

THIS LESSON HAS BEEN PREPARED TO PROVIDE PROSPECTIVE SAD SACK UNITS, THE DATA REGARDING THE HISTORY STRUCTURE, ELIGIBILITY AND PROGRAMS OF THE NATIONAL AMVETS SAD SACK ORGANIZATION. THIS WILL GIVE A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PROCEDURE FOR COMPLETING THE FORMS WHICH ARE REQUIRES FOR EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE SAD SACKS A FUN AND HONOR GROUP OF AMVETS.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE SACKETTS, THEY ARE NOT PART OF SAD SACKS. THEY ARE AN AFFILIATE WITH THE AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY AND COME UNDER THEIR OWN JURISDICTION, THEIR MEMBERSHIP IS LIMITED TO AUXILIARY ONLY.

PROGRAMS

NURSE'S SCHOLARSHIP IS THE ONE AND ONLY PROGRAM OF THE SAD SACK AND SACKETTS. IT IS FUNDED BY PERSONAL DONATIONS (FINES).

SAD SACK CREST

AMERICAN EAGLE _____ AMVETS BIRD OF FREEDOM
TRIANGLE _____ ALL ARE EQUAL
KETTLE _____ WORK FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING
PICK AND FORK _____ WORK FOR BETTER OF THE ORDER
JESTER AND PADDLE _____ FUN AND AMUSEMENT
GOBLET _____ HOSPITALITY
DOG _____ ALWAYS READY TO EAT OR FIGHT
MULE _____ ALWAYS READY TO WORK OR PLAY
BEKA, PULLA, ITAUALLI _____ ALWAYS FOR GOOD THINGS

ITAUALLI IS TAKEN FROM THE LANGUAGE OF THE CHOCTAW INDIAN TRIBE OF North America. SINCE SAD SACK IS AN AMERICAN INSTITUTION. IT IS FITTING THAT OUR SLOGAN BE STRICKLY AMERICAN, AND WHAT CAN BE MORE TRULY AMERICAN THAN SLOGAN FROM ONE OF THE OLDEST INDIAN TRIBES, THEREFORE,

BEKA PULLA ITAUALLI

COLORS OF THE CREST

EAGLE _____ GOLD
TRIANGLE _____ RED
TRIANGLE BACKGROUND _____ POWER BLUE
EMBLEMS WITH TRIANGLE _____ GOLD WITH RED CAP ON JESTER
GOBLET _____ DEEP RED
DOG AND MULE _____ BROWN
BANNER _____ GOLD WITH BLACK LETTERS
FOOT AND TRIANGLE _____ GOLD, PULLA IN BLACK

SAD SACK STARTED SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1945 IN LOS ANGELES, CAL.
THAT MEETING WAS HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING A PROGRAM
FOR THE 1ST STATE CONVENTION OF THE AMVENTS. AT THAT MEETING IT
WAS SUGGESTED THAT A FUN AND HONOR GROUP BE PROVIDED ALONG
THE LINES OF OTHER VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS. GEORGE BARKERS
FAMOUS "SAD SACK" WAS BEST KNOWN BY THR G.I.'S AND IT WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE TO NAME THE NATIONAL AMVETS FUN AND HONOR GROUP
"SAD SACK"

ELIGIBILITY

- 1) MUST HAVE BEEN ACTIVE MEMBER OF AMVETS IN GOOD STANDING FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR (NO EXCEPTIONS).
- 2) MUST MEET TWO (2) OF THREE (3) QUALIFICATIONS.
 - a) MUST HAVE HELD AN AMVETS OFFICE IN THE LOCAL, STATE, OR NATIONAL.
 - b) MUST HAVE SIGNED UP TEN (10) NEW MEMBERS IN AMVETS IN THE YEAR APPLICATION BEING MADE.
 - c) MUST HAVE RENDERED OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO AMVETS ON ANY LEVEL.
- 3) IF THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ARE MET A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER IS READY FOR HIS INVITATION TO BEBOME A SAD SACK.

