



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

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May 2012

May is Military Appreciation Month

National Military Appreciation Month, as designated by Congress, provides a period encompassing both the history and recognition of our armed services with an in-depth look at the diversity of its individuals and achievements. It allows Americans to educate each generation on the historical impact of our military through the participation of the community with those who serve encouraging patriotism and love for America. National Military Appreciation Month (May 2012) includes Silver Star Banner Day, Loyalty Day, VE Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day. This very important month honors, remembers, recognizes and appreciates all military personnel; those men and women who have served throughout our history and all who now serve in uniform and their families as well as those Americans who have given their lives in defense of our freedoms we all enjoy today.

1 May - Silver Star Banner Day

In 2006 Congress passed H.R.855 making Silver Star Service Banner Day on May 1 an Official Day to honor wounded, ill, and injured veterans. The Silver Star Families of America -- an organization formed to remember, honor and assist the wounded and ill veterans and active duty Armed Forces <http://www.silverstarfamilies.org>

1 May - Loyalty Day

It was made an official holiday by the U.S. Congress on July 18, 1958. Loyalty Day is on May 1 each year. It is a special day for people to reaffirm their loyalty to the United States and to recognize the heritage of American freedom.

8 May – V/E Day

Victory in Europe Day (V-E Day) commemorates the end of fighting in Europe during World War II.

11 May – Military Spouses Day

Military Spouses Day was created by President Ronald Reagan. In 1984 Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger established the Friday before Mother's Day as Military Spouses Day.

19 May – Armed Forces Day

Many Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day annually on the third Saturday of May. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve the United States' armed forces. Armed Forces Day is also *part of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May*. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense. Each of the military leagues and orders was asked to drop sponsorship of its specific service day in order to celebrate the newly announced Armed Forces Day. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day, too.

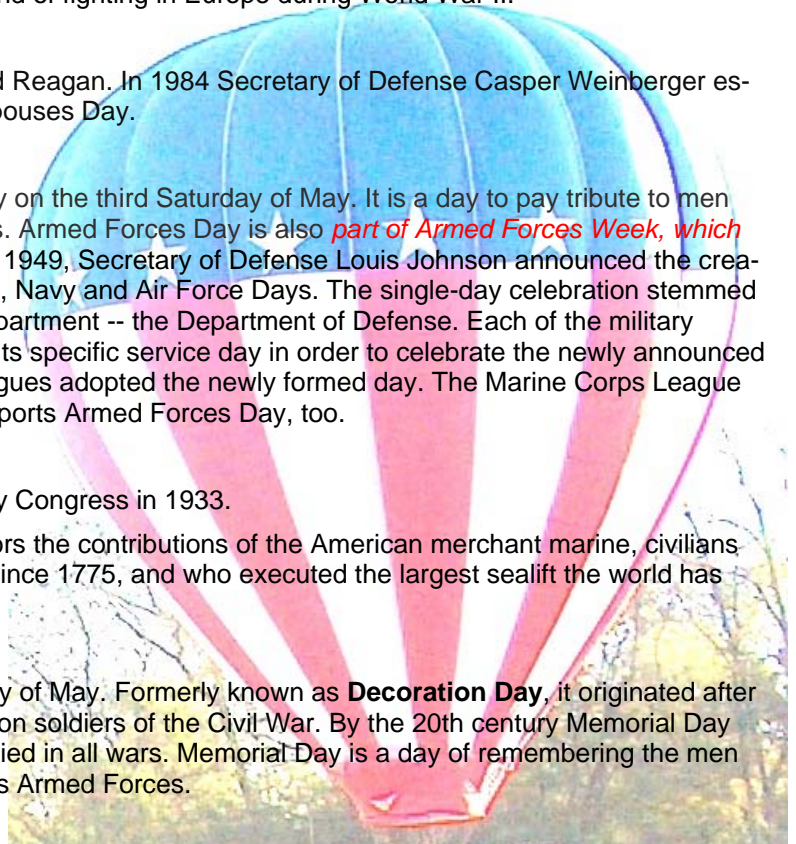
22 May – Maritime Day

May 22nd is National Maritime Day, first declared so by Congress in 1933.

Declared so by Congress in 1933, its observance honors the contributions of the American merchant marine, civilians who have defended the freedom of the United States since 1775, and who executed the largest sealift the world has ever known during World War II.

28 May – Memorial Day

Memorial Day is observed annually on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as **Decoration Day**, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the fallen Union soldiers of the Civil War. By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.





Post Commander

May is here and this month's Post meeting will be May 16 with potluck at 6 p.m. and the *post* meeting at 7 p.m. please plan to attend . It's your last chance to let Provost Marshall Bob Radke know of your desire to run for office. Elections will take place and the New Officers for next year will be Installed that evening.

Remember This is the last post meeting before our Picnic in June at Fort Walla Walla park section E, the last one on the right side of the road across from the Cemetery. Please bring a side dish, and a drink of your choice.

Steve Bird will let us know what he found out about the Television sets for the VA hospital. We can decide what sizes we would like to purchase.

May kicks off the Downtown Flags project for the summer. Armed Forces Day is on the 19th and Memorial Day is on the 28th.

Hope to see all of you at the Post meeting on the 16th. Don't forget our post meeting in June will be our Picnic.

Larry Cunningham, Post Commander cunnington@charter.net

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Post #1111 Election of officers for 2012—2013

Nominations

Commander ——Larry Cunningham

1st Vice commander——Steve Bird

2nd Vice Commander ——Norm Graybeal

Finance Officer—— Arnil Hoffarth

Adjutant ——RICHARD Bardsley

Judge Advocate.——

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1st Vice Commander

2nd Vice Commander

Norm Graybeal 522-0939

Finance Officer

Arnil Hoffarth 522-2175

Adjutant

Provost Marshall

Bob Radke Sr. 301-4861

Judge Advocate

Jim Harting 382-4874

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Post #1111 Current Membership 97
Annual Members 20 / Life 77
Annual Dues: \$34.00 per year
Life Member: \$225.00

Welcome aboard New Member

Dennis Wells 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

Membership Meeting

May 16, 2011

Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 PM

Meeting 7:00 PM

Golden West Estates Community room

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)

15 –16 State Convention at Pacific Beach WA

23 AMVETS Meeting—Annual Picnic instead of

July

4 Independence Day (Downtown Flags)

18 AMVETS Meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm

August

6 AMVETS 68th National Convention in Florida

15 AMVETS Meeting

September

1 Fair Parade (Downtown Flags)

3 Labor Day (Downtown Flags)

11 Patriot Day (Downtown Flags)

19 AMVETS Meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these post members

3 Shaylee Potts

8 Dale Shelton

14 Richard Demarest

14 Walt Blue

14 Gerald McBride

18 Daryl Schreiner

25 Lowell Ellingson

27 Donald Burris

27 Griff Killgrove

28 Leo Doyle

31 Ken Silver

Downtown Flags will fly on these Holidays

Armed Forces Day - May 19th

Memorial Day - May 28th

Flag Day - June 14th

Independence Day - July 4th