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# AMVETS

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



Veterans Serving Veterans and our Community

## Boy Scout Appreciation Dinner

February 18, 2009

6:00 PM

### Spaghetti Dinner

Prepared and Served

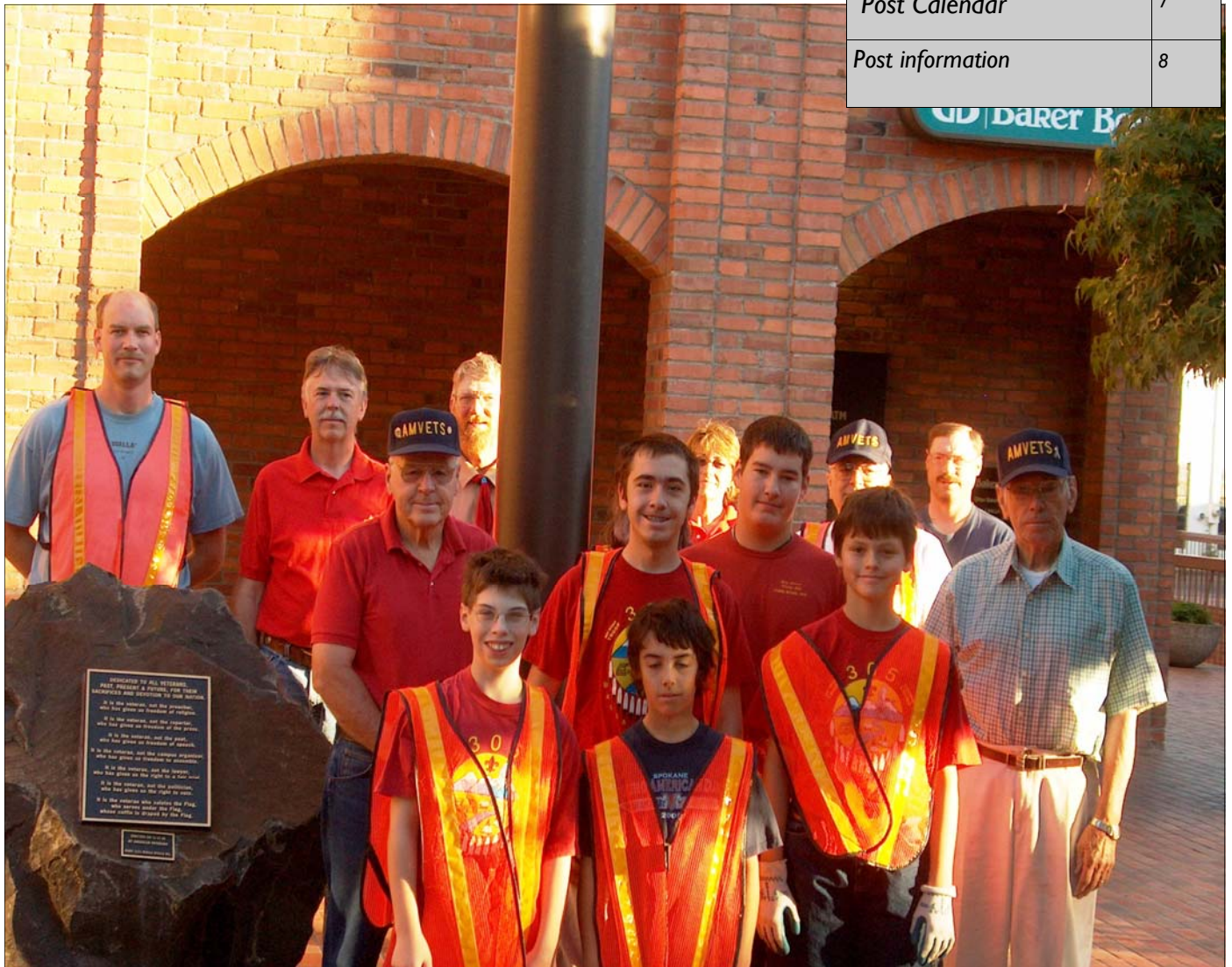
By the Executive Committee

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## 2nd Vice COMMANDER'S REPORT

The January VA Bingo was one of the best we have had. Special Thanks to Robin Gorashi (number caller ) and Arnil Hoffarth (checker and money man). There were eight Vets present including one former Navy Wave. Don't forget to have these on your calendars - check the Newsletter for the schedule.



