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Veterans Serving Veterans and our Community

Come celebrate our country's musical heritage with the **United States Air Force Band of the Golden West**. The concert is free and open to the public. Led by its **Commander and Conductor, Major Keith Bland**, the concert will focus on a variety of styles, from traditional band repertoire, patriotic music, and of course marches. Senior Airman Pamela MacKenzie, an experienced vocalist, is featured on songs sure to please every taste in a celebration of America's musical heritage in song!

The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West is stationed at Travis Air Force Base, California. As the only remaining active duty Air Force band west of the Rockies, its geographic area of responsibility includes Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho and California. The Band of the Golden West has performed for gubernatorial inaugurations and presidential visits, with guest artists such as Toni Tennille, Marvin Stamm, Bob Hope, and the Boston Brass. They have performed at games of the Oakland Athletics, San Francisco Giants, Oakland Raiders, and the San Francisco 49ers. The band has been seen and heard by millions in performances throughout its touring region and on radio and television.

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United States Air Force Band of the Golden West
Saturday, August 15th 7:30 PM
Cordiner Hall on the Whitman College Campus

Post Commander's Corner Post Commander's Corner

It is sad to hear about the passing of one of our members, Lincoln Heath. I remember the first time Lincoln attended a post monthly meeting in early 2006. When introduced Lincoln had a story to tell and he started by relating his sincere appreciation to AMVETS and two members in particular. You see Lincoln became aware of AMVETS Post 1111 shortly after he was admitted to the VA Nursing Home during the Christmas holiday season of 2005. It was during this holiday season that AMVETS Jerry Locati and Arnil Hoffarth decided to visit the veterans at the VA nursing home where they met Lincoln and visited with him. It meant a lot to Lincoln. As our Chaplain Don Schack tells us every time in his report to the post "the patients really appreciate being visited." Indeed Lincoln was appreciative and sought us out after his discharge from the VA to join AMVETS.

While Jerry and Arnil's act was impromptu and independent of any post program it is clear they sought to brighten the spirits of hospitalized vets that day. For Lincoln, it did just that as their visit was an opportunity for him to reminisce and share an important story about his service to our country and to a fellow airman. It is not always possible to know what impact an individual act will have on the lives of the veterans we strive to serve so it is good to hear these stories and appreciate the efforts of our members and others who support veterans and the communities where they live.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter "many members of AMVETS Post 1111 are actively supporting veteran causes and supporting community programs independently or through other associations. Whether independently or a part of our Post programs your commitment and efforts are certainly in keeping with AMVETS aims and purposes." Thank You, Steve Bird

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**1st Vice Commander**

Thanks to all that helped with the onion festival; although it was hot, we had fun. The interest in AVETS was good and we gave out some applications. I think at this time we have 100 members.

With the coming of August comes back to school planning; please drive with care in school zones.

Look forward to seeing all of you on the at the meeting on the 19th. Larry Cunnington

2nd Vice Commander

Once again, "Thanks to all who helped during the 4th of July events and the Walla Walla Sweet Onion Festival. This month marks the anniversary of the founding of the US Coast Guard - August 14, 1790. The Post's single Coast Guardsman is Peter Wainwright. WWII ended on August 14, 1945 after the first Atomic Bombing were dropped on Japan. It is also "Happy Birthday" to those who celebrate this month, including Perry Roeder "the youngest" and Ken Paplinski, our "Senior Citizen".

We will be honored to have Greg Heller present at the August Post Meeting. Greg was the State winner in the AMVETS Americanism Essay Contest. Gregg's essay, "What the American Veteran Means to Me" won him an all expense paid trip to Valley Forge, PA in November. Join us in recognizing Gregg for a "job well done" and we will hear from him again after his return.

Other Programs information will be provided by Past Commander Don Schack and Roxanne Hinkle. They will give us an overview of the planning and events related to the return of the National Guard troops from Iraq. And, don't forget the Air Force Band of the Golden West Concert at Cordiner Hall on August 15th. The concert is free and the doors open at 6:00PM. It should be a tremendous performance.

A very special program has been scheduled for the September Meeting. Mr. Jeff Burkhart, a local attorney, will offer insight about the "Legal Tools for Managing Your Estate". This may be information some don't want to think about at this time but will have too in time-to-come. It will be well worth your time. Norm Graybeal



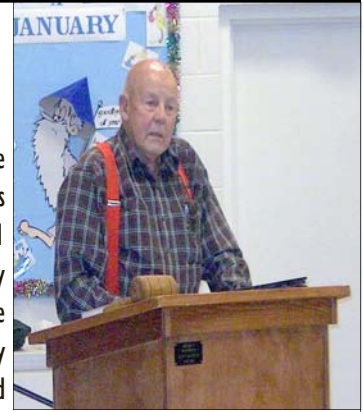


Lincoln Rowland Heath

May 2, 1917—July 27, 2009

Lincoln Rowland Heath of 39 Sheridan Rd, Walla Walla died at his residence Monday, July 27, 2009.

He was born May 2, 1917 in Manchester, New Hampshire to Robert and Catherine (Walsh) Heath. His early education was in Manchester. He attended St. Anselm's College and University of New Hampshire. He entered the Army Air Corps in 1941 and was honorably discharged in 1945. He was a radio operator on the Beverly Jean, a B-17, and stationed in Lavenham, England. After his military service he completed his education and graduated from Tufts University. He began a thirty five year teaching career as an English teacher at Central High School and retired



from Manchester West High School where he was also faculty manager.

Lincoln and Muriel Cronin were married in 1953 and they had two daughters, Sheila Heath of Concord, NH and Barbara Miller of California. They were later divorced.

