



AMVETS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS MEMBERSHIP

NEWSLETTER & REPORT



August 2026

AMVETS National Headquarters' membership report is designed to provide essential information that reflects the organization's membership progress and numerical data. The report offers clarity on the overall health and status of AMVETS by presenting trends, comparisons, and other key insights that show how the organization is performing as a whole.

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AMVETS National Headquarters Membership Report

WELCOME MESSAGE

Congratulations to all newly elected National Officers!

**National
Commander
Sandy Vorhies (OH)**



**National First
Vice Commander
Christopher Studebaker (IL)**



**National Second
Vice Commander
Sheldon Hartsfield (MO)**



**National Third
Vice Commander
A. J. John (OK)**



**National Finance
Officer
Kelly McFarlain (LA)**



**National Judge
Advocate
Frederick Bates (GA)**



We wish you much success!

YOUR AMVETS MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Meet the Team: AMVETS' membership program is supported by a dedicated team that manages outreach, engagement, and member services. Their collective efforts help strengthen relationships and advance the mission of AMVETS nationwide.



Warren Cox
Membership Director



Joe Chenelly
Executive Director



Chris Studebaker
National First
Vice Commander

Membership Director Warren Cox, Executive Director Joe Chenelly, and National First Vice Commander Chris Studebaker work collaboratively to strengthen AMVETS' membership program and expand its reach nationwide. Through coordinated outreach, improved communication with departments, and refined member services, they focus on both recruiting new members and retaining current ones. Their efforts support sustainable organizational growth by ensuring that AMVETS remains visible, relevant, and responsive to the needs of veterans and their families.

Meet the Membership Team

- **Katie Ford** – Team Lead and Membership/ Programs Administrative Support
 - A proud Army spouse dedicated to serving veterans and her community.
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Katie Ford

Ashley Piper

Shelly Hall

Ben Moser

ANNUAL & LIFE MEMBERS

Annual							Life				Total	
New		Renewed	Total	New	Conv.	Current	Total					Total
7,290		21,342	28,632	491	24	109,433	109,948					138,580

2025-26 Annual							2025-26 Life					
New		Renewed	Total	New	Conv.	Current	Total					
1	21	85	106			1,237	1,237					
1	88	461	549	12		3,712	3,724					
1	61	218	279	2		1,102	1,104					
1	3	7	10	1		114	115					
1	55	335	390	4		636	640					
1	228	1,076	1,304	15		4,675	4,690					
1	4	49	53	1		702	703					
1	1	26	27			23	23					
	461	2,257	2,718	35	0	12,201	12,236					

2025-26 Annual							2025-26 Life					
New		Renewed	Total	New	Conv.	Current	Total					
2	28	33	61	1		653	654					
2	109	434	543	7		398	405					
2	108	287	395	9		2,157	2,166					
2	85	391	476	12		2,029	2,041					
2	375	1,860	2,235	14		5,660	5,674					
2	218	459	677	5	1	1,311	1,317					
2	78	200	278	2		431	433					
	1,001	3,664	4,665	50	1	12,639	12,690					

2025-26 Annual							2025-26 Life					
New		Renewed	Total	New	Conv.	Current	Total					
3	39	68	107	2		730	732					
3	3	346	349			211	211					
3	1,996	4,620	6,616	80	4	11,437	11,521					
3	189	242	431	12	2	1,438	1,452					
3	56	75	131	3		769	772					
3	1	2	3	1		84	85					
3	92	215	307	13		1,017	1,030					
3	160	363	523	6	2	1,679	1,687					
	2,536	5,931	8,467	117	8	17,365	17,490					

2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2025-26	2025-26 vs 2024-25	
Annual	Renewal %	Life	Total	Total	2024-25	Growth %
113	75.22%	1,342	1,455	1,343	92.30%	1.44%
687	67.10%	3,791	4,478	4,273	95.42%	2.23%
332	65.66%	1,126	1,458	1,383	94.86%	4.32%
10	70.00%	114	124	125	100.81%	3.23%
432	77.55%	669	1,101	1,030	93.55%	5.36%
1,530	70.33%	4,728	6,258	5,994	95.78%	3.88%
115	42.61%	702	817	756	92.53%	0.61%
27	96.30%	23	50	50	100.00%	2.00%
3,246	69.53%	12,495	15,741	14,954	95.00%	3.15%

