



AMVETS Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

On Wed. Feb. 14th, 6PM, the Post is having a Valentine's Day party in Chappie's Lounge. We will have door prizes, maybe a box of chocolate, Valentine basket, or oh, I don't know, but something special. It's a Potluck—Commander is buying fried chicken. We'll have heart races like camel races. Bring your sweetheart and let's have some fun with good food, friends and exciting gifts. So...get those thinking camps on and bring your favorite homemade food along. Let's have some Valentine fun!

Just a reminder that we're are having a game night every Wednesday. Watch for calendar for what is going on. Chappie's Lounge is happening on Wednesday!

When we don't have a band or event on Friday night, we will be doing Karaoke—or you can request a song to be played and dance to it.

Come and join us for the next **Post** meeting on **Thurs. Feb. 22nd at 6PM** and the Post **Trustee** meeting on **Thurs. Feb. 15th at 6PM.**

Elections are coming up—first nominations will be Mar. 28th.

If you have any suggestions that would be fund to have here at the Post, please let me know. Have a Happy Valentine month!

Brenda Martin, Commander

Phone: (253) 677-5727

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OFFICER'S CORNER

Super Bowl Sunday—there will be a potluck in Chappies Lounge, with raffles throughout the game. We would love to see all the members here. Game starts at 3:30PM!

At our Mar 28th meeting, 1st nominations will occur. Then, at our April 25th meeting we will have 2nd nominations. On May 9th we will vote in new officers/trustees. Your VOTE counts! Please come and attend our Post meetings.

Mike Hardy, 1st Vice

Email: membership@amvetwapost1.org

This year has started off like 2021, except a little earlier this time. Thank you for your support. Remember—keep up the good work on your volunteer slips. We ended 2023 on a good note. Again, thank you for your support.

Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice

Email: programs@amvetwapost1.org

The silent auction for Gloria's Kitchen repair closes on Feb. 2nd at 7PM. Come and place your bids!

New Phone Numbers

(253) 472-2552.....Main

(253) 677-5727.....Commanders

(253) 472-0560.....Chappie's Lounge

Post 1—this is a call for HELP!!!

I volunteered to paint the upstairs ballroom. We are excited to do this, but we need help with the prep work. We need to first scrub the walls, tape, and paper. If you can help, we will be having a painting party in February with official dates to be determined. We will be sending out a flyer as soon as possible. If you have painting or cleaning supplies that you can donate, please let us know.

Additionally, we are looking for some private property to hold the 2024 post picnic in June. If you have some land or know of a place, please call or email me.

Rachel Murphy, 3rd Vice

Email: rachel.murphy141@gmail.com



Come and join us at Post 1 to watch the Super Bowl game together!

Potluck—Bring some goodies to share

50/50 Raffle!

Sunday

Feb. 11th

3:30PM

ADJUTANT

When you receive a letter from the Adjutant requesting proof of member eligibility, please show your 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.

Glenn Skinner, Adjutant

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Email: Adjutant@amvetswapost1.org

CHAPPIES RESTAURANT/LOUNGE

Lounge Hours:

Wed 3-10PM

Thurs 3-10PM

Fri 3-1AM

Sat 3-1AM

Sun 3-10PM



Daily activities:

Wed: Texas Hold'Em, LCR, Camel races, Bunko & Yahtzee

Thurs: Bar Stool Bingo & **DARTS** are back!

Fri: Meat/Bottle Raffle and 50/50 Raffle

Sat: Horse Races & Karaoke

Sun: Texas Hold'Em & Jam Session

Phone: (253) 472-0560

AMVETS RIDERS

Our next meeting will be **Sat., Feb. 10th at 10AM** in Chappie's Lounge.

The Rider's raffle will be Fri. Feb. 9th at 5:30 in Chappie's Lounge.

Eric Davis (Sugarfoot), President

AMVETS Riders, Chapter One

Email: fishn4samn@comcast.net

SONS of AMVETS

Our next meeting is on **Tues., Feb. 6th @ 7PM** in Chappie's Lounge.

We would like to hear from members as to alternate dates and times that would allow for more participation. The Sons' primary source of income is the Friday bottle raffle. You can help by donating a bottle, just wrap it, label it as "Sons" and leave with the bartender. Dues for both applications and renewals may now be paid by bankcard at the bar—please don't pay by cash.

Tom Arter, Adjutant

Sons of AMVETS Squad 1

Email: arter57@yahoo.com

AUXILIARY

Thank you to these Auxiliary Ladies who graciously volunteer & work "behind the scenes".



THANK YOU!

- Brenda Martin—for guiding our Post through this business & financial recovery phase.
- Sam" Gustafson & Betty Schleich—for greeting cards & kind words you send to our 300+ Auxiliary members.
- Gloria Harris & Carolyn Roth—for your continued Thursdays & Fridays dinner service.
- Gloria—for your generous monetary contributions to the Post.
- Marilyn Hardy, Debbie Meyers & Sheila Angell—for preparing, cooking & serving the main courses of our "Holiday Dinners" at the Post.
- Mary Jo Warren—for delivering food to our AMVETS members-in-need.
- Barbara Skinner—for "keeping us in our lanes..."

New or amended AMVETS Post 1 Ladies Auxiliary Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules will be read at the Feb. 8th Business Meeting and voted on at the Mar. 14th meeting.

1st Nominations for Elected Officers will be accepted at the Mar. 14th Business Meeting. Pre-requisite for the 8-9 elected Auxiliary Officers: Must be a member in good standing who attended 50% of all business meetings; one year preceding elections. Additionally, 1-7 officers & chairpersons shall be appointed by the President-elect.

