



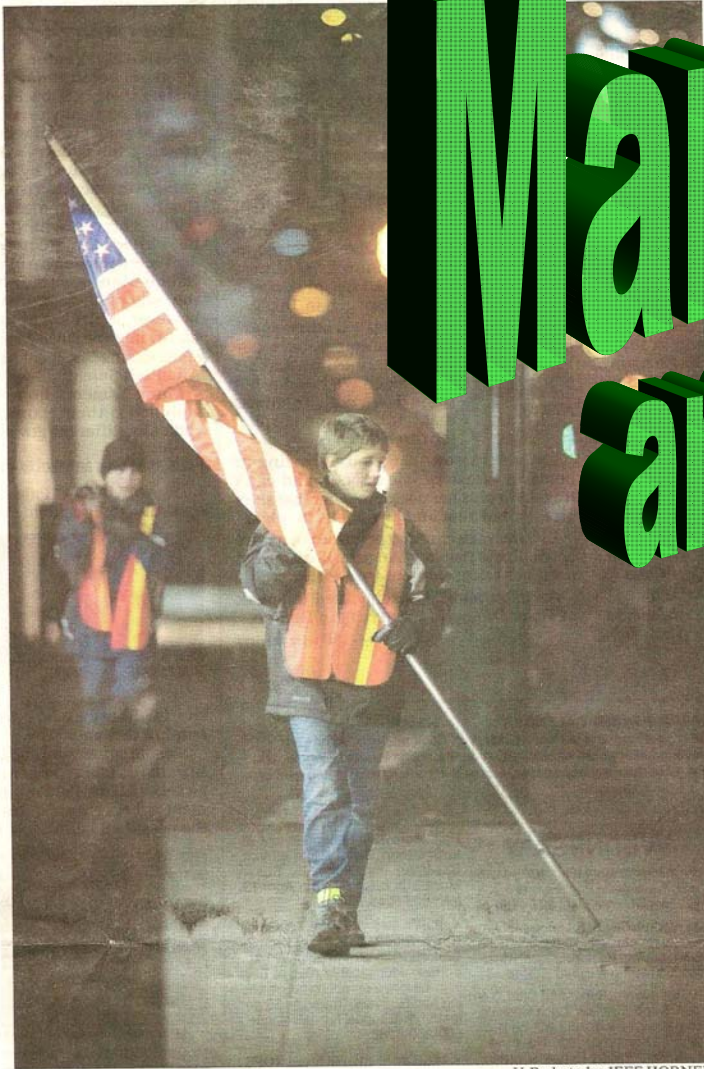
# American Veterans Jonathan M Wainwright Post Eleven-Eleven Walla Walla WA



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March 2012

BRINGING THE VALLEY HOME TO YOU S  
RED, WHITE AND BLUE JEANS



U-B photo by JEFF HORNER

Presidents Day was an American red, white and blue jeans morning for Andrew Feistner of Scout Troop 305, who braved the dark, just-above freezing morning shortly after 6 a.m. to place U.S. flags in their holders along downtown sidewalks. Doing the pre-dawn footwork while most of Walla Walla was home, warm and asleep, Feistner was joined by a handful of Scouts and Amvets volunteers in the traditional banner display to recognize patriotic holidays.

This photo of two of our Boy Scout helpers appeared on the front page of the Walla Walla Union Bulletin; we could do no less. Thank you Troop #305!!!

# March is here and Spring begins

- **St. Patricks Day** is March 17th.
- This is the month the **Star Spangled Banner** was made the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.
- The **Girl Scouts** of the USA was founded in 1912.
- The **U.S. VA** was made a Cabinet-level Dept. 1986.
- March 11th **Daylight Savings Time** begins.
- March 20th Winter ends and **Spring** begins!!!
- There are no holidays in March that will require the Downtown flags to fly but we have started our annual fundraiser for the project and the response has been very gratifying; Thank you Walla Walla!!!
- Speaking of flags; this would be a good time to check your own flag for wear and tear from the harsh winter weather and the wild spring winds.
- Flags can be washed and repaired and re-hung if they are not too faded.
- The big flag at First and Main has been washed and repaired twice since last summer and a brand new flag is ready to fly on Flag Day, June 14th this year.

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### Post Commander

March is a month in which we do not have any flags to put out however there is some upkeep work that needs to be done, if anyone would like to lend a hand please let me know.

March is also the time to start thinking if you would like to become an Officer of your post. Remember each and every one is eligible to become an officer just let the provost Marshal or any member of his committee know of your wishes. The vote will be taken at the May meeting and installation will be conducted that evening. If anyone has a question about the duties of the office you would like to run for, please contact myself or any Post officer we are all here to help and encourage and give you a helping hand.

At February's Meeting we honored Scout Troop #305 for their work and support of the downtown flag project and presented them with a \$250.00 check to help support them in their projects.

As always hope to see you at our Post meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope to have Mark Small at the meeting to present his Walla Walla Valley Flights for Vets program.

Larry Cunningham Post Commander 525-1964 5205372 [cunnington@charter.net](mailto:cunnington@charter.net)

## National Medal of Honor Day

The U.S. Congress has designated **March 25th** as the National Medal of Honor Day, a day dedicated to Medal of Honor recipients.



The Medal of Honor is the highest military decoration awarded by the United States government. It is bestowed by the President in the name of Congress on members of the United States Armed Forces who distinguished themselves through "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his or her life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States.

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<b>Calendar for 2012</b>		<b><u>Membership Meeting</u></b> <b>March 21, 2011</b> <b>Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 PM</b> <b>Meeting 7:00 PM</b> <b>Golden West Estates Community room</b> <b>1425 Jasper St</b> <b>Walla Walla WA</b>
<b><u>March</u></b> 12 Girl Scouts of America (1912) <b>21 AMVETS Meeting</b> —Pot luck dinner 6 pm	<b><u>March Birthdays</u></b> <b>Happy Birthday to these post members</b> <b>5 - Gene Bussiere</b> <b>7 - Vern Bosley</b> <b>24 - Ken Butler</b> <b>26 - Chris Bess</b> <b>29 - Mike Howell</b> <b>29 - Cal O'Dell</b> <b>30 - Shayna Colunga</b>	
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<b><u>June</u></b> <b>14 Flag Day(Downtown Flags)</b> <b>15 –16 State Convention at Pacific Beach WA</b> <b>20 AMVETS Meeting</b> —Annual Picnic????		
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