



AMVETS Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Well, Summer is finally here. Please come out to our Annual Summer Picnic on July 15th, 12-5PM and bring your favorite potluck dish to share with your OLD friends and family. There will be lots of activities for the kids and adults, music by the Gatekeepers, and lots more. Remember, we are having this years picnic at AMVETS Post 1. Hope to see you there.

There are many activities in Chappies Lounge. Barstool Bingo starting at 4PM on Thursdays, very fun horse races on Saturdays at 4PM, Karaoke on Saturdays at 7PM and to top it off we have a jam session for anyone to join on Sundays at 5PM. Come enjoy yourself and bring some friends. You are all welcome. See you there!

At our Post meeting this month we had a guest speaker talking about Puget Sound Honor Flight. Richard Holcomb, 2nd Vice Commander, just came back from one of these flights and had a fabulous time. This is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifice. They are also

look for volunteers to honor and acknowledge our veterans. You will love it—if you are interested in going on one of these flights, please see Adjutant Glenn Skinner for more information and applications, or go to www.pugetsoundhonorflight.org or call (253) 303-1130

Are you thinking of having a birthday party, wedding or just an event of any kind—we have a place for you to rent. Call our Adjutant Glenn Skinner at (253) 472-2552 for rental information.

Have a wonderful summer and I hope to see you at our summer picnic at AMVETS Post 1.

Come and join us for a Post meeting on **Thurs. July 27th at 6PM.**

Brenda Martin, Commander

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OFFICER'S CORNER

Post 1 will be having their open house in August 5th. Hope to see you there.

Mike Hardy, 1st Vice

Email: membership@amvetswapost1.org

Well folks we are at half of year—sure has gone by fast. Thank you for your support. Thank you for volunteering for the JROTC awards. Good job on volunteer slips. Still getting some that are not completely filled out. Please ensure that they are completely filled out—I am not a mind reader.

Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice

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Kicking off summer the right way! The post picnic is July 15th from 12–5PM. There is a sign-up list in the hallway outside Chappies Lounge to RSVP and sign up to volunteer. We will have a 50/50 raffle and plenty of activities. This is a potluck picnic so bring a dish to share. There will be a “fill the van” school supply drive at the picnic. Please bring a school supply from the list to donate. We are excited to see you there!

Rachel Murphy, 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.

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

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CHAPPIES RESTAURANT/LOUNGE

Lounge Hours:

Thurs 3-10PM
Fri 3-12AM
Sat 2-12AM
Sun 2-10PM



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

SONS of AMVETS

No meeting in July as the regular business meeting falls on the 4th of July.

If you have any business or concerns that can't wait until August, please contact Tom Arter at (253) 370-4954 or email him.

Tom Arter, Adjutant
Sons of AMVETS Squad 1
Email: arter57@yahoo.com

AMVETS RIDERS

There is a special meeting on **Sat., July 1st, 10AM** in the lounge. Please be there! We will be voting for President, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, 3rd Vice, Secretary and Treasurer.

Our bottle raffle will be on Jul 14th at 6PM.

Come out and support the AMVETS on July 15th at the Post picnic.

Eric Davis (Sugarfoot), Judge Advocate
AMVETS Riders, Chapter One
Email:

CHAPLAIN

Dear God, we thank you for your goodness, your mercy and your grace. Help us to carry these wonderful gifts in our own hearts and lives. May we minister these to all the world.

Robert (Bob) Macon

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:

Tues-Fri 9AM-4PM

Please visit our website at www.amvetwaservice.org to make an appointment.

Victoria Burgess, State Service Director

Email: victoria@amvetwaso.org

Phone: (253) 220-5050

AUXILIARY

Thank You! to our 2023 Friday Night Bottle Raffle(s) donors & supporters. You helped us to provide the May 2023 music entertainment at the Post.

Congratulations to our recent Ladies Auxiliary Honorees:

Carolyn Roth: 2022–2023 Volunteer of the Year (Aux 1)

Darelyn Arter: Meritorious Service Winner
(Dept of WA AMVETS)

Gloria Harris: 2022–2023 Volunteer of Year (Aux 1)

Patti Kastner: 2021–2022 Member of the Year
(Dept Aux)

Velma Wright: 2021–2022 Achievements Honoree
(Who's Who in America)

Veronica DuBois: 2020–2021 Volunteer of the Year (Aux 1)

From Jul 1st–Aug 31st, new membership (printed) cards will be delayed due to the seasonal closure of our Ladies Auxiliary HQ. New Annual memberships will now expire Dec 31, 2024.

Look for our "School Supplies Collection" sites at our Jul 15th annual AMVETS Post 1 Picnic. Our 2nd Vice & Child Welfare Officer, Janine Byers, continues to collect & distribute supplies to local area schools year-round.

Our phone system is changing. We **no longer have a direct line (option 7)** to our volunteer Ladies Auxiliary Office. Call or text a message to the Post's main line (253) 472-2552.

Upcoming Events:

- Jul 7th—Bottle Raffle
- Jul 13th—Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting @ 6:30PM
- Jul 15th—Annual Summer Picnic

Barbara Skinner, President

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HISTORIAN

TRUMAN SIGNS BILL GRANTING National Charter of AMVETS

Washington, July 23 (AP)—President Truman today signed legislation providing a national charter for the America Veterans of World War II.

