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AMVETS

Jonathan M Wainwright
Post # 1111
Walla Walla, Washington
Chartered in the year 2000



Veterans Serving Veterans and our Community

June 14th Flag Day

AMVETS Post “Eleven Eleven” Schedule

6:00 AM—Set-up Flags Downtown

12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM

Promotional Booth at Land Title Plaza

Collect worn out U.S. Flags from the public

6:00 PM –Retire Downtown Flags

June 20th Annual Post Picnic

At Fort Walla Walla Park

Set-up 10:00 AM

Picnic 12:00 to 4:00 or ???

A-L Bring Salads

M-Z Bring Desserts

You may want to bring lawn chairs

Directions:

Myra Road to Park Picnic Area “B”

July 4th Independence Day

AMVETS Post “Eleven Eleven” Schedule

6:00 AM—Set-up Flags Downtown

8:00 AM —Set-up Booth in Pioneer Park

10:00 — Present the Colors to begin Celebration

12:00 Noon—Honoring our Armed Forces

Rob Blethen of the Union Bulletin will greet members of the audience who wish to honor members of the Armed Forces and Veterans

6:00 PM— Retire Flags at the park

6:00 PM—Retire Downtown Flags

June 2009

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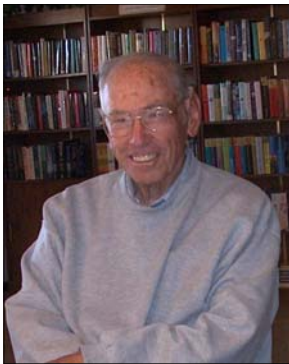
Commander's Corner

It was a honor for AMVETS Post 1111 ("Eleven-Eleven") to be asked to participate in the WA. State Penitentiary Flag Ceremony held May 14, 2009 in Walla Walla. This request seeking the Post's support and participation is a testament to the recognition the Post has gained through the efforts of our members and Post sponsors to promote Americanism and to support our veterans and the community.



The staff and employees of the State Penitentiary honored the American soldiers who have courageously dedicated and sacrificed their lives to serve and protect our country by also flying the POW/MIA flag that reminds us all to appreciate and respect the many freedoms and privileges we enjoy and recognize those men and women that have been held as prisoners of war or who remain missing in action. The ceremony marked the first time the POW/MIA Flag has flown at the penitentiary.

With POW/MIA flag now flying at the Penitentiary they join many others in Walla Walla who are at the forefront of honoring our POWs and MIA's. "We have not now, nor will we ever forget those brave men and women that have answered their country's calling". Steve Bird, Post Commander

**2nd Vice Commander's Corner**

Activities for the month of May included our VA Bingo and Americanism activities. Fifty-one volunteers contributed 88 hours of service. Thanks to all who make the events happen. The final report for the year will be included in the July Newsletter.

Special congratulations are in order to Greg Heller, Scout Troop 305 for his fine essay "What an American Veteran Means to Me". His essay has been forwarded to the Department for their review and processing.

The Post continues to recognize Walla Walla High School Seniors who are awarded Washington Scholars scholarships. Another fine student, Ryan Campeau, will receive the Post's plaque and name on the School's Roster of all WAHI graduates who have been so recognized. This is a tremendous award, tuition waiver for four years at the college of their choice. With tuition increases of 14%, this is a remarkable scholarship.

Don't forget the Post Picnic on June 20" and remember your services for our Programs are appreciated.

Norm Graybeal, 2nd VC

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New Ist Vice Commander,
Larry Cunnington Plans to have
an article for the next newsletter.

Just wanted to show you how
good he looks in uniform.

Editor



**AMVETS Member,
Art Miller
among 16
Penitentiary Staff
Recognized for
Service, achievements**

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Walla Walla Union-Bulletin



MILLER

The Community Service Award winner was Correctional Officer Art Miller. A veteran with 20 years of service which includes service in Vietnam, Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, Miller was

recognized for his role in many veteran's groups, homecomings, parades and funeral escorts.

Miller is also one of the founders of the penitentiary's Veteran's Committee, which works to recognize and support prison staff members and their families who have or are serving in the military.

THURSDAY,
May 7, 2009
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AMVETS Americanism Essay 2009

What Does an American Veteran Mean to Me?

As I trudge down the sidewalk on Pearl Harbor day, I can hardly flex my poor, stiff hands, nearly frozen around the pole of an American flag. When I plant my flag in the sidewalk, water splatters over the bottom of my jeans. Anxious to be done, I head to the truck for another flag.

As I do, I spot the man working across from me. He's a veteran from Post 1111 working double duty with a flag over each shoulder. No matter how disagreeable the weather, he's still willing to make sure the Star Spangled Banner still waves. He's done this every morning of every holiday of every year since before I was born.

The first time U.S. Army Colonel Glaeser came and talked to my Boy Scout troop, I was only 11 years old. He was the American veteran who taught me how to properly stand at attention, salute, and respect the flag. "Stand up straight, legs together, feet at a 45-degree angle, hands in loose fists at your side pant seam, and mouth shut." I learned that the flag represents our country, as well as every veteran that has died serving her. It signifies generations and generations that served with honor and courage, bravery and sacrifice.

My step-granddad Lt. Colonel David Van Pelt, joined the military in 1943, and served for 30 years. He says he was one of the lucky ones. Many of his comrades went down and never came back home. I've seen the small velvet box, sitting next to a model of his B26, which holds the Silver Star that he earned for completing a vital mission with a damaged aircraft.

American veterans have lived and died to preserve our freedom, and our rights, and those of allied countries as well. Our only memory of some veterans may be a white cross on a field of green in Arlington.

What an American veteran means to me is much more than the history of our country's wars. They continue to be an example in the present and work to encourage America's future. They live with values and integrity. I think that American veterans are the ones that give positive meaning to the words American citizen. They show true love and loyalty for their country, as well as their fellow man. Without veterans, America would not be the place it is today.

By Gregory Heller

Grade 9 - Walla Walla High School

June 2009

14 US Army (1775)
14 Flag Day (Downtown Flags)
 14 Odd Fellows Hall, Time TBD, Flag Day
 17 **AMVETS** meeting— (no meeting this month)
20 Annual Post Picnic Fort Walla Walla Park
 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
18-19 Sweet Onion Festival (Downtown Flags)
 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

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; yahoo
 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)

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June 20th

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July 4th - Independence Day

July 18th - Sweet Onion Festival