

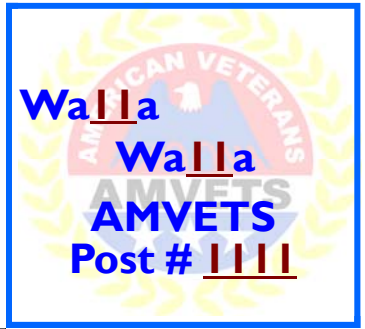
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Veterans Serving Veterans and our Community

October 2010



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New Trailer for Downtown Flags

Post #1111 is about to enter it's tenth year of providing the American Flag display in Downtown Walla Walla on holidays, special recognition days, and special events.

This year we have added additional flags with more planned in the future and replaced the small 10 ft. trailer with a larger 16 ft. tandem axle trailer. With this larger model we will be able to store more flags and equipment and will no longer need a storage unit.

The new (previously owned) trailer was put into service on Labor Day this year.

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This is the proposed design for the new trailer but has not been finalized yet.

AMERICAN VETERANS—AMVETS

A leader since 1944 in preserving the freedoms secured by America's Armed Forces, AMVETS provides, not only support for veterans and the active military in procuring their earned entitlements, but also community services that enhance the quality of life for this nation's citizens www.amvets-wallawalla.org amvets@amvets.org 1-877-7AMVETS

Post Commander

Thank You to all AMVETS who supported in one way or another, a Veteran or community cause in September. A notable bit of volunteer effort was accomplished in support of our community events and National Holidays. As a Nation and we honored all who lost their lives on 9-11-01 and those who's lives have been impacted since, we honored our POWs and those MIA whose stories have yet to be told. The Ceremony AMVETS supported at the VA Medical Center was well attended and we should be very appreciative of the Medical Centers effort this year.

Now it's on to October and Columbus Day, November and Veterans Day and December and the Holidays. Of course we will be having an entry (possibly two) in the Veterans Day Parade. The Post's new Flag Trailer may be ready with bigger signage and patriotic décor. And the Flag Float may make another encore appearance after its award winning appearance at the September 4th Fair Parade!

The Post will begin planning for our Holiday Dinner and some of the initial opportunities presented to us, I think, will result in an outstanding Dinner event this year. More to follow....

Finally I would like to thank the post membership who in August took time to fulfill one of AMVETS Aims and Purposes, *"To cooperate with all duly recognized existing veterans organizations in furtherance of the aims of the veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States thereafter."* At the meeting the post voted to once again join efforts with the VFW, American Legion and Combat Veterans International to support and assist in the Red Cross Turkey Trot to be held November 25, 2010. (Check out the logo below designed just for this event). Always feels good when we can participate with other Veteran Organizations of Walla Walla to align our efforts and fulfill our motto; Veterans serving Veterans and Our Community!

Steve Bird , Post Commander



1st Vice Commander

October already and it still feels like July, but hold on the Halloween pumpkin will soon be on your porch and the little ghost and goblins eating there way into your hearts and pocket books, lets not forget our ghost and goblins out serving our country and send them a hardy thank you for all there hard work for they make it possible for us to enjoy these holidays with our friends and family's.

It is time to think about our Christmas (Holiday dinner) please have some ideas of what you would like and where you would like to have it, at our next meeting.

Your Post was well represented at the POW/MIA ceremony at the VA and I was proud to represent you along with Commander Bird and State Commander Schack. If you were not able to attend you missed out on a heart felt and meaningful event. Remember our vets and encourage them to become members and help us serve "veterans and our community".

Hope to see each and every one of you at our next post meeting.

Larry Cunnington 1st Vice Commander Ph 525-1964 cell520-5372

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Downtown Walla Walla American Flags

American Flags fly in downtown Walla Walla on National Holidays and special occasions to show our patriotism and pride in our country. Flag Day, June 14, 2010 marked the beginning of our 9th year of posting 125 flags on Main & Alder Streets on holidays and other special days or events. Seven years ago we added a 70' flag pole with a 15' X 25' flag at the Land Title Plaza, 1st & Main Streets, dedicated to all veterans. This flag has been regularly cleaned, repaired and replaced as needed in keeping with our beautiful award winning Downtown Walla Walla.

Many individuals and businesses have enthusiastically supported our projects with contributions from \$10.00 to a \$1000.00 and many with in-kind contributions.. You are invited to join with them in this Patriots Club at any of the following levels:

Annual contributions accumulate to advance to a higher sponsor level.

- \$1000.00+ Commander-in-Chief**
- \$750.00+ Chief of Staff**
- \$500.00+ 5 Star General**
- \$400.00+ General Wainwright**
- \$300.00+ Lieutenant General**
- \$200.00+ Major General**
- \$100.00+ Brigadier General**
- \$1.00 + Patriot Sponsor**



Each sponsor's name will be listed in our display ads in the newspapers and in the post newsletter, and Web site, highlighting their level of sponsorship.

Flags are flown on National Holidays and special events as requested, such as "Fourth of July in the Park", "Wheelin Weekend" and special parades. Flags are repaired and replaced as needed. We also have portable flag stands that will allow us to fly up to 30 flags at other locations for special events when requested.