2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2025-26	2025-26 vs 2024-25	
Annual	Renewal %	Life	Total	Total	2024-25	Growth %
30	110.00%	653	683	715	104.69%	4.25%
555	78.20%	397	952	948	99.58%	12.18%
375	76.53%	2,184	2,559	2,561	100.08%	4.57%
399	97.99%	2,031	2,430	2,517	103.58%	3.99%
2,264	82.16%	5,799	8,063	7,909	98.09%	4.82%
681	67.55%	1,318	1,999	1,994	99.75%	11.16%
289	69.20%	429	718	711	99.03%	11.14%
4,593	79.80%	12,811	17,404	17,355	99.72%	6.04%

2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2025-26	2025-26 vs 2024-25	
Annual	Renewal %	Life	Total	Total	2024-25	Growth %
101	67.33%	730	831	839	100.96%	4.93%
347	99.71%	211	558	560	100.36%	0.54%
6,680	69.22%	11,471	18,151	18,137	99.92%	11.44%
380	64.21%	1,627	2,007	1,883	93.82%	10.01%
87	86.21%	773	860	903	105.00%	6.86%
9	22.22%	84	93	88	94.62%	2.15%
280	76.79%	1,017	1,297	1,337	103.08%	8.10%
505	72.28%	1,827	2,332	2,210	94.77%	7.12%
8,389	70.80%	17,740	26,129	25,957	99.34%	10.15%

The membership statistics by state provide a detailed breakdown of new, renewed, and life members across each department, offering a clear view of where membership participation is strongest and where growth opportunities exist. The report also reflects associated income from life members, current totals, and year-over-year percentage changes, allowing AMVETS to assess both retention trends and financial impact at the state level. This information supports strategic planning by identifying states with increasing membership engagement as well as those needing additional support or outreach.

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ANNUAL & LIFE MEMBERS

2025-26 Annual				2025-26 Life				2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2025-26	2025-26 vs 2024-25	
New	Renewed	Total		New	Conv.	Current	Total	Annual	Renewal %	Life	Total	Total	2024-25	Growth %
26	25	51		1		8	9	27		7	34	60	176.47%	79.41%
	1	1				85	85	1		85	86	86	100.00%	0.00%
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		0				6	6	0	#DIV/0!	6	6	6	100.00%	0.00%
		0				3	3	0	0.00%	3	3	3	100.00%	0.00%
	1	1				26	26	2		26	28	27	96.43%	0.00%
		0				5	5	0		5	5	5		
1	1	2				9	9	1		9	10	11	110.00%	10.00%
1		1				3	3	1	0.00%	3	4	4	100.00%	25.00%
1		1				1	1	0	0.00%	1	1	2	200.00%	100.00%
29	28	57		1	0	146	147	32	87.50%	145	177	204	115.25%	16.95%

2025-26 Annual				2025-26 Life				2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2025-26	2025-26 vs 2024-25	
New	Renewed	Total		New	Conv.	Current	Total	Annual	Renewal %	Life	Total	Total	2024-25	Growth %
	20	20				184	184	24	83.33%	184	208	204	98.08%	0.00%
0	20	20		0	0	184	184	24	83.33%	184	208	204	98.08%	0.00%

AMVETS ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

Please click link below to learn more about the annual dues increase.

[AMVETS Annual Dues Increase 2026](#)

AMVETS REFUND REPORT

Please click link below to see your Departments refund.

[AMVETS Refund Report August 2026](#)

AMVETS NEW JOINS

**Please click link below to see new members in
your State and Post.**

[AMVETS New Joins August 2026](#)

AMVETS ANGELS

The following report respectfully honors the memory of our members who have entered Post Everlasting. Their service, dedication, and commitment to AMVETS will always be remembered.

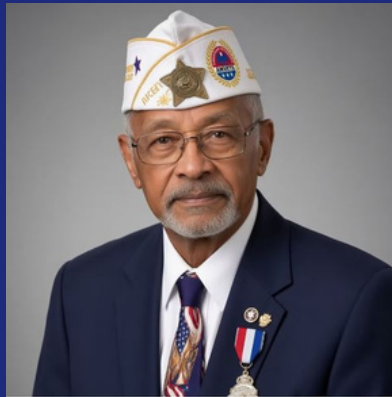
AMVETS Angels August 2026

PROGRAMS



Joe Chenelly

Executive Director



Sheldon Hartsfield

National Second Vice
Commander



Warren Cox

Programs
Director

TACOM Ceremonial Rifle Program is now completely digital and done online. TACOM will no longer take paper applications. Letters of Good Standing will still be sent out from the Programs Department. See URL Below.