"WOW"! did we have a time when Vets Visited Vets at Eagle Meadows. This was also the best turnout we have ever had. Members who visited included robin Gorashi, Larry Cunnington, Howard Morgan and Carl Selnes. Thanks to Ms Miller, Activity Coordinator, and the ten residents who made the Visit enjoyable and memorable. Stella was the "Star" of the event with her vivid "arm and hand" explanation of the human body. For a better description, ask one of the members who attended. You missed a good one!

We have some decisions we need to make concerning the Annual Picnic and Christmas Dinner. The "main points" are When? and Where? These will be brought up at the February Meeting.

Don't forget the Annual Scout Recognition Dinner this month. The spaghetti sauce, salad and dressing, rolls an/or toast, juice and cake recognizing the Scouts will be provided by the Executive Committee. Additional light desserts would be appreciated.

We are hopeful of a good crowd so come on out and ENJOY.

2nd VC Norm Graybeal

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Published monthly for members and those who support American Veterans.

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## VA Enrollment Changes

### Who should a veteran contact with questions concerning enrollment priority or eligibility for VA health care?

For more information about enrollment and eligibility for VA health care, veterans are encouraged to contact VA's Health Benefits Service Center toll-free at 1-877-222-VETS (8387) or via the internet at <http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility>. Veterans can also contact their local VA health care facility.

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VA Medical Center

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**Air Force Band coming to Walla Walla - August 15 2009** [www.bandofthegoldenwest.af.mil/](http://www.bandofthegoldenwest.af.mil/)



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Submitted by Julie Dawson of the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce



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**At the January Meeting we enjoyed a visit and presentation by the Walla Walla Community College Foundation and AMVETS Post #1111, Scholarship recipient, Jonathan Baker.**  
Other guests were Linda Hardy, Doreen Jones, Micah Studer, Amanda Potter, and Heather Robinson.



**February 2009**

- 8 Boy Scouts of America (1910)
- 14 Valentines Day—
- 14 –21 Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week
- 16 Presidents Day (Downtown Flags)
- 18 AMVETS meeting-Boy Scout Appreciation Dinner
- 19 VA Bingo, 6:30 PM
- 23 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm
- 25 Vets Visiting Vets, Park Plaza, 6:30 PM

**March 2009**

- 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 12 Girl Scouts of USA (1912)
- 18 AMVETS meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 19 VA Bingo, 6:30 PM
- 20 Spring begins; yahoo
- 23 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm
- 26 Vets Visiting Vets, Wheatland Village, 6:30 PM

**April 2009**

- 1 AMVETS “Because We Care Day” VAMCs
- 9 Vets Visiting Vets, Pioneer House, 6:30 PM
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 22 AMVETS meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 23 VA Bingo, 6:30 PM
- 27 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

**May 2009**

- 14 Vets Visiting Vets, Garrison Creek Lodge, 6:30 PM
- 16 Armed Forces Day (Downtown Flags)
- 22 US Merchant Marine (1933)
- 20 AMVETS meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 21 VA Bingo, 6:30 PM
- 25 Memorial Day (Downtown Flags)
- ?? Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

**June 2009**

- 14 US Army (1775)
- 14 Flag Day (Downtown Flags)
- 14 Odd Fellows Hall, Time TBD, Flag Day
- 17 AMVETS meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 21 Summer begins
- 22 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm
- TBD Annual Post Picnic

**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)

**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

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### **February 18th Meeting**

**6:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner  
(No Potluck tonight)**

**??? 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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**Feb 16th—President's Day**