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Statue Dedication 1996

# AMVETS

**Jonathan M Wainwright  
Post #1111  
Walla Walla, Washington  
Chartered in the year 2000**



Chartered July 23, 1947

**Veterans Serving Veterans and our Community**

**April 2007**

## **Flags fly at two Baker Boyer Branch Banks**

As part of the post's "Fly the American Flag Promotion", Eastgate and College Place Branches each proudly fly their American flags.

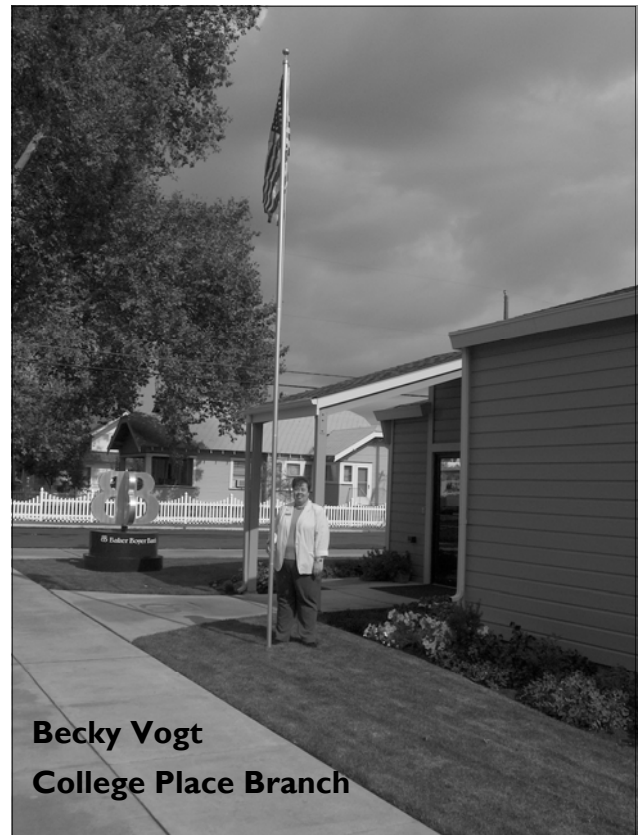
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### **Eastgate Branch—Baker Boyer Bank**



**Becky Vogt  
College Place Branch**

Ah, It's Spring already. Where is this year going? The month of March is now gone but February was a month to remember! The Scout Recognition Night was outstanding. Kudos to the sauce maker, Don's wife who worked behind the scenes to make sure the guys out front looked good, and insured the pasta didn't burn, Norm who created the place settings, and everyone else who ran around, saw jobs the needed to be done and took the initiative and did them. Another set of kudos to our entertainers, The Blue Mountain Trouble Makers. What a talented group of young people! The National and State Representatives were wonderful to come all the way from Olympia and Spokane. Don't be surprised to see the DVD boxes when you're out and about. Don Schack has taken on that project.

On Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>, I participated in the public demonstration of support at the Memorial Service in the Tri-Cities for Sgt. Travis Pfister, killed February 7, 2007, in Iraq. It was an amazing sight to see the 500 veterans from the Patriot Guard leading the procession on motorcycles. In addition to the Patriot Guard Riders and community members, there were representatives from the other Veteran groups to include the American Legion, the Veterans of foreign Wars, and of course the AMVET's.

I was in fine company with Norm Graybeal and Arni Hoffarth who volunteered to bring the trailer and flags to the Memorial Site. I and seven other veterans rode the bus which left Walla Walla at 10:30 AM. I missed the bus coming back to Walla Walla, but that is another story and not the point of this article.

I was awed by the 2000 people who demonstrated their support by mere presence to a family who lost a loved one in the service of his country. On March 4, Sgt. Pfister, represented the 3000 + servicemen and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in this conflict. It is unfortunate that some organizations choose to take a memorial service, in this case the Westboro Baptist Church, to push their agenda. I don't see anything wrong with their right to protest and demonstrate. I think it is a little counter productive to choose a memorial service of a Marine who died so those who were protesting might have that right. I think a parallel might be drawn between the radical Muslims who have bent the words of Mohammad as an excuse to kill men like Sgt. Pfister and the Westboro Baptist Church who are bending the words of God to validate their actions and get media attention. If everyone took to heart what the Bible and the Koran say, I doubt we would be in this conflict at all. Unfortunately, men are frail and imperfect at best.

Tim Bow, Post Commander,

## Post Commander's Page



Tim Bow

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## From AMVETS National

### **MAY – National Military Appreciation Month**

In May of 2004 Congress established the month of May as National Military Appreciation Month. This year more than any other, our service men and women need to know all of us appreciate their role in protecting and defending our nation's freedom. Some of the events taking place during National Military Appreciation Month includes V-E Day, Military Spouse Day, Loyalty Day, Armed Forces Day, National Day of Prayer and Memorial Day.

The National advisory committee is working hard this year to establish a comprehensive calendar of all events, nation-wide, taking place during May that would help to show our military that all America supports and appreciates them.

AMVETS has been asked to provide a calendar of events that our Posts, Departments and National will be conducting during May.

ACTION: Please provide to me, **Beryl W. Love** via email, (blove@amvets.org <mailto:blove@amvets.org>) the: 1) date, 2) location and 3) title of any events that would be considered to show appreciation for our military. Programs/events you have all ready planned and will be conducting in your local area. If you are aware of someone else that could provide the info I am looking for, please pass the request along.

### **Scholarship Opportunity for Veterans and Families**

Working together, the University of Phoenix and AMVETS will enable veterans and their families to achieve their educational goals and reward there hard work," AMVETS National Commander Tom McGriff said. "This a great program that will really benefit our nation's heroes."

All veterans, service members and family members are eligible to apply.

