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OFFICER'S CORNER

I want to take this time to wish my AMVETS family a special Seasons Greetings! We have a few things coming up...our Children's Christmas party on **Dec 12th at 6PM**.

Our music and raffles are starting to pick up—the support of the membership is really appreciated.

Our Officer and Employee Christmas party is on **Dec. 20th, 4:30PM**. There will be a gift exchange (\$25 max for gift)—bring a gift if you want to receive one. There will also be an Ugly Sweater Contest (prizes are \$100, \$75 and \$50).

Have a safe holiday season! Don't forget our New Year's Eve Party!

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thurs., Dec 9th at 6PM**

Larry Stowe, Commander

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Not a lot happening this month...I hope every member had a pleasant Thanksgiving! I also hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas and let us pray that 2022 is on the comeback trail after the past two years. Your Post is in good health, but it takes effort to keep it that way. **Here is to a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!**

Mike Alberts, 1st Vice

Email: membership@amvetwapost1.org

Thank you all for your continued support. Please continue to use the volunteer slips. Remember if you submit a donation, you must attach a receipt or it cannot be used. There are not many exceptions. Any question please contact me.

Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice

Email: programs@amvetwapost1.org

The month of November was quiet for 3rd Vice. Feeling thankful that we have such a great AMVETS family. Be safe and stay well.

There will be a Kids Christmas Party, Dec 12th, 6-8PM. Food and sodas are provided FREE for kids 12 and under--\$2 for 13 and older.

Debbie Moore, 3rd Vice

Email: activities@amvetwapost1.org

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

December Bands:

- **Dec 11th** Rock & Roll Magic
- **Dec 17th** 8 Second Ride
- **Dec 31st** Waylaid

Come out and enjoy the bands and games this month!

Seahawks Games

- **Sun, Dec 5th**, 5PM 49ers vs Seahawks
- **Sun, Dec 19th**, 1:25PM Seahawks @ Rams
- **Sun, Dec 26th**, 1:05PM Bears vs Seahawks

NEW YEARS Party Dec. 31st—Tickets available at the bar or office. \$20 per person. Potluck so bring some awesome home cooked food! We will supply the libations and Waylaid will bring the tunes. Toasting goodbye to 2021 at midnight. Let's hope for a great 2022!

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

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

Happy Holidays to all of you fine members of AMVETS from the management and staff of Chappie's Lounge!

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 Dec 24th-Jan 3rd. 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

Mon-Thur 8AM-4:30PM,
By appointment only (253) 904-4626

Closed Dec 20 through Jan 3rd

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

AMVETS RIDERS

Riders enjoyed our Soldiers Home Donation Ride on the beautiful, crisp Saturday morning of Nov 20th, with our Guest of Honor, Stacey Stolaroff, as we made the \$1,200 donation to the Welfare & Betterment Fund of the Washington Soldiers Home in Orting. The donation was accepted by the Resident's Association President and the Treasurer, who assured us it would go toward making the lives of all the residents happier and more comfortable as they go into the Holiday Season! Stacey, Thank you so much for the Generous donation in memory of your husband Keith!

- **Sat. Dec 4th** The Olympia Toy Run is Back! This is the 44th Year of the Olympia Toy Run! Join the AMVETS Riders at **9AM** for our run to South Sound Center where literally THOUSANDS of Pacific Northwest bikers will gather for the celebration and ride to Marathon Park in Olympia! Bring an unwrapped gift (no stuffies please) and a \$10 donation per rider to help make a Wonderful Christmas for thousands of kids in the Puget Sound area.
- **Fri. Dec 10th** Join the Riders in Chappie's Lounge for Live Music and the Meat Raffle, starting at **6PM!**
- **Sat. Dec 11th 6PM** AMVETS Riders Holiday Party! The 2nd rendition of our Holiday Event, featuring Festive Dinner and Gift Exchange! Contact Mike Jarnagin for more details.

There's Lots going on with Riders in the coming year. If you Ride, Come and see what we're about!

Mike Jarnagin, President

AMVETS Riders, Chapter One

Email: dynomike.amvetriders@gmail.com

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

Thanks, to everyone who has renewed for 2022, so far, we are having a good showing.

Note: We continue to do a bottle raffle and 50/50 raffle once a month. Come out and support your Squad—bottle donations are always welcome.

At the last officers meeting, the group decided that it would like to improve its social media presence. Anyone with expertise in this area or who just has ideas, please contact me or drop and email to amvetwasquad1@outlook.com.

