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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

May 2007

AMVETS POST #1111

ANNUAL PICNIC

June 9, 2007

Pioneer Park, Garden Center

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Bring your favorite "dish"

BBQ Chicken & Beverages

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Our Comrades need help!

Drivers needed to take Veterans to medical appointments.

Please Call Tom at:

525-525-5200. Ext. 22529

Post Commander's Page

Nominations of Post Officers

For 2007 - 2008

Post Commander Donald Schack
 Post 1st Vice Cmdr. James Irwin
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 Finance Officer Arnil Hoffarth
 Adjutant
 Judge Advocate Sandi Doubt
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 Provost Marshall Tomas Roe



Tim Bow

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	2001	VA medical Center
Downtown Flag Program	2001	Main & Alder Streets
Fort Walla Walla Cemetery Fence	2004	Located at
Scout Recognition Week	2004	Troop #305
Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial Statue	1996	Located at Wainwright VA Medical center

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For members and those who support
 American Veterans
Officers of the Post

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Upcoming AMVETS Act ivies

Armed Forces Day - May 19, 2007

6:00 AM Downtown Flags

6:00 PM retire Downtown Flags

Memorial Day - May 28, 2007

6:00 AM Downtown Flags - Lower Flag to half staff at 1st & Main Streets

9:30 AM Honor Guard to meet at Blue Mountain Memorial Gardens - Myra Road

10:00 AM Ceremony at Blue Mountain Memorial Gardens

10:30 AM Ceremony at Fort Walla Walla Cemetery - Myra Road

11:00 AM Ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery - South 2nd St.

12:00 Noon Raise Flag to full staff at 1st & Main Streets

6:00 PM Retire Downtown Flags

Post Annual Picnic

10:00 AM to 4:00 Pioneer Park, Garden Center

Flag Day - June 14, 2007

6:00 AM Downtown Flags

10:00 AM Set up Booth at Land Title Plaza 1st & Main Streets for collection of worn out flags

5:30 PM Remove Booth from Land Title Plaza

6:00 PM Retire Downtown Flags

Independence Day - July 4, 2007

6:00 AM Downtown Flags

8:00 AM Set up Flags on Sasayama Drive - Pioneer Park

10:00 "Post the Colors" for opening ceremony at the Band Stand

6:00 PM Retire Downtown Flags and park Flags

Background on VA Budget: (from VA Media Relations)

VA and the Administration have requested a budget of nearly \$87 billion for VA in FY 08. This budget proposal represents a 77 percent increase in the overall budget since FY 01, and more than 83 percent more for health care spending. With the continued support of Congress, the Administration's FY 08 budget will provide VA with the resources it needs to continue its important mission.

Legislation to build an Eastern Washington Veterans' Cemetery signed into law

Eastern Washington will soon have its own veterans' cemetery, thanks to a bill that passed the Legislature and has now been signed into law. Under the proposal, the federal Veterans Administration will provide grant funding for 100 percent of design, construction and equipment costs. The state will provide the land for the cemetery and be responsible for operation and maintenance. There are 140,000 veterans living in Eastern Washington; and the nearest national cemetery is nearly 300 miles away. This issue was the number one priority for Washington's veterans' groups.

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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.)

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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



When Good Enough is Good Enough! part 2 by Bob Chicken

The Care and Feeding of Volunteers.

As we elect new Post Officers in May, it is timely to remember that they are volunteers. In a previous newsletter I began a discussion of volunteers.

Here are some pointers on managing volunteers from a person that has some experience in this subject..

"In brief, it really doesn't matter how much sense my part in this organization makes to you -- I must feel that the whole deal makes sense to me." From: The Effective Management of Volunteer Programs, pg. 55, by Marlene Wilson, Volunteer Management Assoc. Boulder CO 1976

Before listing some key points Wilson makes about volunteers, one additional point needs to be understood. Post Membership isn't to be confused with Post Volunteers. Because I pay AMVETS dues does not make me a ready made volunteer. We have nearly 100 members and a couple of dozen of member volunteers. Some of the most loyal Post Volunteers are not members- they are boy scouts and scouters, wives, and others.

Wilson believes that if you want a volunteer's loyalty, interests, and best efforts organizers need to remember that:

A. Value of Belonging

1. I need a sense of belonging, a feeling that I am honestly needed for my total self, not just for my dues, hands, nor because I take orders well.
2. I need to have some responsibilities that challenge, that are within range of my abilities and interest, and that contribute toward reaching my assigned goal.
3. I need to share in making the rules by which, together, we shall live and work toward our goals. Too much top down regulation isn't appealing to me.

B. Progress Toward Shared Goals

4. I need to have a sense of sharing in planning our objectives. My need will be satisfied only when I feel that my ideas have had a fair hearing.
5. I need to feel that the needed volunteers and funds are on hand to reach goals and objectives and that they make sense to me.
6. I need to feel that what I'm doing has a real purpose or contributes to human welfare.
7. I need to see that progress is being made toward the goals we have set.

C. Informed

8. I need to be kept informed. What I'm not up on, I may be down on. (Keeping me informed is one way to give me status as an individual).
9. Tell me in some detail just what is expected of me - not only my detailed task but where I have opportunity to make personal and final decisions. But remember to keep it simple-boil out the fluff and complexity.

And don't micro manage. Trust and delegate.

D. Confidence

10. I need to have confidence in my superiors - confidence based upon assurance of consistent fair treatment and respect, or recognition when it is due, and that my time and Post funds are being well used.

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 FLAGS Armed Forces
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 FLAGS Memorial Day	29	30	31		

June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Amvets Picnic
10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19	20 AMVETS Meeting	21 1st day of Summer	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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AMVETS OF WALLA WALLA Post # 1111

Current Membership 100

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.

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.

May Meeting

5/16/2007

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

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459

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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

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Flags will fly on the following upcoming holidays.

Armed Forces Day May 19th

Memorial Day May 28th

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