<https://tacom.army.mil/ilsc/donations/rifles>

Scholarships: This year's scholarship recipients have been selected. Winners will be notified this week. We sincerely thank all applicants for their interest, participation, and the time and effort they put into their submissions. Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients!

Americanism Contest: Winners of the AMVETS Americanism Contest will be finalized and notified in the upcoming weeks. We appreciate the participation of all students and look forward to recognizing this year's outstanding entries.

Spirit of America & Founding Forward Trip: The 2026 Spirit of America & Founding Forward trip is scheduled for November 5–8, 2026. Student packets containing important trip information and details will be sent out this week. We look forward to an exciting and memorable experience for this year's participants!

J/ROTC: AMVETS ROTC and JROTC Medal and Certificate requests are being received and processed. Thank you to the departments that have taken the time to recognize and honor outstanding cadets through this important program. Your commitment to supporting and encouraging the next generation of leaders is greatly appreciated. Well done!

BSA/ Eagle Scout: AMVETS Eagle Scout Letter and Certificate requests have been received and processed. Congratulations to the Scouts who have achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. AMVETS is proud to recognize their dedication, leadership, and commitment to service, and we thank those who submitted requests to help honor these outstanding young men and women.

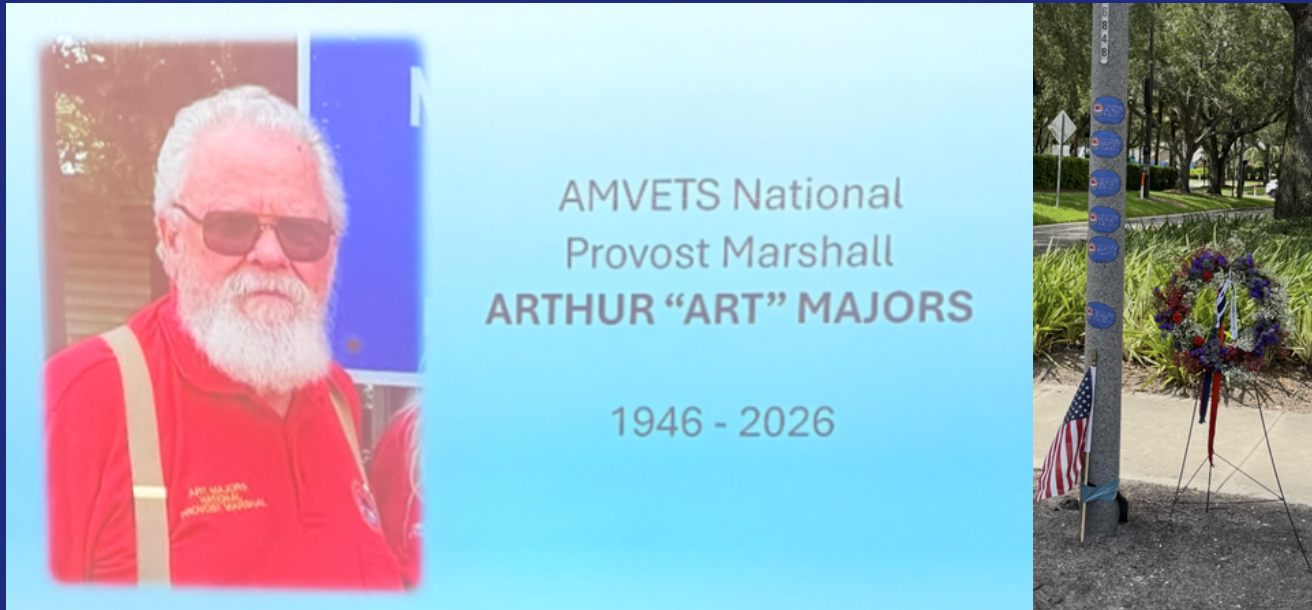
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In Memory of Our National Provost Marshall Arthur L. Majors



During our National Convention, the AMVETS family experienced the sudden and heartbreaking loss of our National Provost Marshal. His passing was deeply felt by all who knew him and had the privilege of serving alongside him.

