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OFFICER'S CORNER

I hope everyone had a great holiday season!

A special **thanks** to all AMVETS for their volunteer work in December.

Looking forward to a New Year—here's to 2023!!

Come and join us for a Post meeting on **Thurs. Jan. 26th at 6PM**—learn what we do for our Veterans!

Larry Stowe, Commander

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We have come a long way this year. We have learned a great deal about our world today and have been reminded time after time again what amazing group of supporters we have in our lives and in this club. I want to thank each and every volunteer in our AMVETS community. Thank you so much! Blessings to you and your family the year of 2023—and is full of making amazing memories.

Brenda Martin, 1st Vice

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Welcome to the new year. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It appears that we will continue to use the current volunteer slips. National is adding more categories so I will be revising the new slips and database—do not know when we will start using the new slips more—info to come.

Thank you for your continued support.

Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice

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I hope everyone survived the holidays.

The youth Christmas party was a success. I want to give a big shout out of thanks to everyone who stepped up and gave their ideas and energies towards the youth Christmas party. Due to medical reasons, I was not able to participate. So many gave up their time—you know who you are. Heartfelt thanks again and again.

Debbie Moore, 3rd Vice

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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:

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

Happy Hour: Tues-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

January Bands:

- Jan. 6th—Traveling 4
- Jan. 13th—Michael Crain
- Jan. 20th—Goodtimes
- Jan. 27th—Billy Shew

There are a few changes happening at Chappie's. We are going to be closed on Mondays. Dinners are unknown at this time and we will keep you informed as things progress.

BUNCO will be on Jan. 10th starting at 5PM!

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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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 to make an appointment.

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SONS of AMVETS

Our next meeting is **Tues. Jan. 3rd, 7PM** in the lounge.

A **big thanks** to Lew Foster III for his efforts in running the Sons child welfare Christmas program helping low income children at Mary Lyon School.

Another **big thanks** to everyone who renewed for 2023. For those who haven't, please do so as soon as possible; remember you will lose your lounge privileges at the end of 2022 and will need to be signed in as a guest.

Tom Arter, Adjutant

Sons of AMVETS Squad 1

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AMVETS RIDERS

Hello 2023!

I hope everyone reading this had a great Christmas and New Year celebration.

The weather has been keeping the bikes in the garage, but some members attended the wreath laying ceremony at the Orting Veteran Cemetery on Dec. 17th.

Friday, Jan. 13th, the Riders will do the bottle raffle, and Eric Davis' world-famous standing rib roast sandwiches will be sold!

Saturday, Jan. 14th is the monthly membership meeting—please bring \$25 for your 2023 dues.

Looking forward to a better year! --you can quote me on that!

Mike Alberts (Iron Mike), President

AMVETS Riders, Chapter One

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CHAPLAIN

Now is no time to think of what we do not have. *Think of all you do with what you have.*

Robert (Bob) Macon

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AUXILIARY

The reviews are in: The *Christmas Day Dinner* at the Post was a success! Participating members were grateful, joyful and thankful to celebrate and share at this joint AMVETS Post 1/Sons/Ladies Auxiliary event. **Thank You** Karen Good, Yvonne Crockett, volunteers and donors!

This Christmas, the Ladies Auxiliary provided 22 Veterans families holiday dinner baskets with funds raised from the Nov. & Dec. bottle raffles and generous donations from WoVets-Tacoma. **Thank You** Roberta Walker for the turkeys and pies! **Thank You** Toni Johnson for coordinating, collecting, purchasing, packaging & distributing these 2022 contributions for our Veterans & their families in-need.

Another shout out of **Thanks** to Roberta Walker (WoVets) for your contribution of 10 dinner gift cards to the VA Transitional Housing residents.

This month, the Auxiliary will assist in the launch of the AMVETS Americanism Program contests. It is a patriotic program that teaches K-12 students our American heritage, civics & citizenship. The program includes flag drawing, poster and essay contests that are grade specific and age appropriate.

Please support our Child Welfare project—School Supplies for Kids In-Need. We will continue providing the needed supplies to area schools throughout the year.

Effective Jan. 1st, Ladies Auxiliary members may rejoin as annual or life members with new applications & supporting documents.

Happy New Year! Wishing you good friends, good health, good times.

Upcoming Events:

- **Jan. 6th**—Bottle and meat raffle
- **Jan. 12th**—Auxiliary Meeting @ 6:30PM

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.

I would like to **thank everyone** who helped make a successful kids Christmas party.

Danelle Wyatt, Quartermaster

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COMMUNICATIONS

Keep an eye open for a new website look. It is under construction and should be available the first part of January.

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HISTORIAN

I located an article written in Jan of 1940 on the "NEW YEAR" for your enjoyment (Source: www.newspapers.com, article from: *The Marion County Standard Newspaper of Missouri*, 10 Jan 1940 pg 2.)

