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Post # 1111
Walla Walla, Washington
Chartered in the year 2000



Veterans Serving Veterans and our Community

Veterans Day Schedule of events

- 6:00 AM — AMVETS Downtown Flags**
- 6:15 AM—Raise Flag at Land Title Plaza**
- 7:00 AM - Breakfast at VFW Post #992**
- 10:00 AM - Prepare for Parade 6th & Main**
- 11:00 AM - Veteran's Day Parade**
- 12:00 Noon – Lunch at VFW Post #992**
- 6:00 PM– Retire Downtown Flags**
- 6:00 PM Dinner at VFW Post #992 (\$8.00)**

November 2008

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October 18, 2008

Mr. Don Schack
47 South Hussey
Walla Walla, WA 99362

**Walla Walla's
Don Schack
selected for
State Award**



Dear Mr. Schack:

On behalf of the Governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (VAAC) and the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA), we are please to notify you of your selection as "Outstanding Patriotic Service " for service to veterans. Congratulations on your selection — it's truly an honor.

On Saturday, November 8, 2008, you are invited to be a special guest at the Regional Veterans Day Parade in Auburn. At the luncheon following the parade, you will be presented with an award in honor of your outstanding service. Below are the details planned for this special day:





2ND VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

The month of October was somewhat relaxed but we still had some successes with our VA Bingo night. The five guys and one lady vet had a great time with the pizza and cake as well as winning a little extra cash. Also, "thanks" to FO Arnil Hoffarth for being the caller for the night.

The November Post Meeting will not only provide Thanksgiving Time together but also feature representatives from WW Community College. Linda Hardy and Doreen Jones will make brief presentations about veteran scholarship services and employment. Make this a special night and be there.

The Monthly Programs Report includes 28 volunteers, 36 hours of service, 130 miles traveled, some minor Activity Costs and a financial contribution to the WA HI ROTC for its planned State and Regional Drill Team Competition. Our "thanks" to all who participate and help our programs succeed.

"VETS VISITING VETS". Our next Visit is not scheduled until after Christmas but Bingo will continue at the VA Hospital on November 20th and December 18th. The schedule for next year will appear in subsequent Newsletters. We look forward to your support.

Norm Graybeal, 2nd VC

AMVETS POST #IIII NEWSLETTER

Published monthly for members and those who support American Veterans.

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An important Veteran's Day message from one of our readers.

Several years ago, on the morning of one particular Veteran's Day, I was inspired to call my father. His name is Ron Deeney – former Gunny Sgt for the US Marine Corps (20 years) Served in Viet Nam, Okinawa and Korea.

When my dad answered the phone I said to him, "Hey, Dad." "I just wanted to call and thank you for serving in the military and securing freedom for me and your grandkids."

Silence. Then, weeping.

"Dad, are you okay?" I asked.

Through some tears and obvious emotion, he said to me, "Son, no one has every thanked me before. Ever."

I wept, too.

Since that day I have made it a point of thanking military personnel whenever I find out that a person has served or is presently serving.

My father's experience jolted me to reality...we have a generation of heroes...many of whom have *never* been thanked still to this day. Dave Deeney

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 992
American Legion Post 32
American Veterans Post 1111
Elk's Lodge 287**

102 N. Colville Street
Walla Walla WA 99362
509.525.1310

**Your invitation for Veterans Day Parade
The 11th Month, The 11th Day, The 11th Hour**

Veteran's Day activities will be held in Walla Walla co-sponsor with the City, this year as usual on the traditional day, November 11, and you are invited to take part in all the activities.

It all begins with breakfast at 7 AM at the VFW Post #992 at Rose & Colville Streets, "*Veteran's Day Parade*" at the traditional 11th hour, starting at 6th and Main Streets proceeding up Main to Palouse Street.

We invite you to participate in all the events and share this special day with our veterans.

Parade participants should arrive in the area of 6th and Main Streets by 10:00 AM, to begin the march up Main Street to Palouse. After the parade, lunch will be served to adult participants of the parade at the VFW Hall and the children will be served at the Elk's Lodge both on Rose Street.

