



# AMVETS Newsletter

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### OFFICER'S CORNER

Hope everyone had a safe Thanksgiving. A special thanks to all of the volunteers that helped cook and serve the dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

A lot is going on this month. The Christmas Parade is on **Dec 4th**. Staging time is 2:30PM. Sign up list will be at the bar. **Dec 12th** is the Officers and Employees Christmas Party in Chappies Lounge. Doors open at 5PM. Bring a White Elephant gift. **Dec. 18th** is the Children's Christmas Party check for the time. **Dec. 31st** is our New Year's Eve Party. Tickets on sale in the Lounge.

Just a friendly reminder, the **Post** meeting is on **Thur. Dec 8th at 6PM** and the **Trustee** meeting is on **Dec 15th at 6PM**.

Have a safe and happy Holidays!

#### Larry Stowe, Commander

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I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

#### Brenda Martin, 1st Vice

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We are the end of the year. I want to again thank you for your continued support.

I am starting to get ready for the new volunteer slips. When we start using them you will notice numerous changes. If you cannot find a category, just put it in comment section and I will find a place to put it. As of January, use only the new slips and remember only one category per slip and discard the old ones.

Thanks again for your support.

#### Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice

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The youth Christmas party is underway, Dec. 18, 6-8PM.

May you be well and stay safe during the holidays.

#### Debbie Moore, 3rd Vice

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Grab a jacket and come join us for Santa's Parade  
Dec 4th 4:30 PM  
South Tacoma Way (South 50th-56th St.)

### 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.

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

#### Glenn Skinner, Adjutant

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### CHAPPIES RESTAURANT/LOUNGE

#### Lounge Hours:

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

Happy Hour: Mon-Sat 3-6PM & ALL DAY on Sun

**Daily activities:** **Tues:** Dart leagues; **Wed:** Texas Hold'Em & Manhattan Dance Club; **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

New Year's Eve Party—Doors open at 6:30PM with music by 8 Second Ride. Tickets are \$20 pre-sold at the bar or \$25 at the door. It is a potluck and we will provide champagne and party favors.

Chappies will be closed on Monday Dec 12th for our employee/officer party. Doors open at 5PM, dinner at 6PM.

We have another Western night on Dec. 1st with DJ Terry West. Admittance is free, donations are welcome. Line dancing lessons at 6:30PM, dance from 7:30-10PM

No Bunco this month—look for it again in January!

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

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

#### Jackie Alberts, General Manager

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If you are participating in the parade, you will need to show up before 2:30PM to begin lining up for the parade. Contact Glenn Skinner for more information.

Let's plan on showing the public who we are!

## AMVETS SERVICE OFFICE

### Hours:

**Mon-Thur 9AM-11:45AM & 1PM-3:45PM,**  
**Fri 9AM-11:45AM CLOSED IN AFTERNOON**

We are currently taking walk-ins Mon-Thur 9-11AM & 1-3PM.  
Please visit our website at [www.amvetsservice.org](http://www.amvetsservice.org) to make an appointment.

Welcome to new DSO's (Department Service Officers) Chris Bingham and Tuan Do!

**The office will be closed Dec 19, 2022 through Jan 2, 2023.**

### Victoria Burgess, Interim State Service Director

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### National Service Office of Washington—Debbie Moore

**Mon-Thur 8AM-4:30PM,**  
**By appointment only (253) 904-4626**  
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## SONS of AMVETS

Our next meeting is **Tues. Dec. 6th, 7PM** in the lounge—lead by Volunteer of the Year, Commander Dave Lamberson.

National Sons of AMVETS awarded Squad 1 a Certificate of Achievement for donations and volunteer hours valued at \$11,138.21 for the 2021-2022 business year. Congratulations and thanks to all who volunteer.

Dues letters have been sent out. Please return by Dec. 31st. Please note any changes in address, phone, etc., with your renewal.

**Tom Arter, Adjutant**  
**Sons of AMVETS Squad 1**  
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## AMVETS RIDERS

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, and the Riders are looking forward to a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. On Dec 4th the Riders will be part of the Santa Parade on South Tacoma Way—come on down and have some fun!

The Riders will NOT have the monthly meeting on the morning of the 10th, but instead will have it during the Christmas Dinner that evening. At the same time, we will unveil the shadowbox memorial to our founder Charlie 'Drill' Wofford, and present other awards. I hope all Riders can attend the extravaganza!

Remember too that it is time for membership renewals, now \$25—still such a bargain!

Finally, I am looking forward to a Happy New Year. Let us hope that things continue to improve in 2023!

