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OFFICER'S CORNER

We, as a volunteer-led nonprofit Veterans Service Organization, naively thought we could provide the Pre-Pandemic activities, programs and services in spite of the added expenses and the continued 3-years fundraising losses.

We've suffered the added expenses of: Pandemic-closure property & equipment damages—repairs & replacement; (experienced) staffing & supply shortages; COVID-safe prevention measures; and the increased costs for all (labor, parts & supplies).

Our charity Bingo, alone, has not and cannot support us as we had hoped. We'll have to implement emergent changes and request further assistance from our members, volunteers, donors and others to succeed in our ongoing Pandemic Recovery.

We are looking for any donations or ideas to keep us open. Please feel free to give me a call.

Come and join us for a Post meeting on **Thurs. Apr. 27th at 6PM**. We will be having 1st nominations for Officers for 2023-2024. Come on out and vote!

Brenda Martin, Commander

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Not a lot of change. Thank you for your continued support. Keep up the good work on the volunteer slips. Please remember to print your name legibly so I can read them and fill in categories and hours and time.

Thanks again for your support.

Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice

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AMVETS SERVICE OFFICE

Hours:

Tues-Fri 9AM-4PM

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

Victoria Burgess, Interim State Service Director

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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.

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

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

March Bands:

- **Apr. 6th**—Country Western Night Dance
- **Apr. 7th**—Billy Shew
- **Apr. 8th**—Michael Crain
- **Apr. 14th**—Mod Men
- **Apr. 15th**--TBD
- **Apr. 21st**—Dirty Wight Boyz
- **Apr 22nd**--Sundance
- **Apr. 28th**—Randy Litch
- **Apr. 29th**--TBD

NEW: Dances are free for members and \$5 cover charge for guests; and bottled water will be available for purchase at the bar.

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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COMMUNICATIONS

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.”

Danette Gundy, Communications Officer

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SONS of AMVETS

Our next meeting is **Tues. Apr. 4th, 7PM** at the Post. We will be swearing in our new Provost Marshall, Cody Britton and discussion of plans for Cinco de Mayo. Thanks to new members Cody Britton and Jimmy O for joining our meetings and getting involved.

Spring is springing and it wouldn't be long before the Post Easter Egg hunt for members, staff and family. Sat. Apr. 8, Manitou Park. Kids at 11AM—free; Adults at 12—\$3 entry fee.

Tom Arter, Adjutant

Sons of AMVETS Squad 1

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AMVETS RIDERS

Our next meeting is **Sat., Apr. 15th, 10AM** in the lounge.

Firstly, I want to thank Toni 'T.J.' Jackson for her recent donation to the Riders! We greatly appreciate you, TJ!!

The Riders are hosting a BBQ on the Deck on April 15th, to celebrate their 6th anniversary. No cost, but we are asking for donations to assist with the Post financial situation. See you all there!! Stay safe and healthy!

Mike Alberts (Iron Mike), President

AMVETS Riders, Chapter One

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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

AUXILIARY

May Convention Registration Form—Auxiliary #1 Delegates, for the May 19th-21st Dept of WA Convention. Please submit your delegate registration form(s) along with payment to Kelley Byers before April 3, 2023. The address information is located on the form.

At our March meeting—Our 2023-2024 Auxiliary #1 Standing Rules were reviewed, amended, and approved Mar 9th. Copies will be available and posted on the bulletin board, for your review once approved by National Ladies Auxiliary.

First Nominations for our 2023-2024 Officers occurred on Mar 9th. Second Nominations and Election will be held at our Apr 13th Business Meeting at Post #1.

The First Nominees are:

President—Barbara Skinner

1st Vice—Carolyn Roth

2nd Vice—Janine Byers

3rd Vice—Gloria Harris

Secretary—Peggy Robinson

Treasurer—Darelyn Arter;

Chaplain—Carol Gustafson;

Sergeant at Arms—Velma Wright

Offices held will be for the one-year term of May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024. 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 Apr 13th meeting door) prior to the meeting election/vote.

Ladies Aux members if you have moved, changed phone numbers, or know of someone in the Aux who needs to make changes: Please notify Carolyn Roth, Aux 1 Vice. Contact:

carolynluvscomp@gmail.com and send email or contact Barbara Skinner.

The American Lake VA and others are limiting access to their facilities. Volunteers: Please support the needs & activities at Post 1, in lieu of our hospital & community projects.

