

AMVETS NATIONAL ROSTER

2025-2026

As of December 18, 2025



AMVETS NATIONAL COMMANDER PAUL SHIPLEY

NATIONAL ELECTED OFFICERS

(ONE YEAR TERM)

AMVETS National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National First Vice Commander

Sandy Vorhies (OH)
Columbus, OH

National Second Vice Commander

Christopher Studebaker (IL)
Pontiac, IL

National Third Vice Commander

Sheldon Hartsfield (MO)
O'Fallon, MO

National Finance Officer

Kelly McFarlain (LA)
Alexandria, LA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

National Provost Marshal

Arthur L. Majors (OH)
Mansfield, OH

NATIONAL DISTRICT COMMANDERS

District I

Les Baker (NY)

District II

Ralph Hensley (VA)

District III

Mark Fredrick (TN)

District IV

Sara Pierce (OH)

District V

Brian Bartlett (ND)

District VI

Danelle Wyatt (WA)

NATIONAL APPOINTED OFFICERS

(ONE YEAR APPOINTMENT)

National Deputy Judge Advocate

Ross Smith (CA)

Red Bluff, CA

*Note: All national district commanders
are the national deputy inspectors
general*

National Chaplain

Jeremiah Botkin (GA)

Anderson, SC

National VAVS Representative

PNC J.P. Brown III (OH)

National Inspector General

PNC Rege Riley (PA)

Phone: (412) 477-4615

National Deputy VAVS Representative

Bobby Lumpkins (TX)

NATIONAL STAFF LEADERSHIP

National Executive Director

Joe Chenelly

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National Controller, Finance

Agha Hussain

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National Membership Director

Warren Cox

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National Programs Department

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National Service Director

Dana "Bo" Bolton

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National Communications Department

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NHQ Chief of Staff

Spenser Toth

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NATIONAL GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson

A.J. John (FL)
Ocoee, FL

Vice Chairperson

Barry Remington (IA)
Cedar Falls, IA

Rich Shea (IL)
Chicago, IL

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Members)

National Commander Paul Shipley
Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate PNC Jan Brown

Youngstown, OH

Staff Liaison

Joe Chenelly
jchenelly@amvets.org

AMVETS 401K ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Joe Chenelly (NHQ)

National Finance Officer

Kelly McFarlain (LA)

National Service Foundation President

PNC William "Bill" Kilgore (TN)

Employee Representative

Dana Bolton

Ladies Auxiliary Representative

PNP Carol King

Non-Voting Members

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)

Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)

Youngstown, OH

Human Resources Officer

Pimjai "Pim" Krot

National Controller

Agha Hussain

AMVETS NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

National Finance Officer

Kelly McFarlain (LA)
Alexandria, LA

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National First Vice Commander

Sandy Vorhies (OH)
Columbus, OH

National Second Vice Commander

Christopher Studebaker (IL)
Pontiac, IL

National Third Vice Commander

Sheldon Hartsfield (MO)
O'Fallon, MO

One-Year Member

NEC Lee Ann Adams (TN)
Maryville, TN

One-Year Member

NEC A.J. John (FL)
Ocoee, FL

Immediate Past National Commander

PNC Horace Johnson (FL)

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

Ex-Officio Members (Non-voting)

National Service Foundation President

PNC W.G. "Bill" Kilgore (TN)
Kingsport, TN

National Executive Director

Joe Chenelly

National Staff Leadership

National Controller

Agha Hussain

National Membership Director

Warren Cox

AMVETS NATIONAL SERVICE FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board President

PNC W.G. "Bill" Kilgore (TN) [2023-2026]
Kingsport, TN

Treasurer

Mark Frederick (TN) [2024-2027]
Alcoa, TN

TRUSTEES

PNC Harold Chapman (NY) [2023-2026*]
East Islip, NY

Richard W. VanNatta (IL) [2025-2028*]
Avon, IL

PNC Donald McLean (MA) [2024-2027]
Buzzards Bay, MA

PNC Joseph Piening (FL) [2025-2028]
Gulfport, FL

Laura McFarlain (LA) [2025-2026]
Alexandria, LA

**Serving second consecutive 3-year term
(maximum limit per the National CBL)*

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Board Secretary

Charles "Chuck" Kissel, PhD. (CA)
Anaheim, CA

AMVETS National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National Executive Director

