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December 2010

AMVETS Post #1111 Christmas Dinner

Location: Golden West Estates Community Room

Time: December 18, 2010 Dinner 6:00 pm.

BYOB if you prefer something other than Coffee or Punch'

The hall will be open to us beginning at 4:00 pm so if you are bringing something please plan to arrive early for any prep work needed.

We will have some "Door Prizes" but if you want to add to these or make any special presentations, gifts or whatever let me know so I can get it on the program agenda! See Page 6 for more information.
Steve Bird, Commander

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AMVETS Post Eleven-Eleven's entry in Macy's Light Parade held in Downtown Walla Walla on December 4th

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Post Commander

How about that Walla Walla light parade! What better start to the month of December than participating in the Macy's Light parade. AMVETS entry this year was certainly my number one award winning entry. The participation by Walla Walla residents was simply outstanding! There were thousands of spectators with their children lining the streets and our patriotic light display was well received.

Next up will be the AMVETS Holiday Dinner Saturday December 18, 2010. Hope to see you there!

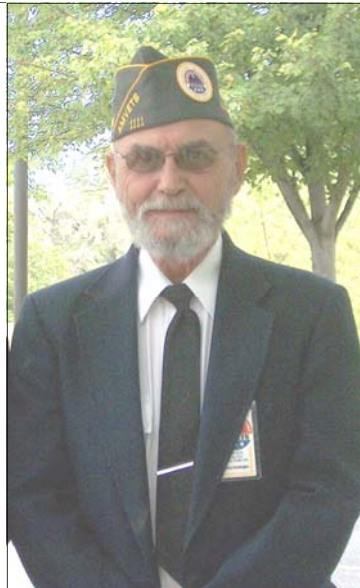
Some may have noticed that the downtown flags were not out for Thanksgiving and well that was due to the snow! For some reason nobody was willing to get up early and go out to find the flag stand locations and clear the holes of snow....maybe next time. Also unless someone came forward willingly to go out in advance and thaw out the ice in those same holes it is unlikely we will have put

out the flags on Pearl Harbor day either.

We will be ending another great year of effort by the post with a lot of notable support to Veterans and community events. The list is already long and impressive and since the year is not yet over I will wait until the January newsletter to take the opportunity and share the AMVETS Post 2010 year in review!

Thank You for your service and your continued membership.

Steve Bird, Commander



1st Vice commander

We had a great time at the parade of lights and looked good to. Although the weather was on the cool or should I say on the cold side We had a great time putting the float together and in the parade. Good hot coffee and Tea for some and lots of laughs made the time go fast ,they had a large turnout and a good time was had by all.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas Dinner on December 18th, for some good food and lots of laughs and comradely. We have the perfect gift for a Vet invite him or her to become an AMVET. Remember life membership goes to \$200.00 the first of January.

I will be setting in on the veterans' relief advisory committee and will report back to you.

Tiny and I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Larry Cunningham 1st Vice

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SUSQUEHANNA - Ira Reynolds, who joined the Boy Scout movement in 1914 - when it was just 4 years old - was laid to rest early Thursday afternoon.

About 50 youths from Boy Scout Troop 81 and Cub Scout Pack 81, thrust three fingers in the air and in unison cited the Scout pledge and oath just moments before Reynolds' casket was lowered at Evergreen Cemetery.

The 108-year-old Reynolds was the nation's oldest Boy Scout when he died Nov. 13, and Thursday he was remembered by Scout executive Art Worrick as the embodiment of the oath.

"The boys who encountered him at summer camp learned a lot and have great memories of a man who loved the outdoors," Worrick said.

Worrick said that about six months ago the national organization of Boy Scouts of America developed a 90-year service pin for Reynolds, an unprecedented honor.

Worrick said each year Reynolds would pick one night at camp and have the Scouts lie on the ground, shut off all lights and look at the constellations while he told stories about each.

"You could almost touch them, the way he talked," Worrick said.

