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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

THE SUMMER IS COMING TO AN END. SEAHAWKS are playing and Chapple's lounge will open ½ hour before the game on Sunday Sept. 10 at 1PM and Sept.24 at 12:30PM. Come in and watch the game and a **bring a potluck item to share** with all of your friends. Go HAWKS!

The Washington State Fair in Puyallup is going from the Sept 1-24. Come and see me, "The Commander" at the Blue Gate. I work the whole fair. Hope to see you there. Every Monday is Military Free Admission Day with their family. Also, the fair is holding a Food Dive between 10:30-12:30PM. Everyone gets free Admission on Sept. 1st Opening Day.

Commander is having a Coffee Machine Raffle in the Bar thru the month to raise funds for the Post and the bartenders will be selling tickets, come in and buy a ticket for \$1.00. The drawing will be on the Sept. 30 during the Open House and you do not need to be present at the time of the drawing.

Our Post 1 is still having finance difficulties—we have not leased out the lower floor which is over 12,000 square feet. So, if you know

anyone that is looking to lease great building. Please have them myself or Glenn and we would glad to show it to them.

Another idea to keep your Post up and running from post-pandemic issues, would be to consider giving a tax donation to Post 1—we are a Charity Non-Profit Organization 501(c)(3)—which is tax deductible. Please make your checks to **AMVETS Department of Washington, Service Foundation for Post 1 Recover fund**, Attn: Danette Gundy, 5717 South Tyler Street, Tacoma, WA 98409. We greatly value kindness, by putting others before yourself and making us help our fellow military family by helping our service keep their doors open to help them. We will send you back at tax deduction receipt.

Veterans helping Veteran's 🗣️ Members helping Veterans

Come and join us for a Post meeting on **Thurs. Sept. 28th at 6PM.**

Brenda Martin, Commander

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OFFICER'S CORNER

Our Open House will be Sept. 30th, 12-5PM. There will be world famous chili with cheese dogs, vet support agencies...everything but the kitchen sink! Bring in a guest and make them a member to our fabulous Post.

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

Boy this year is flying by!

Please keep track of the hours that you put in. I am finding duplicate sheets same day and same event. When I find them, I do away with them. I think I catch most of them but most likely not all.

Please ensure that sheets are completely filled out hours, miles, date and readable name.

Thank you for your continued support

Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice

Email: programs@amvetswapost1.org

Greetings from Florida!

A few notes on the open house. The next planning meeting is Sept. 4th on the deck at the post. There is also a Teams link for interested parties. Everyone is welcome to attend in person or virtually. This will be a large event, so we need all hands that are available.

Upcoming Events:

- Oct 28th—Kids Halloween Party
- Oct 29th—Adult Halloween Party
- Nov 4th—Make a wish event

More information is coming in September as well as committee sign up. If you are interested in participating in the kids and/or adults parties please contact me.

Rachel Murphy, 3rd Vice

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New Phone Numbers

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(253) 473-5520 Commanders

(253) 472-0560 Chappie's Lounge

(253) 255-0161 Service Office

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

Phone: (253) 472-2552

Email: Adjutant@amvetwapost1.org

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

If you are not receiving your newsletter by email, please check your spam folder. If you still cannot find it, please let me know. Remember, you can still view/print our newsletter from our website or pick one up at the post.

Danette Gundy, Communications Officer

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AMVETS SERVICE OFFICE

Hours:

The Service Office has suspended operations for a minimum of 30 days.

Vacant, State Service Director

Email: victoria@amvetswaso.org

Phone: (253) 220-5050

AMVETS RIDERS

Our next meeting on **Sat., Sept. 9th, 10AM** in the lounge.

Our raffle is on Fri., Sept. 8th, 5:30PM

AMVETS Open House is on Sept. 30th—need volunteers.

Eric Davis (Sugarfoot), President

AMVETS Riders, Chapter One

Email: fishn4samn@comcast.net

SONS of AMVETS

Our next meeting is on **Tues., Sept. 5th @ 7PM** on the deck at Post 1. Our main agenda items will be consideration of a motion to change the monthly business meeting to the 3rd Friday of the month following the Sons bottle raffle (8PM) and the upcoming membership drive event.

Please remember to turn in volunteer slips reporting for your volunteer time to me. You may use the Post volunteer slips available next to the door to the Officers offices. Completed forms (we just need your name, activity, hours, and miles to and from the activity) can be placed in the Sons membership box, just inside the door to Chapple's Lounge. Let me know if you have any questions about the information that you need to provide.

