



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

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February 2012

February is Boy Scout Month

Each year at this time the AMVETS Post #1111 invites the scouts of Troop #305 to a spaghetti dinner on our regular meeting night. This year the dinner will be served on Wednesday the 15th. All Troop 305 Scouts and their families are invited. Post members are encouraged to turn out to thank the scouts for all their help with the downtown flags throughout the year.



Pictured here in a previous year is AMVETS Washington State Commander, **Don Schack** serving a very large helping of spaghetti to Eagle Scout, **Daniel Taggart**.

The two Scout Masters at the far end of the line are **Dave Seymour** and **Doug Taggart**.

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Post Commander

February is here, a month of which we honor not only the Boy Scouts but our past United States Presidents.

Boy Scouts of America was incorporated February 8, 1910 and applied for a congressional charter. The Rockefeller foundation and W.D Boyce withdrew it after many delays. Around this time a rival newspaper man, William Randolph Hearst, formed American Boy Scouts (ABS) and it lasted into 1918 when the YMCA and Boyce challenged the cause. For more information see: Scouting comes to the United States.

Our annual Boy Scout recognition Dinner is February 15th.

Presidents' Day, originally known as Washington's Birthday, falls on the third Monday of February. This year Presidents' Day falls on February 20th. It's a day when Americans honor the legacies of all U.S. Presidents.

Hope to see you all on February 15th. Post meeting and Spaghetti dinner is at 6pm.

Larry Cunnington Post Commander

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The Vietnam War marked a difficult and tumultuous time in our history. Many returning service members didn't receive the honorable and appreciative "welcome home" they deserved. Now is the time to recognize and remember their service, honor, and sacrifice. The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the

Vietnam War. To accomplish that, the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration was established to honor and pay tribute to Vietnam Veterans and their families. This will consist of a series of [national and regional events](#); a [Commemorative Partner Program](#) to assist states and engage local communities and organizations to broaden the scope and reach of our activities; [Educational Outreach](#) such as traveling museums, regional exhibits, symposia, posters, graphic novels, maps, and other reference materials; an interactive web site to provide a central and easily accessible source of [historical information](#), program content and activities via a [master calendar](#); and a [fundraising and sponsorship program](#).

We encourage all interested parties to join us in honoring the service and sacrifice of our veterans, their families and our allies.

For more information: <http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/>

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Welcome aboard New Members
Shalee Potts of Milton Freewater
Mark Counsel of Walla Walla
Roger Dillon of Walla Walla

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 be the form of a DD-214, an honorable discharge certificate or other appropriate document.

Calendar for 2012		<u>Membership Meeting</u> February 15, 2011 Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 PM In honor of Boy Scouts Golden West Estates Community room 1425 Jasper St Walla Walla WA
<p><u>February</u> 8 Boy Scouts of America (1910) 17 AMVETS Meeting - Spaghetti Dinner 6 PM 20 Presidents Day (Downtown Flags)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February Birthdays</u> Happy Birthday to these post members 1 - August Radke 2 - John Waterbrook 4 - Howard Short 5 - Lyle Kindelspire 6 - Carl Nuthak 10 - Eileen Bow 22 - Mel Blue 27 - Roy Smith 28 - Royce Tollman</p>	
<p><u>March</u> 12 Girl Scouts of America (1912) 21 AMVETS Meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm</p>		
<p><u>April</u> 8 Easter 19 Patriots Day (1775) 18 AMVETS Meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Downtown Flags will fly on these Holidays</u> President's Day Feb. 20th Armed Forces Day - May 19th Memorial Day - May 28th Flag Day - June 14th</p>	
<p><u>May</u> 16 AMVETS Meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm 19 Armed Forces Day (Downtown Flags) 28 Memorial Day (Downtown Flags)</p>		
<p><u>June</u> 14 Flag Day(Downtown Flags) 20 AMVETS Meeting—Annual Picnic????</p>		
<p><u>July</u> 4 Independence Day (Downtown Flags) 18 AMVETS Meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm</p>		

Walla Walla VA's Medical Foster Home Program – “Where Heroes Meet Angels”

(And Learn More about the Medical Foster Home Program
at Two Upcoming Information Seminars)



The Veterans in our lives and in our community are very important to us. As they age or their care becomes more complicated, families begin to look for other options to provide that quality of care rather than seeking out a nursing home. One option to consider is placing the Veteran in a Medical Foster Home (MFH), a new national program that is offered by VA.

What is a MFH Program you ask? This program gives Veterans the choice to receive long-term care in a familial, home setting. Nationwide, more than 700 Veterans have been successfully placed elsewhere in the country and reflects VA's goals to provide care to Veterans in the least restrictive setting possible and honor Veterans' preferences for venue of care.

The Walla Walla VA Medical Center (WWVA) now has an active MFH Program and is looking for caregivers in our community who would be willing to take a Veteran into their homes. These caregivers need to be within a 60 mile radius of Walla Walla who either own or rent their homes. Veterans are carefully matched with caregivers.

Medical foster homes provide Veterans with room, board, and personal care outside institutional settings, offering the warmth of relationships with the caregiver and his or her family, and the ability of the Veteran to remain part of the community. Caregivers are paid each month from the Veteran's funds to provide the required care and are approved for the program through a fairly extensive application process.

In almost all cases, medical foster homes are a lower-cost alternative to nursing home placement. Average rates may be from \$1500-\$3000 a month. The homes can have a maximum of 3 residents other than the caregivers. Another advantage to the program is access to VA's Home Based Primary Care services, including a primary provider, nurse, dietician, pharmacist, psychologist, social worker, physical therapist, and recreational specialist. The team members regularly visit the homes for patient care, caregiver education, and home assessment.

The WWVA will be offering two informational sessions for people interested in learning about becoming an approved MFH caregiver. Come visit with the MFH staff on either Tuesday, February 21st or Thursday February 23rd from 6:00 pm -7:00 pm in Building 135 on the VA Campus (off Poplar St, across from the Children's Museum).

For Veterans or their family members interested in Medical Foster Home Program, please contact Jill Juers, Coordinator, at 509-525-5200 extension 26459, or email Jill at jill.juers@va.gov.