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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

June 2010

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FLAG DAY 2010
Flag Pole Dedication
Ceremony
June 14th 11:00 A.M.
“The Center
At The Park”
(Jefferson Park)

Malcolm & Sprague St.
The existing 20 ft. pole that was given in 1980 by the American Legion, will be retired and the new 30 ft. pole will be dedicated.

A gift from the Walla Walla Veterans of:
American Legion Post #32
AMVETS Post #1111
VFW Post #992
Public Invited



Post Commander

Once again I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Post as the Commander. This will be my last year in this position so it is time for each member to consider nomination to the Commander position. I benefitted from and have appreciated the excellent support, cooperation good advice I have received during the past two years, Thank you all.

All previous officers have been elected for another term so the Post will enjoy another year of stable leadership. Please welcome Jacob Radke as the new 2nd Vice Commander, a position that has been vacant since the first of the year.

I am looking forward to the coming year as we move forward in our membership and program initiatives.

Please join us at the annual picnic at Fort Walla Walla Sunday June 13, 2010. Set up will begin around 10:00 AM with lunch around 12 noon. Main course of chicken and some soft drinks etc will be provided by the post. Salads and desserts and any other beverages are potluck. We do have a permit for alcohol beverages for those of you who have a favorite Walla Walla wine or microbrew you want to bring and enjoy.

Steve Bird, Commander

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Officers of the Post

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Larry Cunnington 525-1964

2nd Vice Commander

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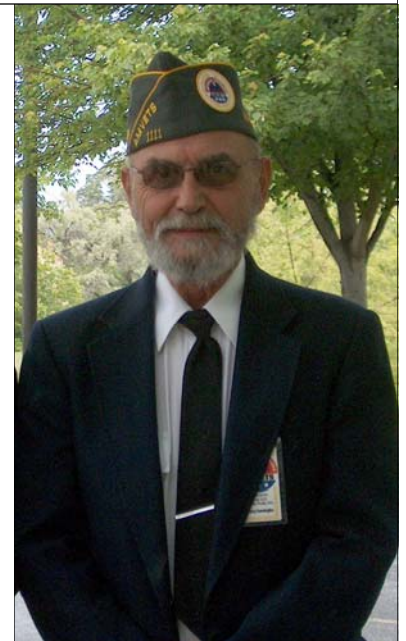
We started the day putting out flags on Main street with the help of the boy scouts. Then to the Memorial Day services at the VA Medical Center and all three cemeteries. Taps was played by two young men from the Walla Walla High School Band; an outstanding job. There was just enough rain to settle the dust.

Don't forget this months post meeting will take place June 13th at our picnic. This years picnic will take place on a Sunday at Fort Walla Walla Park.

It is always the right time of year to think membership. Life membership is still the best buy..... Applications can be obtained from any officer. Look forward to seeing all of you at the picnic.

Larry Cunnington 1st vice

525-1964



Bataan Survivor to attend AMVETS, Washington State Convention In June at the Pasco Red Lion Convention Center



Post #1111 Charter Member, Jim Bogart joined the National Guard in September of 1940 and his unit, the 194th Tank Battalion was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington for training and in September 1941 they boarded a ship in San Francisco for an unknown destination. After crossing the International Date Line they learned they were headed for the Philippines.

After fighting the Japanese for several weeks and having their rations cut in half and half again, Jim's weight went from 170 pounds to 130 pounds but the worst was yet to come. He was captured and was a part of the infamous Bataan Death March where he was reduced to 90 pounds. Jim volunteered for work details to escape the death camps and was sent to Mukden, Manchuria as a slave laborer.

After three and a half years of suffering diseases, starvation and brutality at the hands of his captures, Jim returned to San Francisco in October of 1945. At that time, Jim learned that his twelve siblings were all involved in the war effort. Four brothers and three sisters had joined the military and the other sisters worked at airplane or ammunition plants. One brother was killed in action in New Guinea.

Jim has lived in the Tri-Cities for many years and now lives in a retirement center just a few blocks from the Red Lion Convention Center



Free "I Served-Vietnam" Stickers Roll Into D.C. to Honor Veterans

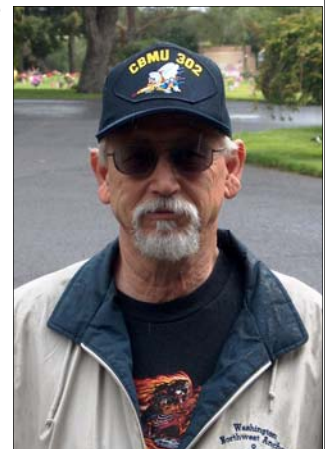
May 24, 2010 Washington, DC - As thousands of Vietnam veterans roar through Washington, DC, during the annual Rolling Thunder motorcycle rally this Memorial Day weekend, volunteers will be passing out free "I Served-Vietnam" stickers in recognition of their service in the Vietnam War. The project is an extension of the successful "I Served Sticker" program, which has distributed more than 400,000 stickers to soldiers who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"Many veterans and their families asked us for "I Served" stickers honoring the heroes who served in Vietnam. They are simply a small token of our gratitude," says Scott Kreger, who created the stickers. "We hope those who see the stickers on vehicles will be encouraged to express a simple 'thank you' to our courageous veterans."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 1 million veterans who served in Vietnam are still alive today. Kreger hopes they will request the free stickers, either at the Rolling Thunder rally or through the website www.iservedsticker.org. Stickers will be available all three days of the Memorial Day rally at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund booth, located at Thunder Alley at 22nd Street and Constitution Avenue, NW.