**Mike Alberts (Iron Mike), President**  
**AMVETS Riders, Chapter One**  
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## AUXILIARY

With thanks to our Veterans, the Ladies Auxiliary served dinner & dessert on Nov. 11th. **Thank You** Gloria, Patti, Rachel, Darellyn, Pamela, Yvonne & Gayle for your service to AMVETS. **Thank You** Desarie & Barbara for your food & supplies donation. **Thank You** Kazuko & 24 others for your cash donations.

We joined efforts with the Post & Sons to serve a Holiday Dinner on Thanksgiving Day at the Post. **Thank You** Karen & Yvonne for coordinating the event. **Thank You** donors & volunteers for your kind support.

**Thank You** for your prizes & donations for our monthly 1st Friday Bottle Raffles. The Auxiliary has been able to contribute funds & goods to Veterans or their families at the: American Lake VA Domiciliary, Mercy Housing, Women Warriors Advocacy Group, AMVETS Post 1 Memorial Fund, and the American Lake Veterans (Rehabilitative) Golf Course. Two Auxiliary donors also contributed, directly, to the VA's Transitional Housing program & the Community Living Center (CLC).

**Thank You** Donors! On Nov. 19th, we provided 26 Veterans, active-duty service members & Veterans families: turkeys & holiday food baskets with contributions from Mattye Evans, James Trabert & AMVETS members. **Thank You** to Auxiliary members: Toni, Patti, Gayle, T.J., Kazuko, Barbara & Pamela for your volunteer hours & added donations for this project.

We have received referrals from AMVETS members, the Pierce County Veterans Assistance Program & American Lake VA for recipients of our Christmas Holiday food baskets. Please consider donating our menu items of instant mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, canned vegetables & cranberry sauce, stuffing & gravy mix.

Congratulations to Veronica Dubois! She was voted as our Auxiliary #1 2020–2021 Volunteer of the Year. From Oct 2020 to Sept 2022, Veronica was an "essential" volunteer assisting the AMVETS Service Office to remain open for our local Veterans. **Thank You for Your Service**, Veronica!

**Thank You** for your donations of funds & school supplies. "Kudos" to major donors: Rosemarie, T.J. & Janine We will continue to collect & contribute to area Kids In-Need throughout the school year.

2023 Auxiliary Membership Renewals will be accepted till Dec. 31st. On Jan. 1st & onward, Ladies may rejoin as annual or life members with new applications & supporting documents.

We wish all of you a very Happy and Blessed Holiday Season! Be safe... and be well.

### Upcoming Events:

- **Dec 2nd**—Bottle Raffle
- **Dec 8th—Auxiliary Meeting @ 6:30PM via Zoom**  
Meeting ID: 880 1458 6468  
Passcode: 105341  
Dial by your location +1 253-215-8782 US (Tacoma)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88014586468?pwd=YjdRdRjNFM2MmwWQVhkUUhxendQQT09>

### Barbara Skinner, President

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## HISTORIAN

Here is a blast from the past on the birth of our savior and how we incorporated other countries Christmas customs into our own—take the time to read more on the attached document. May you all have a Very Merry Christmas!!

**Taryn Hopey, Historian**

## 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**

Phone: (253) 988-1538

## CHAPLAIN

God, I know that prayer is for reaching its effects. I pray today for the people in leadership positions all over the world. That they will know and follow you as the Divine Leader and King. AMEN (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

**Robert (Bob) Macon**

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## DECEMBER 2022 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—Win up to \$750 on triple play packs!
- **FRI ALL DAY & SUN AM**—All single winners on packet games will receive \$10 lucky bucks!
- **FRI & SAT PM**—Blackouts pay \$250 on single, \$500 on double, regardless of attendance
- **SAT & SUN**—King or Queen for the Session
- **SAT AM & SUN PM**—Blackouts pay \$500 on single and \$1,000 on double

### NEW YEARS DAY MARATHON, SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

Doors open @ 10:30AM

Selling starts @ 11AM




Session starts @ 1PM

- Packs are \$15 single; \$30 double
- 3 pack minimum in GTI machines
- 13 games at \$500; 7 games at \$1,000
- Texas blackout is a \$5,000 will go!
- Pick-7 is a \$2023 will go!
- \*\*\*There will be a max of 10 lucky bucks\*\*\*
- There will be 5 drawings for gift baskets
- We will have pull tabs with big cash prizes as well as a XBOX bundle and 65" LG Smart TV
- 2 winners will receive \$300 worth of gift cards with their winning game—multiple winners will split the \$300 gift cards
- Daubers to all!

