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Walla Walla WA

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



Veterans Serving Veterans and our Community

March 2010

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Commander

How about those Boy Scouts and the Adult Leaders of Post 305! The Post was honored to recognize once again Troop 305 for their outstanding representation of the Boy Scouts of America organization. A highlight at the beginning of the evening was the Troop presentation of the colors, leading the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the recital of the Scout Oath and Scout law. Mel Harnett -EAGLE SCOUT! made this year's Boy Scout Recognition dinner most special by bringing his rather large collection of memorabilia from his scouting days. Everyone was clearly impressed. Thank You Mel!

I want to thank all the post members who helped make the evening possible with their support in providing and preparing the food and tables.

Also I would like to especially acknowledge those who provided monetary contributions donated to support Troop 305. \$250.00 was donated and we can be sure the Troop Committee will put it to good use.

Scout Slogan: Do a good turn daily.

AMVETS POST #1111 NEWSLETTER
Published monthly for members
and those who support
American Veterans.
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With the coming of March comes the time of year to think about officers for this year. If you would like to be an officer of POST 1111 now is the time to contact Bob Radke, PROVOST MARSHALL and let him know your wishes. All are urged to run for office.

The applications for membership are available from any officer. Life membership is now \$180.00 which is still a good buy.

If there is a project you would like to see the post participate in let us know so it can be brought up and worked into the budget. If you missed out on the Boy Scout dinner last month you missed an outstanding presentation of old scout patches and scout manuals from days gone by, by Mel Harnett. Look forward to seeing you at our post meeting March 17th.

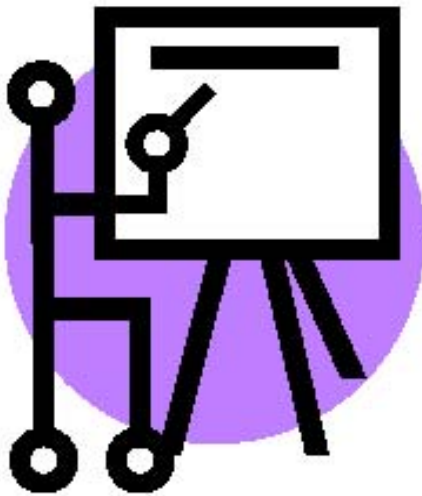
Larry Cunnington, 1st Vice ph. 525-1964
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Walla Walla VA Medical Center's



Veterans Consumer Benefits Fair



Benefits Fairs are being planned for ALL CBOCs too! Keep checking the Walla Walla VA website for dates to be posted:

<http://www.visn20.med.va.gov/walla-walla/>

Date: Friday, March 26, 2010

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Walla Walla VA
Medical Center
Theater (Bldg. 78)

@ All Veterans are invited to attend to the Spring Veterans Consumer Benefits Fair to be held at the Walla Walla VAMC:

**Friday, 3/26 (9 am – 4 pm)
in the Theater (Bldg. 78)**

VA personnel and Service Officers will be available to work with Veterans to assist in getting their needs met such as available benefits, services, and eligibility. This is a great opportunity for Veterans to get educational information and learn how to better negotiate the VA system.

If the schedule permits, a complimentary BBQ/ lunch will be provided to the Veterans from 11 am to 1 pm.

For more information, contact
Linda Wondra, Public Affairs Officer
(509) 525-5200, Ext. 22811

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 February 15th—President's Day**

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We are now in our **9th year** of providing the Downtown American flags on holidays.

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Faces

Shirley Irwin is recovering from a heart arrhythmia that gave us quite a scare on our fifty second wedding anniversary last month. She spent almost a week in CICU and made a trip to the Cardiologist Center in Spokane.

Our health care system is working just fine; thank you very much, and she is recovering very nicely on the treatment plans and medications prescribed by our fine doctors and medical staffs.

Submitted by Jim Irwin, who is also recovering.



Don't forget the Commissary Date:

March 26, 27, & 28, 2010

Walla Walla National Guard Armory

Colville & Poplar Streets

Walla Walla WA

Submitted by Don Schack

DD FORM 214 -- SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT

Please share this with anyone who's had active duty service between January 1957 to December 31, 2001 and planning for retirement. In a nutshell it boils down to this:

You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your Military service, for active duty any time from 1957 through 2001 (the program was done away with 1 January 2002). Up to \$1200 per year of earnings credit credited at time of application - which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement. You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it! Soc Sec website:

<http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>>

This is something to put in your files for when you apply for Social Security down the road.. It is NOT just for retirees, BUT anyone who has served on active duty between January 1957 to December 31, 2001. FYI - this benefit is not automatic, you must ask for it! We've all been on active duty between 1957 and 2001 or know someone who has. Passing on good information for all you military folks when you apply for social security. I know this may be too early for some of you to think about social security but, keep living and you will get there....

Submitted by Tom Vandenberg

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

Membership Meeting**March 17, 2010**

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner
7:00 pm regular meeting
Golden West Estates
Community room
1425 Jasper St
Walla Walla WA

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

**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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