Also don't miss out on our final meeting of the year on **Tues., Dec. 7 at 7PM** (Pearl Harbor day).

Tom Arter, Adjutant

Sons of AMVETS Squad 1

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AUXILIARY

A friendly reminder to those of who are Annual Members it is time to renew your membership. Please drop it in Chappies Lounge or mail it in.

Thank all of you who donated for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Now we are gearing up for the Christmas Baskets, you can bring them to Chappies Lounge and put them in the round container that says Food Drive or bring it to our meeting on the Dec 9th.

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.

We are no longer collecting the pull tops on soda or beer cans or collect Campbell Soup labels. Thank you to those who have done this project in the pass.

Upcoming events:

Fri **Dec 3rd** Karaoke? Raffles?

Thur **Dec 9th** **Meeting at 6:30PM**

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season and a Bright and Healthy New Year!

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/AMVETSBBINGOTACOMA>
- Riders:
<https://www.facebook.com/Amvets-Riders-Chapter-One-Tacoma-WA-10084892845421>



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

HISTORIAN

Eight Post members attended the Auburn Veterans Day Parade on Nov 6th.

In addition, Post members and friends attended the Randy Ferguson's Memorial on Nov 6th.

In November, Commander Stowe, George Hight and Taryn Hopey delivered new bedding items to 10 homeless veterans at the Tacoma Rescue mission (totaling \$585.95—thanks to Post 1) along with backpacks and snivel jackets.

Please welcome a Veteran couple Ellie & John Perry, Sylvia Huerta, Adam Shelton and Neil Carrell who become AMVETS members.

Robert Macon received his 30 year AMVETS pin and Ray Edie received his 35 year AMVETS pin.

Did you know that Post 1 collects used American flags in our community that need to be laid to rest properly? The Boy Scouts will make sure they are properly retired. See Glenn Skinner, Adjutant.

National AMVETS Past National Cmdr (1986); Robert A. Medairos donated \$100,000 to the restoration of the gift that France gave the U.S.A. in June 1885 and the sculptor; Frederic Auguste Bartholdi. They had named it "Enlightening the World" in honoring the Centennial of American Independence from the British. We know it as the "Statue of Liberty", which means Protection and Liberty. When looking at Lady Liberty, she is holding a tablet is inscribed: "July 4, 1776 in Roman numerals, Day of America's Independence from Britain; July 4, 1776", What she stood for then in 1885 is: "Friendship, Freedom and Peace" between France and the U.S.A.

Please read this highly recommended poem that signifies that; (it is a copyrighted poem-so please see this link in order to read it.) www.statueoflibertyclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/The-Statue-of-Liberty-Stands-Tall.pdf

As a patriot, I shall keep the original facts close to my heart.

Taryn Hopey

Post 1 Historian

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COMMUNICATIONS

Message from Jackie Alberts:

Sip and stitch, anyone? **Do you knit or crochet?** Bring whatever project you're currently working on and join us in Chappie's lounge on Sunday, **Dec 6th at 2PM**. Sit and relax with your hooks or needles, your favorite beverage and some like-minded individuals and enjoy!

Message from Taryn Hopey:

PIERCE County TOYS FOR TOTS—Amvets volunteers needed. The Pierce County Toys for Tots is once again bringing the joy of Christmas to children-in-need, as finding a present under the tree on Christmas morning is an experience every child deserves.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance in providing Christmas gifts for children—We are here to help! We serve families who live in Pierce County and children within the age range of 0-13 years old.

To apply, please visit our website at www.pierce-county-wa.toysfortots.org— click on Request a Toy, then **CLICK HERE** for the Family and Individual Request Form which is in red. Fill out the form listing each child you are requesting a toy for. In the comment section, please list gift ideas for each child.

We are always in need of adult volunteers, if you would like to help us out this year, please e-mail us at pierce.county.wa@toysfortots.org and we will contact you and discuss what volunteer task you would like to do.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? 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.

I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Danette Gundy

Communication Officer

Email: communications@amvetwapost1.org

DECEMBER 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

NEW YEARS DAY MARATHON

There will be a 10 Lucky Bucks max per person

Sat., Jan 1st—Doors open @ 10:30AM

Selling starts @ **11AM**; Session starts @ **1PM**

Packs are \$15 single & \$30 double

3 pack minimum in GTI machines

13 games @ \$500; 7 games @ \$1,000

Texas Blackout is a \$5,000 will go! Pick 7 is a \$2,022 will go!