### DECEMBER SPECIALS

- **PICK A PRESENT—DEC 1ST TO 24TH**  
Win from \$25-\$250 plus daubers and lucky bucks  
Every person will receive 1 raffle ticket per session!  
One winner per session  
Drawing will be held at the second break
- **FRIDAY AM in Dec.**—Double lucky bucks for single winners on packet game only!
- **SUNDAY AM in Dec.**—Double action is doubled!
- **CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL**  
Sat., Dec. 24th  
Texas is a \$500 will go!  
Single winners on blackouts pick a stocking, win \$50-\$250 plus lucky bucks!  
Daubers to all!
- **NEW YEARS EVE SPECIAL**  
Sat., Dec. 31st  
Wheel game doubled!
- **Ticket Drawing, Friday, Dec. 30th**  
5-\$100 drawings both sessions
- **Jackpots**  
**456**—20#'s-\$5,000; 25#'s-\$1,000  
**Pick 7**—15#'s-\$5,000; 22#'s-\$1,000

**CLOSED PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE  
CLOSED ALL DAY CHRISTMAS**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>New Years Eve Party—Dec 31st, 8PM-1AM</b></p> <p>Doors open at 6:30PM</p> <p>Tickets available at the bar \$20 presale, \$25 at the door. Please bring a potluck item.</p> <p>Come dance to <i>8 Second Ride!</i></p> <p>Party favors will be provided &amp; Champagne at Midnight!</p> 				<p>Italian Night 5-8PM</p> <p>Barstool Bingo 4PM</p> <p>Western Night Lessons at 6:30PM</p> <p>Dance 7:30-10PM</p>	<p>Fish Fry or Steak Night 5-8PM</p> <p>Raffles 7:30-9PM</p> <p>Music: 8PM-12AM <b>The Goodtimes</b></p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Kitchen Open 4-7PM</p> <p>Horse Racing 4PM</p> <p>Karaoke 7PM</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<p>Chappies 1-10PM</p> <p>SEAHAWKS vs Rams 1:05PM</p> <p>Kitchen Open 3-9PM</p> <p>Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts</p> <p>Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Chappies 3-10PM</p>	<p>Taco Tues 5-8PM</p> <p>PTSD 10-12 noon</p> <p>SONS 7PM</p> <p>DARTS 6:30 sign up 7PM play</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Gloria's Special 5-7PM Steak Night (\$16)</p> <p>Texas Hold'Em 5PM sign up 5:30PM starts</p> <p>Manhattan Dance 6:30-9:30PM (\$10)</p> <p>PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY</p>	<p>Italian Night 5-8PM</p> <p>Auxiliary Zoom Mtg 6:30PM</p> <p>POST MEETING 6PM</p> <p>Barstool Bingo 4PM</p>	<p>Fish Fry or Steak Night 5-8PM</p> <p>Raffles 7:30-9PM</p> <p>Music: 8PM-12AM <b>Michael Crain</b></p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Kitchen Open 4-7PM</p> <p>Riders Mtg 10AM</p> <p>Horse Racing 4PM</p> <p>Karaoke 7PM</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<p>Chappies 1-10PM</p> <p>Seahawks vs Panthers 1:25PM</p> <p>Kitchen Open 3-9PM</p> <p>Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts</p> <p>Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM</p> <p>KIDS Christmas Party 6-8PM</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Chappies CLOSED</p> <p>Employee &amp; Officer Christmas Party</p> <p>Doors open 5PM</p> <p>Dinner 6PM</p>	<p>Taco Tues 5-8PM</p> <p>PTSD 10-12 noon</p> <p>DARTS 6:30 sign up 7PM play</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p> <p>NATIONAL GUARD BIRTHDAY</p>	<p>Texas Hold'Em 5PM sign up 5:30PM starts</p> <p>Manhattan Dance 6:30-9:30PM (\$10)</p>	<p>Italian Night 5-8PM</p> <p>Barstool Bingo 4PM</p> <p>SEAHAWKS vs 49ers 5:15PM</p> <p>Trustee Mtg 6PM</p>	<p>Fish Fry or Steak Night 5-8PM</p> <p>Raffles 7:30-9PM</p> <p>Music: 8PM-12AM <b>Randy Litch</b></p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Kitchen Open TBD</p> <p>Horse Racing 4PM</p> <p>Karaoke 7PM</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<p>Chappies 2-10PM</p> <p>Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts</p> <p>Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Chappies 3-10PM</p>	<p>Taco Tues 5-8PM</p> <p>PTSD 10-12 noon</p> <p>DARTS 6:30 sign up 7PM play</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Texas Hold'Em 5PM sign up 5:30PM starts</p> <p>Manhattan Dance 6:30-9:30PM (\$10)</p>	<p>Italian Night 5-8PM</p> <p>Barstool Bingo 4PM</p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b></p>	<p>Fish Fry or Steak Night 5-8PM</p> <p>Raffles 7:30-9PM</p> <p>Music: 8PM-12AM <b>none/TBD</b></p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS EVE Chappies OPEN 2-6PM</p> <p>SEAHAWKS vs Chiefs 10AM--NO POTLUCK</p> <p>Horse Racing 4PM</p> <p>Bingo AM</p>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
 <p><b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p>Chappies 3-10PM</p>	<p>Taco Tues 5-8PM</p> <p>PTSD 10-12 noon</p> <p>DARTS 6:30 sign up 7PM play</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Texas Hold'Em 5PM sign up 5:30PM starts</p> <p>Manhattan Dance 6:30-9:30PM (\$10)</p>	<p>Italian Night 5-8PM</p> <p>Barstool Bingo 4PM</p>	<p>Fish Fry or Steak Night 5-8PM</p> <p>Raffles 7:30-9PM</p> <p>Music: 8PM-12AM <b>The Gatekeepers</b></p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	 <p>NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY! 8PM-1AM</p> <p>Horse Racing 4PM</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>

