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AMVETS

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



Veterans Serving Veterans and our Community

Walla Walla Balloon Stampede 2010

May 2010

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American Legion Auxiliary President visits Walla Walla during Annual Balloon Stampede

This picture of the National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, **Rita Navarret'e** (center wearing red coat) and her entourage, in front of the Wainwright Monument, at the Jonathan M. Wainwright Medical Center in Walla Walla WA. The picture was taken on May 6th, 2010, the anniversary of Jonathan Wainwright's capture by the Japanese in 1942. In addition to that, the person taking this picture, **Carl Schaefer** was celebrating his birthday on May 6th. Also, Carl works at **I23 Printing**, a big supporter of AMVETS, and is the person who printed this newsletter.



Memorial Day, Monday May 31, 2010 Services Schedule

9:00 AM	VA Chapel - Jonathan Wainwright VA Medical Center
10:00 AM	Blue Mountain Memorial Gardens
10:20 AM	Fort Walla Walla Cemetery
11:00 AM	Mountain View Cemetery
3:00 PM	Moment of Remembrance

[Click here for Countdown to the National Moment of Remembrance 3:00 PM May 31](#)



Post Commander

Once again our Annual AMVETS Post meeting is upon us and we will be electing new officers to serve our veterans and the community where they live. I appreciate the confidence of members who nominated me to fulfill the Post Commander duties over the past two years.

Years ago I became a member of AMVETS Post #1111 and since that time I have had the Continued honor of serving the post in several officer positions.

More importantly though; I continue to witness the commitment and dedication of our Post membership supporting a wide variety of community and local veteran support activities.

From our Downtown Flags program to representing AMVETS during VA Voluntary Service committee meetings, from our commitment and participation with the Wainwright Memorial improvement project to serving on the post Honor Guard, from supporting local Boy Scouts Troop 305 while they train our youth to become purposeful citizens in a democracy to providing scholarships to our local Veterans and donations to our local VA Medical Center the efforts of our Post have made a difference. I hope that all of you, like myself, will consider running for office and join those before us who consider it privilege to serve AMVETS Post #1111.

Steve Bird, Post Commander

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Published monthly for members and those who support American Veterans.
Officers of the Post

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1st Vice Commander

Now that May is Here Its time to elect officers for the upcoming year. Elected officers are Commander, 2 to 3 Vice Commanders, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate and Provost Marshal. Remember all Post members may run for any office. Voting will be at our Annual Meeting May 19th. Applications for membership are available from any officer.

Look forward to seeing you at our post meeting May 19th and don't forget Armed Forces Day the 15th and Memorial Day the 31st.

For those interested in attending the **AMVETS State Convention** at the **Red Lion in Pasco**; here is the Convention agenda:

Friday June 11th -	5:00 to 7:00 PM	Registration: Hotel Lobby
		Scheduled Meetings
	6:00 PM	Social Hour & Entertainment
Saturday June 12th	8:00 to 9:00 AM	Breakfast
	9:00 AM	Joint Meeting & Memorial Service
	10:00 AM	General Sessions
	12:00 to 1:00 PM	Lunch
	1:00 PM	General Sessions continue
	6:00 to 7:00 PM	Social Hour
	7:00 PM	Commander & Presidents Banquet
		Entertainment to follow



Larry Cunnington, Post 1st Vice.



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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The freedom and security that citizens of the United States enjoy today are direct results of the blood shed and continued vigilance given by the United States Armed Forces over the history of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices that such members of the United States Armed Forces and of the family members that support them, have preserved the liberties that have enriched this nation making it unique in the world community; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, in two thousand and four, passed a resolution proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month, calling all Americans to remember those who gave their lives in defense of freedom and to honor the men and women of all of our Armed Services who have served and are now serving our Country, together with their families; and

WHEREAS, the months of May and June were selected for this display of patriotism because during these months, we celebrate Victory in Europe (VE) Day, Military Spouse Day, Loyalty Day, Armed Forces Day/Week, National Day of Prayer, Memorial Day, Navy Day, Army Day and Flag Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Clark, Mayor of Walla Walla, do hereby proclaim the period May 1, through June 14, 2010 as a special time to show appreciation for our Military and proclaim it as:

NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

in Walla Walla and encourage all citizens to join me in showing our gratitude by the appropriate display of flags and ribbons during the designated period.




Mayor Barbara Clark



Faces

On April 15th, AMVETS Post 1111, Life Member, Larry Adams was the keynote speaker for the Tea Party Rally at the Walla Walla Walla Court House. His bio and speech follows:

LARRY G. ADAMS was raised in Kamiah and graduating Kamiah High School in 1958, Larry then attended Lewis and Clark State College and taught school in Milwaukee, Oregon before joining the Marine Corps in 1961. He received his officer's commission and wings at the U.S. Navy Flight School in Pensacola, Florida. Larry flew 880 combat missions during two combat tours in Vietnam, flying both helicopters and fixed wing aircraft.

