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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

As my volunteer service term, as your Commander, comes to an end I bid you "Farewell and Thank You." Thank you to our March 2023-May 2024 **volunteer** Corporate Administrative Assistants, **volunteer** Building Ops & Maintenance Personnel, **volunteer** Events, Recreation & Activities workers, and **volunteer** Troubleshooters. Together with our financial supporters, you have helped keep our building open for business, welcoming to our members, guests, customers & visitors, and safe for all who pass through our doors.

We have grants pending, to provide more public service events: job fairs, workshops, and health fairs. We have more events & activities pending, to provide more for our membership. We have Tacoma Calvary, to provide a steady income. We have hall rentals pending, to provide other income.

In June 2024, our nonprofit Post #1 will be led and managed by **volunteers**. Please join me in supporting our future Commander, Officers & Trustees.

We are WA AMVETS Post #1 Strong!

Second nominations are on Apr. 25th at the Post. We need members to step up to the following AMVETS positions: AMVETS Post 1 Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Provost Marshall, and Trustee positions 1, 5 & 6.

With Glenn Skinner retiring from his position as Adjutant we need a member who wants to take over this position. You will have big shoes to fill—but you can do it! Please let the Commander or the Adjutant know—or just talk to Glenn to see if you would like to take the position.

Come and join us for the next **Post** meeting on **Thurs. Apr. 25th at 6PM** for second nominations and the Post **Trustee** meeting on **Thurs. Apr. 18th at 6PM**.

If you have any questions or suggestions that would help us—my ears and eyes are open.

Brenda Martin, Commander

Phone: (253) 677-5727

Email: amvetswapost1@gmail.com

OFFICER'S CORNER

2nd Nominations for Elected officers will be on April 25th. This is your time to vote for your officers! In May, we will vote. Your VOTE Counts!! I hope to see you at our meeting.

Mike Hardy, 1st Vice

Email: membership@amvetswapost1.org

Here we are again the year is passing by quickly. Thank you for your continued support. Keep up the good work on your volunteer slips.

Don't fall for any April Fool's Day pranks!

Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice

Email: programs@amvetswapost1.org

Thank you to all the volunteers that came to paint the hall. Your hard work is appreciated.

We are looking for a location for the post picnic. As we have limited finances for the event, we are hoping for a donated location so we have more funds for the party. Please contact me with suggestions.

Rachel Murphy, 3rd Vice

Email: rachel.murphy141@gmail.com

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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? Pierce County Vet Resources or the VFW in Fife can help you.

See the attached document for the new procedures for membership and updating your information with AMVETS.

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

Phone: (253) 472-2552

Email: Adjutant@amvetwapost1.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**

Fri: Meat/Bottle Raffle and 50/50 Raffle

Sat: Horse Races & Karaoke

Sun: Texas Hold'Em & Jam Session

Phone: (253) 472-0560

SONS of AMVETS

Our next meeting is on **Tues., Apr. 2nd @ 7PM** in Chappie's Lounge.

The main business will be a debrief on the Easter Egg Hunt and finalize details for Cinco de Mayo. Remember, donations for the Sons monthly bottle raffle, on the 3rd Friday of the month, are always welcome. The bottle and 50/50 raffles are our primary source of income. For your convenience you may drop off donations at the bar.

Tom Arter, Adjutant

Sons of AMVETS Squad 1

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AMVETS RIDERS

Our next meeting will be **Sat., Apr. 13th at 10AM** in Chappie's Lounge.

The Rider's raffle will be Fri. Apr. 12th at 5:30 in Chappie's Lounge.

Eric Davis (Sugarfoot), President AMVETS Riders, Chapter One

Email: fishn4samn@comcast.net

AUXILIARY

Thank you to the 3 volunteer chefs, 4 volunteer kitchen & wait-staff, 3 fundraisers, 5 prize donors, live-band sponsors, and 75 dinners & contributors. Our 2-hr March 8th Steak Dinner & Raffles raised **\$1,500 to PAWS for Purple Hearts**, Lakewood, WA. A fantastic gift for WA Veterans, their Service Dogs, and our community! Thank You!

First Nominations for our 2024-2025 Officers occurred on Mar 14th. Second Nominations and Election will be held at our **Apr 11th** Business Meeting at Post #1.

First Nominees are:

President:	Tracy Muntz
1st Vice:	Tracy Muntz
2nd Vice:	Janine Byers
3rd Vice:	Gloria Harris
Secretary:	Peggy Robinson
Treasurer:	Darelyn Arter
Chaplain:	
Sergeant at Arms:	Velma Wright

Offices held will be for the one-year term of May 1st, 2024, to April 30th, 2025. Pre-requisite for the 8 elected Auxiliary Officers: Must be a member in good standing who attended 50% of all business meetings held during the one year preceding the elections. Additionally, 1-7 Officers & Chairpersons shall be appointed by the President-elect with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Members, in good standing must present their auxiliary membership card (at the April 11th meeting door) prior to the meeting election/vote.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Thurs. Apr. 4th—Auxiliary Child Welfare Bake Sale, 6-8PM
- Fri. Apr. 5th—Bottle raffle
- **Thurs. Apr. 11th—Auxiliary Business Meeting @ 6:30PM**
 - Second nominations & vote for Aux #1 2024-2025 Officers
 - Installation of Aux #1's 2024-2025

Barbara Skinner, President

Cell Phone: (253) 678-1256

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COMMUNICATIONS



Gold Star Spouses Day is April 5th. Even though gold star families have experienced a great loss, their ties to the military community remain strong. Take the time and reach out to honor and recognize the families of those service members who lost their life in the line of duty for our country.

There will be a D.E.C. (Department Executive Committee) Convention, May 31 & June 1. We will be voting on all elected positions at the State level, plus two trustee positions for the AMVETS Department of Washington Service Foundation. Come and see what goes on at the State level.

Danette Gundy
Communications Officer & Newsletter Editor
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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.

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

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

We need volunteers for the ROTC/JROTC at local schools for presentations. I personally found it a honor to provide these presentations to our young men and women who are recognized for these awards. Please consider volunteering so we can get these awards out!
If you are interested, see Danielle Wyatt or Taryn Hopey.

Thank You To Our Supporters



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

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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