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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

THANK YOU customers, donors, grantors, vendors and volunteers!

The monetary contributions, volunteer labor & expertise, reduction in services, sale of surplus items, hall rentals and grants have kept us open for the past six (6) months since our Bingo shut down.

Our expenses for Chappie's Lounge (bar supplies, entertainment, licensing, payroll & taxes) should average \$16K per month. In May & August 2023, we broke even! What you did...what we did, in August, is what we need to continue doing to keep Chappie's open for the benefit of our membership.

Although we've reduced our building expenses by 86% (less \$96K per month) since February 2023, we are in crisis. Our necessary building expenses are now @ an average of \$17K per month. This includes our commercial insurance, maintenance, utilities, safety & security. A long-term lease for our empty Bingo Hall would help defray our building operating costs. Our search for a tenant continues...

Today, our Post 1 Building's survival depends on rentals and monetary donations. Please consider AMVETS Alvah R. Dravis Post 1 as a recipient of your kind generosity. Thank You.

See you on Sunday for the Seahawk games. Chappie's lounge opens a half hour before the game. Bring your friends and enjoy old ones here at AMVETS. Hope to see you there. Go hawks!

If you need a tax donation, AMVETS Post 1 is the place. Our Service Foundation is a 501(c)(3)—just direct it to Post 1 Recovery Fund.

Come and join us for a Post meeting on **Thurs. Oct. 26 at 6PM.**

In service to American Veterans,
Brenda Martin, Commander
Phone: (253) 473-5520
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OFFICER'S CORNER

We are looking for someone to become a member of our Trustee Board. If you are interested, please see our Adjutant to determine eligibility.

Mike Hardy, 1st Vice

Email: membership@amvetswapost1.org

Please remember **R.E.D.** shirt Fridays (**R**emember **E**veryone **D**eported). This is a national program. No more than 8 hours, plus any mileage. Thank you for your support.

Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice

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(253) 255-0161Service Office

BOO!! The Spooky Season is upon us!

Upcoming events are the Childrens Halloween Party Oct. 28th and the Adults Halloween party on Oct. 29th. I need volunteers to help pull off a haunted ballroom to make a safe alternative that is indoors for kids to trick or treat. I will also have a candy donation box in the hallway outside of Chappy's Lounge.

Please feel free to email or call me if you want to volunteer and as usual you can see the information board outside of Chappy's for a volunteer signup.

Rachel Murphy, 3rd Vice

Email: rachel.murphy141@gmail.com

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.

RENT THE HALL—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 3-12AM

Sun 3-10PM



Daily activities:

Thurs: Bar Stool Bingo

Fri: Live Music, Meat/Bottle Raffle and 50/50 Raffle

Sat: Horse Races & Karaoke

Sun: Texas Hold'Em and the Gate Keepers playing at the Jam Session

Phone: (253) 472-0560

COMMUNICATIONS

Let's Get Vaccinated!

Veterans can drive up and get a flu shot at American Lake or Seattle VA, Bldg 101, Oct. 2-28, Mon.-Sat., 8AM-4PM (excluding the holiday on 10/9).

You can also call your VA Community Outpatient Clinic for flu shot dates and hours of operation.

Danette Gundy, Communications Officer

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AMVETS SERVICE OFFICE

Hours:

The Service Office is temporarily closed.

If you need immediate service, please contact the VA at (800) 698-2411.

Vacant, State Service Director

Email:

Phone: (253) 255-0161

AMVETS RIDERS

Our next meeting on **Sat., Oct. 13th, 10AM** in the lounge.

Our raffle is on Fri., Oct. 12th, 5:30PM in the lounge.

Eric Davis (Sugarfoot), President

AMVETS Riders, Chapter One

Email: fishn4samn@comcast.net

SONS of AMVETS

Our next meeting is on **Tues., Oct. 3rd @ 7PM**. With the building being closed, our meeting location will be changing. Check with an officer if you would like to attend. On the agenda will be first discussions on the Sons Child Welfare programs for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

2024 renewal notices will be going out early October. Get your renewal in before December to avoid having your membership lapse. Dues remain \$42 and will be waived for members who attend 75% of the squad business meetings.

The Sons remember Gorden Rolan, "The Oldest Son" who passed away on Sept. 19th.

Tom Arter, Adjutant

Sons of AMVETS Squad 1

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Department Executive Committee (D.E.C.)

