



**AMVETS Department of Illinois  
School of Instruction Agenda  
September 20-22, 2024**



**Friday, September 20, 2024**

<b>2:00 PM</b>	Finance Committee – Governor’s Cabinet, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
<b>3:00 PM</b>	Personnel Committee – Governor’s Cabinet, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Grant Committee – Executive Cabinet, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
<b>4:30 PM</b>	Honors & Awards Committee – Executive Cabinet, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
<b>5:00 -6:00 PM</b>	Commander’s Roundtable – Salons C & D, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor <i>District Commanders and other senior leadership</i>
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Service Foundation Meeting – Salons C & D, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor

**Saturday, September 21, 2024**

<b>8:30 – 9:00 AM</b>	SEC – Salons C & D, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
<b>9:15 – 10:15 AM</b>	Breakout Session #1 <i>See backside for options</i>
<b>10:30 – 11:45 PM</b>	Breakout Session #2 <i>See backside for options</i>
<b>11:45 AM – 1:15 PM</b>	Lunch break <i>Lunch on your own</i>
<b>1:15 – 4:30 PM</b>	SEC resumes – Salons C & D, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
<b>4:30 – 5:00 PM</b>	District 3 Meeting
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Annual Veterans Picnic – VFW on 2349 Stockyard Rd <i>Bussing will be provided to and from the Illinois AMVETS HQ. Pickup will begin at 5:00 PM at the Adams Street entrance of the PAL. Due to insurance purposes, we request you use the busses provided.</i>
<b>8:30 PM</b>	Last bus leaving Post 94 to return to PAL

**Subsidiary Organizations**

<b>8:00 AM – 4:30 PM</b>	Ladies Auxiliary – Freeport Rooms, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
<b>11:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b>	Sons of AMVETS Meetings – Governor Cabinet 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
<b>6:01 PM</b>	Sad Sacks Scrimmage – At the picnic

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## Breakout Sessions

<b>Session 1</b> 9:15 – 10:15 AM	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AMVETS 101</b></p> <p>Led by Provost Marshal Shawn Miller</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Salon A, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</b></p>	<p><i>Provost Marshal Shawn Miller will give a brief history of the AMVETS and explain the leadership structure and officers' roles. This session will cover some of the basics of being in AMVETS: things you might not know but should!</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What are "programs" anyway?</b></p> <p>Led by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander John Cole</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Salon B, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</b></p>	<p><i>This session will explain about the importance of the programs done in AMVETS name, how those programs matter to the state and national organizations and steps to submit programs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander John Cole will focus on a few key programs that your post can utilize.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5 Ways to Establish Service Connection</b></p> <p>Led by VSO Conan Calhoun</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Governor Yates, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</b></p>	<p><i>When a military service veteran files a claim for disability compensation with the VA for an illness or disability that resulted from their military service, one of the first things a veteran has to establish is that the current illness or disability is connected to the veteran's military service. This is called "establishing service connections." Here are the five methods of establishing service connection for a current disability, disease, or illness.</i></p>
<b>Session 2</b> 10:15 – 11:45 AM	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CBLs, Resolutions &amp; Disciplinary Procedures</b></p> <p>Led by Judge Advocate Richard VanNatta</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Salon A, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</b></p>	<p><i>Judge Advocate Richard VanNatta will be touching briefly on a variety of topics, including the importance of keeping your CBLs up-to-date, how to write and submit resolutions and general disciplinary procedures.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Processing Membership</b></p> <p>Led by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Ken Rowe and Ashley Murphy</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Salon B, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</b></p>	<p><i>After a year of changes from National AMVETS, this session is key to understanding what system and how you should be submitting your membership. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Ken Rowe will explain the changes that have happened, and Ashley Murphy will go through basic membership processing.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VSO Q&amp;A</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Governor Yates, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</b></p>	<p><i>Illinois AMVETS VSOs will be available in 15-minute increments to answer general questions. Sign up sheets will be outside their room door beginning Friday evening.</i></p>

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