Tom Arter, Adjutant

Sons of AMVETS Squad 1

Email: arter57@yahoo.com

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newsletter@amvetwapost1.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.

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

HISTORIAN

As we commemorate POW/MIA Recognition Day, take a moment to read how it all started (see attached).

As of July 13, 2021, there are still 1,584 individual POW/MIA's from the Vietnam War. (<https://tinyurl.com/mwbpvycm>)

Taryn Hopey, Historian

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>



**Sept. 7th @ 6-8PM
Near Chappie's Lounge**

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AUXILIARY

If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or know of someone in the Auxiliary who needs to make changes, please notify Carolyn Roth, Aux 1 Vice at (253) 590-8332. Please leave a message or contact Barbara Skinner.

The **American Lake VA** are allowing volunteers to resume **Blind Rehab Bingo**. If you are interest in volunteering, please contact Barbara Skinner.

The TR Transition Housing for our Veterans for the Lakewood VA Hospital needs the following items: bus passes, Safeway gift cards, dishwashing soap/tabs, hand soap, tall kitchen garbage bags, Lysol/Clorox wipes, sponges, bathroom cleaner, scrubbing pads, dishcloths, flatware sets, plates, cups, glasses, bowls, XL long sheet sets, blankets, etc. Donation box will be located in hallway by Chappies Lounge.

Child Welfare School Supply Drive—Janine Byers is still collecting new general school supplies for the upcoming school year. If you would like to donate, please bring those donations to our next Business meeting or drop off in our school donation box located in the Post #1 hallway.

Community Canned Food Drive—Gloria Harris is collecting for Nov./Dec. We are in need of the following items to supplement our Holiday Meals to our Veterans Families In-Need and Local Community Families In-Need: Boxes of Mac & Cheese, stuffing, canned corn, green beans, sweet peas, mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce, cake mixes and frosting. The donation tub is located in Chappie's Lounge. Please, no expired/past "Best By" date non-perishables.

Hot off the phone: 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
- Volunteers Experienced with Microsoft Word and Excel
- Baker's or baked good needed for fundraisers

Upcoming Events:

- Sept 1st—Auxiliary Horse Races
- Sept 2nd—Post #1 Basket Raffle Fundraiser—Tickets go on sale Sept 2nd—drawing on Sept 30th @ 4PM
- Sept 7th—Auxiliary (Child Welfare Program) Bake Sale (1st Thursday of the month) 6-8PM near Chappie's Lounge
- **Sept 14th—Auxiliary Meeting @ 6:30PM**
- Sept 30th—Post #1 Open House @ 12-5PM

Barbara Skinner, President

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Lounge will open ½ hour before game time Sunday games that start around 1PM or later we will be having potluck. Come and bring your favorite dish and enjoy the Seahawks with AMVETS friends! FYI for Dances: Guests pay a \$5.00 entry donation					1 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Auxiliary Raffles 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Dirty White Boyz	2 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM National V-J Day
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10 Chappies OPEN 1-10PM  1:25PM Rams @ Seahawks Potluck! Texas Hold'Em 3PM sign up 3:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM	11 Building Closed Patriot Day & National Day of Service and Remembrance	12 Chappie's Closed Marine Corp League 6PM	13 Chappie's Closed	14 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Auxiliary Mtg 6:30PM Barstool Bingo 4PM	15 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Sons Raffles 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Michael Crane Band National POW/MIA Recognition Day	16 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM
17 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM  10AM Seahawks vs Lions Texas Hold'Em 3PM sign up 3:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM	18 Building Closed Air Force Birthday	19 Chappie's Closed	20 Chappie's Closed	21 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Trustee Mtg 6PM Barstool Bingo 4PM NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	22 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Commander's Raffles 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Rock & Roll Magic	23 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM
24 Chappies OPEN 12:30-10PM  1:05PM Panthers @ Seahawks Potluck! Texas Hold'Em 3PM sign up 3:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM Gold Star Mother's & Family Day	25 Building Closed	26 Chappie's Closed	27 Chappie's Closed	28 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Post 1 Mtg 6PM Barstool Bingo 4PM	29 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Commander's Raffles 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Jasper National VFW Day	30  Chappies OPEN 3-12AM OPENJ HOUSE 1205pm Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM

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