



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



Chartered May 2, 2000

March 2015

**At the March meeting the nominating committee will be tasked to contact the Post membership establish slate of officers for the 2015 elections. The committee will be contacting members and seek nominations for all officer positions. If you want to participate on this committee or nominate a member for office, please contact Richard Bardsley, Provost Marshall.**

**The nominating committee will report on nominations at the April meeting and elections will be held during the May meeting. Nominations for all positions can be made at anytime prior to the election.**

**How about those Boy Scouts! The Post honored the local BSA Troop 305 on February 18th with a spaghetti feed in recognition of the scouts support for the Downtown Flag Program.**



Medal of Honor (MOH) series presented by 2nd Vice CMDR Philip Shivell. *Continued...*

The approval of a medal of a honor was a first step. Next came the choice of a design, with "suitable emblematic devices." Ten days after President Lincoln signed the navy bill, Gideon Welles contacted James Pollock, then director of the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia, and asked if the mint could prepare "an appropriate design for the medals." Pollock was eager to assume the task and promised to have a possible design ready within a week.

The Navy Dept. and the mint had no American precedent to guide them on their search for a medal design. Welles proposed a cross, similar to the Victoria Cross, which Great Britain had established seven years earlier during the Crimean War. The American Cross would be attached to "three ribbons-the red, white and blue." The mint's experience with making coins suggested the use of a figure of Liberty or some other symbol of the "Indivisible Union." Over the next three months Pollock forwarded at least five different models, but Welles rejected all of them.

Finally, in May 1862, Pollock suggested an inverted five-point star, two inches long, suspended from an anchor and attached to a red, white and blue ribbon. Pollock explained the two figures at the center of the star on the obverse.

The foul spirit of secession and rebellion is represented by a male figure in a crouching attitude holding in his hands serpents, which with forked tongues are striking at a large female figure representing the Union or Genius of our Country, who holds in her right hand a shield and in her left the fasces. Around these figures are thirty-four stars, the number of states in the Union. *Continued on page 2*

**Post Commander's Message**

One would never think is March already when winter pasted with no results. Thanks to everyone that made our Scouts recognition dinner a large success . I had a great time at the troop meeting the night before visiting with the new leaders of our country.

As you know March is the time to start thinking of which post office you would like to run for. The way you can do this is by contacting Provost Marshall Richard Bardsley @240-5263 or a member of his staff which will be appointed at our next meeting. I will be in contact with him prior to the meeting so he's able to appoint his staff. Remember all positions are open to members in good standing I look forward to seeing all at our next post meeting.

Larry Cunnington, Post Commander [cunnington@charter.net](mailto: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](mailto:Stevebird@Charter.net) or Phone: (509)386-5766

**VAVS Representative Message**

AMVETS encourages Post members to be active in their communities in support of the AMVETS Aims and Purposes. One way is by becoming a volunteer at the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center. If interested please give contact me [Stevebird@Charter.net](mailto:Stevebird@Charter.net) or Phone: (509)386-5766

**"Because we Care" Day** April 1, 2015

AMVETS National Service Foundation will be providing personal care kits to the local VAMC on behalf of Post 1111.

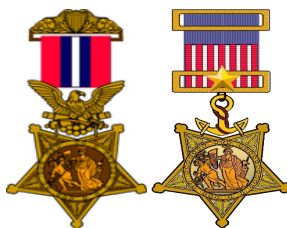
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The female figure representing America and wearing a helmet bearing an eagle was Minerva, the Roman goddess of wisdom and the arts. In later years, this engraving came to be known as "Minerva Repulsing Discord."

Welles approved the design, and on May 15 the Navy Department ordered 175 medals from the mint. It further directed that the back of the medal be left blank



except for the words "Personal Valor," under which the the name of each recipient could later be engraved. The medals were



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made of copper and coated with bronze, which gave them a reddish tint. After preparation of the dies, the initial cost of what became America's premier military decoration was \$1.85 apiece. *More next month...*

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**Quartermaster:**

**Call Larry @525-1964 Cell 520-5372**

**Events Calendar**

March 2015

March 3, 2015 - Navy Reserve Birthday  
**March 18th, Post Meeting**  
**(Potluck at 6:00PM Business Meeting at 7:00PM)**  
March 17, 2015 - St. Patrick's Day  
March 29, 2015 - Vietnam Veterans Day  
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January 19, 2015—Martin Luther King day  
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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  
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**Military Service Birthdays**

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U.S. Air Force: September 18, 1947