In 1974 Lincoln and Anne Kearney were married in Clearwater, Florida. They had two daughters, Caitlin Heath of Pendleton, OR and Laurie Ann Heath of Vancouver, WA. Lincoln and Anne celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on July 8th, 2009.

He was an active volunteer with the W.W. D.U.I, Task Force during much of the nineties and was Associate State Coordinator Eastern Division for AARP Safe Driving Group around the same time. He belonged to a computer club at the Walla Walla Community Center and more recently to the Walla Walla Genealogical Society. Approximately three years ago he became a member of AMVETS where he found a special camaraderie with other Veterans.

He was an avid reader and in later years enjoyed surfing the internet. Lincoln had an extensive collection of jazz music, a ham radio operator and most importantly a lifelong Boston Red Sox fan. He especially enjoyed time spent with his daughter in New Hampshire. Two years ago he celebrated his ninetieth birthday at home surrounded by a large number of friends and family, including his daughters, Sheila, Caitlin and Laurie.

He is survived by his wife Anne; his daughters, Sheila, Caitlin and Laurie; his brother Robert Heath of Lyon, France; sisters-in-law, Eileen Jameson, Madeline Kearney; brother-in-law, John Kearney; special niece, Sheila Jameson and other nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial service held at Herring Groseclose Funeral Home on Thursday, August 6th, 2009 at 11:00 am followed by a luncheon at St. Francis Parish Hall. Graveside services will be held at a later date at Pine Grove Cemetery in Manchester, NH.

Tracy Richardson Kersey finds her father's wartime buddy through reading our AMVETS Newsletter

AMVETS received an e-mail from Tracy Kersey, Traverse City, Michigan who was looking for a Jack McCaw that served in the Navy with her father, Jack Richardson, in Yokosuka Japan, 1946. Tracy had read our Newsletter and noticed Jack's name in the list of AMVETS Sponsors and wondered if he was the same Jack McCaw. Tracy had some pictures she wanted to pass along if possible and to perhaps learn more about the history her father and Jack shared.

After some research I was able to call Jack McCaw in Waitsburg who confirmed that Jack Richardson and he were indeed buddies during his service in Japan. After sending Jack's contact information along to Tracy who of course was very appreciative, I received the following e-mail and pictures which Tracy wanted to share.



"Thank You so much for passing on this information. I will be sending Mr. McCaw the pictures and a note. Here are a couple of pictures that I thought you might enjoy. One of Jack and then one of three buddies. Jack is in the middle and my Dad is on the right. With regards, Tracy Kersey."

What a great story about how our newsletter found its way to Tracy making it possible for her to connect with her Dad's wartime buddy!

Who knows what good things can happen reading our newsletter!

Tracy is surely proud of her father's service to our country. Tracy thank you for reading our newsletter; Jack McCaw thank you for your support of AMVETS Post 1111. Editor



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DOWNTOWN WALLA WALLA FLAGS

We are now in our **8th year** of providing the downtown with holiday flags.

Flags will fly on the following holidays

September 5th - Fair Parade

September 7th - Labor Day

September 11th - Patriot Day

September 18th - POW/MIA Day

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Walla Walla Sweet Onion Festival

July 17, 18, 2009

Main Street Walla Walla



August 2009

4 US Coast Guard (1790)
 15 **Air Force Band Cordiner Hall**
 19 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
 24 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

September 2009

5 WW Fair & Frontier Days (**Downtown Flags**)
 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)
 28 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

October 2009

12 **Columbus Day (Downtown Flags)**
 13 U.S. Navy (1775)
 21 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
 26 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

November 2009

10 U.S. Marine Corps (1775)
 11 **Veteran’s Day (Downtown Flags)**
 18 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
 23 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm
 26 **Thanksgiving (Downtown Flags)**

December 2009

5 **Macy’s Parade of Lights Downtown Walla Walla**
 7 **Pearl Harbor Day (Downtown Flags)**
 10 **AMVETS of WWII founded 1944**
 25 **Christmas**
 28 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

January 2010

1 **New Years Day**
 18 **Martin Luther King Jr. (Downtown Flags)**
 20 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
 25 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

February 2010

8 Boy Scouts of America (1910)
 14 Valentines Day
 14 –20 **Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week**
 15 **Presidents Day (Downtown Flags)**
 17 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
 22 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

March 2010

14 Daylight Saving Time Begins
 17 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
 20 Spring begins
 22 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

April 2010

1 **AMVETS “Because We Care Day” VAMCs**
 4 **Easter Sunday**
 21 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
 26 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

May 2010

15 **Armed Forces Day (Downtown Flags)**
 19 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
 22 US Merchant Marine (1933)
 24 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm
 31 **Memorial Day (Downtown Flags)**

June 2010

14 US Army (1775)
 14 **Flag Day (Downtown Flags)**
 23 **AMVETS** meeting—
 21 Summer begins
 28 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

July 2010

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

Membership Meeting

August 19th

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner
 7 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

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Annual Members 30 / Life 70

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September 2-6**



AMVETS SATURDAY SCHEDULE

- 6:00 AM** Downtown Flags - Main & Alder streets
- 7:00 AM** Breakfast
- 8:00 AM** Prepare for Parade - 6th & Alder Streets
- 10:00 AM** Parade Starts
- 11:00 AM** Fairgrounds golf car shuttle service begins
- 2:00 PM** Shuttle Service 2nd shift begins
- 5:00 PM** Shuttle Service 3rd shift begins
- 6:00 PM** Retire Downtown Flags
- 8:00 PM** Shuttle Service 4th shift begins
- 11:00 PM** Shuttle Service ends

