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# AMVETS

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



**Veterans Serving Veterans and our Community**

## Post Receives Two Awards

Jonathan M. Wainwright Post #1111 received the State Post of the Year award for 2008-2009 from the AMVETS Department of Washington. Steve Bird, Commander, accepted the award "For your outstanding leadership and demonstrated strong positive image of the Aims, Principles and Programs..." from David C. Harris, Commander AMVETS Department of Washington at the Department's Executive Committee in Grandview September 12, 2009. Steve Bird, Commander of Post 1111 accepted the award commenting that the award reflects the dedication of our members and the enthusiastic support and appreciation of their efforts by citizens of Walla Walla. From July 2008 through the end of June 2009 the Walla Walla AMVETS Post has recorded 745 hours of volunteer time for a total value of \$21,537.

The Post also received AMVETS National 1<sup>st</sup> Place recognition during the AMVETS National Convention in New Orleans for its "Multi-page newsletter" for the year 2008-2009. The Post newsletter is prepared and distributed monthly by Jim Irwin, post newsletter editor and public relations officer.

## October 2009

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**Post Commander**

The Department of Washington is sponsoring a contest to design the Department "Pin" for next year's convention and perhaps a year or two after that. Contest is open to all members and will close May 2010. Winner will receive \$150.00. Anyone who desires to participate is asked to design a new pin in writing and a sketch (or photo), include your name, address and telephone number.

Mail to: AMVETS Department of Washington, Attn: Adjutant, 5717 South Tyler Street Tacoma, WA. 98409 Steve Bird, Commander



AMVETS POST #1111 NEWSLETTER

Published monthly for members and those who support American Veterans.

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**1st Vice Commander**

1111 not just our Post number but the 11th day of November. It's also Veterans Day, a day to reflect on the many men and women that served our great country. Take just one or two minutes and thank them for there services. It's also a good time to invite them to become a member of AMVETS. With the rising cost of life membership over the next couple of years, now is the time to become a life member. We are having new application forms printed and will soon be in your hands. Here is one you can cut out. Larry Cunnington, 1st Vice



Application for membership I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby submit this application, Proof of eligibility and dues in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for annual \_\_\_\_\_ life \_\_\_\_\_ Membership in AMVETS Post #1111 Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

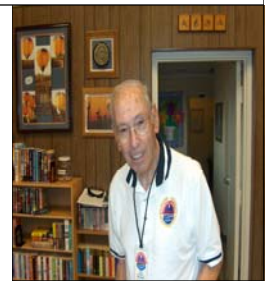
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Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd Vice Commander**

"Welcome, to what appears to be the early arrival of Winter". and the realization that the Holiday Season will soon be upon us. It is with this in mind that efforts will soon be made to identify restaurants and caterers for menus and prices for the annual Christmas dinner. A preliminary report will be made at the October Post meeting and inclusion in the November and December Newsletters. Please call 522-0939 with your suggestions and offers or help to assist.



The first quarter Programs Report has been forwarded to the National Office, the summary of which follows. 227 Volunteers, 412 hours, 1623 miles, \$1712.00 Activity Cost, \$1080.00 Cash Donations, \$3905.00 Fund Raising and a Total Value of \$11,362.00 (rounded to the whole dollar) "That's Good!"

As a suggestion - Don't forget to list Post activities on your calendars and not make the same mistake someone else did the other morning -- Getting up at 0500 and going down to help put out the downtown flags...that was not a day to "Fly the Flags" Oh, well, I had an early coffee! See you at the October Post Meet.

Norm Graybeal, 2nd Vice

### Leaving THE JOB and Being a Veteran

To All my Veteran Brothers:

When a Veteran leaves the 'job' and retires to another life, many are jealous, some are pleased, and others, who may have already retired, wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know.

1. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times.
2. We know in the Military life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet.
3. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the Military world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing.

Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the 'job' and merely being allowed to leave 'active' duty.

So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

A veteran - whether active duty, retired, or reserve- is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The Government of the United States of America' for an amount of 'up to and including my life'. . . and military wives are as much veterans as their spouses.

From one Veteran to another, it's an honor to be in your company.