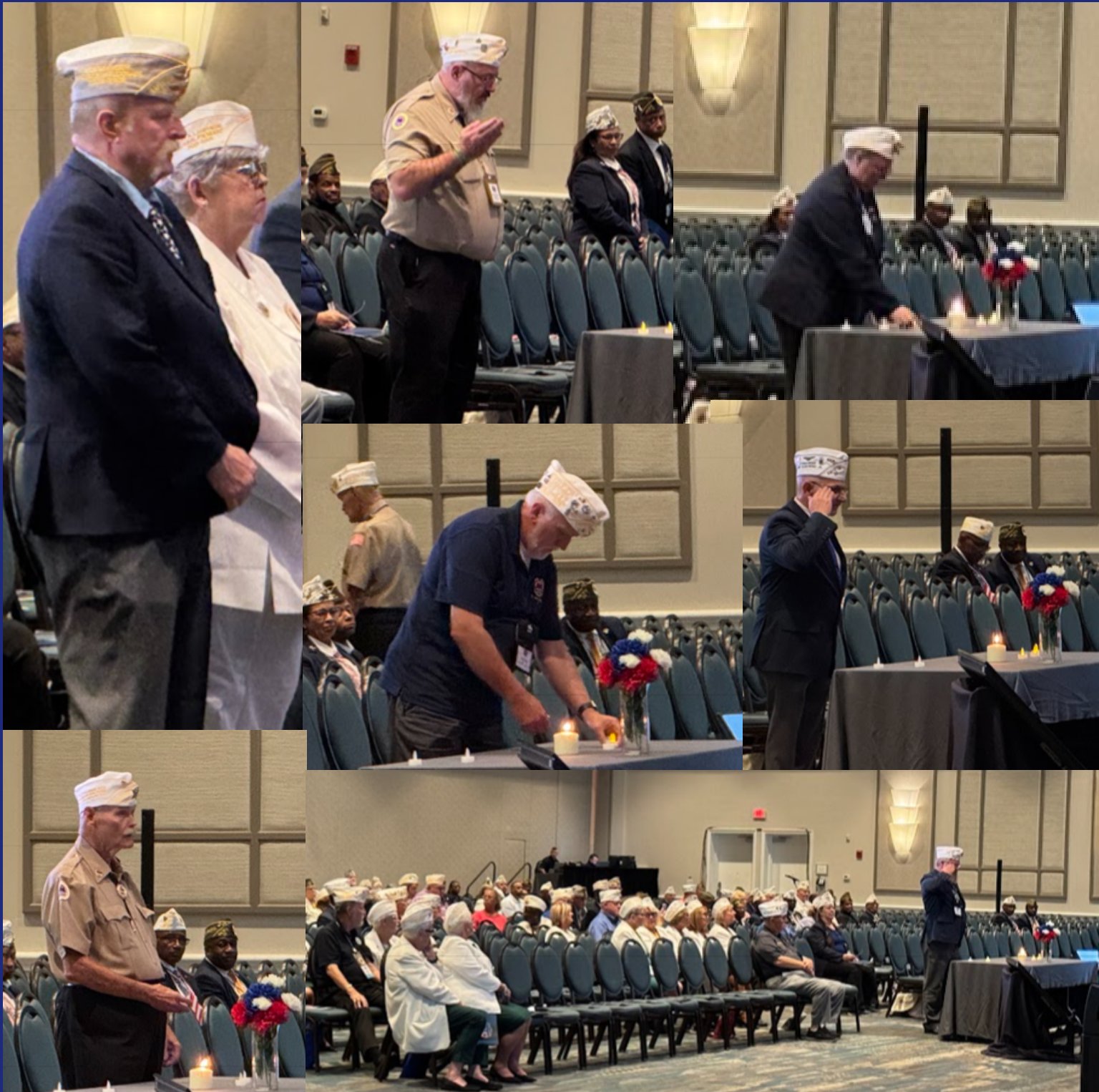
In the midst of our convention, we came together as one AMVETS family to honor his life, his dedicated service, and his commitment to our organization.

A memorial was held in his honor, providing an opportunity for friends, fellow members, and comrades to pay their respects and remember the lasting impact he made.

Though his loss came far too suddenly, his dedication, friendship, and service to AMVETS will not be forgotten. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and all whose lives he touched.

May he rest in eternal peace, and may his legacy of service live on within AMVETS.

In Memory of Our National Provost Marshall Arthur L. Majors



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