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OFFICER'S CORNER

I want to thank all of our veterans! Please join us on **Sat., Nov 6th, 11-2PM** at the Auburn's Veteran's Day Parade. I hope to see you there.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thurs., Nov 18th at 6PM**. Please come to the meeting. A lot will be explained there. A lot of last minute. This year is a mess.

Larry Stowe, Commander

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On **Sat., Nov 6th**, we will be participating in the City of Auburn Veteran's Day Parade. Be at the post by 8:30AM and link up. The post van and the Riders will be in the parade.

On **Mon., Nov 8th, 10-4PM**, Post 1 will be hosting the Veteran's Job Fair in the main Bingo Hall.

Mike Alberts, 1st Vice

Email: membership@amvetwapost1.org

We are now in the home stretch headed for the end of the year. Hope you are all well. The volunteer hours are getting back to normal. Keep up the good work. Thank you for your continued support.

Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice

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A big thank you to all who contributed to the Halloween Youth Trunk or Treat event. It happens because you care enough to share. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

Debbie Moore, 3rd Vice

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From all of us to all of you!



ADJUTANT

When you receive a letter from the Adjutant requesting proof of member eligibility, please reply with a copy of your **DD214 or alternate documentation**—we need it on file to maintain our nonprofit status. Drop it by, mail it to the Post or email a scanned document (see below). Can't find your DD214 or other Proof of Service? The Service Office can help you.

Planning a move or a switch in email service? Let us know so you can continue receiving your newsletter.

Glenn Skinner, Adjutant

Office Hours: Tues: 4PM-6:30PM & Thur/Fri: 10AM-3PM

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CHAPPIES RESTAURANT/LOUNGE

Lounge Hours:

Wed-Thurs 3-10PM; Fri 3-12AM; Sat 2-12AM; & Sun 2-10PM

Happy Hour: Wed-Sun 3-6PM

Daily activities: **Wed:** Texas Hold'Em; **Thurs:** Bar Stool Bingo;

Fri: Meat/Bottle Raffle and 50/50 Raffle; **Sat:** Horse Races &

Karaoke; and **Sun:** Texas Hold'Em

November Bands:

- **Nov 12th** Raucous Band
- **Nov 13th** Rock & Roll Magic
- **Nov 19th** 8 Second Ride

Seahawks Games are BACK!!

- **Sun, Nov 14th**, 1:25PM Jaguars vs Seahawks
- **Sun, Nov 21st**, 1:25PM Cardinals vs Seahawks

Come out and enjoy the bands and games this month!!

Check out the [calendar](#) for times and other fun activities!

Want to rent our hall? Call Jackie at (253) 472-2552/press 1.

Respectfully, Management and Employees

Chris Chance, General Manager

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AMVETS SERVICE OFFICE

Hours:

Mon-Thur 9AM-11:45AM & 1PM-3:45PM,
Fri 9AM-11:45AM **CLOSED IN AFTERNOON**
Closed for lunch daily 12-1PM

The Service Office will be closed on Nov 11th, Nov 25th and Nov 26th. In addition, on Nov 8th, the Service will close at 10AM.

The Service Office operates by appointment. Please contact the Service Office to schedule an appointment.

Rusty (Kenneth) Walters, State Service Director

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National Service Office of Washington—Debbie Moore

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By appointment only (253) 904-4626

dmoore@amvets.org or Debbie.moore2@va.gov

AMVETS RIDERS

RIDERS Chapter One will have the honor of representing the Post on **Nov 6th** at the 56th Annual Auburn Veterans Day Parade. Last year was basically a virtual parade, so come on out, see us ride and enjoy the biggest Veterans Day Parade on the West Coast!

- Join us Friday night **Nov 12th** in Chappie's Lounge for Meat Raffle and the live rock sounds of 'Raucous Band!'
- Our next meeting is **Nov 13th, 10AM** in Chappie's Lounge.
- The Chapter will hold the Keith Tomasch Memorial Run to make the \$1,200 donation to Washington Soldiers Home in Orting on **Nov 20th**, KSU 10AM.
- Riders 2nd Annual (with a 1-year interruption!) Holiday Party will be **Dec 11th** at the Post, with catered dinner and a gift exchange! Further details will be forthcoming.

If you ride, come check us out and even join the Parade on Nov 6th! We'll make room for you!

Mike Jarnagin, President

AMVETS Riders, Chapter One

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QUARTERMASTER

The Quartermaster is available via appointments or on meeting nights. Please leave a message if you need any merchandise from the display case near Chappies Lounge.

Danelle Wyatt, Quartermaster

Phone: (253) 988-1538

SONS of AMVETS

Our next meeting is **Tues, Nov. 2nd at 7PM** in Chappies Lounge. Come out and help us decide on Thanksgiving and Christmas donations.

Dues for 2022 have gone up to \$42 and are due by the end of the year. Those of you who need to renew will also get a reminder by mail. Also, those of you who use Cash App may pay your dues using the hashtag: \$SonsofamvetswaSquad1.

