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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**

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 19, 2009, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the day before President-Elect Barack Obama's inauguration, has been designated as a National Day of Service. The Presidential Inauguration Committee is working hard to promote participation in community service by people all across the country; both President-Elect Obama and Vice President-Elect Joe Biden will be participating in service events themselves.

## Chamber of Commerce gets new Flagpole

### January 2009

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### 1st Vice Commander

As I was sitting here thinking of something clever to say, the following item hit my inbox. It is much more interesting than anything I have to say! You can find the full story at: [www.military.com](http://www.military.com)  
Jim Irwin

### VA to Re-open Enrollment to 265,000 Vets

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced plans to re-open enrollment in its health care system by July 2009 to about 265,000 veterans whose incomes exceed the current VA means test and geographic means test income thresholds by 10 percent or less - so called Priority 8 applicants. Enrollment for the lowest priority of the eight groups - veterans who are not being compensated for a military-related disability and who have incomes above a set threshold - was suspended on January 18, 2003, although veterans in the priority eight group who were already enrolled for care were permitted to remain enrolled. VA originally suspended enrollment for Priority 8 veterans because it was unable to provide all enrolled veterans with timely access to its health care due to a tremendous growth in the number of veterans then seeking enrollment. VA now plans to reopen enrollment for a portion of these veterans without compromising the Department's ability to provide high quality health care services to all enrolled veterans who are eligible for care.

### 2nd Vice COMMANDER'S REPORT

Welcome, all Post 1111 members to a new year and what a beginning it has been! Record snow and cold temps can't keep us down for long. The end-of-year AMVETS Report was rather impressive. The October – December Report included 129 volunteers, 260 hours served and 523 miles driven. Our Activity Costs were \$1379.00 and donations to other groups added another \$1020.00. The value of our volunteer hours and miles was \$5145.82. That's a pretty good showing.

Just a reminder to mark your calendars with our Post events and make your presence felt and appreciated. Our VA Bingo and Vets Visiting Vets activities can always use your support. Just give us a call at 522-0939. See you at the next Post Meeting too!

Norm Graybeal

2<sup>nd</sup> VC



### AMVETS POST #1111 NEWSLETTER

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**Leo Fenton**

March 13, 1948 — Jan. 9, 2009

Walla Wallan Lloyd "Leo" Fenton, 60, died Jan. 9, 2009, at Providence St. Mary Medical Center.

A memorial service will be at a later date. Burial will be private.

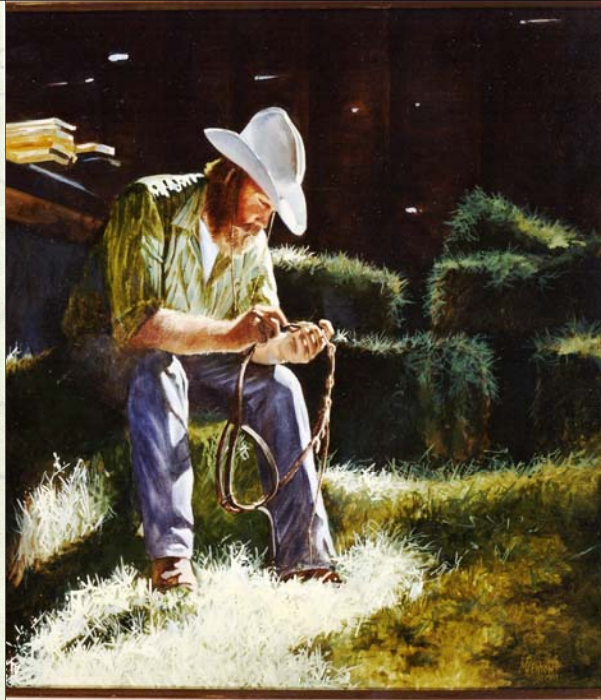
Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Regional Cancer Center through Professional Funeral Director & Crematory, 2112 S. Second Ave., Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Mr. Fenton was born March 13, 1948, in San Bernadino, Calif., to Francis Jr. and Viven Eunice McAllister Fenton. He attended high school in Bishop, Calif. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, receiving two Purple Hearts. He married Mollie Susan Fenton on Sept. 6, 1968, in Reno, Nev. Mr. Fenton was a

carpenter by trade, retiring in 2000.

He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his grandchildren and his dog Nute.

Mr. Fenton is survived by his wife, at the home; a daughter, Crystal Dawn Frazure of Milton-Freewater; two sons, Jason Brent Fenton of Walla Walla and Jon Lloyd Fenton of Missoula, Mont.; his mother; seven sisters, Jaynette Burton and Brenda Beeson, both of Buhle, Idaho, Beverly Byrd of Longview, Texas, Becky Grey of Exeter, Calif., Jane McClure and Christine Hampton, both of Dinuba, Calif., and Ruthie Wilson of Mountain Home, Idaho; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father; and a sister, Mary Van Norsdall.

**In Memory of Leo Fenton**

Painting of Leo by his wife, Mollie, entitled "One Man's Treasure".

Leo has been a member of Post #1111 since July 25, 2002

**Good Samaritan and good neighbor at Golden West Estates!**

I received the following note from a very grateful member of our post.

If you know who this person is, please extend our thanks to him for his thoughtful support of our veterans.

Jim: I wish to express our thanks to the man that was clearing the snow off the patio's during the big snow falls. I failed to get his name but when I asked him to do it and when he was done asked him what I owed him, he said "you belong to AMVETS don't you" and when I said I did he said there was no charge. Thanks a lot to who ever it was.

Gene Bussiere

**Who was that mask man?**

**Amber C. Webb, Airmen**

Amber is a recent graduate from Air Force Basic: Training on 11/21/08 at Lackland AFB, San Antonio TX. Her parents were in attendance to cheer her. Amber is a 2007 graduate from Walla Walla High School and attended Walla Walla Community College from 9/2007-6/2008. Amber is the daughter of Chuck and Karma Webb of College Place WA. Amber starts Technical Training (military police, MP) on 12/8/08 for 13 weeks, then hopes to be stationed in Spokane.

Submitted By Tammy Siddle, Post #1111, Service Officer

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### Combined Christmas Party at the VFW 2008





**January 2009**

- 1 New Years Day**
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr. (Downtown Flags)**
- 21 AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 22 VA Bingo**, 6:30 PM
- 26 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting** 6 pm
- 28 Vets Visiting Vets**, 6:30 PM, Eagle Meadows

**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—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 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

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### **January 21st 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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**Jan 19th—Martin Luther King Day  
Feb 16th—President's Day**