The VFW Post 992 and Auxiliary will be holding an "*Open House*" to the Community all day starting at 7 AM when they will serve breakfast until 9 AM. Lunch will be served after the parade. There is no charge for breakfast or lunch and the public is invited. Dinner will be served by the VFW Auxiliary starting at 5 P.M. **\$8.00** will be charged for dinner with the proceeds going to Community Services.

Please accept our invitation and complete the attached "entry and waiver forms", respond by November 5, 2008 for more information contact the VFW 992.

Respectively,

Filiberto Rivera Jr.

Christmas Dinner

this year will be shared with the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars at the VFW Hall , Colville & Rose Streets.

December 20th at 5:00 PM

Please RSVP 525-1310 by Dec. 15th

Welcome Aboard!

Two New AMVETS Members

Sandra Vande Hey of Walla Walla

&

Chester "Art" Bergman of Walla Walla

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Michael Graybeal, son of 2nd VC Norm and Minobu Graybeal was inducted into the US Navy on October 8th at the Naval Officer Program Procurement Office in Spokane, WA. Michael graduated from Walla Walla High School and later from Eastern Washington University with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology in June, 2007.

Michael will be attending the Naval Officer Candidate School at Newport, RI and receive his commission as an Ensign upon successful completion of the Program. He has applied for Naval Flight Training after receiving his Commission and will be awaiting orders to Pensacola, Florida.

We wish him well and all the success that is possible. We also welcome him as a new member of Post IIII. "Anchors Aweigh" and good sailing, Michael!

Italian Heritage Day in Walla Walla - October 11 2008

AMVETS Post #IIII Commander, Steve Bird & First Vice, Jim Irwin

raise the colors for the opening ceremony.



November 2008

- 10 US Marine Corps Day**
- 11 Veterans Day (Downtown Flags)**
Parade 11:00 AM
- 19 AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
Post Recognition: Birthdays, Marine Corps members
- 20** Bingo at VAMC 6:30 PM Building 66
- 24** Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

December 2008

- 7 Pearl Harbor Day (Downtown Flags)**
- 10 AMVETS of WWII founded 1944**
- 17 AMVETS** no meeting—Christmas dinner 6 pm at the VFW Post 992—Colville & Rose Streets
- 18** Bingo at VAMC 6:30 PM Building 66
- 22** Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm
- 25 Christmas**

January 2009

- 1 New Years Day**
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr. (Downtown Flags)**
- 21 AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 26** Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

February 2009

- 8** Boy Scouts of America (1910)
- 14 Valentines Day—Salute to Hospitalized Vets**
- 16 Presidents Day (Downtown Flags)**
- 18 AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 23** Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

March 2009

- 8** Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 12** Girl Scouts of USA (1912)
- 18 AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 20** Spring begins; yahoo
- 23** Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

April 2009

- 1 AMVETS** “Because We Care Day” VAMCs
- 12 Easter Sunday**
- 22 AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 27** Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

May 2009

- 16 Armed Forces Day (Downtown Flags)**
- 22** US Merchant Marine Day (1933)
- 20 AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 25 Memorial Day (Downtown Flags)**
?? Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

June 2009

- 14** US Army Day (1775)
- 14 Flag Day (Downtown Flags)**
- 17 AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 21** Summer begins
- 22** Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

July 2009

- 2** US Army Air Corps (1926)
- 4 Independence Day (Downtown Flags)**
- 16 AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 27** Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

August 2009

- 4** US Coast Guard (1790)
- 19 AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 24** Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm
- 29 WW Fair & Frontier Days (Downtown Flags)**

September 2009

- 7 Labor Day (Downtown Flags)**
- 11 Patriot Day (Downtown Flags)**
- 16 AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 18 POW/MIA Remembrance (Downtown Flags)**
- 18** US Air Force (1947)

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Post #1111 Current Membership 102

Annual Members 29 / Life 73

Annual Dues: \$35.00 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.

Dues can now be paid by credit card

jimirwin@charter.net or call (509) 529-2411

November 19th Meeting

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner

7:00 pm Meeting starts

Golden West Estates Community room

1425 Jasper St

Walla Walla WA

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Flags will fly on the following upcoming holidays.

Nov 11th—Veteran's Day

Dec 7th- Pearl Harbor Day