



Statue Dedication 1996

Artist-AMVET: Roger McGee

AMVETS

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



Veterans Serving Veterans and our Community

2008

HAPPY NEW YEAR

From

AMVETS Post #1111

of Walla Walla

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January 1, 2008
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U-B photos by JEFF HORNER

With the morning sun beaming through the red, white and blue, AMVET member Jerry Cummins (silhouetted in bottom right corner) helps unfold the new American flag that replaced the worn out Old Glory that has been flying at First Avenue and Main Street for the last six months. Cummins and several other AMVETS and volunteers were on hand Monday morning to take down the old flag and run the new one up the flagpole.

Downtown flag gets facelift

By ANDY PORTER
of the Union-Bulletin

Old Glory met the New Year with a fresh face today. The downtown Walla Walla centerpiece was replaced with a bright, new banner Monday, courtesy of a group of veterans.

"About twice a year we have to replace it," said AMVETS member Jim Irwin, who arrived first with the new flag. Irwin said the 15-foot by 25-foot flag was supplied by Phil Wasser, who was also central to the placement of the 70-foot-tall flagpole at First Avenue and Main Street.

Irwin was soon joined by fellow veterans Jerry Cummins, Arnie Hoffarth and Tammy Siddle. Rounding out the group were Doug Taggart, Siddle's son Justin Siddle and her nephew, Taylor Ginn.

Although bringing the big flag down was fairly easy, getting its replacement back up was another story.

At least three tries at raising the new banner came up short as a pulley or its attached cable inside the pole jammed, leaving the flag only a third of the way up the flagstaff.

The problem was solved by unwinding the cable all the way and shortly afterwards, urged on by a "Go! Go! Go!" from Justin, the new flag was flying in the breeze high above downtown.

Although now retired, the old flag may not have seen the end of its days.

"We'll see if it can be repaired," Irwin said as he picked the now-boxed banner up in his arms.



Top: Jerry Cummins (right) rolls up Old Glory with the help of other volunteers as the old American flag is replaced Monday. Above: After some unsuccessful attempts to raise the new flag, it unfurls moments after it reaches the top of the flagpole

Commander's Corner

I hope the New Year, has started each of you on good health and will bring joy to all. This is now the time that we as the Post make our plans to increase our membership. I ask each of us to bring a new prospective member to the next two monthly meetings. The goal of the post should be to reach a total of 125 members, this is a sound and reachable goal. The past year was one that Post can be proud of for a lot was accomplished and the Community was the benefactor. Thank all of you for the support that you each gave.

Don Schack, Post Commander



These members have recently converted to Life Membership

Walt Gary Troy Vinyard

John Waterbrook

Albert Kilgrove Kenneth Paplinski

AMVETS POST #1111 Activities

Veterans Support, Community Service Projects, And Program Activities

Project	Year	Description
Jonathan Wainwright Statue dedicated	1996	Honoring General Wainwright, born at Fort Walla Walla, Aug. 23, 1883
AMVETS Post #1111 Chartered	2000	Post # 1111 Named to Honor General Wainwright
Memorial Brick Garden To Honor Veterans	2000	Bricks w/ brass plaques surround the Statue & Flag pole
Downtown Walla Walla Flag Project	2001	Holiday flags on Downtown Parade Route
Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services VAVS	2001	Contribution for Hospitalized Veterans
WW Community College Scholarship Fund	2002	Quarterly funds for Qualifying Veterans
Downtown Flagpole at 1st & Main Streets	2003	70 ft. Community Flag Pole with 15 X 25 ft. Flag to Honor Veterans
Fort Walla Walla Cemetery Fence	2004	Furnished the Labor to complete the new fence on the North side
Scout Recognition Week	2004	Dinner to Honor Boy Scout Troop #305 for Community Service
Wainwright Memorial Fund Raising Plans	2007	Plans for complete redesign and adding new 80' flag pole

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Wild Rose Studio

Museum Group from China plans tour in the U.S., to include Walla Walla, this Spring.

The tour will include three models, of the prison camps, that are being made into Museums. The date has not been set for the visit to Walla Walla but is on the list because of our interest in **General Wainwright**, born at Fort Walla Walla, and some Mukden Survivors are members of Post #1111. The Mukden Survivors Reunion was held in Walla Walla in 2001 and in Pasco in 2006.

During WW2, about 1200 American men who survived the Bataan Death March, the vile conditions at Cabatuan and Camp O'Donnell, and the Hell ships, were sent to Mukden, China. That city was called Hoten by the Japanese and then renamed Shenyang by the current government. After the men were freed and the city of Shenyang began growing, the old camp became the poorest housing imaginable. It remained so for some 60 years until some local historians began lobbying the local governments to make the camp into a museum.

Twenty four high ranking officers, including **General Wainwright**, stayed at a camp near Si An. This was and is an active military base and the government is now considering turning this camp into a museum, also. Little has been known about the physical layout of the camp until recently.

Japan established over 200 military and civilian POW camps in SE Asia. There is no trace of most of them. Mukden was a typical Japanese POW camp. The cruelty, lack of sanitation, medications and food led to a 37.3% casualty rate of the 200,000 POWs through out all their camps. Mukden is a chance to tell the story of all held in SE Asia.

Wainwright Memorial Committee

The Committee has begun meeting every week, Wednesday at 12:00 Noon in the Rose Garden Room (when available) at the VA Medical Center in the Canteen Bldg. Anyone interested is welcome to attend and help out with the planning of the new (re-furbished) memorial.

The flag poles have been ordered and several generous contributors have already given for a total of almost



The Wainwright Medical Center was hit hard by the January 4th wind storm that had recorded gusts up to 78 mph.



The fence built by AMVETS Post #1111 at Fort Walla Walla Cemetery, suffered some damage also.



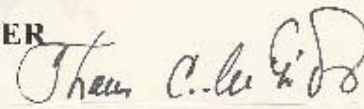
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Thanks again for your support,

Jim Irwin, Newsletter Editor,

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January 2008

1 New Years Day (**Downtown Flags**)
9 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon
16 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon
16 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
21 **Martin Luther King Jr. (Downtown Flags)**
23 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon
28 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm
30 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon

February 2008

6 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon
13 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon
18 **President's Day (Downtown Flags)**
20 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon
20 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
25 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm
27 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon

March 2008

5 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon
12 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon
19 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon
19 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
23 **Easter**
24 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm
26 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon

April 2008

2 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon
9 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon
16 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon
16 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
23 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon
28 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm
30 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting 12 Noon

May 2008

14 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting
17 Armed Forces Day (**Downtown Flags**)
21 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
26 **Memorial Day (Downtown Flags)**
?? Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm (Date tba)

June 2008

11 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting
14 **Flag Day (Downtown Flags)**
18 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
23 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

July 2008

4 **Independence Day (Downtown Flags)**
9 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting
16 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
28 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

August 2008

13 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting
20 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
25 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm
30 SE WA Fair Parade (**Downtown Flags**)

September 2008

1 Labor Day (**Downtown Flags**)
10 Wainwright Memorial Comm. Meeting
11 **Patriot Day (Downtown Flags)**
17 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
19 **POW/MIA Recognition (Downtown Flags)**
22 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

October 2008

11 **13 Columbus Day (Downtown Flags)**
15 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
27 **Navy Day (Downtown Flags)**

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