

Artist-AMVET: Roger McGee



Statue Dedication 1996

AMVETS

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



Veterans Serving Veterans and our Community

Public is invited to Flag Dedication Ceremony at the Penitentiary

On 14 May 2009 the Washington State Penitentiary is hosting a flag dedication ceremony in front of the new West Complex building.

For the first time in its 203 year history the POW-MIA flag will be raised over Penitentiary grounds.

To honor this significant event and to pay tribute to the 27 Penitentiary staff members deployed in Iraq, the Washington State Army National Guard Color Guard will raise the United States and the POW-MIA flags. The Department of Corrections Honor Guard will raise the Washington State flag and for the first time the newly designed Washington State Penitentiary flag will be raised.

Presenting the first POW-MIA flag to **Mr. Steve Sinclair** (Superintendent of WSP) is **Mr. Jim Bogart**. It is our distinct honor to have this American Patriot, World War II Bataan Death March and Japanese POW survivor present the first POW-MIA flag to our facility. As a token of the Penitentiary's respect and gratitude for his service to our country; Mr. Bogart will be issued by Mr. Sinclair the coveted Washington State Penitentiary Veterans coin. This coin is given only to Penitentiary staff members who have served their country.

AMVETS Member, **Michael Howell**, Bugler, will play "Call to Colors".

This ceremony is opened to the general public and all are welcome. Ceremony begins promptly at 10:30 AM in front of the West Complex building. To get to the West Complex gate, take 13th Ave. past the Penitentiary just before the curve on Harvey Shaw Road turn left into the grounds and follow the road to the Administration Building.

This "American Hero Card" is the second in a series to honor our veterans. The cards are a project of the Jonathan M. Wainwright VA Administration. VA Chaplain **Ben Vegors** was the first.



AFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT **2**



Dates of Service: 1940-1946
Branch of Service: National Guard
Campaign: South West Pacific Theater
Rank: Staff Sergeant
Unit: 194th Tank Battalion

Narrative: In September 1941 Jim's unit headed for the Philippines. After fighting the Japanese for several weeks, he was captured and part of the Bataan Death March where he was reduced to 90 pounds. He was sent to Mukden, Manchuria as a slave laborer for 3 1/2 years, returning to San Francisco in 1945.

Jim Bogart vcs

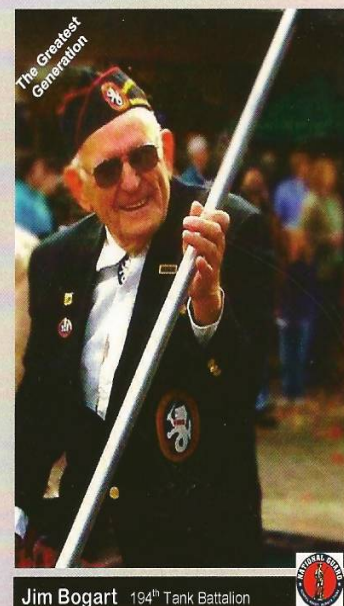
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Jim Bogart is a Charter Member of AMVETS Post #1111 and was a member of the original Wainwright Memorial Committee.

AMERICA'S HEROES



Jim Bogart 194th Tank Battalion



Commander's Corner

It has been almost a full year since you elected me to represent the post as your Commander. I have been very appreciative of each members commitment and the effort put forth by the officers of the post who like all members have upheld, through their service to veterans and the community, the AIMS of the AMVETS Organization. Thank You!



Four years ago I became a member of AMVETS Post #1111 and since that time I have had the honor of serving the post in several officer positions and the last year as your post Commander.

As I have said many times before I am very impressed with everyone's commitment and dedication of to our community and veteran causes.

Your continued membership and participation this last year has once again ensured that AMVETS Post 1111 makes a difference!. From our Downtown Flags program to representing AMVETS during VA Voluntary Service committee meetings, from our commitment and participation with the Wainwright Memorial improvement project to serving on the post Honor Guard, from supporting local Boy Scouts Troop 305 while they train our youth to become purposeful citizens to providing scholarships to our local Veterans and donations to our local VA Medical Center. As we prepare for elections at our annual meeting in May I want to extend my personal appreciation to all members. It has been a privilege to perform the duties as Commander this past year. Steve Bird, Post Commander

2nd Vice Commander

The month of May marks the end of another AMVETS Year and time to begin fresh for the next twelve months. I would like to express my appreciation to those who helped with our VA Bingo and visitations. Without the support of members, the tasks would be more difficult and much less gratifying. Again, "Thank You", to those who came out when it was cold enough to stay home or nice enough to be somewhere else. Don't forget to check your Newsletters for all of the Post's scheduled events.



