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April 2, 2024

# **AMVETS on Capitol Hill**

This past March, our dedicated members convened on Capitol Hill to continue our tireless advocacy for veterans. The Honorable Senator Elizabeth Dole set the stage with her impactful remarks, followed by Leaders and representatives from various Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs). AMVETS National Commander Bill Clark passionately addressed pressing issues affecting our veterans, including the urgent need for action on Veteran Suicide, the critical reallocation and increase in funding for mental health resources, and the imperative passage of the Major Richard Star Act, among other vital topics.



Our mission remains steadfast as we strive to ensure these issues are brought to the forefront of our leaders' agendas. With many AMVETS National Leaders and members present, we collectively engaged with Congress, reminding them of their duty to support bills that directly benefit our veteran community.

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#### **SPRING NEC PHOTOS**

This gathering was monumental, made possible by the dedication of those who invested their time, resources, and energy. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who participated. As we reflect on this impactful event, we eagerly anticipate future gatherings on Capitol Hill, reaffirming our commitment to advocating for our nation's veterans.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# Convention 2024 ~ Aug. 5th - 10th

The National Convention is heading to Springfield, IL! While registration is not yet open, hotel reservations are now available. Please note, this year there will be two hotel sites. Stay tuned for more updates as they are made available.



Joint Opening Ceremony ~ August 7th, 2024

**Rolling to Remember** ~ May24th -26th *R2R is less than 60 days away!* Visit <u>https://www.rollingtoremember.com</u> to reserve a room and for updates on the ride as it approaches.

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# **PROGRAMS**

### VAVS NAC Conference for May 2024

VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) National Advisory Committee (NAC) 78th Annual Meeting & Conference May 14-16, 2024 St. Louis, MO

#### **Conference Registration:** Register for the conference online using eShow:

**RESERVE A ROOM** 

### **Important Dates:**

Early registration fee available through April 19, 2024 - \$150 Late / Onsite registration fee effective April 20, 2024 - \$175 For most attendees, you will select "Full Conference / Regular Attendee" on the registration form

A block of rooms reserved for this conference under "VAVS NAC" at the group rate of \$150/night and are subject to applicable state and local taxes (17.929% per room per night).

Reporting periods are January 1 - June 30 and July 1 – December 31. There is a week grace period at the end of the reporting period to get reports in. Do your part to show the great things we do!

Visit www.amvets.org/submit-reports & click Online Program Reports. If you have any questions send an email to programs@amvets.org.



Bill Clark has been an integral part of AMVETS since he joined Post 906 in Southport, North Carolina in 1998. His commitment and dedication led him to be elected National Commander of AMVETS for 2023-2024.

Bill Clark's journey of service to his country began with 14 years of honorable service in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was deployed to the Western Pacific and Korea. He served aboard the USS Blue Ridge with a Marine detachment. His military career culminated with an honorable discharge as a 1st Sergeant in 1986.

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#### 5 PM:

Pre-dinner Happy Hour with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar

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#### 6 PM:

"That's Amore" Buffet Dinner

#### **AFTER DINNER:**

a special live performance by the Touring Theater of North Carolina's **Star Spangled Girls** 

#### **LOCATION:**

**Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons** 3121 West Gate City Boulevard, Greensboro, NC 27407

COST: \$75 per person

**ROOM RESERVATIONS:** bit.ly/CommanderBillClark

TESTIMONIAL TICKETS: bit.ly/3VnluKF In recognition of who our members around this great nation are and what they do for their fellow veterans.

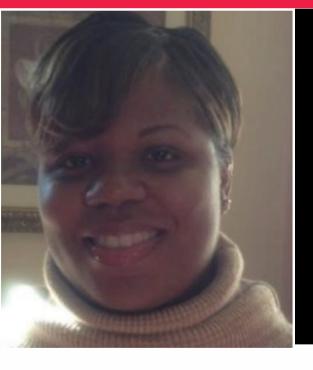
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# Army Signal Corps (USASC) Staff Sergeant - ARMY VETERAN



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