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## Yuletide Beliefs, Customs Come from Many Groups

Few Americans are aware that the Puritans of New England outlawed both the religious observance and social celebration of Christmas for a number of years, many early colonists did not share their anti-Christmas attitudes, and in the areas around New York, Pennsylvania and the southern colonies, both religious and folk celebrations became customary during the 17th and 18th centuries.

Colonists from England, Holland and Germany stressed eating, family gatherings, merry making and joyousness during the Christmas season, which usually began in early December and ran into January.

### ABOUT THAT STABLE

Perhaps the most authentic duplication of the first manger scene was that prepared by St. Francis of Assisi in the year 1200.

The Stable of Bethlehem did not in any way resemble the elaborate and decorative scenes which we see about us today, with greenery, bright lights, and plaster of Paris animals and adoring shepherds.

There was no room in the inn that night so Jesus was born in a stable: a crude shelter hewn into a rocky ledge of the Judean countryside. It was cold, dark, damp, and bare of ornaments.

With our many modern conveniences of today, we find it hard to imagine that weary Judean travelers often spent the night in such caves, welcoming rather than disdaining joint tenancy with beasts because the breath of the cattle and the heat of their bodies provided a little warmth.

The cave which was the birthplace of the Savior is now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity and though fascinated by the simplicity of



the original Nativity scene, Christianity has still embellished it with comfort and ornamentation.

The yule-log custom was imported from England, and England settlers contributed mince pies and plum pudding to the Christmas dinner.

The English also brought their customs of decorating houses and building with ivy, holly and mistletoe although Christmas gifts were not emphasized by early colonists.

Caroling, a Christmas folk practice which became popular quickly in the colonies, was immediately adopted by many groups. Carols included religious and folk songs which had grown up about the season.

### CHRISTMAS TREE

The Germans who settled in PA. brought the Christmas tree custom and German children

decorated their trees with animal cookies, apples, colored paper and strings of popcorn.

The southern custom of setting off firecrackers and shooting guns at Christmas is recorded in a passage from the Wilmington (N.C.) Daily Journal, Dec. 23, 1851:

“...Our town authorities on Christmas generally let the boys have their way so far as mere noise is concerned. There was therefore much firing of crackers, rockets, sarpients, etc., and a good deal of cheering and shouting.....”

These beliefs, symbols and customs started in the colonies between 1620 and the middle 1800's. By informal means they filtered throughout the various areas and between 1800 and 1860 both the religious and folk aspects of Christmas had diffused widely.

Each section of the country developed a Christmas celebration which reflected its local culture, national background, and natural environment.



## KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come and have some Christmas fun at AMVETS Post 1

Sunday  
December 18, 2022  
6-8PM

Free for kids under 12 years old

Kids 13 and older  
\$2 per person

Food and drinks available.

SANTA and his helpers  
will be attending  
**AMVETS MEMBER'S  
VETERANS  
Kids Christmas PARTY**

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AMVETS Post 1 would like to wish everyone a very *Merry Christmas* and *Happy New Year*.

Peace be with you all!