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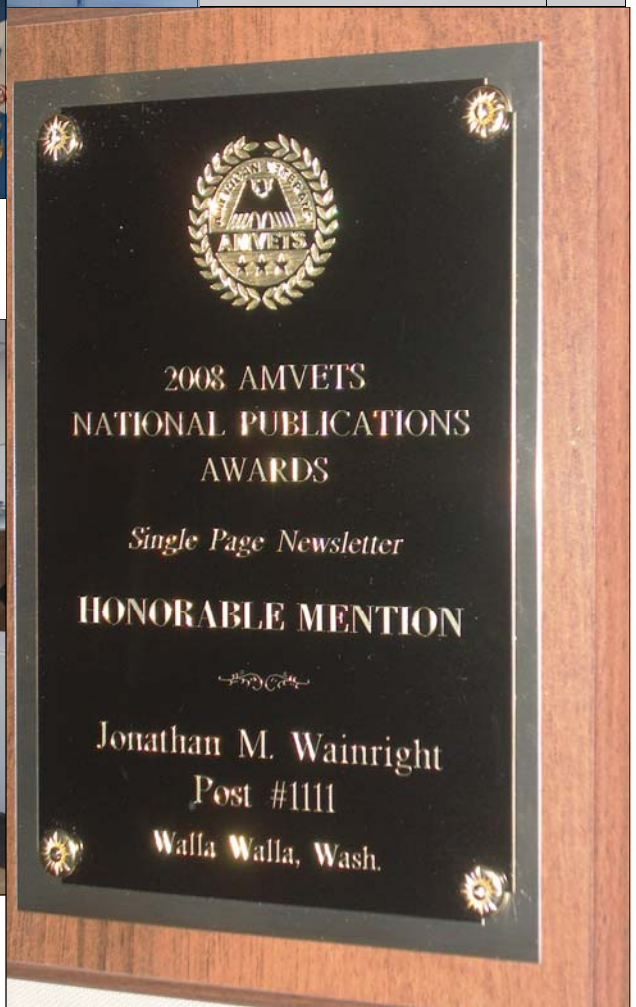
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Arnil Hoffarth & Ken Paplinski cut the cake at the September meeting honoring the U.S. Air Force and POW/MIA 'S of all wars.



Post Commander Steve Bird presents newsletter plaque to newsletter editor, Jim Irwin. The award is for a single page newsletter. Apparently they only read the front page.





Vice Commander's Report

September was another busy month with several good things happening. To begin, our first VAMC Bingo was "A-OK". Special thanks to Sandy Daudt and her daughter, Alexandria, who announced the Bingo numbers. Kudos also to Mel Harnett and Arnil Hoffarth for awarding the winners. Each of the twelve vets won prize money, enjoyed

the pizza and sodas and let us know it was the "Best Yet." Made us feel good.

Downtown Flags were posted on Labor Day, Wheelin' Weekend, Patriot Day and POW-MIA Day. In addition to our "regulars," thanks to John Luft, the Taggart Family and Chris and Zack Phinney. A Solemn Flag Retirement Ceremony was presented by your Executive Committee with support from members of Scout Troop 305. The Ceremony was featured at Pioneer Park and was received with great respect and attention.

The search for the Post's Christmas Dinner has been narrowed to three locations: The Crossroads Restaurant and Lounge, The Elks Lodge, and the new Elmer's Restaurant. The decision will be made at the October Meeting.

Several hours of intense headache were endured to prepare the July-September AMVETS Report. This will also be presented at the October Meeting.

Post Recognition at the October meeting: Birthdays, Navy, Women in the Military, & Operation Enduring Freedom.

Be sure and check the Post's Schedule of Events. Come on out and participate – "Try it – you will like it."

Norm Graybeal 2nd VC

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Veterans' flu shots arrive at VA Medical Center

Flu shots for the 2008/2009 flu season have arrived for veterans enrolled for care at the Walla Walla VA Medical Center, and the Yakima, Richland, Lewiston and La Grande VA outpatient clinics. Flu shots will be available at the following locations at times and dates listed. Please bring your veteran identification card at the time you receive your immunization.

Walla Walla

Where: Fairgrounds, Orchard St & 9th Ave

When: Oct 21, 22, & 23; 7:00 – 7:00

Walla Walla

Where: National Guard Armory 113 S Colville St

When: Nov 19; 8:00 - 2:00

Walla Walla

Where: VA Medical Center, 77 Wainwright Dr.