"Not only are these stickers an expression of thanks, but also they could be a way for fellow veterans and their families to identify and talk with each other," says Kreger. "These connections could lead to networking opportunities, jobs and support in tough times."

The project is funded entirely by private donations. Journeys Crossing, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization located in Rockville, MD, is overseeing and administering the funds. www.iservedsticker.org.



Submitted by Tom Vandenberg

Memorial Day 2010

was a cloudy-drizzly day but the ceremonial events took place on schedule with very good participation and patriotism!



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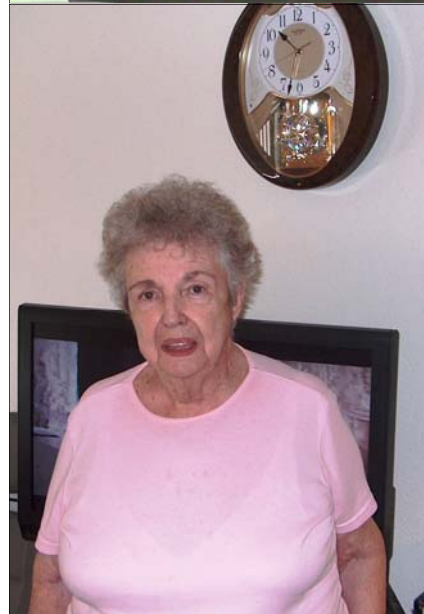
FACES

Art & Lucy Bergman, Post #1111

Life Members met in 1943 while working in a prune warehouse in Milton Freewater, Oregon. Lucy was born in Omaha, Nebraska and her family moved to Milton Freewater; Art was born in Port Angeles, Washington and his family moved to College Place, Washington. Sixty years later they were married in Walla Walla and now reside at Quail Run Retirement Center.

In 1945 Art joined the Army and was stationed in Japan during the occupation after WWII and returned to Walla Walla in 1948. In 1952 until 1975 he was employed at the Walla Walla Fire Department and much of that time he spent as the fire dept. electrician taking care of the city's fire alarm system. On his days off from the fire department he worked in the service department of Montgomery Wards.

Lucy joined the Navy in 1953 and served in San Diego, California as a communications specialist in the Navy's Postal Service and as a switchboard operator. After returning to Walla Walla, she worked for a time at St. Mary Hospital and from 1974 until her retirement in



1994, she was employed at the City Hall in Walla Walla.

Art joined the Air Force Reserve in 1953 and retired in 1989 but has remained very active in veteran activities with the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars as well as AMVETS ever since. He has also been active with the Civil Air Patrol for many years.

During those sixty years they raised their separate families in Walla Walla, Art raised three children and has six grand children and many great grand children; Lucy had one child and two grand children.

Art and Lucy joined the AMVETS post two years ago as life members and we are proud to have this husband-wife team as part of our organization.

Article and photos by Jim Irwin

June 2010

- 13 Annual Picnic Fort WW Park**
- 14 US Army (1775)
- 14 Flag Day (Downtown Flags)**
- 14 Flagpole Dedication—Senior Center
- 16 No meeting this month—Picnic on 13th
- 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 2011

- 14 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 17 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 20 Spring begins
- 28 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm
- 29 Viet Nam Veteran's Day

April 2011

- 1 **AMVETS** "Because We Care Day" VAMCs
- 20 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 24 **Easter Sunday**
- 25 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm

May 2011

- 15 **Armed Forces Day (Downtown Flags)**
- 18 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
- 22 US Merchant Marine (1933)
- 23 Post Exec. Comm. Meeting 6 pm
- 31 **Memorial Day (Downtown Flags)**

**Downtown Flags will fly
on the following Holidays**

Flag Day June 14th

Independence Day July 4th

Membership Meeting June 13, 2010

**No meeting this month
Annual Picnic will be at
Fort Walla Walla Park**

**In the area across from the shelter.
Chicken and beverages furnished by the post.**

**Post #1111 Current Membership 100
Annual Members 27 / Life 73**

Annual Dues: \$34.00 per year / Life Member: \$180.00
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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Annual Picnic June 13, 2010

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Annual Picnic will be at
Fort Walla Walla Park
In the area across from the shelter.
Chicken and beverages furnished by the post.
Bring salads or deserts and etc.**



AMVETS Post #1111 Activities for June & July

**AMVETS State Convention—June 11th & 12th Pasco WA
Post #1111 Annual Picnic—June 13th—Fort Walla Walla Park
Flag Day—June 14th—Walla Walla Downtown Flags
Flag Day—June 14th— Flag Pole Dedication at
Senior Center at the Park—(Jefferson Park) Sprague & Malcolm Streets
July 4th—in the Park and Downtown Flags**

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