Ray Sawyer, Amvets National Commander said the action makes Amvets the first World War II veterans organization to be recognized officially by Congress.

He added that the legislation gives Amvets “Legal status equal to that of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and the United Spanish War Veterans, the only other veterans group holding congressional charters.”

Further, Sawyer said in a statement, it gives Amvets “a National mandate to offer the kind of leadership the veterans want and deserve.”

He said the organization, formed in 1943, has in excess of 120,000 members in more than 1,200 posts in 48 states, the District of Columbia and Hawaii. A coming membership drive will continue until the annual convention at Columbus, Ohio, October 2nd to the 5th, Sawyer added.

Legislation for an Amvets charter was sponsored by Rep. Walter (R-PA) with Senator Wiley (R-Wis) backing it in the Senate.

Under its charter Amvets lists three major objectives: (1) to work for promotion of world peace; (2) to work for the preservation of the American way of life; and (3) to promote legislation and measures designed to help veterans help themselves.

Source: The Journal, Wed, Jul 23, 1947, Page 1

Taryn Hohey, Historian

COMMUNICATIONS

I had the opportunity to attend the first Women Veterans Celebration Brunch (I think it was the first in Washington State). Women veterans from different places came and participated in all the activities that was fun, entertaining and definitely a team builder. It was well attended—with hopes to become bigger next year.

My deepest gratitude to all folks who put this on and all the donors to made this a successful event.

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.

Whenever you create a flyer, brochure, etc. for the post, please remember to add our logo—do not alter the logo, except for sizing purpose. The color and shape of our logo should remain intact. This is our AMVETS brand and should be used consistently and correctly. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Danette Gundy, Communications Officer

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New Phone Numbers

(253) 472-2552Main

(253) 473-5520Commanders

(253) 472-0560Chappie’s Lounge

(253) 220-5050Service Office

Life Membership Dues

Whereas AMVETS life membership dues have been set at \$250 since January 2012, and,

Whereas this is among the lowest price for life membership dues of any Veterans Service Organization, and,

Whereas this does not accurately reflect the value of AMVETS life membership, no, therefore,

Be it resolved that Article VII, Section 6, a, (1) be replaced with the following:

“Life membership dues, effective September 1, 2023, shall be not less than \$500 for those members age up to and including 55, ages 56 through and including 65 will be \$400 and those 66 and over \$300, nonrefundable, and payable to the post, of which 50 percent shall be forwarded to National Headquarters and 25 percent to the state department.”

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.
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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>July 15th-Annual Picnic @ Post 1 12-5PM The meat will be provided, so bring your favorite dish to share at our annual picnic. Lots of activities planned—see ya there!</p>						<p>1</p> <p>Chappies OPEN 2-12AM</p> <p>Special Riders Mtg 10AM</p> <p>Horse Racing 4PM</p> <p>Karaoke 7PM</p>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>Chappies OPEN 2-10PM</p> <p>Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts</p> <p>Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM</p>	Building Closed	Chappie's Closed	Chappie's Closed	<p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM</p> <p>Country Dance Lessons 6:30-7:30 Dance until 10PM</p> <p>DJ Terry West Ballroom</p> <p>Barstool Bingo 4PM</p>	<p>Chappies OPEN 3-12AM</p> <p>Auxiliary Raffles 6-8PM</p> <p>Music: 8-11PM 8 Second Ride</p>	<p>Chappies OPEN 2-12AM</p> <p>Horse Racing 4PM</p> <p>Karaoke 7PM</p>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>Chappies OPEN 2-10PM</p> <p>Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts</p> <p>Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM</p>	Building Closed	Chappie's Closed	Chappie's Closed	<p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM</p> <p>Auxiliary Mtg 6:30PM</p> <p>Barstool Bingo 4PM</p>	<p>Chappies OPEN 3-12AM</p> <p>Riders Raffles 6-8PM</p> <p>Music: 8-11PM The Mod Men</p>	<p>Chappies OPEN 5PM-12AM</p> <p>Annual Picnic 12-5PM</p> <p>Horse Racing 5:30PM</p> <p>Karaoke 7PM</p>
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p>Chappies OPEN 2-10PM</p> <p>Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts</p> <p>Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM</p>	Building Closed	<p>Chappie's Closed</p> <p style="border: 1px dashed orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">National Hire a Veteran Day</p>	Chappie's Closed	<p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM</p> <p>Post 1 Mtg 6PM</p> <p>Barstool Bingo 4PM</p>	<p>Chappies OPEN 3-12AM</p> <p>Commander's Raffle 6-8PM</p> <p>Music: 8-11PM Gatekeepers</p> <p style="border: 1px dashed orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Buffalo Soldiers Day</p>	<p>Chappies OPEN 2-12AM</p> <p>Horse Racing 4PM</p> <p>Karaoke 7PM</p>
30	31	 <p>School Supplies Drive</p> <p>The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a School Supplies Drive at our Annual picnic on July 15th. Let's all participate and "FILL THE VAN" full of things for our students!</p>				
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