When: Oct 29 – 30 Theater (Bldg 78); 8:30 - 3:30

Nov 20 – Theater (Bldg 78); 8:30 - 3:30

Nov 1 -- Drive through @ Bldg 74; 9:00 - 2:30

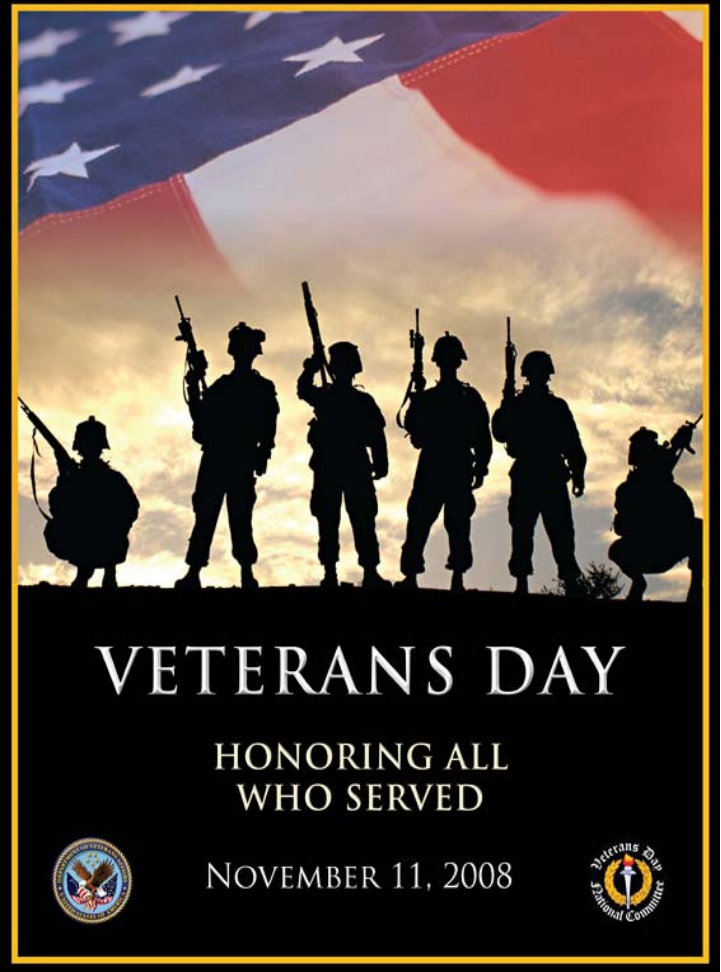
Nov 21 -- Theater (Bldg 78); 10:30 - 3:30

Dec 11 – Theater (Bldg 78); 8:30 - 3:30

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, D.C., became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans. Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the War to end all wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.



Armistice Day Changed To Honor All Veterans

The first celebration using the term Veterans Day occurred in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947. Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized "National Veterans Day," which included a parade and other festivities, to honor all veterans. The event was held on November 11, then designated Armistice Day. Later, U.S. Representative Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, Congress passed the bill that President Eisenhower signed proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. Raymond Weeks received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Reagan in November 1982. Weeks' local parade and ceremonies are now an annual event celebrated nationwide.

On Memorial Day 1958, two more unidentified American war dead were brought from overseas and interred in the plaza beside the unknown soldier of World War I. One was killed in World War II, the other in the Korean War. In 1984, an unknown serviceman from the Vietnam War was placed alongside the others. The remains from Vietnam were exhumed May 14, 1998, identified as Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, and removed for burial. To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil.

A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

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Patriot Day in Walla Walla - September 11 2008



October 2008

- 9** Vets Visiting Vets 6:30 PM Wheatland Village
11 Italian Heritage Days—Fairgrounds 9:45 Flag Ceremony
13 Columbus Day (Downtown Flags)
15 AMVETS meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
Post Recognition: Birthdays, Navy, Women in the
Military, Operation Enduring Freedom
16 Bingo at VAMC 6:30 PM Building 66
27 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm
27 Navy Day

November 2008

- 6** Vets Visiting Vets 6:30 PM Park Plaza
10 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 meeting—Christmas dinner 6 pm
Post Recognition: Birthdays, Pre-WWII Members
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 (Downtown Flags)
21 AMVETS meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
26 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

February 2009

- 16 Presidents Day (Downtown Flags)**
18 AMVETS meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
23 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

March 2009

- 18 AMVETS meeting**—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
23 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

April 2009

- 22 AMVETS meeting**—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
27 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

May 2009

- 20 AMVETS meeting**—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
26 Memorial Day (Downtown Flags)
?? Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

June 2009

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

July 2009

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

August 2009

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

September 2009

- 1 Labor Day (Downtown Flags)**
16 AMVETS meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm

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October 15th Meeting

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner

7:00 pm Meeting starts

Golden West Estates Community room

1425 Jasper St

Walla Walla WA

Directions:

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

DOWNTOWN WALLA WALLA FLAGS

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Oct 13th—Columbus Day

Nov 11th—Veteran's Day

Dec 7th- Pearl Harbor Day