Susquehanna United Methodist Church Pastor James Rouse told a story of 10th-graders remembering a leaf-collection assignment they had to complete by visiting a nature trail that Reynolds and his wife, Beatrice, maintained in their yard not far from Susquehanna Community High School.

He had 28 of 29 leaves needed for the assignment, Rouse said.

Susquehanna Borough council President David Scales recalled that more than 50 years ago, Reynolds took him aside with other boys and shared the name of the tree each leaf went with, "and it was awesome because they were lessons you never forget."

"His love of nature and love for children was phenomenal and unmistakable," Scales said.

And for that reason, Scales announced at the funeral that borough council had agreed that Riverside Park would be renamed the Ira Reynolds Memorial Park and Nature Trail.

He also read a proclamation from Mayor Michael Mattas that declared Nov. 18 a Day of Remembrance for Ira Reynolds.

Reynolds joined Troop 1 Black Bear Patrol in Dorranceton in 1914 and had Laurance Thompson, who authored the first aid section of the original Boy Scouts Handbook, as his scoutmaster.

He achieved the rank of Tenderfoot Scout on July 24, 1915, and then Second Class on Nov. 19 of that year. He became a First Class Scout on Oct. 18, 1916.

In 1934, Reynolds started the Boy Scout effort in Susquehanna when he organized Troop No. 81.

That unit survives today.

[Fox Nation Salutes](#)

Submitted by Steve Bird

WWII Veteran, Jim Hansen of Waitsburg, rides in WWII Jeep



Jim Hansen



Veteran’s Day Parade—Walla Walla WA It was a beautiful day for a parade and AMVETS member, Jim Harting of Dayton, supplied transportation for Jim Hansen of Waitsburg, in his restored WWII Jeep. Mr. Hansen still looks great in his uniform!

AMVETS prepare and serve breakfast on Veteran’s Day at the VFW and display the new Downtown Flag Trailer in the parade along with a display of American Flags and all the Military Service Flags. Pictured—Jim Harting, Arnil Hoffarth, Steve Bird, & Larry Dietrich



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Thank you note from Reilly Roach, of Scout Troop 305, winner of AMVETS Essay Contest.

Dear Local AMVETS,

Thank you so much for giving me the honor to represent Washington State in the 2010 Youth Leadership Conference at Valley Forge. I had a wonderful experience at Valley Forge during the 3 days I spent there. I learned so much that not many people know about, including us doing a mock congress and a mock Supreme Court trial.

The tour of Philadelphia was also a wonderful opportunity to learn about our nation's history, a visit to where the Continental Congress took place! I had a wonderful time, and if it wasn't for the AMVETS organization, I wouldn't have been able to have such an opportunity. I appreciate all the things you AMVETS do!

Thanks again, Reilly Roach

From: Elks Veterans Committee

The Elks' Veteran's committee has two programs geared towards Service People currently deployed overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you know of anyone who would be eligible, please contact me. Otherwise we look forward to seeing you at our events in the New Year! I will be mailing out details on upcoming events in the coming weeks.

- Phone cards have been donated for use by deployed Service People.
- We are currently sending care packages to deployed Service people in Iran and Iraq from our area. These will include care items and cards/letters from some of our local school children.

If you know of anyone from the local area who is deployed, please let me know. Feel free to forward this to anyone who would be interested.

Have a great Christmas Season. Shelley,

Contact: shelly@wallawallaelks.org

AMVETS Post Eleven-Eleven, Christmas Dinner**On the Menu:**

Turkey and Ham and all the trimmings provided by Post.

Post members will be bringing selected Vegetables, Desserts etc....

So if you have a special dish you would like to add to the evening let us know that as well.

Plan on 10-15 servings in size for each item you bring.