Joe Chenelly

National Staff Leadership

Chief Financial Officer

Agha Hussain

Thrift Stores Director

Keith Haley

National Service Director

Dana "Bo" Bolton

Human Resources Officer

Pimjai "Pim" Krot

AMVETS NATIONAL CHARITIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President

Richard W. VanNatta (IL)
Avon, IL

Treasurer

Laura McFarlain (LA)
Alexandria, LA

TRUSTEES

Brian Kennedy (OH)
Youngstown, OH

Robert Przybylinski (IL)
Chicago, IL

PNC Donald McLean (MA)
Buzzards Bay, MA

PNC Harold Chapman (NY)
East Islip, NY

PNC Joseph Piening (FL)
Gulfport, FL

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Board Secretary

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Anaheim, CA

AMVETS National Commander

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Uniontown, PA

National Executive Director

Joe Chenelly

STAFF LEADERSHIP

Chief Financial Officer

Agha Hussain

AMVETS NATIONAL PROVOST MARSHALS

National Provost Marshal

Arthur L. Majors (OH)
Mansfield, OH

Deputy Provost Marshals

Doug Johnson (MO)
Willard, MO

Kevin Butwill (FL)
Ft. Myers, FL

Hal Queyor (NY)
Malone, NY

Michael Davis (IN)
Shepardsville, IN

Gerry Hawk (PA)
Jonestown, PA

Paul D. Pruitt (MO)
DeSoto, MO

Lester Baker (NY)
Friendship, NY

AMERICANISM & PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Bobby Lumpkins (TX)
Ft. Worth, TX

Vice Chairperson

Gary Maddock (ND)
Bismarck, ND

Jeff Lukens (CA)
Tulare, CA

Mark Hines (PA)
Philadelphia, PA

Ladies Auxiliary Representative

Faye Richardson-Green

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Members)

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

National Second Vice Commander

Christopher Studebaker (IL)
Pontiac, IL

Staff Liaison

Benjamin Moser
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AMVETS FAMILY TRADITIONS AND PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Harold Collins (KY) (Sons)
Louisville, KY

Vice Chairperson

AMVETS Riders Representative

Jodi Woods (FL)
St. Cloud, FL

AMVETS Representative

Joe Ashman
Buffalo, NY

Ladies Auxiliary Representative

PNP Linda McGriff
Little Elm, TX

Sons of AMVETS Representative

PNC Richard Thibodeau
Chelsea, MA

Sad Sacks Representative

Dana Dillon (CT)
Stafford Spring, CT

AMVETS Juniors Representative

Sara Pierce (OH)
Xenia, OH

Service Foundation Representative

Charles "Chuck" Kissel, Ph.D. (CA)
Anaheim, CA

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Members)

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

National Ladies Auxiliary Executive

Director

PNP Carol King

AMVETS National Executive Director

Joe Chenelly

ARMED SERVICES & MILITARY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Andy Martel (MD)

Bowie, MD

Vice Chairperson

Kelly McFarlain (LA)

Alexandria, LA

Richard VanNatta

Avon, IL

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Members)

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)

Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)

Youngstown, OH

Staff Liaison

Warren Cox

CIVIL SERVICE & VETERANS EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Rick McKern (FL)
Niceville, FL

Vice Chairperson

Robert E. Lee (MO)
De Soto, MO

Jack Isaacson (AZ)
Mesa, AZ

Eddie L. Bullock Jr. (FL)
Dover, FL

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Members)

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

Staff Liaison

Ciara Singeltary

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Lloyd "Butch" Adams (TN)
Maryville, TN