Upcoming Events:

- Apr. 3rd—Ladies Auxiliary Registrations & fees due to WA Convention Corporation
- Apr. 7th—Bottle raffle
- **Apr. 13th—Auxiliary Meeting @ 6:30PM** in person
Second nominations & vote for Aux 1 2023-2024 Officers
Election of D.E.C. Convention delegates
Installation of Aux 1's 2023-2023 Officers
- Apr. 15th—Americanism Contest Entries need to be post marked by April 15th.

Barbara Skinner, President

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HISTORIAN

The American's Creed was approved by Congress in April 1918. Please read below at your convenience.

Taryn Hohey, Historian

CHAPLAIN

Dear Father, save us from faint-heartedness when we pray. Teach us persistence and the ability to hold on, press on and wait. Amen.

Robert (Bob) Macon

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THE AMERICAN'S CREED

Drawn from Our Political Classics

At the request of a number of our readers, we are glad to reprint the American's Creed, written by William Tyler Page, to which was recently awarded the prize of \$1,000.00 offered by the city of Baltimore for the best expression of American political faith. The Creed was printed in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER on April 10th:

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, on and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag and to defend it against all enemies.

The Creed is based upon the classic pronouncements of American political and patriotic doctrine, as may be seen by the following:

KEY TO THE AMERICAN'S CREED

First. "I believe in the United States of America." See Preamble to the Constitution of the United States.

Second. "As a government of the people by the people, for the people." Preamble to the Constitution: Daniel Webster's speech in the Senate January 26, 1830; Abraham Lincoln's speech at Gettysburg, 1962.

Third. "Whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed." Declaration of Independence.

Fourth. "A democracy in a republic." Madison in the Federalist, No. 10: Article 10, Amendments to the Constitution.

Fifth. "A sovereign nation of many sovereign States." Great Seal of the United States; Article 4, Constitution of the United States.

Sixth. "A perfect union." Constitution of the United States.

Seventh. "One and inseparable." Webster's speech in the Senate, January 26, 1930.

Eighth. "Established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity." Declaration of Independence.

Ninth. "For which American patriots," Lincoln's Gettysburg speech.

Tenth. "Sacrificed their lives and fortunes." Declaration of Independence.

Eleventh. "I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it." Edward Everett Hale's "The Man Without a Country."

Twelfth. "To support its Constitution." Oath of Allegiance, Section 1757. Revised Statutes of the United States.

Thirteenth. "To obey its laws." Washington's farewell address; Article 6, Constitution of United States.

Fourteenth. "To respect its flag." ARMY and NAVY Regulations: War Department Circular on Flag Etiquette, April 14, 1917; National Anthem, the "Star Spangled Banner."



Fifteenth. "And to defend it against all enemies." Oath of Allegiance.

Source: Evening Public Ledger Newspaper in Philadelphia, PA. Friday, 26 April 1918, Pg. 14

APRIL BINGO

BINGO is closed until further notice

To continue receiving important information from our Post, provide your email address to newsletter@amvetswapost1.org or go online www.amvetswapost1.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	
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Kids & Adults Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8th Manitou Park		 Kids start at 11AM and Adults start at 12 NOON			AMVETS Members, Staff and Families Adults \$3		Kitchen Open 5-8PM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM
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Kitchen Open 5-8PM Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM		Kitchen Open 5-8PM TACO TUESDAY PTSD 10-12 noon SONS 7PM DARTS 6:30 sign up 7PM play	Kitchen Open 5-8PM Texas Hold'Em 5PM sign up 5:30PM starts DARTS 6:30 sign up 7PM play Manhattan Dance 6:30-9:30PM (\$10) <div style="border: 1px dashed orange; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Gold Star Spouses Day </div>	Barstool Bingo 4PM Country Dance Lessons 6:30-7:30 Dance until 10PM	Kitchen Open 5-8PM Special: Spaghetti Music: 8-11PM Billy Shew Auxiliary Raffles 7:30-9PM	Kitchen Open 5-8PM Easter Egg Hunt Starts at 11:00 Manitou Park Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM Music: 8-11PM Michael Crain	
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Kitchen Open 5-8PM Texas Hold'Em 2PM sign up 2:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM				BBQ on the Deck April 15th, 1-4PM Celebrating Riders 6th Anniversary No cost—donations are very welcome!			