



AMVETS Newsletter

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Welcome Back Members & Guests of AMVETS Post 1! SOFT OPENING!!

We are humbled by the support from our members, vendors, contractors, customers and friends. "Thank you" seems too little to say for your amazing and generous contributions of time, expertise, labor and monetary donations.

We are happy to announce the REOPENING of Chappie's Lounge on Thursday, April 27th, 3-10PM.

- The Ladies Auxiliary will launch their new Barstool Bingo (Entertainment Project) at 4PM
- Post 1 Meeting at 6PM will have the 1st nominations for Officers
- The bar will serve a trial-menu of food(s)

Join us April 27th—reconnect with old friends and familiar faces—celebrate the camaraderie of AMVETS Post 1's family and friends. Come on back on Friday, April 28th for dancing to the tunes by Randy Litch's on April 28th, 8-11PM, Saturday for the Sons of AMVETS Karaoke and Sunday "Gatekeepers" Jam Session.

A big thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary who will be paying for our Friday bands for April and May. We also have bands who will be donating their time too.

We are having a **GRAND OPENING** on May 13th with 8 Second Ride in the Large Hall. Please come and enjoy.

For those who keep asking about **BINGO**—Post 1 will no longer have bingo downstairs. We were losing money and the Board of Trustees have other ideas for the large space to bring in money to the Post.

We continue to need your **DONATIONS** to help keep us alive. There are a few ways to do that:

- Come in and give cash to our Adjutant Glenn Skinner
- If you want a tax deduction: Write a check to AMVETS Dept of WA Service Foundation (in the memo/for line, please write AMVETS Post 1 Corporate) and mail to:
AMVETS Dept of WA Service Foundation
C/O Danette Gundy, 5717 S. Tyler St., Tacoma, WA 98409
- If you do not want a tax deduction: Write a check to AMVETS Post 1 Corporate and mail to:
AMVETS Post 1 Corporate, 5717 S. Tyler St
Tacoma, WA 98409
- Go to our GoFundMe page and donate there at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/ahmv4-donate-to-help-veterans>

As a 501(c)(3) we will provide an acknowledgement/receipt to any person or entity who contributes \$75 or more in a calendar year.

Mark your calendar for the Annual Summer **PICNIC** going to at the AMVETS Club on Jul 15th.

Come and join us for a Post meeting on **Thurs. May 11th at 6PM**. We will be having 2nd nominations for Officers for 2023-2024. Come on out and vote!

Brenda Martin, Commander

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OFFICER'S CORNER

There will be a Job Fair on Wed., May 24th, 10-2PM. If you know of anyone that needs a job, have them brush up on their resume and join us.

Mike Hardy, 1st Vice

Well, here we are again another newsletter. Not a lot with post closed—thank goodness we are reopening.

We still need volunteers for JROTC awards if you can please help us out.

With post finances being short make a small donation to the post. Any donations can be given to Commander Martin.

Please ensure that the volunteer slips are filled out completely and that they are readable—Please turn in your volunteer slips in before the end of the month. Thanks for your support.

Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice

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**. 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.

Please contact me if a Post member passes away.

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

HALL RENTAL—Want to rent our hall for a wedding, birthday party, graduation, or other events? Please contact our Adjutant between Tues-Fri, 9-4PM. Prices: Small Hall \$500; Medium Hall \$1,000; and Large Hall \$1,500.

Glenn Skinner, Adjutant

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CHAPPIES RESTAURANT/LOUNGE

Lounge Hours:

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

Daily activities: **Thurs:** Bar Stool Bingo; **Fri:** Live Music, Meat/Bottle Raffle and 50/50 Raffle; **Sat:** Horse Races & Karaoke; and **Sun:** Texas Hold'Em and the Gate Keepers playing at the Jam Session

SONS of AMVETS

Our next meeting is **Tues. May. 2nd, 7PM** at the Post. This is an important meeting as we finalize plans for our upcoming Cinco de Mayo Event to be held, Friday May 5—so we hope as many members can attend as possible and let us know how many people we can expect to help.

The Sons will be offering all-you-can-eat beef tacos for \$12 from 5-8PM or until gone. In addition, we will be having two bottle raffles. Music by the Raucuos Band. This is the first big event since the temporary shut down—so come on out and celebrate!

Tom Arter, Adjutant
Sons of AMVETS Squad 1
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AMVETS RIDERS

Our next meeting is **Sat., May 13th, 10AM** in the lounge.

Welcome Spring! Unfortunately, with the temporary closure of the Post in April, the Riders BBQ was cancelled. We hope to try again later this summer.

