riders SOP'S On File - DEPARTMENTS

### DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

- FL2 / FL9 / FL12 / FL38 / FL67 / FL78 / FL81 / FL86 / FL292 / FL312 / FL777 /
- FL1992 / FL2298 / FL7467

### DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA

- GA10 / GA12

### DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

- IN5 / IN11 / IN12 / IN13 / IN23 / IN26 / IN33 / IN61 / IN91 / IN2929 / IN82621

### DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

- IA6 / 1A31 / UA41 / IA49 / IA82

### DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY

- KY61 / KY125

### DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

- MI23 / MI1988

### DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

- MO1 / MO6 / MO42 / MO48 / MO114 / MO153 / MO181

### DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

- OH5 / OH26 / OH44 / OH45 / OH51 / OH54 / OH76 / OH95 / OH149 / OH333 /
- OH777 / OH1983 / OH1994 / OH2003



## AMVETS Riders SOP'S On File - CHAPTERS

### CHAPTERS

- **AK2 / AK9**
- **LA7 / LA66**
- **NC845 / NC905**
- **TX23 / TX36**
- **WI13 / WI120 / WI1776**

These lists are as of March 8, 2024 as provided by Jim Whitcraft, RNJA. Please see Jim if you have any questions regarding your SOPs.



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**JEREMIAH BOTKIN – NATIONAL CHAPLIN  
NATALIE CUMMINGS – NATIONAL 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE  
PAUL SPHUL – NATIONAL TREASURER**



**2024 Spring Rally, Dover Florida**



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