

FAQ

The frequently asked questions below may increase your understanding of AMVETS and our membership requirements. If you have an unanswered question, please call AMVETS at (301) 459-9600.

What is AMVETS?

AMVETS is an abbreviation for American Veterans. AMVETS members are active duty and honorably discharged veterans from all branches of service. We are chartered by Congress to assist veterans in all aspects of their lives, from fighting for full benefits to finding decent jobs.

Do you have to serve in combat to be an AMVETS member?

Combat service is not a requirement. All active duty and honorably discharged military personnel, National Guard and Army Reserves are eligible to become AMVETS members, making AMVETS the most inclusive veteran service organization in the country.

What is the cost?

Annual dues are \$30 a year when you join online as a member-at-large. Life membership is \$250.

What is a Member at Large (MAL)?

When you join online through the AMVETS.org website, you select the state of your choice. You can become a MAL in your home state or the state in which you are stationed. MALs have access to all AMVETS canteens and restaurants as well as member discounts. Members-at-large do not have a vote in AMVETS elections. To be a voting member of AMVETS, you must join a Post.

How do I join an AMVETS Post?

You can request a transfer from MAL status to a Post. By joining a Post, you actively help veterans through local AMVETS programs. You can do a zip code search at AMVETS Nationwide followed by an email or call the Post point of contact. Let the point of contact know you are interested in joining the Post. The Post will take care of the transfer.

How was AMVETS started?

When troops returned to America at the end of WWII, many used their newly earned GI bill benefit to complete a degree, a goal usually reserved for the wealthy. Veterans found they were comfortable with other veterans on campus, and they formed veteran's clubs. These clubs became active in shaping American policy, and on July 23, 1947, President Harry Truman signed public law 216, which granted a Congressional Charter to AMVETS (American Veteran).

My Husband is in the military, can I join AMVETS?

Yes. You can join the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. The Ladies Auxiliary works closely with AMVETS posts on programs to help veterans. Other programs include Junior AMVETS, they organize youth programs, promote the Americanism Program, build Drill Teams and create Service Programs. Junior members are ages 5-17. <http://www.amvetsaux.org/>

My Dad is a veteran. Can I join?

Yes. You can join the Sons of AMVETS. Many posts have a Sons of AMVETS program working closely with AMVETS members to support returning veterans. <http://www.sonsofamvets.org>

How can I join the AMVETS Riders?

AMVETS Riders are a dedicated, patriotic group of veteran motorcycle riders who hold true to an unwavering respect for our Nation, our Flag, and our Military. First join AMVETS then contact the riders. <http://www.amvetsridersnational.org>

I don't have any military members in my family. How can I support the AMVETS mission?

You can donate directly to AMVETS through this [Donate Now](#) link. You can also donate your used vehicle (car, truck, motorcycle, RV, sail or motorboat, even aircraft) to AMVETS by calling (301) 459-9600. Out thrift stores support our free VA claims work

What is AMVETS doing to help veterans?

Our National Service Officers offer free help to all veterans filing claims with the VA. Our Career Center will place 500 veterans in jobs this year. We offer free Warrior Transition workshops to help veterans cope with the stresses of service. We fly family members to the bedside of injured veterans. We monitor and champion Legislation supporting veterans. The AMVETS HEAL Team ensures veterans with medical needs have access the best quality mental health and specialized services (traumatic brain injury, polytrauma, post-traumatic stress) and live longer, healthier lives. Posts throughout the country find and furnish housing for homeless vets. We feed and clothe veterans in need. We provide honor guards at military funerals for veterans. Our National Service Officers' file claims for all veterans, free. AMVETS is hosting the largest veteran's demonstration in America, Join us and the AMVETS Riders for the Memorial Day Rolling to Remember ride. POWs MIA's and the 20 veteran suicides today.

What is my next step?

Join us at www.amvets.org and help make a real difference in the lives of our Nation heroes! Call AMVETS National Headquarters at (301) 459-9600 for assistance.