Tom Arter, Adjutant

Sons of AMVETS Squad 1

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AUXILIARY

MUSIC, MUSIC and MUSIC—we will have a DJ/Karaoke on Fri., Nov 5th—please join us for the evening activities, along with our bottle raffle and 50/50

Just a friendly reminder if you have moved, a new phone number or email address please let us know so we can update our files.

Upcoming events:

Fri **Nov 5th** Music, Music, Music with a DJ/Karaoke
Bottle raffle & 50/50 raffle
Thur **Nov 11th** Veteran's Day (Thank a Veteran!)
Meeting 6:30PM
Thur **Nov 25th** Thanksgiving

Thank you goes out to all our Veterans—not only on Nov. 11th—but ALL year long!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Tilinda Grote, President

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on our Facebook pages:

- Post 1:
<https://www.facebook.com/AmVetsPost1Tacoma>
- Bingo:
<https://www.facebook.com/AMVETSBINGOTACOMA>
- Riders:
<https://www.facebook.com/Amvets-Riders-Chapter-One-Tacoma-WA-100848928455421>



Don't forget to show us that you like us!

COMMUNICATIONS

To some people Veteran's Day is a just another holiday. To us, it's an honor to be recognized as a Veteran. Our discipline, sacrifice and commitment to keep us all free holds a deep place within our hearts. This will never leave us...it will always be a part of us—stand proud! Thank you for your service!

Do you shop on Amazon? Did you know that if you log in to your account through [Amazon Smiles](#) that a portion of what you purchase will come back to AMVETS. That's a win-win...at no cost to you! You can also find the link on our webpage at www.amvetwapost1.org.

Danette Gundy
Communication Officer

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HISTORIAN

I hope you find the time to read the attached document. It is a story of a bell that came to Tacoma and a ship wreck, lost souls and more. If you're asking yourself how that involves AMVETS...we'll you will have to read the document.

If you have time, visit the War Memorial Park, 624 Myers Street in Tacoma.

Taryn Hopey
Post 1 Historian

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NOVEMBER 2021 BINGO SPECIALS

Call (253) 472-2552, press 3 for specials

OPEN Tues, Fri, Sat, AND Sun—Start at 11:15AM (doors open 9:30AM) & 6:45PM (doors open 5PM).

Play 144 cards in the machine! **Minimum age** is 8 years old with a parent or legal guardian with proof of age.

- **TUES**—Triple play—Packs are 10/14/20. Win up to \$750 on the blackouts!
- **FRI ALL DAY & SUN AM**—All single winners on packet games will receive \$10 lucky bucks!
- **FRI & SAT PM**—All 5 Blackouts pay \$250 on single, \$500 on double, regardless of attendance
- **SAT & SUN**—King or Queen for the Session
- **SAT AM & SUN PM**—5-1,000 will go on double packs and singles pay half

NOVEMBER SPECIALS

- **FRI AM SPECIAL**—Double lucky bucks for single winners on packet game only
- **SUNDAY AM SPECIAL**—5-\$50 lucky buck drawings
- **VETERANS DAY SPECIAL**
Friday, Nov 12th—Wheel game doubled!
Daubers to all!
Texas is \$500 will go!
- **THANKSGIVING SPECIAL**
Tuesday, Nov 23rd—Daubers to all
456-\$500 will go
- **Ticket Drawing, Friday, Nov 26th**
5-\$100 drawings both sessions
- **Current Jackpots:**
456—20#'s-\$5,000; 23#'s-\$1,000
Bonanza—59#'s-\$1,000
Pick 7—15#'s-\$5,000

To continue receiving important information from our Post, provide your email address to newsletter@amvetwapost1.org or go online www.amvetwapost1.org
Newsletters will also be available in Chappies Lounge and the Service Office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		PTSD 10-12 noon Sons @ 7PM Bingo AM/PM	Chappies 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM sign up 6:30PM starts	Chappies 3-10PM Barstool Bingo 4PM	Chappies 3-12AM Kitchen Open 3-9PM Raffles 7:30-9PM Bingo AM/PM	Chappies 2-12AM Kitchen Open 3-9PM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM Bingo AM/PM
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AMVETS Post 1 and The Living War Memorial Park

A bit of History of the Living War Memorial of 1952:

The Young Men's Business Club founded the Living War Memorial Park to honor those soldiers both living and dead who perished in WWI (162 soldiers) and in WWII 760 soldiers who lived or are living in Pierce County, WA.

Many thanks to Harold A. WOODWORTH (Woodworth & Company) who made it a reality by donating his property on the south end of the east side of the Narrows Bridge after the citizens of Tacoma and Pierce County approved the memorial plans.

Harold handed the quit claim¹ deed over to Mayor John H. Anderson on behalf of the city on February 4, 1951. The Young Men's Business Club wanted to dedicate this new park on Veterans Day in 1952, yet there was a lot of work to do.

Word got out and nearly "every civic, fraternal, service and military organization in the city was represented on various committees that saw the work completed." All the construction materials and labor were donated. Even President Eisenhower donated to this cause!!

