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Jonathan M Wainwright

Post #1111

Walla Walla, Washington

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Veterans Serving Veterans and our Community



**WELCOME
MUKDEN SURVIVORS
WWII - PRISONERS OF WAR**



Mukden Survivor's 23rd Reunion

SEPTEMBER 14,15,16, 2006

**Red Lion Hotel - Pasco Washington
2525 N 20th Ave. Pasco WA 99301**

Reunion Hosts:

**Jim & Hazel Bogart,
2000 N 22nd Ave. #201
Pasco WA 99301
(509) 460-1058**

Reunion Coordinators:

**Jim & Shirley Irwin
404 Mica Place
Walla Walla WA 99362
(509)529-2411
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POW/MIA Recognition Day

The Mukden Survivors will attend a Special Recognition Ceremony at the Jonathan M Wainwright VA Medical Center at 10:00 am on Sept. 15th . All veterans and the public are invited. This is an opportunity to thank our veteran heroes of all wars.

August 2006

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These WWII POW Veterans met last year in Kingston, New York. This year, the reunion will be hosted by Pasco, Washington resident, Jim Bogart, survivor of the infamous Bataan Death March.

Three members of this group are members of the Walla Walla AMVETS Post #1111. Roy Weaver of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Jim Bogart of Pasco and Hal Leith of Golden, Colorado.

Hal Leith was a member of the OSS rescue mission into Manchuria at the end of the war and was responsible for delivering General Wainwright to the USS Missouri for the signing of the treaty documents that ended the war with Japan.

AMVETS Post #1111 Color Guard will present the Colors at the banquet .

The Commander's Corner

As summer winds down and the flurry of activities, vacations, visits, and recreational experiences draw to a close, it is time for us as an organization to ponder what direction we want to move. In the coming months you will be asked to give your input as to where we as an organization should be placing our efforts and resources.

Along with your input I will be asking for your commitment. Programs are either built for success or failure and many good ideas have failed or died because no one wanted to become involved. I understand that time is a valuable commodity, but I also believe that we can accomplish anything we set out to do as long as there is a clearly articulated vision, and adequate resources dedicated to the effort.

In our post we have many members who routinely give of themselves. They have found their niche. We also have some members who have given of themselves and need a break. We have a great community of people who have dedicated themselves to their families, careers, and community; I applaud your spirit and commitment.

Tim Bow, Post Commander

AMVETS Americanism Essay contest.

Congratulations to **Gregory Heller** for winning the Essay contest in Washington State. Post #1111 submitted Gregory's essay to the Washington State AMVETS. His essay was published in the June Tacoma newsletter and will be forwarded on to the AMVETS National contest.

Time to expand the downtown Flags program?

The Post Flag Committee met on July 27, 2006 to discuss the following items:

1. Completing installation of flags on Palouse St. that is part of the parade route.
 2. Expanding installation westward on Main to 9th Street.
 3. Install flags along Second Street from Poplar north to undetermined point.
- Identified additional expenses include flags & poles and drilling the curb holes. A larger trailer will also be needed to handle the approximately additional 100 flags. Present trailer is near capacity at 125 flags.



Downtown Walla Walla Flags



10' trailer purchased in 2001 shortly after beginning the Downtown flag program.

INFORMATION FOR ALL AMVETS MEMBERS (AMVETS National Membership Matters) AMVETS has negotiated a special arrangement with the identity Protection Company to help our members understand what they can do about identity theft as well as obtain a comprehensive identity Safeguard recovery plan. This plan is available to our members now at www.identitypc.com/amvets. AMVETS Members who become identity theft victims as a result of the VA breach are eligible under this plan for all benefits, including complete recovery, provided they join before August 20, 2006.

Once you are enrolled; your AMVETS identity protection will completely restore your good name regardless of where your information was obtained and how much damage was done. You will receive credit monitoring, fraud alert and reimbursement coverage for additional protection.

Should you elect not to participate in the AMVETS program and become a victim after August 20, 2006, there is still help. As a pre-existing victim you can always go to www./MyNameIsProtected.com where full recovery will be quoted on a "not to exceed basis." Full recovery costs range from \$336.00 to \$1,008.00. We strongly urge you to visit www.identitypc.com/amvets to find out the specifics of the program.

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Current Membership 89

Annual Members 47 / Life 41

Annual Dues: \$25.00 per year / Life Member: \$150.00

To be eligible for membership, you must have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, anytime after Sept. 15, 1940.

Additionally, unless still serving, your discharge must have been under honorable conditions. If you served as an American citizen in the armed forces of an allied nation, under honorable conditions, between Sept. 15, 1940 and May 8, 1975, you are also eligible, as are wartime members of the Merchant Marine. Proof of eligibility can take the form of a DD-214, an honorable discharge certificate or other appropriate document.

August Meeting

08/16/2006

6:00 PM Potluck Dinner

7:00 PM Post Meeting

Golden West Estates

Community room

1425 Jasper St

Walla Walla

Directions:

**South off West Rose on Jade St.
past the Driver License Dept.
then right on Jasper to the middle of the block.**

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An AMVETS Post #1111 project

Located at the

Jonathan M Wainwright Memorial

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Walla Walla, Washington

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installed bronze plaques to date

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DOWNTOWN WALLA WALLA FLAGS

An AMVETS Post #1111 project

We are now starting our 6th year of providing the downtown with holiday flags. The response by the community to our flag project has been great.

Please support OUR sponsors

See our list of sponsors on page 3.

Flags will fly on the following upcoming holidays.

Fair Parade Sept . 2

Labor Day Sept. 4

Wheelin WW Weekend Sept 9

Patriot Day Sept 11

POW/MIA Recognition Sept 15

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