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Statue Dedication 1996  
Walla Walla WA

# AMVETS

Jonathan M. Wainwright  
Post # Eleven-Eleven  
Walla Walla, Washington  
Chartered in the year 2000



**Veterans Serving Veterans and our Community**

## 2009 Veterans Day Schedule

- 6:00 am - Downtown Flags - Start at 6th & Main
- 7:00 am - Breakfast at the VFW - Rose & Colville
- 10:00 am - Line up for Parade - 6th and Main Sts.
- 11:00 am - Veteran's Day Parade begins
- 12:00 am - Lunch at VFW - Kids at Elks Lodge
- 2:30 pm - Dedication of WWI Cannons Memorial at Fort Walla Walla Park
- 5:00 pm - Dinner at VFW by Ladies Auxiliary  
Ham Dinner w/trimmings \$8.00 donation
- 6:00 pm - Retire Downtown Flags

## November 2009

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The Gier Family of the Tri-Cities, honor their family veterans with bricks in the Wainwright Memorial.



### Commander

There are plenty of Veterans Day activities coming up and I hope you find time to participate in a way that suits you. AMVETS Post 1111 members will be involved in several events including the Downtown Parade. We will also be putting up the flags downtown at 6 AM so if you are inclined to do so please join us and see what on the agenda for the day! The brisk November morning air and exercise will stimulate a hardy appetite for you to satisfy at the VFW where breakfast will be served.

Steve Bird, Commander



### AMVETS POST #1111 NEWSLETTER

Published monthly for members and those who support American Veterans.

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### 1st Vice Commander



November is one of those busy months With Veterans Day the 11th and Thanksgiving the 26th. Plans for Veterans Day are well underway. It's a good time to thank a Vet. With this in mind invite them to join us in the AMVETS program. With this in mind remember that for now Life Membership is only \$150.00 but will soon be increased over the next couple of years. Its also a good time to convert your Annual Dues to Life- membership. The savings will be large over the years. \$34.00 dollars every year or a one time payment of \$150.00 now which will go up next year and the year after. Tiny and I would like to take this time to wish each and every one of you a Happy and thankful Thanksgiving. Have a good month and if there is anything I can do to help you get new members please give me a call

Larry Cunningham , 1st Vice

### 2nd Vice Commander

Here it is, almost Winter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year. It is especially time to plan for the Annual Christmas Dinner. Various catering services and dining facilities have been contacted and presented with our previous Dinner menu. The stated costs range from \$16.00 to \$25.00. The possibilities will be presented, and final decision made at the November Post Meeting. The result will be forwarded to the catering services the next day. The date for the dinner is tentatively set for Saturday, December 19th since we do not have access to the Golden West estates on our normal meeting night. Let's have a good turn-out for the November Meeting as we make this important decision in hopes of having an enjoyable evening.

Be sure to check the Calendar of Events for future activities, volunteer and take part and as we continue to make Post 1111 the #1 Post in the State.

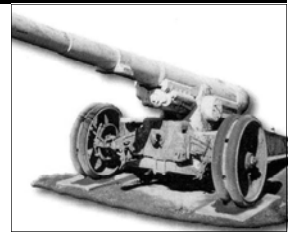
We will have a special presentation by Mr. Simean Francis, (US Army Corps of Engineers) at our November Meeting. He will give an overview of the Corps recent involvement in the Middle East. Mr. Francis made a previous presentation about four years ago. It should prove interesting and informative. Please plan on attending as we welcome him back for a second time.

Norm Graybeal, 2nd Vice





## World War One Memorial Fort Walla Walla Park Myra Road Entrance



The Cannons are back in the Park and you are cordially invited to join with the “Loose Cannon Committee”, City, County, and State officials, veterans, historians, and other interested citizens of the Walla Walla area.

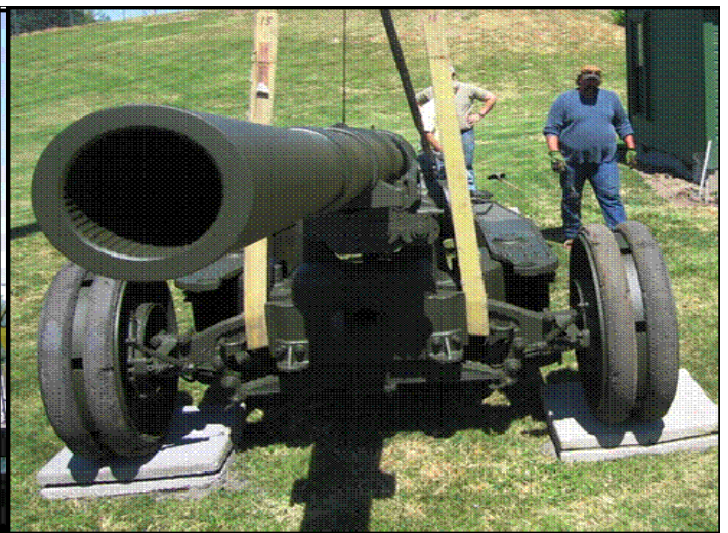
**Veteran’s Day, November 11, 2009 at 2:30 PM**

**VETERAN’S DAY:** World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919 in the Palace of Versailles outside Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918 is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.” In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration of Armistice Day.

At the conclusion of World War I, the National Guard was returned to the states and demobilized. Four French G.P.F. 155 mm guns came back from France with the Walla Walla unit. During World War II, two of the guns were dismantled for their metal. The remaining two have been on display at various locations in Walla Walla ever since.