Inside the Living War Memorial Park, where the people gathered for that Armistice Day dedication there is a 6' square of Wilkeson Sandstone which is in the center of a stone monument 20 foot long. This was "constructed entirely by volunteer labor from the Bricklayers and Hod Carriers Union" in 1952."²

The SANDSTONE INSCRIPTION says:

**DEDICATED
TO HONORED MEMORY
OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
FOR OUR COUNTRY,
1952**

The Living War Memorial was dismantled in 2003 for the construction of the second additional Narrows Bridge. It eventually was moved to the New WAR MEMORIAL Park located at 624 Myers St, Tacoma, WA. 98406

AMVETS DONATION to The LIVING WAR MEMORIAL

We, AMVETS POST 1 OF TACOMA, Washington are proud to announce to the public that after 69 years it has been discovered that our veteran predecessors, had donated the U.S.S. Tacoma (C-18) (PG-32) (CL-20) Denver Cruiser's ships bell of 1903 to the Living War Memorial.

Also, we found out that our AMVETS 3rd Vice Commander at that time, John C. Migdula, had been appointed to the War Memorial Association on Sept 28th, 1952, just two months before the Living War Memorial's dedication.

What happened to the U.S.S. Tacoma Cruiser ship?

The U.S.S. Tacoma ran aground just before dawn on January 16, 1924 on the Blanquilla Reef in attempting to enter Vera Cruz Harbor in Mexico during heavy seas. "The Blanquilla reef is outside the Vera Cruz breakwater, (16 miles away) directly opposite the city. It is a small submerged reef and on it is situated a lighthouse." "That morning they were hit with a hurricane," waves began breaking over the decks where the crew was obtaining life rafts. Captain Sparrow sent two hundred and thirty-two sailors ashore and keeping a total of fifty men on board." That afternoon a second hurricane hit, forcing them below deck. Sometime later, Captain Sparrow and four radiomen went out to the gun deck to check on the ships condition and to make a radio call for help.

¹ Quit Claim Deed (TNT 2-4-51, A-6)

² (TNT 11-6-1977, A-11) Narrow's Park, a city memorial to its war dead.

The next morning after the storm had somewhat subsided, they had located the lieutenant and the chief radioman half-conscious in a hammock netting. In an adjacent netting were two radiomen, crushed to death. The Captain and the other radioman were missing. Their radio shack had been washed away. Captain Sparrow's body was located later wedged under some lockers on the main deck.

The total list of the men who perished are: Captain Herbert G. Sparrow (Cleveland, Ohio), Radioman 1c; Homer H. Lussiner (Bristol, Connecticut); Radioman 2c; Edward T. Herrick (Massachusetts) and Radioman 3c; Solomon Sivin (New York).

The wrecked ship was then sold and the USS Tacoma bell was placed into storage on Mare Island, Calif. After a two-year silence, the USS Tacoma Ships Bell had been mounted in front of the regimental headquarters building at the Naval Training Station at San Diego, California.

How did the Bell get to Tacoma AMVETS?

There have not been any records discovered to date that reveal how Tacoma AMVETS gained possession of the Ships Bell. There was a Navy Lieutenant L.C. Bloom who was a member of the War Memorial Association, but how the Bell traveled to Tacoma from San Diego is still unknown. The records search continues.

AMVETS of Tacoma Bell Inscription

Working with Jennifer S. Hines, from the City of Tacoma, from April 2021 through summer 2021 she approved AMVETS to have Premier Monuments do the engraving onto that sandstone plaque of 1952. It is right behind the display of the U.S.S. Tacoma's 1903 ships bell.

Our inscription reads:

**IN MEMORY OF THEIR SACRIFICE
AMVETS OF TACOMA
DONATED THEIR SHIP'S BELL**

This inscription was completed on October 14, 2021.



Picture taken on October 14, 2021

Many THANKS goes out to the Tacoma Public librarians in the N.W. Room; Brian Kamens, (now retired), for the AMVETS pictures he showed me, that started my research & Spencer Bowman for his assistance.

Respectfully, Taryn Hopey, AMVETS POST 1, Historian, Historian@amvetwapost1.org, October, 2021

Resources:

- (1) Quit Claim Deed (TNT 2-4-51, A-6)
- (2) (TNT 11-6-1977, A-11) Narrow's Park, a city memorial to its war dead.
- (3) (TNT 2-26-1956 (A-10) War Memorial Group Plans Park Activity
- (4) <https://www.tacomahistory.org/special-projects> (WWI & WWII monuments dedicated)
- (5) TNT 9-28-1952 War Memorial Assn. Set to Speed Project
- (6) Tacoma Ledger; 12-25-1949 Plan War Memorial
- (7) TNT 3-21-1929 Old Bell Recalls Tragic Loss of USS Tacoma
- (8) ANCESTRY.COM/USS TACOMA (listing of the men killed) on the USS Tacoma
- (9) Tacoma Daily Ledger/ January 17, 1924/BATTLESHIP ON REEF OFF VERA CRUZ
- (10) TNT February 4, 1926 Historic Bell to Peal Forth Again