



# Barbara A. Valley National President's Project

AMVETS Diabetes Research Institute is the project I've chosen for the year. This project was started by deceased Past National Commander John Sisler in 2003. I'm not sure why PNC Sisler chose this project, but I can see the need for it.

AMVETS Diabetes Research Institute, located in Athens, Ohio and is housed at Ohio University. Money donated to this project is for grants for students searching for a cure for diabetes. Over 24% of Veterans have Type 2 Diabetes and that number is growing. Because of diabetes, heart disease also is a known factor. That is why there is a great need for a cure.

For a student to receive a grant they must be a Veteran or have a parent or grandparent who served in the Armed Forces. 100% of all donations for this project goes directly to research via student training awards. Because of the way PNC Sisler set-up this project, all money goes directly to support the students, unlike other grants and donations; none of the AMVETS family donation money is used for administrative purposes.

To date, 49 students have been trained or are in training, 4 will graduate this year, all from donations from our AMVETS family. Many of these students have gone or are going to medical school or are now doctors. The AMVETS family has donated over \$362,938.00 since the beginning of this project.

I've chosen this project because diabetes runs in my family and I have seen what great damage it can do. I've watched loved ones taking shots, being put on strict diets, until it takes the life out of them.

With your help in having fundraisers, dinners, draws and such we can help find a cure for this dreaded disease. I also have a pin-up that can be sold; see below for an example. The pin-up can be found on the AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary website – [www.amvetsaux.org](http://www.amvetsaux.org). Your donations to my project would be deeply appreciated. Please send your donations, earmarked National President's Project, to AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary, 4647 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, Maryland 20706. Thank you for your generous support.

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