Please make donations payable to: AMVETS Post #1111, and Mail to: PO Box 2535, Walla Walla WA 99362. We are a 501-C-19 non-profit corporation. Proceeds will be used for maintaining, replacing and expanding the flag program, and for supporting veteran and youth activities in the community.

Yours for America,

AMVETS Post #1111 of Walla Walla

We Salute These Walla Walla American Flag Sponsors for their Support and Patriotism-Please Support our Sponsors

2010 Contributors are shown in red

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2nd Vice Commander Jacob Radke presents a \$75.00 Savings Bond to Conner Rodriguez for his winning entry in AMVETS Americanism Essay Contest.

2nd Vice Commander presents a \$75.00 Savings Bond to Reilly Roach also the AMVETS Washington Department's 9th Grade Winner. Eastern WA Div. Commander, Steve Bird, attended the event.



Daniel Taggart and his parent's, Doug & Dana, have been big supporters of the Downtown American Flag program since it's beginning almost ten years ago. We are extremely proud of Daniel's accomplishments and his unwavering display of patriotism. We wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

*Please join us for the
EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR
for
Daniel Phillip Taggart*

*Saturday, October 9, 2010
2:00 p.m.*

*First Congregational Church
Fellowship Hall
73 South Palouse Street
Walla Walla, WA 99362*

(Parking is in the rear of the building)

*Refreshments will be served following
the ceremony.*

*If you have questions, please call Doug or Dana
at (509) 522-2238 or email us
thetaggarts@charter.net*

This is a reprint of an article we ran a few years ago in this newsletter. This appears to be a good time to use it again along with pictures submitted by our own artist/sculptor, Roger McGee.

Wilfred E Billey - WWII Veteran - Navajo Code Talker

In 1942 the Imperial Japanese Forces in the Pacific had broken all codes used by the Allied Pacific Command. Then came the Navajo Code Talkers that baffled the Japanese with their strange messages. The unique languages of the Navajo Nation provided a secure communication link during the island fighting of WWII.

The Marine Corps recruited 200 Navajos from their high schools. One of those recruited was Wilfred Billey, who served as a radioman from 1943 until his discharge in 1946. He was with the 2nd Marine Division during the battles of Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa.

Wilfred was born and raised on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. When he was six years old, his grandfather enrolled him in a Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school where he learned to speak English. He then attended public school until the 8th grade and attended the Navajo Methodist Mission High School in Farmington, New Mexico where he was recruited by the Marine Corps.

After the war, Wilfred returned to the Navajo Reservation, then in June 1946 he enrolled at Wheaton College in Illinois to complete his high school requirements and begin college. He received his bachelors and masters degrees at New Mexico Highlands University and continued taking college courses at other colleges in New Mexico and the University of Wyoming.

Wilfred was now known as Mr. Billey and he spent the next 40 years as a teacher, a high school counselor, and a high school principal. He continued working with schools until his retirement in 1990.

He is an active member of the Navajo Code Talkers Association and while on tour in Walla Walla he was recruited as a member of AMVETS Post #1111 and has since become a Life Member. We are very proud to count him as one of ours. He is also a member of the Marine Corps League and the American Legion.

John McCain and Wilfred Billey

Editor's note: I wonder if Mr. Billey had anything to do with this artist and this monument. Hopefully, we will find out.



Photo submitted by
Roger McGee

WINDOW ROCK, AZ - Cowboy Artists of America member Oreland Joe was commissioned by the Navajo Code Talkers Memorial Foundation to create a 9-foot-high memorial, a larger-than-life sculpture of a Navajo Code Talker rendered in bronze. Joe's high school principal was a Code Talker, and was instrumental in encouraging Joe to study art.

POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony held at Walla Walla's Wainwright VAMC 9/17/2020



Washington State AMVETS Commander, **Don Schack** is Keynote speaker at POW Recognition event



Photos are courtesy of Linda Wondra, Event Coordinator for VAMC



Post #1111 1st Vice Cmdr. **Larry Cunnington** Presents American Flag at POW Table



Jim Bogart of Pasco WA, (Bataan Death March Survivor) attends event along with several other local former Prisoners of War.



Don Schack is also Chaplain of Post #1111 and wears many hats in Veteran's activities



**Post #1111 Current Membership 96
Annual Members 21 / Life 75**

Annual Dues: \$36.00 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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Calendar

October 2010

9 Italian Heritage Day - WW Court House
11 Columbus Day (Downtown Flags)
13 U.S. Navy (1775)
20 AMVETS meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm

November 2010

2 Election Day
10 U.S. Marine Corps (1775)
11 Veteran's Day (Downtown Flags)
17 AMVETS meeting—Pot luck dinner 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
15 AMVETS Christmas Dinner (info pending)
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

25th Anniversary - Italian Heritage Day

Ceremony to be held at the
Walla Walla County Court House
October 9, 2010 9:00 AM
AMVETS Post #1111 will be there
to raise the flag.

Veterans Association of Walla Walla University

Flag pole raising/dedication will be at
4:00 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

The location is 21 SW 1st St in College Place
Just west of the Shell station on College Ave.

Public invited - AMVETS will be there!

Downtown Flags will fly on the following Holidays

Oct 11 Columbus Day
Nov 11 Veteran's Day
Nov 25 Thanksgiving Day
Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day

Membership Meeting October 20, 2010

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