FORMING A SACK UNIT

A LOCAL AMVETS POST WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 100 OR MORE MEMBERS OR ANY GROUP OF TWO OR MORE AMVETS POSTS WITH A COMBINED MEMBERSHIP OF 100 OR MORE MEMBERS MAY FORM A SAD SACK UNIT. IT IS SUBJECT TO THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AND THOSE OF THEIR DEPARTMENT, IF ONE EXISTS

SAD SACK UNITS (POSTS) HAVE BEEN FORMED IN DEPARTMENT AND NON-DEPARTMENT STATES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. A LIST IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

LOCAL SACK UNITS HOLD SCRIMMAGES AT A TIME NOT TO INTERFERE WITH POST MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE TO THEIR OWN CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS THAT IS SUBJECT TO AND CAN NOT CONFLICT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OR NATIONAL C/BL.

OFFICERS TITLES

SADDEST-----	COMMANDER
ALMOST-----	MEMBERSHIP VC
A-N-O-----	PROGRAMS VC
FEATHERS-----	ADJUTANT
MONEY BAGS-----	FINANCE OFFICER
HOOSGOW-----	PROVOST MARSHAL
SQUIRE-----	JUDGE ADVOCATE
SOLEMEST-----	CHAPLIAN
CRABBIEST-----	QUARTERMASTER
NOSEYEST-----	PUBLIC RELATONS
CUT-UP-----	INSPECTOR GENERAL
WORM-----	HISTORIAN
WAILER (CRY BABY)	
RAT FINK (TATTLE TAIL)	
EATRA BAGS-----	DISTRICT COMMANDER

THE OFFICERS OF FEATHERS, MONEY BAGS, AND CRABBIEST MAY BE COMBINED ON THE LOCAL AND DEPARTMENT LEVEL TO FORM THE OFFICE OF ADMIN. DIRECTOR. AS IS THE CASE WITH THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF SAD SACK.

IN THE DEPARTMENT THERE IS A PROVISION FOR A NATIONAL SACKER SAD SACK (N-E-C) AND AN ALTERNATE SACKER SAD SACK (A-N-E-C)

SAD SACK IS DIVIDED INTO SIX (6) GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRICTS, AS IS OUR PARENT ORGANIZATION AMVETS. EACH NATIONAL DISTRICT IS HEADED BY AN " EXTRA BAGS" (NATIONAL DISTRICT COMMANDER) WHOSE DUTY IS TO OVERSEE THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT SADDEST (DEPARTMENT COMMANDER) IN HIS RESPECTIVE DISTRICT.

SAD SACK DEPARTMENTS ARE AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT THEIR OWN STATE SCRIMMAGES, WHICH MUST BE HELD PRIOR TO THEIR AMVETS STATE CONVENTION. AT THIS ANNUAL SCRIMMAGE, THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS ARE ELECTED, ALL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, THE NATIONAL SACKER AND THE NATIONAL ALTERNATE SACKER AND THE DELEGATES FOR THE NATIONAL SCRIMMAGE.

DEPARTMENTS ARE GOVERNED BY THEIR OWN CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS THAT IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO AND CAN NOT CONFLICT WITH THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

SADDEST:

HE PROVIDES OVER ALL MEETINGS, APPOINTS ALL COMMITTEES, EACH OF WHICH HE WILL BE A MEMBER EX-OFFICIO. HE DEVISES WAYS AND MEANS OF RAISING FUNDS FOR THE SACK PROGRAM. HE SHOULD STUDY THE NEEDS OF VETERANS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS IN HIS COMMUNITY AND MAKE PLANS TO RENDER AID AND ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED AND DESERVING. HE SHOULD SEE TO IT THAT THE FEATHERS MAKE PROPER REPORTS AND THAT ALL FUNDS ARE TURNED OVER TO THE MONEY BAGS TO BE DEPOSITED, ALL FUNDS ARE RECEIVED BY HIM. BOTH THE FEATHERS AND MONEY BAGS SHOULD BE BONDED IN SUCH AMOUNTS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE SACK MEMBERSHIP/