Thank you

Note; Author unknown - submitted by Tom Roe

### 2009 Mukden Survivors Reunion held in Kingston New York

September 29, 2009- 4 Oct 2009. Hosted by Shelly & Sue Zimbler. Eight of the former POW's attended the XXVI reunion and renamed the organization: **Mukden Survivors and Descendants.**

Standing; l-r: Erwin Johnson, Randy Edwards, Bob Rosendahl, Roy Weaver  
Seated- l-r: Ralph Griffith, Joe Brasel, Wayne Miller, Bob Wolfesberger

Roy Weaver of Coeur d' Alene ID is a life member of AMVETS Post #1111 of Walla Walla WA



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**October 12th—Columbus Day**  
**November 11th—Veteran's Day**  
**November 26th Thanksgiving Day**  
**December 7th—Pearl Harbor Day**

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**POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY September 18, 2009**  
Jonathan M Wainwright Veterans Affairs Medical Center

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Art Bergman



Judy & Barry Jaquins



Dorothy Scott



Steve Bird



Brian Westfield  
VA Director



Linda Wondra  
VA PR

**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)**  
**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**

**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**

**Pin Contest**

Commander  
 Steve Bird is  
 ready to submit  
 his design for  
 the Washington  
 Lapel Pin  
 Contest.

**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**

**Membership Meeting****October 21st**

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

**Post #1111 Current Membership 99  
Annual Members 28 / Life 71**

Annual Dues: \$34.00 per year / Life Member: \$150.00  
To be eligible for membership, you must have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, anytime after Sept. 15, 1940. Additionally, unless still serving, your discharge must have been under honorable conditions. If you served as an American citizen in the armed forces of an allied nation, under honorable conditions, between Sept. 15, 1940 and May 8, 1975, you are also eligible, as are wartime members of the Merchant Marine. Proof of eligibility can take the form of a DD-214, an honorable discharge certificate or other appropriate document.

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## **AMVETS ASKS FOR AMENDMENTS TO HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL**

*In the wake of President Obama's address on health care, questions linger for the veterans' community*

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10, 2009—Last night, President Obama addressed a special joint session of Congress on proposed health care reform. While the President pointed out that veterans enrolled in VA care would not be forced into different programs, he neglected to address AMVETS' concerns over adequate coverage rules and enrollment options for veterans relying on VA care.

"We understand that no veteran will be forced out of the VA system, but that was never really our concern in the first place," said AMVETS National Legislative Director Ray Kelley. "We're concerned about the potential taxes and penalties for certain veterans enrolled in the VA health care system and the availability of care for veterans and their loved ones who may not receive sufficient coverage from the VA to meet all of their health care needs."

This morning, AMVETS sent a letter to House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Bob Filner (D-Calif.) outlining concerns and potential amendments that could mitigate unforeseen consequences for veterans. A copy of the letter is available on *American Veteran Online*, the official blog of AMVETS' national magazine.

Though the Obama Administration has reiterated time and again that veterans will not be harmed in any way through proposed health care reform, AMVETS remains concerned about the current language used in H.R. 3200. Under the current version, cabinet level officials could determine what level of VA care is considered adequate. If deemed inadequate, veterans would either be forced to buy into the exchange option, or face taxes and penalties for inadequate coverage.

Last week, AMVETS and leaders from other top veterans' organizations voiced their concerns to a panel of House Veterans Affairs legislators who were unable to assuage the fears of the veterans' community.

AMVETS has now asked Filner and his colleagues to amend H.R. 3200 to consider all VA coverage adequate, while also providing an exemption that would still allow veterans and their dependents to buy into the exchange option.

"Veterans are in a unique position when it comes to health care," said Kelley. "They have access to a public benefit that can vary drastically from one veteran to another in ways more complicated than Medicare or Medicaid. Critics may say we're asking for special treatment. I would agree. We are asking for special treatment, and, given the circumstances, I would say that our brave men and women who have fought defending this nation duly deserve this small consideration." AMVETS leaders will continue to follow the debate over national health care reform and continue to pressure Congress to pass a bill reflecting the best interests of the veterans' community. Check back regularly with [www.amvets.org](http://www.amvets.org) and *American Veteran Online* for updates.