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Statue Dedication 1996  
Walla Walla WA

# AMVETS

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



**Veterans Serving Veterans and our Community**

**Daniel Taggart**, a Boy Scout with Troop 305, achieved the rank of **Eagle Scout** on March 13, 2010. Many AmVets with Post 1111 are acquainted with Daniel who is a familiar face with the Downtown Flag program.

To reach the rank of Eagle Scout, Daniel worked his way through the lower ranks, completed 21 merit badges, served in several positions of leadership and developed and completed an Eagle leadership project. For his project, Daniel helped to renovate a neighborhood corner located at the intersection of Main and Rose Streets, near the Masonic Temple. In the final step to reaching Eagle Scout, Daniel met with a Board of Review comprised of community individuals who have been a part of Daniel's Scouting career.

Daniel's love of community service led him to join the Order of the Arrow which is Scouting's service organization. Daniel will be one of 50,000 Scouts from around the world who will attend the Boy Scout National Jamboree celebrating 100 years of Scouting in the United States, this summer at Fort AP Hill in Virginia.

Daniel is a Junior at Walla Walla High School and the son of Doug and Dana Taggart.



**April 2010**

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**AMVETS meet with Boy Scouts** at the Milton Freewater Gun Club in March for a gun display and some shooting practice. Mel Harnett is showing a collection of older military rifles. Clark Derdyn, and Tom Roe were also present to supervise the event.





### 1st Vice Commander

April is upon us and its time to loosen up our muscles get out and get some yard work done or just get out and fish or golf with friends and or family .

Spring also is the time to reflect on our membership, invite new members into our post. Speaking of membership we now have new membership application forms available. Annual dues are \$34.00 Life membership only

\$180.00 which is an outstanding buy.

With the coming of May comes our Downtown flag project; I look forward to working with all of you.

If you have any wishes you would like to see addressed please bring them to our next post meeting.

Look forward to seeing all of you April 21st.

Larry Cunnington, 1st Vice 525-1964

AMVETS POST #1111 NEWSLETTER  
Published monthly for members  
and those who support  
American Veterans.  
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### Schack selected for State Advisory Board

Gov. Chris Gregoire selected Walla Wallan Don Schack, chaplain and member of AMVETS Post 1111 and the American Legion, to serve on the Governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee.

The committee acts as the governor's advisory board in conveying issues of concern and interest to veterans throughout Washington state and advising the Washington state Department of Veterans Affairs.

It is comprised of veterans recommended by and representing veterans service organizations. Don made application and was recommended by David Harris, State Commander of AMVETS.

John Lee, director of the State Department of Veterans Affairs, presented Don with his appointment letter on March 23 at the monthly meeting of the Walla Walla Veterans Affairs Community Task Force in the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Article from Union Bulletin March 28 2010 – Photo by Steve Bird



## FACES

**August Radke** leaves in June for deployment to Afghanistan. He joined the Oregon National Guard in November 2006 and is attending college in La Grande. He was born and raised in Walla Walla, graduated from Walla Walla High School in 2002 and from Walla Walla Community College with an AA degree in Auto Mechanics in 2004. He is now a helicopter mechanic in the National Guard and has plans to become a helicopter pilot. His studies at Eastern Oregon University include Agriculture Business, Range Management, and Animal Science.

August will leave on May 1st for one month of training at the Yakima Training Center and then to Fort Hood Texas before deployment to the Middle East. Upon his return he plans to continue his education which will include ROTC and flight training to become a pilot.

August is a Life Member of AMVETS as are his father, Robert Radke Sr. and two brothers, Jacob and Robert Jr. Robert Sr. served in the Army as a Medic at Walter Reed Hospital and now works for the Army Corps of Engineers in Walla Walla. August's two brothers have served in the Washington National Guard. Jacob served a tour in Iraq in 2004 and 2005. Robert Sr. and August both worked in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.



In 1999, August began driving in demolition derby's in Walla Walla which became a family affair, and in 2009 AMVETS Post #1111 sponsored the red white and blue entry pictured below at the Walla Walla Demolition Derby at the fair. The hobby is enjoyed by this family at other derby's in the area throughout the year.



We salute August and his patriotic family and thank them all for their outstanding service to our country and our community.

Pictured below with the AMVETS car are: August and Jacob on the right side of the car and Dad on the left side. Robert Jr. arrived later and drove their other car.



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**May 31st Memorial Day**

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*April 2010/May 2010*

*You are cordially invited to attend  
the Dedication Ceremony of the first*

## **State Veterans Cemetery – Medical Lake, Washington**

**On Memorial Day  
Monday, May 31, 2010  
at 10:30 a.m.**

The cemetery grounds are North of  
West Medical Lake off of West Espanola Road  
We look forward to your attendance.

Parking will be available along Ritchey Road. In addition, shuttle service will be provided from the Medical Lake High School & Middle School parking lots, as well as Denny's Foods.

**Groups are encouraged to carpool!**

The ceremony will take place outdoors, so bring a hat or umbrella depending on the weather!  
Seating is also limited, so bring a blanket or chair.

Those needing ADA arrangements should call  
to arrange shuttle service at (509) 244-8351 by Monday, May 17, 2010.  
To RSVP, or for additional information, please contact the office at 509-244-8351 or  
[cemetery@dva.wa.gov](mailto:cemetery@dva.wa.gov)

**April 2010**

- 1 **AMVETS** "Because We Care Day" VAMCs
- 4 **Easter Sunday**
- 21 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 24 Show & Shine—Lions Park—see page 8
- 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**

- 12 **Annual Picnic Fort WW Park**
- 14 US Army (1775)
- 14 **Flag Day (Downtown Flags)**
- 14 Flagpole Dedication—Senior Center
- 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

**November 2010**

- 10 U.S. Marine Corps (1775)
- 11 **Veteran's Day (Downtown Flags)**
- 17 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 22 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm
- 25 **Thanksgiving (Downtown Flags)**

**December 2010**

- 4 **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 2011**

- 1 **New Years Day**
- 17 **Martin Luther King Jr. (Downtown Flags)**
- 19 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 24 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

**February 2011**

- 8 Boy Scouts of America (1910)
- 10 Boy Scouts 100th BD party (**Downtown Flags**)
- 14 –20 **Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week**
- 15 **Presidents Day (Downtown Flags)**
- 17 **AMVETS** meeting Scout Appreciation 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

**Membership Meeting April 21, 2010**

**6:00 pm Potluck Dinner 7:00 pm regular meeting**

**Golden West Estates Community room**

**1425 Jasper St Walla Walla WA**

**Post #1111 Current Membership 100  
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Annual Dues: \$34.00 per year / Life Member: \$180.00

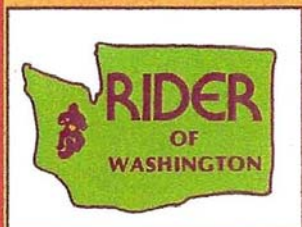
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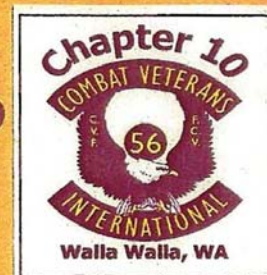
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Suggested Donation \$7.50  
Bar-B-Q Starts at 1 PM  
Show-N-Shine 12-2pm  
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