Vice Chairperson

Loretta B. DiBrino (NY)
Bay Shore, NY

David L. Feary (NY)
Buffalo, NY

Michael Eason (DC)
Clinton, MD

Auxiliary National Third Vice President

Debra Gass (IN)
Monticello, IN

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Members)

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Terry Corson (FL)
Orlando, FL

Vice Chairperson

Ross Smith (CA)
Red Bluff, CA

Charles "Chuck" Kissel, PhD. (CA)
Anaheim, CA

Barry Remington (IA)
Cedar Falls, IA

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Members)

National Commander

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Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

Staff Liaison

Joe Chenelly

CONVENTION RULES COMMITTEE

Chairperson

PNC Donald McLean (MA)
Buzzards Bay, MA

Vice Chairperson

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Lexington, NC

Arthur L. Majors (OH)
Mansfield, OH

Johnny W. Byrum (CA)
Porterville, CA

Jeremiah Botkin (GA)
Anderson, SC

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Members)

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

National 1st Vice Commander

Sandy Vorhies (OH)
Columbus, OH

Staff Liaison

Joe Chenelly

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Jodi Wood (FL)
St. Cloud, FL

Vice Chairperson

Cathy Argyle (OH)
Lancaster, OH

Katy Barber (FL)
Ellenton, FL

Diana Johnson (MO)
Willard, MO

Veneda Dalton (KY)
Louisville, KY

Lloyd "Butch" Adams (TN)
Maryville, TN

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Members)

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

National Third Vice Commander

Sheldon Hartsfield (MO)
O'Fallon, MO

Staff Liaison

Joe Chenelly

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Eddie L. Bullock Jr. (FL)
Dover, FL

Vice Chairperson

Sandra Durbin
La Mesa, CA

Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

Clyde Pike (DC)
Upper Marlboro, MD

Laura Doss (IL)
Jacksonville, IL

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Members)

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

Staff Liaison

Pimjai "Pim" Krot

HONOR & AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chairperson

PNC Bill Clark (NC)

All Past National Commanders

PNC Joseph Piening (FL)

PNC Charles Taylor (WI)

PNC Arthur C. Stahl (PA)

PNC W.G. "Bill" Kilgore (TN)

PNC J.P. Brown III (OH)

PNC Duane Miskulin (WI)

PNC Gerald "Gerry" Hotop (MO)

PNC Gary Fry (PA)

PNC Jim Pidgeon (CA)

PNC Harold Chapman (NY)

PNC Rege Riley (PA)

PNC Jan Brown (OH)

PNC Greg Heun (KY)

PNC Donald McLean (MA)

Past five recipients of the "AMVET of the Year" honorees:

2021: Donald Rhinedress (FL)

2222: Peter Romano (NJ)

2023: PNC Bill Kilgore (TN)

2024: Robert Becker Jr. (NY)

2025: Larry Arnette (FL)

Staff Liaison

Joe Chenelly

HONOR GUARD COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Kevin Butwill (FL)
Ft. Myers, FL

Vice Chairperson

Michael Eason (DC)
Clinton, MD

Martin Fisher (MD)
Smithsburg, MD

Rigley K. Jackson (DC)
Washington, DC

PNC Rege Riley (PA)
North Braddock, PA

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Members)

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

Staff Liaison

Dana "Bo" Bolton

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Third National Vice Commander
Sheldon Hartsfield (MO)

Vice Chairperson

Inetta Bullock (FL)
Dover, FL

Clay Roundtree (TX)
Mineral Wells, TX

Albert Duff (CT)
Danielson, CT

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Members)

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

Sons of AMVETS Representative

Doug Brown (OH)
Vermilion, OH

Staff Liaison

Justin Brown

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Richard Shea [2 yrs left]
Chicago, IL

Vice Chairperson

Dr. Charles Kissel [2 left]
Anaheim, CA

Clyde Pike [1 year left]
Upper Marlboro, MD

Eddie L. Bullock Jr. [1 left]
Dover, FL

Bobby Lumpkins [2 left]
Ft. Worth, TX

Shelly Huff [3 left]
Visalia, CA

Mark Fredrick [3 left]
Alcoa, TN

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)