At this time we have the following members pledging to bring the following:

- Steve Bird and Susan Friesen – Bread
- Ken and Liz Paplinski – Mashed Potato's
- Mel and Barbara Harnett - Mashed Potato's
- Arnil and Virginia Hoffarth – Pies and Cake
- The Bardsley's - Cranberry Jelly and olive tray - Punch
- Robert Radke Family – Big Salad and Yams
- Larry & Tiny Cunnington – Mixed Vegetables and Relish Plate
- Don and Jan Shack – Dessert
- Jim and Loraine Harting – Cranberry Relish
- Jim and Shirley Irwin- Green Bean Casserole
- Carl & Georgia Selnes - Corn Pudding
- Royce & Joannie Tollman - Three bean salad

Please RSVP by calling Steve Bird @ 509 386 5766 or Jim Irwin at 509 529 2411.

World War II Veterans to visit World War II Memorial in Washington D.C.

An organization in Spokane would like to give all World War Two veterans a free trip to Washington, D.C. to view the WW2 memorial and other memorials. The organization is known as the Inland Northwest Honor Flight. The trip consists of a 3 day weekend trip with all expenses paid. Recently, 5 Walla Walla veterans, Mike Brown, Al Torretta, Joe Tompkins, Elton Fenno and Gene Bussiere went on the last weekend in October. This was the last trip for this year but they plan on starting again in April 2011. There was 38 veterans this trip with their guardians for those that needed them. The guardians had to pay \$650 for their fare but all considered well worth it because they received the same privileges as the veteran.

The group leaves on Saturday morning from Spokane and flies to Baltimore, Md with a change at Salt Lake City. There is a fine hotel waiting them with a banquet meal that evening. Sunday morning is a free breakfast and then a bus ride 35 miles to Washington with a tour of the city. They visit the Arlington Cemetery, the tomb of the unknown soldier and watching the changing of the guard. Then visits to the WW2 memorial, the Korean and Viet Nam Memorials, the Navy, Marines, and Air Force memorials. Then back to the hotel where another banquet dinner is waiting. Monday morning is another breakfast and later catch the plane for the return trip to Spokane.

Wheel chairs were available at all airports, hotel and bus trip. Also there were many greetings at each airport with special care there. Information and applications are available on e-mail (tony@inwhonorflight.org). I am available for further information.

Gene Bussiere, 1430 Topaz St. Walla Walla (529 5343) saltydog100@charter.net



AMVETS raised new flags on Veteran's Day 2010, the first anniversary of the dedication of the city's World War I Memorial at Fort Walla Walla Park. The American and French Flags have since been removed while the recessed lights in the monument are being repaired or replaced and will soon be back in operation. The two French made cannons were restored and the monument honoring the Walla Walla soldiers that brought them home, was dedicated on Veteran's Day 2009.

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Calendar

December 2010

4 Macy's Parade of Lights Downtown Walla Walla
7 Pearl Harbor Day (Downtown Flags)
10 AMVETS of WWII founded 1944
18 AMVETS Christmas Dinner
25 Christmas

January 2011

1 New Year's Day
17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (**Downtown Flags**)
19 AMVETS meeting - Pot Luck 6 PM

February 2011

8 Boy Scouts of America Founded 1910
12 Lincoln's Birthday
14 Valentine's Day
16 AMVETS meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
21 President's Day (Downtown Flags)
22 Washington's Birthday

March 2011

12 Girl Scouts of USA Founded 1912
14 Daylight Savings Time
20 First Day of Spring
23 AMVETS meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm

April 2011

20 AMVETS meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
24 Easter

December Birthdays

Jim Bogart	Sean Harnett
Walter Williams	Harold Stockwell
Wilfred Billey	Kevin Bayne
Don Schack	Wayne Larson
Art Miller	Troy Vinyard

The Pasco American Legion is honoring WWII POW, Jim Bogart, with a celebration of his 90th birthday on December 18th at 4:00 PM with a pot luck dinner.

All Veterans and friends are invited.
The address is 1029 W. Sylvester St , Pasco WA.

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Downtown Flags will fly on the following Holidays
January 17—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Christmas Dinner
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Membership Meeting December 18, 2010
There will be no regular meeting this month
Golden West Estates Community room
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