Norm Graybeal, 2nd VC

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SERVICE PEOPLE

Commissioned: Michael Graybeal, as an ensign during recent graduation ceremonies at the U.S. Naval Officer Candidate School, Newport, R.I. One of 40 graduates, he was assigned to Pensacola, Fla., for initial training to become a naval aviator. The intensive 12-week course of study included fundamentals of navigation and engineering; rank structure and officer insignia; military customs and courtesies; wear and care of uniforms and the traditional strenuous physical training program.

Graybeal graduated in 2002 from Walla Walla High School and in 2007 from Eastern Washington University. He was a member of the Wa-Hi band and varsity tennis teams. While at EWU, he majored in biology and was a counselor for Japanese students in the Asia-America Exchange program. He is the son of Norman and Minobu Graybeal of College Place.



GRAYBEAL

AMVETS POST #1111 Charter-Life Member, **Roger McGee** was interviewed by Xtreme Music's World Edition. <http://www.xtrememusic.org/new.html>

Roger is the creator of four warrior statues including the Jonathan M Wainwright statue at the Jonathan M Wainwright VA Hospital. He is becoming known throughout the world for his handmade Native American Flutes

We know that music transcends all language barriers, ages, and ethnical groups. I believe music also has the ability to heal, inspire, and comfort. There exists a tune or melody to enrich or soothe the entire spectrum of human emotions. In essence, we are momentarily allowed to tap into something of an altered state. I have seen grown women cry, crying children pause in awe as their tears dry, and people of all ages wiping goose bumps from their arms because of music. We all begin life listening to the rhythm of the heart beat, the ebb and flow of life's blood, the song of our mother's womb. Perhaps we are all seeking to recapture that comforting voice of the womb in the music we choose to embrace in life.



ROGER MCGEE

COMPOSER AND FLAUTIST

ROGER MCGEE is a composer, flautist, and flute artisan from Enterprise, Oregon. "The Storyteller" (2005), and "Echoes Of Joseph Canyon" (2008) are both independently released and available from Wind Dancer Flutes. Roger shares his knowledge of the Native American flute by giving talks at schools, social events, and provides annual performances for the World Music Class at Walla Walla University, and flute-making workshops at the Grand Ronde Reservation in Grand Ronde, Oregon.

Website: www.wind-dancer-flutes.com

Interview: April 3rd 2009 Enterprise, Oregon, United States

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Commander	Steve Bird	1st Vice Commander	Larry Cunnington
2nd Vice Commander	Norm Graybeal	Finance Officer	Arnil Hoffarth
Adjutant	Tammy Siddle	Provost Marshall	Bob Radke Sr.
Judge Advocate	Art Bergman		

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO POST CBL REVISED AND ADOPTED 18 MAY, 2005

Post Constitution Article VII Committees and Meetings (pg3)

Section 2. Standing Committees shall meet twice yearly and provide written reports to the Executive Committee with recommendations for appropriate action.

Section 3. Select Committees shall meet as necessary and provide written reports to the Executive Committee with recommendations for appropriate action.

Section 4. Add Wainwright Memorial Committee to list of Standing Committees.

Post Bylaws

Article III. Election of Officers (pg 5)

Section 1: Delete one member of the Executive Committee and add two members from the General Membership.

Add Section: All Post Members shall be encouraged to be nominees through the Post Newsletter and personal contacts.

Article V. Duties of Officers (pg 7)

Section 6, Subsection a: Change Legislative Committee to Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Section 7, Subsection a: Change to: The Provost Marshall shall assist the Commander by ensuring that all Post Meeting procedures follow Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Edition.

Section 7, Subsection b: Change to Assist the Commander by serving as the Executive Committee Member of the Legislative and Nominating Committees.

Section 7, Subsection b: Delete subsection

Section 7, Subsection c: replace Subsection c with previous Subsection b.

Section 7, Subsection e. Delete (included in Subsection b above) Re-number subsections.

Article IX. Funds Collection and Expenditures (pg 9)

Insert new Subsection band re-itemize the other Subsections through q.

Subsection b: No standing or Select Committee shall establish and maintain separate financial accounts and records or receive funds for such accounts.

**Change Month for nominations to be presented to Executive Board to March meeting. Nominees will be presented to the executive committee at its April meeting, and communicated to all members through the Post Newsletter in April and May. Formal nominations and all others nominations made from the floor shall be announced at the annual meeting in May.

May 2009

- 14 Flag Dedication Washington State Penitentiary
- 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— (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
- 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 –21 **Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week**
- 16 **Presidents Day (Downtown Flags)**
- 23 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 2009

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

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May 20th Meeting

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner

7:00 pm Meeting starts

Golden West Estates Community room

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May 16—Armed Forces Day

May 25— Memorial Day

May 14 —Flag Day