



American Veterans Jonathan M Wainwright Post Eleven-Eleven Walla Walla WA

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April 2012

APRIL IS AMVETS

"Because We Care Month"

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AMVETS volunteers provide over 220,000 hours of service annually at VA Medical Centers all across the country. Based on the Independent Sector formula for calculating the value of volunteer hours, AMVETS has provided over \$3,800,000 worth of services to the government in helping to provide quality care for our nation's heroes.

Commander, Larry Cunnington, of AMVETS local Post # 1111 said "Because We Care, is our way of saying Thanks to our veterans for their service and sacrifices made to keep this country free".

Plans for this year is to purchase a large screen television for our veterans at the Jonathan M. Wainwright VA Memorial Medical Center. See page 2 for more information.

Please attend the April 18th meeting and help make this happen.

Anyone, not just veterans, may volunteer at VA Medical Centers. Just call their voluntary service office at 509-525-5200 or 888-687-8863, ext. 26285.

AMVETS Post #1111 also conducts local community programs such as; Walla Walla's Downtown Flags on holidays, provide scholarship funds for veterans attending Walla Walla Community College, and support for many other local events.

AMERICAN VETERANS (AMVETS)

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Post Commander

At the last Post Meeting a proposal was brought up for the AMVETS to consider purchasing a large flat screen TV for the Veteran's Hospital to be used by OUR VETERANS. This is to replace an outdated one and will go into the new facility.

With the fifty-fifty program we can receive from the American Veterans Association; this would be a great way for us to support our veterans. At this point in time we can well afford it without dipping into our reserves, and continue fulfilling our commitment to help our Veterans as well as our committees. Please see the Proposal as proposed by Steve Bird in this Newsletter

As a foot note; I would like to thank everyone who has stepped forward and supported the Downtown Flag Program, for without your continued support we could not make this happen, THANKS TO ONE AND ALL for your generosity.

Our next Post Meeting will be April 18th. Hope to see all of you there.

Larry Cunnington, Post Commander

AMVETS National Service Foundation promotes a program that provides Posts the opportunity to seek matching funds for worthy projects in support of the VA Medical Centers through the VAVS Program. During the March 2012 meeting we received a request from the VA to help support the Residential Program at the VA by replacing their aging rear projection TV for the common area. The cost of an 80 Inch LED TV is approximately \$4000.00. This discussion led to a request to describe the project and program in the newsletter and discuss further at the April 2012 Post Meeting.

Guidelines for Matching Funds

Through funding provided by the AMVETS National Service Foundation, AMVETS offers up to (50%) matching funds for projects, which cost between \$1,000 and \$5,000. VAVS projects may be sponsored at VA Medical Centers, State Veterans Homes, VA or VA Contract Nursing Homes, or State Orphans Homes. The AMVETS National Service Foundation Board of Trustees considers each project on its own merit, with recommendations from the AMVETS National VAVS Representative. All projects are subject to available funding.

Our obligation to initiate the request for matching funds requires an application be completed and certification of the cost of the TV and that the Post has placed in escrow \$2000. If approved the post would then and only then be obligated to purchase the TV and provide a receipt to the National Service Foundation for reimbursement.

This AMVETS program is a great opportunity to continue to show our support to our local VA! I look forward to discussing this opportunity at the next meeting April 18, 2011. Steve Bird, Immediate Past Commander

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Calendar for 2012	<u>Membership Meeting</u>
<u>April</u> 8 Easter 19 Patriots Day (1775) 18 AMVETS Meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm	April 18, 2011 Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 PM Meeting 7:00 PM Golden West Estates Community room 1425 Jasper St Walla Walla WA
<u>May</u> 16 AMVETS Meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm 19 Armed Forces Day (Downtown Flags) 28 Memorial Day (Downtown Flags)	
<u>June</u> 14 Flag Day(Downtown Flags) 15 –16 State Convention at Pacific Beach WA 20 AMVETS Meeting—Annual Picnic????	
<u>July</u> 4 Independence Day (Downtown Flags) 18 AMVETS Meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm	
<u>August</u> 6 AMVETS 68th National Convention in Florida 15 AMVETS Meeting	<u>Downtown Flags will fly on these Holidays</u> Armed Forces Day - May 19th Memorial Day - May 28th Flag Day - June 14th Independence Day - July 4th
<u>September</u> 1 Fair Parade (Downtown Flags) 3 Labor Day (Downtown Flags) 11 Patriot Day (Downtown Flags) 19 AMVETS Meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm	