

Local Veteran, Educator, and Community Leader to Lead AMVETS Statewide



AMVETS Col. John S. Cole II prepares to serve as State Commander.

A lifetime dedicated to service, education, and community leadership has led AMVETS Col. John S. Cole II to a new chapter of public service as he prepares to serve as State Commander of AMVETS.

Born in Louisville's Portland neighborhood, Cole's journey has taken him from Kentucky roots to military service, education, and veteran advocacy. After graduating from Elgin High School, he joined the United States Army and served with the 12th Special Forces Group before continuing his military career as a Dental Specialist and Dental Laboratory Technician.

Professionally, Cole earned degrees in Political Science and Education and has spent the past 22 years teaching high school chemistry while mentoring generations of students. Today, he remains active in numerous veterans organizations and continues his mission of supporting veterans, their families, and their communities.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — AMVETS Post 94 proudly recognizes Tammy Harmony as its AMVET of the Year, honoring her exceptional dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to veterans, their families, and the Illinois community. Harmony has become a driving force within Post 94 through her tireless volunteer efforts, positive leadership, and willingness to step forward whenever help is needed. Fellow members describe her as a dependable advocate whose work often takes place behind the scenes but has a lasting impact on the organization and those it serves. Throughout the year, Harmony has contributed countless hours supporting veteran programs, community events, fundraising activities, and outreach efforts designed to improve the lives of local veterans and their families. Her commitment reflects the AMVETS mission of service, patriotism, and community involvement. Members of Post 94 noted that Harmony consistently demonstrates compassion, integrity, and a genuine concern for others. Whether organizing events, assisting fellow veterans, or supporting community initiatives, she approaches every task with enthusiasm and professionalism.

"Tammy represents the very best of what AMVETS stands for," said a Post 94 representative. "Her dedication to serving veterans and strengthening our community makes her truly deserving of this recognition."

The AMVET of the Year award is one of the highest honors presented by the post and recognizes individuals whose service goes above and beyond normal expectations. For Post 94, selecting Harmony was a reflection of the respect and appreciation she has earned from fellow members.

As she accepts this honor, Harmony remains focused on continuing her service and supporting the mission of AMVETS. Her example serves as an inspiration to fellow members and demonstrates the difference one dedicated volunteer can make in the lives of veterans and the community.



Tammy Pictured with Past State Commander Ken Rowe



School of Instruction -will be held this year September 18-20 2026. Please keep check your emails for future updates registration and Hotel registration. We hope to fill the seats and have a great time as always. If you have any question please reach out to Illinois AMVETS Headquarters
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