Oct 13th

2-4PM—D.E.C. Committees Meet via Zoom

Oct 20th

"Fall Meal" Dinner @ AMVETS Post 1

Oct 21st

10AM-12PM—D.E.C. Meeting @ Post 1 & via Zoom

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

AMVETS + WD-40 Company, Veteran Scholarship Program

Deadline: Oct. 15, 2023

Eligibility Requirements:

- Veteran
- Spouse of Veteran
- Must be enrolled in an eligible construction trade program

More Information: <https://www.amvets.org/generation-t>



AUXILIARY

Thank You bakers & buyers for making our first Auxiliary Bake Sale, since March 2020, a great success! Our "**First Thursday of the Month Bake Sales**" will benefit our Child Welfare program providing clothing, goods & supplies to Kids-In-Need in our area. Hope to see you at our bake sale table on Thurs., Oct 5th, 6-8PM.

Pre-Pandemic: Our Ladies Auxiliary was the only nonprofit holding monthly bingo parties at the American Lake VA Blind Rehab (In-Patient) Center. Volunteers are now able to return to Blind Rehab. Please consider volunteering 3 hours of your time, once a month—to call Bingo or assist a blind patient at the VA. Contact Barbara Skinner (253) 678-1256.

The VA **TR**ansitional **Housing** 22 residents are always in need of **bus passes, Safeway gift cards, kitchen supplies** (i.e., dish soap, tall trash bags, sponges & scrubbing pads) and bathroom supplies (i.e., Clorox wipes, bathroom cleaner, toilet paper). Please deliver your donations to the American Lake VAVS office or drop them off at the Post.

Holiday Meals Community Canned Food Drive: *Gloria Harris* is collecting non-perishable food to supplement Holiday Meals for our active-duty & Veterans Families In-Need: mac & cheese, stuffing, vegetables, cranberry sauce, cake mixes & frosting. Our donation bin is located in or near Chappie's Lounge. Please no "Expired" or **past** "Best Buy" dated non-perishables.

Do you know of a Veteran who needs "Home Food Delivered"? Text Darelyn Arter at (253) 405-5384.

WANTED

- Volunteer Experienced with SAGE 50 Accounting Software
- Baker's or baked good needed for fundraisers
- Diapers & new or gently used baby clothes

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 5th—Bake Sale, 6-8PM near Chappie's Lounge
- Oct. 6th—Auxiliary Bottle Raffle
- **Oct. 12—Auxiliary Business Meeting @ 6:30PM**

Barbara Skinner, President

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 3PM sign up 3:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM	2 Building Closed 5:15PM Seahawks @ Giants	3 Chappie's Closed Sons Mtg 7PM On the Deck	4 Chappie's Closed	5 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM BAKE SALE 6-8PM Country Dance Lessons 6:30-7:30 Dance until 10PM DJ Terry West Ballroom Bar stool Bingo 4PM	6 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Auxiliary Raffles 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Randy Litch	7 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM
8 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 3PM sign up 3:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM	9 Building Closed	10 Chappie's Closed	11 Chappie's Closed	12 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Auxiliary Mtg 6:30PM Barstool Bingo 4PM	13 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Riders Raffles 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM 8 Second Ride Navy Birthday	14 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Riders Mtg 10AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM
15 Chappies OPEN 9:30AM-10PM 10AM Seahawks @ Bengals POTLUCK Texas Hold'Em 3PM sign up 3:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM	16 Building Closed	17 Chappie's Closed Marine Corp League 6PM	18 Chappie's Closed	19 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Trustee Mtg 6:30PM Barstool Bingo 4PM	20 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Sons Raffles 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Billy Shew	21 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM D.E.C. 10AM-12PM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM
22 Chappies OPEN 12:30-10PM 1:05PM Seahawks vs Cardinals POTLUCK Texas Hold'Em 3PM sign up 3:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM	23 Building Closed NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	24 Chappie's Closed	25 Chappie's Closed	26 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Post Mtg 6PM Barstool Bingo 4PM National Day of the Deployed	27 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Commander's Raffles 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Raucous Navy Day	28 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM Kids Halloween Party, 5-9PM
29 Chappies OPEN 12:30-10PM 1:05PM Seahawks vs Browns POTLUCK Texas Hold'Em 3PM sign up 3:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM Adult Halloween Party (7-10PM)	30 Building Closed	31 Chappie's Closed 	<p>Don't miss our two best events!</p> <p>Our Kids Halloween Party & Adults Halloween Party</p>  			



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