ALMOST SADDEST:

PRESIDE OVER ALL THE MEETINGS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SADDEST. HE SHOULD BE IN FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE PLANS OF THE SADDEST AND THE PROGRAM OF THE ORGANIZATION AND ASSIST IN CARRYING THEM TO A SUCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

ALMOST NOT QUITE SADDEST:

PRESIDED OVER MEETINGS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SADDEST OR ALMOST SADDEST. HE SHOULD BE IN FULL KNOWLEDGE OF PLANS OF THE SADDEST AND THE PROGRAMS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND ASSIST IN CARRYING THEM TO A SUCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

MONEY-BAGS:

HE WILL RECEIVE ALL FUNDS FROM THE FEATHERS, GIVING HIM A RECEIPT. DEPOSIT FUNDS IN THE BANK APPROVED BY THE SACK MEMBERSHIP. GIVE A FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE SACK AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE MONTH. HE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENTS OF DUES TO THE STATE AND NATIONAL SACK AND WILL BE AT ALL TIMES KEEP A RECORD OF MEMBERSHIP AND THEIR STATUS AS TO DUES.

FEATHERS:

WILL KEEP THE MINUTES OF EACH MEETING, RECORDING ALL TRANSACTIONS AND DEEDS OF THE SACK. HE SHALL RECEIVE DUES WHEN OFFERED TO HIM. HE SHALL RECEIVE AND REPORT ALL APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SACK AND CONDUCT THE CORRESPONDENCE OTHER THAN REQUIRED OF THE MONEY-BAGS. HE WILL DELIVER ALL MONIES RECEIVED AND ON HAND AT EACH MEETING TO THE MONEY-BAGS, GIVING HIM A RECEIPT THEREFORE.

SOLEMNEST:

HE SHALL CONDUCT THE CEREMONIES OBSERVING REVERENCE TO THE DEITY. WILL ASSIST THE OTHER OFFICERS IN THE SUCESSFUL OPERATION OF THE SACK AND WILL OBLIGATE CANIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP. IT WILL BE HIS DUTY TO CAUSION THE MEMBERS AS TO PROPER DECORUM AND DIGNITY DURING MEETINGS.

HOUSEGOW:

HE IS IN CHARGE OF THE DOOR, ALLOWING ONLY QUALIFIED MEMBERS TO ENTER THE MEETINGS. HE WILL SEE THAT ALL MEMBERS DON THE UNIFORM PRESCRIPED FOR THE MEETINGS, AND WILL ESCORT CANDIDATES DURING THE CERMONY OF INITIATION.

NOSEY-EST:

WILL HANDLE ALL MATTERS OF PUBLICITY, TAKING CARE THAT NO UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY IS GIVEN TO THE SACKS AS FAR AS HE IS ABLE TO PREVENT IT. IT SHALL BE HIS DUTY TO GIVE OUR NEWS STORIES ON ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE SACK THAT ARE A MATTER OF PUBLIC INTERWST. AT ALL TIMES TRY TO KEEP THE SACK AND THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

WAILER OR CRYING JAG:

WILL DO ALL THE WAILING, GRIPING, CRYING, BAWLING, BELLYACHING
AND OTHER UNORTHODOX ACTIVITIES AS IS DESIRED BY THE SADDEST.

CUT-UP

INSPECTOR GENERAL

WORM:

HISTORIAN, HE WILL KEEP RECORDS OF ALL SACK ACTIVITIES.