Memorial Day weekend (Sat. May 27th) the Riders are planning a ride to the Vietnam Museum in Centralia, with a lunch along the way. This will be in conjunction with the national *Rolling-To-Remember* ride held in Washington D.C.

Please try to attend the monthly Post 1 Meeting May 13, as the Riders Officer Elections must be held before the Department Convention on May 20th. We need you to vote!

In the meantime, stay safe and always watch for motorcycles!!

Mike Alberts (Iron Mike), President
AMVETS Riders, Chapter One
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CHAPLAIN

Dear Father, save us from faint-heartedness when we pray. Teach us persistence and the ability to hold on, press on and wait. Amen.

Robert (Bob) Macon
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AMVETS SERVICE OFFICE

Hours:

Tues-Fri 9AM-4PM

Please visit our website at www.amvetwaservice.org to make an appointment.

Victoria Burgess, Interim State Service Director
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AUXILIARY

Congratulations to our new 2023-2024

Ladies Auxiliary #1 Officers!

President: **Barbara Skinner**
1st Vice President: **Carolyn Roth**
2nd Vice President: **Janine Byers**
3rd Vice President: **Gloria Harris**
Treasurer: **Darelyn Arter**
Secretary: **Peggy Robinson**
Chaplain: **Carol Gustafson**
Sergeant at Arms: **Velma Wright**

Our Ladies Auxiliary presents Thursday Night Bar Stool Bingo and Friday Music Entertainment from April 27th to May 26th in Chappie's Lounge.

Memorial Celebration of Life Potluck for Margaret Jauron on Saturday, June 3rd at 1PM at the Fort Nisqually Picnic Area at Owen's Beach in Point Defiance Park.

Post #1 members Yvonne Crockett, Karen Good and Debbie Jaer will be selling tickets, the first week of May for Tool Basket fundraiser with funds raised going to Post #1.

The American Lake VA and others are limiting access to their facilities. Volunteers: Please support the needs & activities at Post 1, in lieu of our hospital & community projects. Please consider joining the Ladies Auxiliary in supporting our worthy programs and projects year-round.

Upcoming Events:

- May 11th—Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting

Barbara Skinner, President

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QUARTERMASTER

Quartermaster will be available only on the following days and times: 2nd Thursday of the month 6-8PM and 4th Thursday of the month 5:30-8PM.

Danelle Wyatt, Quartermaster
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HISTORIAN

AMERICAN Women in Military History: EDITH NOURSE ROGERS 1881-1960

In May of 1941, Congressman; Edith Nourse Rogers (REP-Mass) (image: <https://tinyurl.com/54tx9ars>) submitted to Congress the first bill (founder of this) to develop a Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (W.A.A.C.) enlisting the female volunteers ages 21 through 45 to assist the fighting of WWII. This bill took the men out of the noncombatant positions and replacing them with up to 150,000 women. On May 14, 1942, Congress Approved Public Law 664 creating W.A.A.C (Women's Army Auxiliary Corps)—later changing the name to W.A.C. (Women's Army Corps). Edith was a U.S. congressional representative (1925–60) who served the longest span of any woman and gained a national reputation advancing the cause of the American veterans.

Another IMPORTANT Highlight: On June 12, 1948 President Harry S. Truman signed into law the Women's Armed Services Integration Act that permitted women in the Regular Army and the Organized Reserve Corps.

Below are links for your reading pleasure (some links were created using Tiny URL to shorten the path):

1. <https://www.armywomen.org/wacHistory.shtml>
2. <https://tinyurl.com/44th92w8>
3. <https://tinyurl.com/2un3vurj>
4. <https://tinyurl.com/2bsx7ye5>

Taryn Hopey, Historian

COMMUNICATIONS

On this Memorial Day, let's not forget to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Military. May they all rest in peace.

Life Membership Dues

Whereas AMVETS life membership dues have been set at \$250 since January 2012, and,

Whereas this is among the lowest price for life membership dues of any Veterans Service Organization, and,

Whereas this does not accurately reflect the value of AMVETS life membership, no, therefore,

Be it resolved that Article VII, Section 6, a, (1) be replaced with the following:

"Life membership dues, effective September 1, 2023, shall be not less than \$500 for those members age up to and including 55, ages 56 through and including 65 will be \$400 and those 66 and over \$300, nonrefundable, and payable to the post, of which 50 percent shall be forwarded to National Headquarters and 25 percent to the state department."

Danette Gundy, Communications Officer

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Cinco de Mayo

Come on in and have some fun
The Sons of AMVETS will be hosting a Taco Bar!
5-8PM
For \$12 all you can eat or until we run out!
Double Bottle Raffle!
Dance to Raucous Band 8-11PM

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.
If you feel you're on the list to receive your newsletter by email and you are not receiving it—please check your spam/junk email.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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