WISH LIST

- 1st Thursdays—Volunteer bakers or donated baked goods needed for Auxiliary fundraisers
- Collecting soda & beer can tops (tabs) - for a Las Vegas Veterans Home. Their senior residents do craft lanyards and other wearable art. Darelyn Arter will ship bulk to LAS.

Upcoming Events:

- Thurs. Feb. 1st—Auxiliary Child Welfare Bake Sale, 6-8PM
- Fri. Feb. 2nd—Auxiliary 50/50 raffle (no bottle raffle)
- **Thurs. Feb. 8th—Auxiliary Business Meeting @ 6:30PM in person**
- Fri. Feb. 9th—BBQ on the Deck, 5-7PM (Live music)

Barbara Skinner, President

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COMMUNICATIONS

I would like to offer my services. If anyone is interested in learning more about how to design good flyers or brochures, or if you want to know how to use Word, Excel, or Publisher send me an email.

I am an advanced user in Microsoft products. I also have extensive training in designing. I can help you with that flyer or brochure to make whatever you're creating POP! Let me know if you are interested in learning more about how to use Word, Excel or Publisher. I can do one-on-one or if I have enough interest, I can do a group training.

Danette Gundy
Communications Officer & Newsletter Editor
Email: communications@amvetswa.org

HALL RENTAL

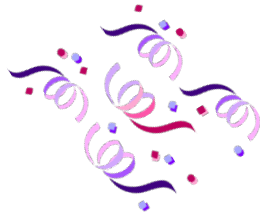
Want to rent our hall for a wedding, birthday party, graduation, or other events?

Please contact our Adjutant
Tues-Fri, 9-4PM.

Prices:

Small Hall: \$500
Medium Hall: \$1,000
Large Hall: \$1,500

(253) 472-2552



At our last Post meeting we recognized that Karen & Yvonne has contributed a tremendous amount of time dedicated to keep the Post open and serving our Veterans either by greeting you at the dances, and supporting the Thanksgiving & Christmas dinners.

!! Thank You !!

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To continue receiving important information from our Post, provide your email address to

newsletter@amvetswapost1.org or go online www.amvetswa.org/newsworthy

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 folder.

HISTORIAN

Thank a woman Veteran on Feb. 19th—this is a day to recognize the strong women veterans for their dedication in serving our country.

Feb. 19th is National Vet Girls Rise Day!

Way back in the day women served in camps to do laundry, cook and nurse soldiers. Even though they were helping, women were not allowed to become official members of the military during the Revolutionary war. Again, women were recruited during the Civil War to serve as a nurse...without military status. In 1901 the Army Nurse Corps was initiated in which women could serve. Fast forward to today—more than two million women have put their lives on the line to protect Americans.

Take time to thank a woman Veteran for their sacrifices! We've come a long way.

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

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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  <p>Come on in and bring yourself and a sweetie (if you have one) to a FUN filled night Valentines Day, Feb. 14th, 6PM Play the Heart Races (e.g., Camel Races) Door Prizes too! Bring a potluck item to share—Commander’s bringing the chicken!</p> | | | | <p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Taco Salad or Soup of the Day BAKE SALE 6-8PM Barstool Bingo 4PM Texas Hold’Em 6:30PM starts Darts 7PM</p> | <p>Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Kitchen Closed Auxiliary Raffles 6-8PM Karaoke/request song to be played Silent Auction closes at 7PM!</p> | <p>Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Chicken Strip Basket or Drummie Basket Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM Music: 8-11PM 8 Second Ride</p> |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| <p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold’Em 3:30PM starts Jam Session 5PM</p> | <p>Building Closed</p> | <p>Chappie’s Closed Sons Meeting 7PM PTSD 10-12 Noon</p> | <p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold’Em 6PM starts Game Night 6PM Left Center Right</p> | <p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Taco Salad or Soup of the Day Barstool Bingo 4PM Auxiliary Mtg 6:30PM Texas Hold’Em 6:30PM starts Darts 7PM</p> | <p>Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Pamela’s Chicago Style BBQ Honor Black History Month Riders Raffles 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Randy Band</p> | <p>Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Riders Meeting 10AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM Maxine Fund Raiser Dinner 6PM</p> |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| <p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold’Em 3:30PM starts SUPER BOWL LVIII Potluck 3:30PM Jam Session 5PM</p> | <p>Building Closed</p> | <p>Chappie’s Closed PTSD 10-12 Noon</p> | <p>HAPPY Valentine’s Day Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Valentine’s Day Potluck 6PM</p> | <p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Taco Salad or Soup of the Day Barstool Bingo 4PM Trustee Mtg 6PM Texas Hold’Em 6:30PM starts Darts 7PM</p> | <p>Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Smothered Pork Chop in Mushroom gravy Sons Raffle 6-8PM Karaoke/request song to be played</p> | <p>Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM</p> |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | |
| <p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold’Em 3PM sign up 3:30PM starts Jam Session 5PM</p> | <p>Building Closed</p> | <p>Chappie’s Closed PTSD 10-12 Noon</p> | <p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold’Em 6PM starts Game Night 5PM Left Center Right</p> |  <p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Taco Salad or Soup of the Day Barstool Bingo 4PM Texas Hold’Em 6:30PM starts Darts 7PM</p> | <p>DARTS are Back!! Thursday Nights @ 7PM</p>  | |

Please check our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AmVetsPost1Tacoma) for more up-to-date events throughout the month!