National 1st Vice Cmdr

Sandy Vorhies

National 2nd Vice Cmdr

Christopher Studebaker

National 3rd Vice Cmdr

Sheldon Hartsfield

NSF President

PNC W.G. "Bill" Kilgore

National Finance Officer

Kelly McFarlain

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown

National Executive Director

Joe Chenelly

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairperson

National First Vice Commander

Sandy Vorhies (OH)

Columbus, OH

Vice Chairperson

Ross Smith (CA)

Red Bluff, CA

Loretta B. DiBrino (NY)

Bay Shore, NY

Bill Zelner (PA)

Carlisle, PA

Rick McKern (FL)

Niceville, FL

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National Commander

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Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)

Youngstown, OH

Ladies Auxiliary Representative

Laura Bugaj (NY)

Buffalo, NY

Staff Liaison

National Membership Director

Warren Cox

Other Members:

All District Commanders

All Department 1st Vice Commanders

All Department Executive Directors

POW/MIA COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Jo Keller (CA)
Riverside, CA

Vice Chairperson

Robert E. Lee (MO)
De Soto, MO

Jeff Lukens (CA)
Tulare, CA

Doug Johnson (MO)
Willard, MO

Gayla Laufenberg (OK)
Marlow, OK

John Cole (IL)
DeKalb, IL

Sons of AMVETS Representative

TBA

Ladies Auxiliary Representative

TBA

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National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

Staff Liaison

Warren Cox

NATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Chairperson

National Second Vice Commander

Christopher Studebaker (IL)
Pontiac, IL

Community Services & Activities

Loretta B. DiBrino (NY)
Bay Shore, NY

VAVS Chairperson

PNC J.P. Brown III
Youngstown, OH

Veterans Suicide Awareness

Kevin Matteson (NY)
Fredonia, NY

Ladies Auxiliary Representative

National Second Vice President

Debra Gass (IN)

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Members)

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

Staff Liaison

National Programs
Benjamin Moser

Other Members:

All National District Commanders
Department Commanders
Department Second Vice Commanders

UNIFORM & INSIGNIA COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Robert E. Lee (MO)
De Soto, MO

Vice Chairperson

Doug Newell (CT)
Manchester, CT

Clay Roundtree (TX)
Mineral Wells, TX

Deborah Wehrli (NE)

Arthur L. Majors (OH)
Mansfield, OH

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Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

Staff Liaison

Warren Cox

VAVS & VA HOSPITAL, MEDICAL SERVICES, REHABILITATION BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Chairperson

John "J.P." Brown III
Youngstown, OH

National Deputy / Vice Chairperson

Bobby Lumpkins (TX)

Ted Ganda (OH)
Cleveland, OH

Dana Dillon (CT)
Stafford Springs, CT

Ladies Auxiliary Representative

Fran Ganda (OH)
Cleveland, OH

SONS of AMVETS Representative

Joe Kirkpatrick (OH)

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Members)

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

Staff Liaisons

National Programs

TBD

programs@amvets.org

National Service Director

Dana "Bo" Bolton

VETERAN SUICIDE AWARENESS COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Kevin Matteson (NY)
Fredonia, NY

Vice Chairperson

Dana Dillon (CT)
Stafford Springs, CT

Milton Allen (GA)
Newnan, GA

Carol Hebert (OH)
Skaneateles, MI

Deborah Wehrli (NE)
Blair, NE

Johnny W. Byrum (CA)
Porterville, CA

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Members)

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

Staff Liaison

TBD

WOMEN VETERANS COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Inetta Bullock (FL)
Dover, FL 33527

Vice Chairperson

Lee Ann Adams (TN)
Maryville, TN

Dana Dillon
Stafford Spring, CT

Sara Pierce
Xenia, OH

Laura Mc Farlain
Alexandria, LA

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Members)

National Commander

Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

National Judge Advocate

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

Staff Liaison

TBD