In addition to this New Year article, may we all refresh our thinking on what it takes to be an AMVETS member and if you are able, please help support our Post, come to our Post meetings, Board of Trustee meetings and learn what it takes to fulfill our obligations that we are annually required to do as a non-profit (C) (19) veterans organization. We sure could use your assistance in keeping our Post alive and well with your participation and fresh ideas...

Till then, I hope you had a HAPPY NEW YEAR. Stay safe, healthy and hopeful for a better tomorrow.

Taryn Hopey, Historian

New Year

Why do we celebrate New Year's Day? For Centuries, different races of the world have celebrated the coming of the New Year. Not all races started their new year at the same time.

The Egyptians started their year about the middle of June, at the time of yearly overflow of the river Nile. The Babylonians, some thousands of years before Christ, started their new year, at the time of spring when all trees and plants brought forth new life. The Romans also began their year in March.

At this time, a great festival was held. All people put away their quarrels and had a day of great joy. Friendships were renewed and everyone greeted everybody else with wishes of wealth, good-will and happiness.

Julius Caesar changed the date of Roman new year from the end of March to the first day of January. Pope Gregory, sixteen centuries later, corrected the mistakes in Caesar's calendar and now in all Christian countries of the world the first of January is celebrated as New Year's Day.

Let us all try to make this a worthwhile new year. Let us strive forward and accomplish much this year. Luck, success, good-health, and happiness, be yours!

JANUARY 2023 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

JANUARY SPECIALS

- **FRIDAY AM in Jan.**—Texas is a \$500 will go!
- **SUNDAY AM in Jan.**—5 drawings—winners will spin the mini wheel
- **IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY**
Sun., Jan. 15th
456 is a \$500 will go
- **BIRTHDAY SPECIALS**
Emily's, Tues., Jan. 17th—Pick 7 \$500 will go!
Bryce, Fri., Jan 20th—Wheel game doubled!
- **Ticket Drawing, Friday, Jan. 27th**
5-\$100 drawings both sessions
- **Jackpots**
456—20#'s-\$5,000; 30#'s-\$1,000
Pick 7—15#'s-\$4,000; 27#'s-\$1,000
Bonanza—50#'s-\$5,000

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
1 Chappies 2-10PM Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM Bingo AM/PM	2	3 Chappies 3-10PM PTSD 10-12 noon SONS 7PM DARTS 6:30 sign up 7PM play Bingo AM/PM	4 Chappies 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 5PM sign up 5:30PM starts DARTS 6:30 sign up 7PM play Manhattan Dance 6:30-9:30PM (\$10)	5 Chappies 3-10PM Barstool Bingo 4PM	6 Chappies 3-10PM Raffles 7:30-9PM Music: 8PM-12AM Traveling 4 Bingo AM/PM	7 Chappies 2-12AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM Bingo AM/PM
8 Chappies 1-10PM Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM Bingo AM/PM	9	10 Chappies 3-10PM PTSD 10-12 noon BUNCO 5PM DARTS 6:30 sign up 7PM play Bingo AM/PM	11 Chappies 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 5PM sign up 5:30PM starts DARTS 6:30 sign up 7PM play Manhattan Dance 6:30-9:30PM (\$10)	12 Chappies 3-10PM Auxiliary Mtg 6:30PM Barstool Bingo 4PM	13 Chappies 3-10PM Raffles 7:30-9PM Music: 8PM-12AM Michael Crain Bingo AM/PM	14 Chappies 2-12AM Riders Mtg 10AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM Bingo AM/PM
15 Chappies 1-10PM Kitchen Open 3-9PM Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM Bingo AM/PM	16 	17 Chappies 3-10PM PTSD 10-12 noon DARTS 6:30 sign up 7PM play Bingo AM/PM	18 Chappies 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 5PM sign up 5:30PM starts DARTS 6:30 sign up 7PM play Manhattan Dance 6:30-9:30PM (\$10)	19 Chappies 3-10PM Trustee Mtg 6PM Barstool Bingo 4PM	20 Chappies 3-10PM Raffles 7:30-9PM Music: 8PM-12AM Goodtimes Bingo AM/PM	21 Chappies 2-12AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM Bingo AM/PM
22 Chappies 2-10PM Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM Bingo AM/PM	23 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	24 Chappies 3-10PM PTSD 10-12 noon DARTS 6:30 sign up 7PM play Bingo AM/PM	25 Chappies 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 5PM sign up 5:30PM starts DARTS 6:30 sign up 7PM play Manhattan Dance 6:30-9:30PM (\$10)	26 Chappies 3-10PM POST MEETING 6PM Barstool Bingo 4PM	27 Chappies 3-10PM Raffles 7:30-9PM Music: 8PM-12AM Billy Shew Bingo AM/PM	28 Chappies 2-12AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM Bingo AM/PM
29 Chappies 2-10PM Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM Bingo AM/PM	30	31 Chappies 3-10PM PTSD 10-12 noon DARTS 6:30 sign up 7PM play Bingo AM/PM	 Come and enjoy a game of BUNCO on Jan. 10th at 5PM			