This year marked our triumphant return to the capital, and we are thrilled to report that the event was a resounding success. According to media reports, an impressive 40,000 bikes were present at the capital during the Memorial Day weekend. This overwhelming turnout allowed our voices to reverberate throughout the capital, ensuring that the sacrifices of the 82,000 veterans still MIA/POW were acknowledged and remembered. We remain steadfast in our commitment to preserving the memory of these brave men and women and providing solace to their families.
All participants and helping hands, played an instrumental role in ensuring that their sacrifice is never forgotten. Together, let us continue the tradition and advocate for those who selflessly fought for our freedom.

We eagerly anticipate the upcoming 2024 event. We look forward to your continued support and participation as we unite to pay tribute to our fallen heroes and honor their extraordinary valor. Thank you once again to all who contributed to the success of this event, and may we always stand united in our unwavering dedication to those who so courageously served our nation.
Extend your support to your local AMVETS Post. If you have the opportunity to participate in a Department convention, we encourage your attendance. As an AMVETS family, it is crucial that we stand united and support each other in whatever capacity possible.

In the accompanying images, you will find our National Commander, Don Mclean, along with his wife, in attendance at the Maryland State Convention. Their presence serves as a testament to the importance of actively engaging with and promoting the mission of AMVETS.

Pictured above, we have esteemed members of our organization in attendance. Among them is our National Membership Director, Warren Cox accompanied by National First Vice, Bill Clark, the Past National 1st Vice Commander, Johnnie Collins, and respected member, Billie Ainsworth.

Let us join hands and demonstrate our unwavering commitment to AMVETS, as we strive to make a positive impact in the lives of veterans and their families. Together, we can foster a stronger and more supportive community. #SupportAMVETS
**Upcoming Deadlines:**

**Employer of the Year**
June 30th  
*All submissions should have been submitted online*

**Reporting Period (JAN - JUNE)**
Reports are due **no later than July 7th**  
**Email: programs@amvets.org**  
**Mail: postdated no later than July 7, 2023**

**Quality Department/Post**
Due by July 15th  
*Applications can be found HERE*

**Americanism/AADAA Entries**
Applications postdated no later than July 1, 2023  
*Please provide National with your contest dates for the upcoming year*

**Programs End of the Year Awards (to be awarded at Convention)**
Will be judged based on the Reporting. *(No monetary rewards will be given this year)*

**Spirit of American Youth Conference***
November 2nd - 3rd **WATCH VIDEO HERE**
Department (1 student per state) Nomination Forms due July 1st  
Additional 10th-12th grader registration will open August 1, 2023  
Chaperon registration opens September 1, 2023

**Note:** Contact Programs for details on additional student/chaperon registration. Forms not signed by Department will be returned to Department**

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