



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

Chartered in the year 2000



January 2012

**Hello 2012
Good Bye 2011
It was a very
good year for
AMVETS
Post 1111**

Top right - Preparing flag float for light parade in front of Whitman clock tower

Bottom left - Veterans' Day, Downtown flag crew with Scout Troop 305, behind the old Jail.

Bottom Right - Walla Walla Fair parade, WWII Jeep driven by Commander, Larry Cunnington Eastern WA Commander, Steve Bird riding shotgun



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Post Commander

2012 Is here and we are off and running for another great year for our Post. First of all I would like to THANK all the supporters of the downtown Flag project for without your support we could not make this happen . A great and heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. With your support we can Keep Walla Walla one of the greatest sponsors of Americanism in this Nation; THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE THIS HAPPEN!!!

As we enter this new year I would like to thank all the post members who have been so generous with your time and support. With our Veterans heartfelt thanks. As we enter this new year may we face the challenges ahead of us with trust in others and the knowledge that we as AMVETS will lead the way to support our fellow veterans here and across the world. Finally; Have a great year. Hope to see you at our next Post meeting Jan 18, 2012

Larry Cunnington,
Post Commander
525-1964

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Colunga Family moves to the other Washington

Shayna Colunga was filling two positions in our post, that of 1st Vice Commander and Adjutant. Husband Pedro, still in the Army, has been transferred to Washington D.C.

The annual Post Christmas party, held at Jacobi's this year, also served as a going away party for the family just days before they left Walla Walla. The Colunga's have two children, Camrin and Juliet.

Shayna has been very active in the post while Pedro was serving in South Korea for the past year. She will be missed and as a token of our appreciation for her work in the post, a few members contributed to purchasing an AMVETS life membership for her.

We wish the Colunga family a Happy New Year and much success in their future endeavors. Hopefully they will choose to return to the "Friendliest Small Town in the USA" someday.

The Christmas party was another great success this year as usual, thanks to Norm Graybeal, Tiny Cunnington, and Shayna Colunga.

Also thanks to Jacobi's Restaurant for some excellent food and service.

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Post #1111 Current Membership 94

Annual Members 17 / Life 77

Annual Dues: \$34.00 per year

Life Member: \$225.00

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Calendar for 2012

January

1 New Years Day
 16 Martin Luther King Day (**Downtown Flags**)
 18 **AMVETS Meeting**—Pot luck dinner 6 pm

February

8 Boy Scouts of America (1910)
 17 **AMVETS Meeting** - Pot Luck 6 PM
 20 Presidents Day (**Downtown Flags**)

March

12 Girl Scouts of America (1912)
 21 **AMVETS Meeting**—Pot luck dinner 6 pm

April

8 Easter
 19 Patriots Day (1775)
 18 **AMVETS Meeting**—Pot luck dinner 6 pm

May

16 **AMVETS Meeting**—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
 19 Armed Forces Day (**Downtown Flags**)
 28 Memorial Day (**Downtown Flags**)

June

14 Flag Day(**Downtown Flags**)
 20 **AMVETS Meeting**—Christmas Dinner

Membership Meeting

January 18, 2011
Potluck Dinner 6:00 PM
Meeting 7:00 PM
Golden West Estates Community room
1425 Jasper St
Walla Walla WA

January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these post members
 1 - **Bob Chicken - Walla Walla WA**
 5 - **Clark Derdyn - Walla Walla WA**
 6 - **Larry Cunnington - Walla Walla WA**
 9 - **Bob Tinker - Milton Freewater OR**
 18 - **Esteban Rodriguez - College Place WA**
 20 - **Norm Graybeal - College Place WA**
 23 - **Alice Thomsen - College Place WA**
 29 - **Carl Selnes - Walla Walla WA**

Downtown Flags will fly on these Holidays

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 16th
Presidents' Day - February 20th
Armed Forces Day - May 19th
Memorial Day - May 28th
Flag Day - June 14th