He served four (4) years as a Presidential Pilot and White House Liaison Officer for The Executive Flight Detachment, Marine Helicopter Squadron One "Marine One" Larry spent a joint tour as a Strategic Intelligence Officer with the Commander In Chief, Pacific Airborne Command Post in Hawaii. His last tour of duty was as The Fleet Marine Officer in the Air Warfare Division for the U.S. Third Fleet at Pearl Harbor.

Larry holds FAA Commercial and Instrument Ratings, Has 5,000 plus flight hours in five types of fixed wing aircraft & seven types of helicopters. He has a degree in Aeronautics with an Aviation Management Major from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University} and has graduate work in Public Administration. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1982 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

He moved to Walla Walla as Airport Manager in 1990 from Pullman} where he was Manager at the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport. Larry retired in 2005 after 21 years in the Marine Corps and 18 ~ years as an Airport Manager. Larry & his wife Karen live in Walla Walla with two scruffy little dogs.

Some of the things I carry with me: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the Boy Scouts Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan, and a copy of the U.S. Flag Code and of course meaningful memories. One of those memories: When I was in the 3rd grade in Kamiah, Idaho, my teacher, Mrs. Tunnel asked all of us to come to school the next Monday and be prepared to tell everyone what our nationality was. We were studying about our nation and how everyone got here – Monday came and it was time – after hearing answers like, I am Irish, and my family came from Ireland, Germany, Italy and etc; Mrs. Tunnel would put a pin in the world map for each country mentioned. Finally it was my turn and I stood up straight, pushed my chest out and said, just like my dad said; I am a "Blue Bellied Yankee". By the time I got home that afternoon my mom had already heard about it and we didn't even have a telephone. My dad was more amused than my mother. One other thing I remember from that morning was Betty George who stood up and said "I am Nez Perce and I am from here. After everyone was finished, Betty raised her hand and said "I was here first"!



By the time I graduated from high school I had learned from my parents, teachers, coaches, and scouting – about honesty, integrity, responsibility, consequences, and gratitude. All necessary ingredients for being a good citizen, and after a few months in the Marine Corps, I added honor, courage, commitment, resolve, and sacrifice. All of which forged my deep feelings of patriotism. Patriotism has nothing to do with politics, thank goodness! Patriotism is a true emotion – it cannot be summoned!

As found in a quote by Henry Bunner;

"Off with your hat as the flag goes by and let your heart have its say,

You're man enough for a tear in your eye that you will not wipe away."

FACES

Over the years I have turned into somewhat of a rock hound.

The corner stones, stepping stones, and touch stones that help to define, support, and express my patriotism, love of liberty, freedom, and love of God and Country are:

My Corner Stones:

The Declaration of Independence (Which contains King George III's rap sheet).

The Constitution of the United States and its first ten amendments which make up the "Bill of Rights".

The 63 paragraphs of the "Magna Carta" written in 1215. Generally considered to be the inspiration for which later documents were based, especially the Declaration of Independence, 561 years later.

My Stepping Stones:

The emancipation Proclamation, which set in motion the abolishment of slavery via the 13th amendment.

The 19th amendment which gave the women the right to vote.

My Touch Stones:

The Pledge of Allegiance

The Star Spangled Banner

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

My Faith

And of course, The Marine Corps Hymn

It appears of late, that for some people the Constitution guarantees; life, Liberty, and the pursuit of loopholes. Patriotism is the "Duct Tape" of freedom. We can and must use it to take care of those "loopholes and loop-holders". I cherish being free and all that freedom brings, "I am a Patriot". The following thoughts are gleaned from the American Patriot's Almanac by William Bennet, sprinkled with some personal editing.

Patriotism means "Love of country.

Patriotism involves all kinds of ties and attachments.

It is where we live, our family and friends live

It is the common language

The history we share

The government we elect

The schools and sports teams we cheer

Patriotism doesn't mean being obnoxious.

Patriotism doesn't mean blind loyalty.

Patriotism brings obligations,

Perhaps the reason we are here today.

Patriotism means sometimes putting National Interest above self.

At the end of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 - a Philadelphia lady asked Benjamin Franklin "well doctor; what have we got - a republic or a monarchy"? Franklin replied "a Republic, if you can keep it. It takes a nation of patriots to keep a Republic. The United States, with all its might isn't likely to be conquered from the outside any time soon. If America loses its luster, the dimming will come from within.



Without patriotism there cannot be a United States! Wave that flag – Thank You – God Bless America!

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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

- 13 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
- 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

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

May 15th Armed Forces Day

May 31st Memorial Day

Membership Meeting May 19, 2010

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner

7:00 pm regular meeting

Election of Officers for 2010-2011

Golden West Estates Community room

1425 Jasper St Walla Walla WA

**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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AMVETS POST #1111 Meeting Wednesday May 19, 2010

6:00 PM Pot luck Dinner

6:30 PM Program by Jacob Radke

7:00 PM Annual Membership Meeting

Agenda will include Nominations of Officers

For Election of Officers for 2010—2011



AMVETS Post #1111 Activities for May & June

Armed Forces Day— May 15th—Walla Walla Downtown Flags

Memorial Day—May 31st—Walla Walla Downtown Flags

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—Senior Center at the Park

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