



American Veterans Jonathan M Wainwright Post #1111 Eleven-Eleven Walla Walla WA



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January 2015

The Annual Post 1111 Christmas Dinner was a great success! Special thanks to the Commander and his wife Tiny for all the door prizes and too Arnil for booking the caterer. Everyone had a great time and the food was very good.



The White Clover fundraising event on December 18-19, 2014 at Walmart in College Place was conducted with the help of Roy Martin, Ken Silver, Arnil Hoffarth, Steve Bird and Larry Cunnington. Please contact Larry Cunnington or Ken Silver if you can help out during the Memorial or Veteran Day events to be held in 2015.

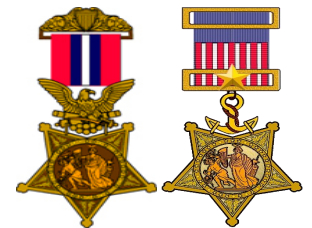
The annual Boy Scout Recognition "Spaghetti" Dinner will be held in the Senior Center dining room on Wednesday February 18th at 6:00PM.



Article regarding the Medal of Honor presented by 2nd Vice CMDR Philip Shivell continued...

At this time a few words are needed regarding the history of awarding medals in America. Several times before the Medal of Honor came to be medals were struck, but they were few and far between.

The first recorded award of medals dates back 257 years to the French and Indian War (1755-1763). Twenty "Kittanning Destroyed Medals" were given to members of the 2nd Battalion, Pennsylvania Regiment as led by Lt. Colonel Joh Armstrong. The Colonel, with 300 militia, attacked and burned a warring Delaware Indian village at Kittanning that was located about 40 miles northeast of modern day Pittsburg. In the process 18 provincials were killed an 13 wounded versus only nine Indians killed. The raid however, was celebrated as a victory and thus the medals. The second time medals were awarded was when the continental congress awarded the first American medal to General George Washington for his role in driving British forces from Boston in March 1776. (There was no U.S. Mint at the time, so the medal was crafted in Paris.) Medals also went to several other commanders, most notably General Horatio Gates for his victory at Saratoga in 1777 and Admiral Jon Paul Jones for his battle with the HMS Serapis in 1779. see MOH continued on page 2...



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Post Commander's Message

Here we are in the New Year. Here's wishing you all the best. As many of you know we held our first White Clover fundraising drive at Wal-Mart December 18/19 and it was a large success. We have two more planned for 2015, Memorial Day weekend May 24/25 and Veterans Day weekend November 10/11/12.

Larry Cunnington, Post Commander cunnington@charter.net Phone 525-1964 Cell 520-5372

1st Vice Commander's Message

Membership = 142 in good standing

Life Members = 80

Annual Members = 62

For new member referrals questions contact Steve Bird 1st Vice Commander: Stevebird@Charter.net or Phone: (509)386-5766

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Yet with only a few exceptions, there was no individual acts of heroism by the common soldier or sailor.

On September 23, 1780, three New York militiamen intercepted Major John Andre, a British spy, on his way to meet with a co-conspirator, Benedict Arnold. Andre's capture foiled a British plot to take the American post at West Point. On November 3 the Continental Congress, declaring that the actions of the three Americans had saved the country from "impending danger" ordered a silver medal struck and awarded to each man. The Andre medals were the first American instance of medals awarded to soldiers for individual actions, although the capture itself was not so much valorous as fortuitous.

Almost two years later, General Washington established the first formal system of rewarding individual gallantry. A directive designed to recognize "instances of unusual gallantry" was signed on August 7, 1782. Washington declared that "the road to glory in a citizen's army is thus open to all"; however, the records show that only three men received the Purple Heart. The award then fell into oblivion until 1932, when it was revived as an honor for those killed or wounded in combat. *More next month...*



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Day	Name	Day	Name
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5	Clark Derdeyn	23	Alice Thomsen
6	Larry Cunnington	25	Branden Maplethorp
12	James Harting		

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Quartermaster:

Call Larry @525-1964 Cell 520-5372

Events Calendar

January 2015

19th—Martin Luther King Day
21st—Boy Scout Recognition “Spaghetti” Dinner
(Post Meeting will be deferred)

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January 19, 2015—Martin Luther King day
February 16th, 2015—Presidents Day
May 16, 2015—Armed Forces Day
May 25, 2015—Memorial Day
June 14, 2015—Flag Day
July 4th—Independence Day
September 5, 2015 SE WA. Fair Parade
September 7, 2015—Labor Day
September 11—Patriots Day
September 18, 2015—POW/MIA Remembrance Day
October 12, 2015—Columbus Day
November 11th—Veterans Day
November 26, 2015—Thanksgiving Day
December 7—Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

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National Guard: December 13, 1636
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U.S. Navy: October 13, 1775 (Abolished Feb 1781 -
Reinstated 7 Sep 1781)
U.S. Marine Corps: November 10, 1775
U.S. Coast Guard: August 4, 1790
U.S. Air Force: September 18, 1947