CRABBEST:

SHALL HAVE THE DUTIES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

CEREMONY OF INITIATION

“I _____ DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY PROMISE THAT I WILL EVER BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO MY STATE AND NATION AND WILL OPPOSE WITH ALL MY POWER AND SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS AGAINST THEM. THAT I WILL ALWAYS AID ANY WORTHY DISTRESSED FRLLOW VETERAN TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY AND THAT I WILL HOLD MY MEMBERSHIP IN AMVETS AND SAD SACK ABOVE ANY SELFISH INTEREST AND WILL DO ALL IN MY POWER TO MAKE THEM THE OUTSTANDING VETERAN’S ORGANIZATION OF ALL TIME. I FURTHER PROMISE AND SWEAR THAT I WILL NEVER KNOWINGLY COMMIT ANY ACT WHILE WEARING ANY PART OF THE SAD SACK UNIFORM THAT WOULD BRING DISCREDIT OR CRITISM TO THE SAD SACKS OR AMVETS, AND WILL USE ALL MY INFLUENCE TO PREVENT OTHERS FROM DOING SO. ALL THIS I PROMISE ON MY HONOR AS AN AMVET AND SAD SACK, SO HELP ME GOD.

RE-OBLIGATION

I _____ AS ECH DAY ENDS AND ITS CARES SUBSIDE WILL RUMINATE ON MY USELESS EXISTENCE AND PAST TRIBULATIONS AND THEREFORE BECOME AN ACTIVE SAD SACK. WHEREUPON I NATURALLY MIGATE TO THAT SPOT, WHERE GATHER MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS. THERE I WILL GIVE EAR TO THE BEATING OF GUMS, THE CHIPPING OF THE TEETH AND THE CRYING INTO LIQUIDS. YEA I WILL JOIN YOU, OH BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

I _____ DO SOLEMNLY PROMISE AND SWEAR THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY PREFORM THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE TO WHICH I HAVE BEEN ELECTED. THAT I WILL AT ALL TIMES ENDEAVOR TO PROMOTE THE CAUSE OF THE VETERAN, PARTICULARLY OF AMVETS. THAT I WILL DEVOTE AS MUCH TIME AS I CAN TO PROJECTS WHICH WILL HELP AMVETS AND MY FELLOW VETERANS.

INSTALLING OFFICERS AND ALL SAD SACKS PRESENT WILL JOIN MW IN REPEATING THE SAD SACK MOTTO.

I _____ AS ECH DAY ENDS AND ITS CARES SUBSIDE WILL RUMINATE ON MY USELESS EXISTENCE AND PAST TRIBULATIONS AND THEREFORE BECOME AN ACTIVE SAD SACK. WHEREUPON I NATURALLY MIGATE TO THAT SPOT, WHERE GATHER MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS. THERE I WILL GIVE EAR TO THE BEATING OF GUMS, THE CHIPPING OF THE TEETH AND THE CRYING INTO LIQUIDS. YEA I WILL JOIN YOU, OH BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

SAD SACK SONG

TO THE TABLES DOWN AT
TO THE PLACE WHERE AMVETS DWELL
TO THE DEAR OLD BAR WE LOVE SO WELL
SING THE SAD SACK HERE ASSEMBLED
WITH THEIR GLASSES RAISED ON HIGH
IN ADDITION TO MAGIC OF THEY'RE SINGING
CASTS A SPELL
YES THE MAGIC OF THEIR SINGING
OF THE SONGS WE LOVE SO WELL
ROLL ME OVER "LILI MARIANA" AND THE
REST
WE WILL SERENADE OUR BUDDIES
WHO HAVE FALLEN AND ARE GONE
THEN WILL PASS AND BE FORGOTTEN
WITH THE REST

CHORUS

WE ARE POOR SAD SACKS WHO LOST OUR
WAY SAD SAD SAD
WE ARE POOR SAD SACKS WHO HAVE GONE
ASTRAY SAD SAD SAD
AMVETS FUNSTERS OUT ON A SPREE
DOOMED FROM HERE TO ETRNITY
LORD HAVE MURCY ON SUCH AS WE ARE
SAD SAD SAD

COLORS OF THE CREST

ALWAYS FOR FUN