Ninety one years have passed since these guns were silenced and they have now found a new home at a very appropriate location at the entrance to Fort Walla Walla Park off Myra Road. On Veteran’s Day November 11, 2009 the dedication of this World War I Memorial will stand in honor of the men and women of that war and the Walla Walla Guardsmen of the 146<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, a Washington National Guard unit, that brought them home.

### The Loose Cannon Committee



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**November 26th Thanksgiving Day**  
**December 7th—Pearl Harbor Day**

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This article was found on the web by a Boy Scout of Troop 305. The article can be found at [www.facesfromthewall.com/1967oct.html](http://www.facesfromthewall.com/1967oct.html).

James Neisess was a member of this scout troop.

Scout leader and AMVETS member, **Bob Chicken** suggested we start a series of these articles called "**Faces**". Good suggestion Bob, thanks!



## FACES

### Local Man Dies in Combat

#### **CAPT. JAMES NEISESS IS KILLED IN VIETNAM ACTION**

Capt. James A. Neisess, graduate of WA-Hi in 1957, died in Vietnam 2 Oct (1967) from a gunshot wound received in an air mobile combat operation when his unit was engaged in a firefight with a hostile force, according to a Department of Defense telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Grace Neisess, 1223 University.

He had been serving with a U.S. Military Assistance Command Group near Saigon until recently when he requested field duty. He had been working with visiting foreign officers and educated Vietnamese, his knowledge of the French language in which he was especially proficient having been called into play by his superior officers.

His body has been recovered and positively identified, the telegram from Maj. Gen. Kenneth G. Wickham, adjutant general, stated.

Capt. Neisess had been in Vietnam since early this year. He was to have gone on a rest and recreation leave to Hawaii yesterday, having planned to meet his wife and their two-year-old daughter there. His year in Vietnam would have been up late next January. He left Fort Ord CA, 23 Jan 1967.

An avid student of ROTC both at WA-Hi and the University of Washington from which he was graduated in 1962, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Force. During his years at the University he spent six months at the University of Grenoble, France. He majored in chemistry where he earned the designation of Distinguished Military Graduate. He was an honor student at WA-Hi.

His first assignment was at the Armor School at Fort Knox KY. He graduated there in June, 1962 with the No. 1 academic rating in his class. Armor School graduates are required to pass a unique test of physical endurance and academic knowledge of armor. Each officer is required to run a seven-mile cross-country course in which he stops at 20 test stations at each of which he is given a problem involving the utilization of knowledge acquired in the eight-week course.

Later he served at Fort Hood TX and it was during that assignment he was alerted for duty in the Cuban crisis. In 1963 he took part in Operation Big Lift, when his unit was flown to Germany. Later he served with a U.S. Maintenance Unit in Germany 26 months. It was during that period of service he met and married his wife, her home having been in Strasbourg, France. They were married 29 Aug 1964.

They returned to the U.S. in August, 1966, Capt. Neisess having been stationed at Fort Knox. He received his captaincy in Germany. He attended an advanced technical school at Fort Knox. His mother visited Capt. and Mrs. Neisess and her granddaughter at Fort Knox.

Neisess was born 10 Nov 1938 at Conrad MT.

Surviving in addition to his mother, his wife and their daughter, Aimee Christine, his sister, Mrs. Gordon (Carol Ann) D'Onofrio, Oakland CA.. Mrs. Grace Neisess is librarian at the Pendleton Junior High School. The younger Mrs. Neisess resides in Pacific Grove CA.

The funeral will be in the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington VA.

One of Capt. Neisess' major interests here as a youth was the Boy Scouts. **He was a member of Troop 5 at the Evergreen district clubhouse.**

Neisess was the sixth Walla Wallan or former Walla Wallan to die in military service in Vietnam. Others have been Specialist Donald Wayne Hart, Lt. (jg) Edward Letchworth, Pfc. Lowell Eugene Schultz, Pfc Clyde Murr and Spec. 4 Greg L. Gessel. (*Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, Sunday 8 Oct 1967*)

**November 2009**

10 U.S. Marine Corps (1775)  
 11 **Veteran's Day (Downtown Flags)**  
 11 WWI Cannons Dedication Fort WW Park  
 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)**  
 7 Flagpole Dedication WW Senior Center  
 10 AMVETS of WWII founded 1944  
 25 **Christmas**  
 28 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

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**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

**August 2010**

4 US Coast Guard (1790)  
 18 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm  
 23 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

**September 2010**

4 WW Fair & Frontier Days (**Downtown Flags**)  
 6 **Labor Day (Downtown Flags)**  
 11 **Patriot Day (Downtown Flags)**  
 15 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm  
 17 **POW/MIA (Downtown Flags)**  
 18 US Air Force (1947)  
 27 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

**October 2010**

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

**Membership Meeting****November 18th**

**6:00 pm Potluck Dinner**  
**7 pm Meeting starts**  
**Golden West Estates Community room**  
**1425 Jasper St**  
**Walla Walla WA**

**Post #1111 Current Membership 100  
Annual Members 28 / Life 72**

Annual Dues: \$34.00 per year / Life Member: \$150.00

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**New Flag Pole**

On December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day, the new flagpole at The Center at the Park, will be dedicated.

The pole has been donated and installed by veteran's of the Walla Walla Area. Additional labor and materials was gratefully accepted from Konen Concrete Co., City of Walla Walla and the Walla Walla Fire Department.

