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Statue Dedication 1996
Walla Walla WA

AMVETS

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Post # 1111
Walla Walla, Washington
Chartered in the year 2000



Veterans Serving Veterans and our Community

August 2010



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July was a busy month for AMVETS Post Eleven-Eleven

Little flags were given to the kids at the park on the 4th of July and at the Walla Walla Sweet Onion Festival and flag lapel pins were a big hit at both events for a one dollar donation.

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Notice

**August Meeting Moved to:
Park Plaza
1400 Dalles Military Road
Dinner & Program will be
Hosted by Park Plaza Staff
Dinner served at 5:30 PM
Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM**

Notice

**Special Event
Freedom Rings
Veterans Event
Park Plaza
12:30 PM
August 29th
RSVP 525-6513**

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

Boom! Bang! And July is done. It was a busy month for AMVETS as the Post once again stepped up to both post and retire the colors during the July 4th in the Park event. Our booth was set up and AMVET members were busy all day passing out flags and accepting donations for flag pins. We AMVETS also was honored to dedicate a special flag flown over our capital at Borleske Stadium. The flag was provided by Cathy McMorris-Rodgers. Of note the flag pole, adorned with an eagle finial at its top, was erected in 1979 and dedicated in memory of Veterans of all wars by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 992 and the American Legion Walter C. Lee Post # 32.



Oh, and the Sweet Onion Festival! What a great success again with our booth set up, free flags for the kids and donations for flag pins. The members on hand also came up with a new strategy to place our flags down the center of the street for the festival. The new approach made for quite an improved show of patriotism.

September will also be a busy month for our post beginning on the 4th with downtown flags and our flag display for the SE Washington Fair Parade, downtown flags on Labor Day the 6th, Patriot day on Saturday the 11th and POW/MIA day on Friday the 17th.

As I have said before in our community what we have done together this last year mattered and AMVETS members and supporters are recognized as true leaders in serving local veterans and our community. This year we are making a difference and it matters! Put an AMVETS hat on find a veteran cause you can support and join us. Thank You! Steve Bird



1st Vice Commander

August news : Summer is about over, school getting ready to start and the rest of us getting back to the everyday grind. For some of us that means back to work and other not much will change. With August comes the fair and the car show on main street, hope you find time to take them in and a little time to help with the flag program if you have not been able to help in the past, come on down, you don't know how much fun you've been missing. On August 29th at 12:30

Park Plaza has invited veterans to a "Freedom Rings Veterans Event". Patriotic Music; Please RSVP 525-6513.

I would like to thank Larry Werst and his crew for their help at getting the vets at the VA to the Sweets ball game. I think there were 30 from the VA, around 145 vets altogether.

If you know a vet that's not a member of our post, please invite them to come to a post meeting and try us out. We have Application on hand and ready to go. REMEMBER LIFE Membership is the way to go only \$180.00 however in 2011 it go's to \$200.00 so now is the time to change over.

Hope to see all of you at our post meeting on the 18th at 5:30 pm at Park Plaza Retirement. Post Executive Committee Meeting to follow the post meeting if needed.

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AMVETS POST #1111 NEWSLETTER	
Published monthly for members and those who support American Veterans.	
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AMVETS Post #1111 has submitted our nomination of the Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla for the “Employer of the Year Award” to AMVETS National. We think the following mission statement and list of awards and tasks accomplished meet and exceed the criteria for this award.

Submitted by Steve Bird

Mission Statement of the Washington State Penitentiary Veterans Committee
Providing recognition, support and encouragement to our military personnel
and their families who have defended our country both at home and on foreign soil.

The Washington State Penitentiary Leadership in 2004 supported the development of the Veterans Committee. Employees and leadership shared a commitment for an organized group to support active guard and reserve staff members and their families. The committee also took on the task of identifying its' staff members who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States. As of this date they have served 318 veterans. Each year on Veterans Day to show tribute of their service each employee veteran is provided a special lapel pin for in a show of appreciation for their service and their names and branch of service are publicized throughout the Penitentiary.

In December of 2008 the committee with the support of the Penitentiary collected, packed and shipped 85 care packages that were sent to 20 WSP staff members serving in the combat zone overseas.