- There will be 5 drawings for gift baskets.
- 2 Winners will receive \$300 worth of gift cards with their winning game (multiple winners will split the \$300 in gift cards).
- There will be pull tabs with a 58" Roku Smart TV & a PAC Man arcade
- Daubers to all!

DECEMBER SPECIALS

- **PICK A PRESENT—Dec 1st to 24th**
Win from \$25-\$250, plus daubers & lucky bucks
Every person will receive 1 raffle ticket per session! One winner per session. Drawing will be held at the second break.
- **FRI AM SPECIAL**—Double lucky bucks for single winners on packet game only
- **SUNDAY AM SPECIAL**—Everyone who plays receives a one on to play speed blackout for \$250
- **CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL**
Friday, Dec 24th—456 is a \$500 will go!
Single winners on blackouts pick a stocking, win \$50-\$250 plus lucky bucks!
Daubers to all!
- **CLOSED PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE**
CLOSED ALL DAY CHRISTMAS
- **Ticket Drawing, Friday, Dec 31st**
5-\$100 drawings both sessions
- **NEW YEAR'S EVE SPECIAL**
Friday, Dec 31st—Double action doubled!
- **Current Jackpots:**
456—20#'s-\$5,000; 26#'s-\$1,000
Bonanza—50#'s-\$4,400
Pick 7—15#'s-\$5,000; 20#'s-\$1,000

AMVETS Post 1 Members!



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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
<p>Dec 31st—New Year's Eve Party 8PM-1AM Doors open at 6:30PM Music: Waylaid Tickets on sale now \$20 per person Please bring a potluck item! Libations provided!</p> 			<p>1 Chappies 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM sign up 6:30PM starts</p>	<p>2 Chappies 3-10PM Barstool Bingo 4PM</p>	<p>3 Chappies 3-12AM Kitchen Open 3-9PM Raffles 7:30-9PM Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>4 Chappies 2-12AM Kitchen Open 3-9PM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM Bingo AM/PM</p>
<p>5 Chappies OPEN 2-10PM Kitchen Open 3-9PM Knit/Crochet 2PM <i>(see Communication section for more info)</i> Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts 49ers vs Seahawks  5:20PM Bingo AM/PM</p>		<p>PTSD 10-12 noon Sons @ 7PM Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>8 Chappies 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM sign up 6:30PM starts</p>	<p>9 Chappies 3-10PM Auxiliary 6:30PM Barstool Bingo 4PM Post Mtg 6PM</p>	<p>10 Chappies 3-12AM Kitchen Open 3-9PM Raffles 7:30-9PM Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>11 Chappies 2-12AM Kitchen Open 3-9PM Horse Racing 4PM Music: 8PM-12AM Rock & Roll Magic Bingo AM/PM</p>
<p>12 Chappies OPEN 2-10PM Kitchen Open 3-9PM Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts Jaguars vs Seahawks  1:25PM Bingo AM/PM</p>		<p>PTSD 10-12 noon Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>15 Chappies 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM sign up 6:30PM starts</p>	<p>16 Chappies 3-10PM Barstool Bingo 4PM Trustee Mtg 6PM</p>	<p>17 Chappies 3-12AM Kitchen Open 3-9PM Music: 8PM-12AM 8 Second Ride Raffles 7:30-9PM Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>18 Chappies 2-12AM Kitchen Open 3-9PM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM Bingo AM/PM</p>
<p>19 Chappies OPEN 2-10PM Kitchen Open 3-9PM Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts Seahawks @ Rams  1:25PM Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>AMVETS Officer and Employee Christmas party 4:30PM</p>	<p>PTSD 10-12 noon Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>22 Chappies 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM sign up 6:30PM starts</p>	<p>23 Chappies 3-10PM Barstool Bingo 4PM Trustee Mtg 5PM Post Mtg 6PM</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS EVE Chappies OPEN 3-6PM Kitchen Open 3-9PM Bingo AM/PM</p>	 <p>CLOSED</p>
<p>26 Chappies OPEN 2-10PM Kitchen Open 3-9PM Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts Bears vs Seahawks  1:05PM Bingo AM/PM</p>		<p>PTSD 10-12 noon Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>29 Chappies 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM sign up 6:30PM starts</p>	<p>30 Chappies 3-10PM Barstool Bingo 4PM</p>	<p>31  See party information at top of calendar</p>	<p>Jan 1, 2022 </p>