The full application form and instructions are on the AMVETS Web site.

**[www.amvets.org](http://www.amvets.org)**

AMVETS must receive all completed applications by July 1. The Scholarship Committee will mail letters notifying applicants of its decision on or before Nov. 9, 2007.

Please share this information with all of your contacts with the Active Military, National Guard, and local Veterans organizations that you may be working with.

Thank you for all you do each & every day on behalf of our nation's heroes.

**Beryl W. Love**

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## Downtown Walla Walla American Flag Display

American Flags have flown in downtown Walla Walla on National Holidays and special occasions, to show our patriotism and pride in our country. The first time we flew the flags was on September 1st for the Fair Parade and on Labor Day 2001. The next time was on September 12th in honor of the 3000 people that died as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11th.

Boy Scout Troop #305 became a partner almost immediately in supplying manpower and earning their Americanism merit badges. Their unbridled enthusiasm for this project has been a joy to watch and a life-saver for many older veterans.

The downtown merchants as well as many individuals and businesses outside the downtown area have also been partners from the beginning with their very generous contributions. Most have continued to contribute every year since the beginning of the project.

In 2003, we partnered with Land Title Company to install a 70' community flag pole with a 15' X 25' flag in their Plaza at 1st & Main Streets, dedicated to all veterans of all United States wars. This flag has been regularly cleaned, repaired and replaced as needed in keeping with our beautiful award winning Downtown Walla Walla atmosphere. Each year we continue to add partners who contribute to the support of AMVETS in our community projects with contributions from \$10.00 to a \$1000.00 and many with in-kind contributions. You are invited to join with them in this Patriotic partnership at one of the following levels: (Contributions accumulate to advance to a higher sponsor level.)

**Commander-in-Chief Sponsor \$1000.00 or more**

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**4 Star General Wainwright Sponsor \$250.00 to 499.00**

**Patriot Sponsor \$100.00 to \$249.00**

**Flag Waver Sponsor less than \$100.00**

Each sponsor's name will be listed in our display ads in the newspapers and in the post newsletter, highlighting their level of sponsorship. All Sponsors above \$100.00 will also have their names placed in a brick in the Wainwright Memorial Monument located in the center of the Fort Walla Walla Parade grounds, at the Jonathan M Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center.

Flags are flown on National Holidays and special events as requested, such as "Fourth of July in the Park", "Wheelin Weekend" and special parades. We also have portable flag stands that will allow us to fly up to 30 flags at other locations for special events when requested. Flags are repaired and replaced as needed.

To contribute, please make checks payable to: AMVETS Post #1111, and Mail to: PO Box 2535, Walla Walla WA 99362. We are a 501-C-19 non-profit corporation. Proceeds will be used for maintaining, replacing, and expanding the flag program, and for supporting veteran and youth activities in the community.

Yours for America,

AMVETS of Walla Walla

From Senator Mike Hewitt's Eastsider's Report April 6, 2007— [Hewitt.Mike@leg.wa.gov](mailto:Hewitt.Mike@leg.wa.gov)

**Substitute Senate Bill 5002**, a measure I introduced to provide free tuition for spouses and children of killed, missing, captured or severely disabled military members, passed the state House 98 – 0 yesterday. The House amended the bill slightly, so it will have to come back to the Senate for concurrence with the changes - something that should be easy to do.

This was the first bill I introduced this year, and for a reason - I believe that veterans and their families should be a top priority for the Legislature. Not only do our military members sacrifice to keep us free, but their families sacrifice as well. One thing they shouldn't have to give up is the ability to be able to attend college if their loved one is harmed in the line of duty.

**Senate Bill 5253** directs the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs to create and maintain a list of veteran-owned businesses and to post that list on the department's Web site. These businesses will also be provided a decal that identifies them as veteran-owned. This is one more way we can support our troops. Many people would make a special effort to support veteran-owned businesses if they knew about them.


## AMVETS POST #1111

### Veteran Support Community Service Projects and Program Activities

Project	Year	Description
Post chartered	2000	16 charter members
Downtown Flag Pole	2003	Located at Land title Plaza
Memorial Brick Program	1998	VA Medical Center
Veteran Scholarship Fund	2002	Walla Walla Community College
VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Donations	2001	VA medical Center
Downtown Flag Program	2001	Main & Alder Streets
Fort Walla Walla Cemetery Fence	2004	Located at Fort Walla Walla Park
Scout Recognition Week	2004	Troop #305
Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial Statue	1996	Located at Wainwright VA Medical center

# April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 April Fool's day	2	3	4	5 AMVETS Because WE Care Day VA	6	7
8 Easter	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 AMVET Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



# May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 V-E Day 1945	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16 AMVETS Meeting	17	18	19 <u>FLAGS</u> Armed Forces Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 <u>FLAGS</u> Memorial Day	29	30	31		

## AMERICAN VETERANS

A leader since 1944 in preserving the freedoms secured by America's Armed Forces, AMVETS provides, not only support for veterans and the active military in procuring their earned entitlements, but also community services that enhance the quality of life for this nation's citizens [www.amvets.org](http://www.amvets.org) [amvets@amvets.org](mailto:amvets@amvets.org) 1-877-7AMVETS

### AMVETS OF WALLA WALLA Post # 1111

Current Membership 98

Annual Members 45 / Life 53

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.

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## April Meeting

4/18/2007

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

### WAINWRIGHT MEMORIAL MONUMENT

An AMVETS Post #1111 project

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Jonathan M Wainwright Memorial

Veteran Affairs Medical Center

Walla Walla, Washington

458

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### DOWNTOWN WALLA WALLA FLAGS

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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 4.

Flags will fly on the following upcoming holidays.

**Armed Forces Day May 19th**

**Memorial Day May 28th**

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