In 2009 the Veterans committee processed and sent 65 care packages to their 12 deployed staff members. Wanting also to take care of their deployed staff families during the holiday seasons members of the Veterans Committee along “Santa” the Penitentiary Superintendent and Associate Superintendent visited the deployed staff families in their homes passing out gifts and taking photos to send to staff overseas.

The Veterans Committee has also helped the families of deployed staff move, put in underground sprinklers, a new lawn and many other small projects.

The committee has organized and coordinated with leadership five “Welcome Home” ceremonies for its' returning Military members. From 2004 welcoming home staff members of the Washington Army and Air National Guard, Oregon Army National Guard, US Army Reserves and the United States Marine Corps. These ceremonies were filled with awards from elected dignitaries, personal and family recognitions and a very special video.

In recognition of their efforts the Penitentiary has received multiple recognitions from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) as follows;

The “Above and Beyond Award” which is given in limited numbers by state and territory ESGR committees, The “Pro Patria Award” which is presented annually by each ESGR Committee to the one employer in the state or territory who has provided the most exceptional support of our national defense through leadership practices and personnel policies, and the “Patriot Award” for outstanding employer support of military members. Further members of the committee are supported in their efforts to provide one-on-one assistance through the services of the facility staff counselor.

On May 14th 2009 the WSP was the first corrections facility in the State to dedicate and fly prominently the POW flag. The Leadership along with the Veterans Committee invited the Local AMVETS Post 1111 to help honor the dedication by having one of our post's POW's and Bataan Death March survivor present the flag.

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

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American Flags fly at the Walla Walla Sweet Onion Festival in Downtown Walla Walla in July



American Flags Fly in Pioneer Park on the 4th of July - Posted by AMVETS Post #1111



Post #1111 had the honor of raising a new flag, that had flown over the Nation's Capital, at Borleske Ball Park preceding the Walla Walla Sweets baseball game on July 4th



2010 OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO VETERANS AWARD NOMINATION

This is an equal opportunity award open to all who meet the criteria. Nominations may be submitted by any person, organization, or institution on the attached form.

Nominee's Information:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Date of Entry into Military Service: _____ Date of Discharge: _____

Type of Discharge: _____ Branch of Service: _____

Person/Organization submitting nomination (if more than one, list on back)

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

The nominee will be judged in one of the following categories.

Please check the box next to the category that you want the nominee to be considered for.

- Outstanding Veteran Volunteer for service to veterans.
- Outstanding Volunteer Service Officer for service to veterans.
- Outstanding Service Officer for service to veterans.
- Outstanding Employee for service to veterans.
- Outstanding Male Non-Veteran for service to veterans.
- Outstanding Female Non-Veteran for service to veterans.
- Outstanding Patriotic Service Award

**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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Welcome Aboard New Member

Art Coulombe of Walla Walla

Calendar

August 2010

4 US Coast Guard (1790)
14 Japan Surrenders (1945)
18 **AMVETS** meeting at Park Plaza Dinner at 5:30 pm
23 Jonathan Wainwright born Fort Walla Walla (1883)
29 **Park Plaza** Freedom Rings Veterans Event 12:30 p

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)

October 2010

11 **Columbus Day (Downtown Flags)**
13 U.S. Navy (1775)
20 **AMVETS** meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm

November 2010

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
25 **Christmas**

**Veteran grave markers available from
Department of Veterans affairs**

The Department of Veterans Affairs is making available a new medallion to be affixed to an existing privately purchased headstone or marker to signify the deceased's status as a veteran. If requested, the medallion will be furnished in lieu of a traditional Government headstone or marker for veterans that died on or after November 1, 1990, and whose grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.

<http://www.cem.va.gov/hm/hmtype.asp>

Downtown Flags will fly on the following Holidays

Sept 4 Fair & Frontier Days Parade
Sept 6 Labor Day
Sept 11 Patriot Day
Sept 17 POW/MIA

Membership Meeting August 18, 2010

Dinner 5:30 PM
Park Plaza Retirement
1400 Dalles Military Rd
Dinner & Program by
Park Plaza Staff
Meeting at 7:00 PM