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OFFICER'S CORNER

September is here—we will have the Lounge open on Mondays!

The Post and the Women Warrior Activities Group (WWAG) and JBLM are doing a Make a Wish Project! I'm asking all our members for their support. This is a worthwhile endeavor bringing the Post and our military families together. More information coming soon. Our Post contact is Victoria from the Service Office. Check our Newsletter and our Facebook page for more information.

Our next Post meeting is on **Thur. Sept. 22 at 6PM.**

I hope to see you soon at the Post.

Larry Stowe, Commander

Phone: (253) 203-8238

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I hope you are having a great summer with lots of fun.

Bring a friend to Chappie's Lounge and come watch the Seahawks with friends.

Brenda Martin, 1st Vice

Email: membership@amvetwapost1.org

Thanks for your continued support. Keep up your good work on the volunteer slips. Not a lot new this month. Stay healthy and safe.

Thanks again.

Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice

Email: programs@amvetwapost1.org

Halloween is quickly approaching. Please, we need milk jugs, gallon or quart size, of the white plastic type. Cleaned and sterilized to the best of your ability. There will be a container for you to drop them off at the post—NO TRASH PLEASE.

Sept. 29th will be Western Night with a DJ. Dress in your western wear and have some fun! YaaaHooo!!!

Debbie Moore, 3rd Vice

Email: activities@amvetwapost1.org

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

Phone: (253) 472-2552, option 4

Email: Adjutant@amvetwapost1.org

CHAPPIES RESTAURANT/LOUNGE

Lounge Hours: Mon-Thurs 3-10PM; Fri 3-12AM; Sat 2-12AM; & Sun 2-10PM and **Happy Hour:** Mon-Sun 3-6PM

👉👉 **Chappies now open on Mondays!** 👈👈

Daily activities: **Tues:** Dart leagues; **Wed:** Texas Hold'Em; **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

September Bands:

- **Sept 2**—Billy Shew
- **Sept 9**—Randy Litch
- **Sept 16**—Black River Falls
- **Sept 23**—Michael Crain

Come out
and enjoy
the bands!

Wednesday meals provided by Gloria Harris and her team will return in October.

Sept. 29th—come and join us for a **Wild West DJ Country Night!** Look for fliers in the bar within the coming weeks for more information.

Keep an eye for fliers in the bar for new and exciting things to come in Chappies.

Check out the [calendar](#) for times and other fun activities!

Want to rent our hall? Call Jackie at (253) 472-2552/press 1.

Chris Chance, 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

The Service Office will be **closed on Labor Day, Sept 5th.**

The Service Office are currently doing walk-ins Mon-Thur, 1PM-3:30PM. Please contact the Service Office to schedule an appointment for other available times.

Rusty (Kenneth) Walters, State Service Director

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National Service Office of Washington—Debbie Moore

Mon-Thur 8AM-4:30PM,
By appointment only (253) 904-4626
dmoore@amvets.org or Debbie.moore2@va.gov

SONS of AMVETS

Our next meeting is **Tues. Sept. 6th, 7PM** in the lounge.

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

AMVETS RIDERS

At the Open House, Riders signed up a new post and Riders' member. President Iron Mike went to the AMVETS National Convention, and received new updates about the 2023 Rolling to Remember Run and other National events. Riders received a plaque for contributing a \$1000 donation for the Riders escort of the Gold Star Wives at this year's R2R run.

Please have a great Labor Day weekend, and ALWAYS watch for motorcycles!

Our next meeting will be **Sept. 10th at 10AM.**

Mike Alberts (Iron Mike), President
AMVETS Riders, Chapter One
Email: thunderbolt4800@yahoo.com

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

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 and others are limiting access to their facilities. Volunteers—in lieu of our hospital and community projects please support the needs and activities at Post 1.

Child Welfare School Supply Drive—Janine Byers has begun 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.

Community Canned Food Drive—Anthonette Johnson 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 or past "Best By" date non-perishables.

Upcoming Events:

- **Sept 2nd**—Bottle and Meat Raffles
- **Sept 8th**—Auxiliary Meeting @ 6:30PM by ZOOM

Meetings are by Zoom. Below is information for those members who would like to attend the business meeting via ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85270346573?pwd=L2Zrb2Z4azZyUXhKdFRkSDVyaW4zUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 7034 6573

Passcode: 834865

Barbara Skinner, President

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COMMUNICATIONS

I hope you all have a safe Labor Day. This is a time that we pay tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers.

In 1984, President Grover Cleveland declared Labor Day as a legal holiday.

Danette Gundy, Communications Officer

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CHAPLAIN

Father, I don't want my actions to be without devotion and zeal. I want my spiritual life to be real so that my activities will glorify you. Amen

Robert (Bob) Macon

Email: chaplain@amvetswapost1.org

HISTORIAN

Hello AMVETS!

I would like to share with you the article below on "Labor Day." This shows the significance of Labor Day (1894), when it became a federal holiday and who was behind it. Please read below.

Taryn Hopey, Historian

Resource: *The Dunn County News (Menomonie, Wisconsin Pg 1, Weds. 30 Aug 1989.*

Historian: few people know significance of Labor Day

Labor Day!

It's the traditional end-of-the summer weekend – the last time many people have to enjoy bright sunshine, warm weather and outdoor recreational activities before returning to the routine work schedule of the fall and winter.

But after more than 100 years of celebrating the long holiday, few people know the history and significance of the day set aside to recognize the sacrifices and struggles of the laborer.

"Like so many of our holidays, I don't think people really stop to honor the day as it was intended," said Thomas Ninneman, a UW-Stout historian, professor of social science and a self-described student of the labor movement. "I don't think people appreciate the sacrifices made by the early labor organizers."

Labor Day came about 1992 through the efforts of Peter J. McGuire, and early labor organizer who dedicated much of his life to improving living and working conditions for the nation's urban workforce. He was founder and general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners and in 1881 he helped

establish the Federation of Organized Trades & Labor Unions, which was reorganized in 1996 as the American Federation of Labor.

The son of poor Irish immigrants, McGuire's empathy for the worker came from having to quit school at age 11 to work a series of menial jobs to help support his family. He proposed that a day be set aside each year to honor laborers and on Sept. 5, 1882, the first Labor Day was celebrated in New York City with a parade of about 10,000 workers followed by a picnic, band concert and speeches.

Legal Holiday

McGuire suggested that the annual labor holiday be celebrated on the first Monday in September because it was the most pleasant season of the year and it fell midway between July Fourth and Thanksgiving. The idea spread quickly to other states and in 1894 Labor Day was established as a legal holiday for federal employees.

The origin of the Labor Day holiday came at a time the nation was making a political "left turn" away from laissez-faire capitalism, Ninneman said. This move to the left was the result of the industrialization of industry in the

years following the Civil War that produced an unregulated, unsupervised and irresponsible form of capitalism. Ninneman said factory owners took advantage of workers by forcing them to work 12-hour days and six-day weeks in often unbearable working conditions with minimal pay.

"For a very long time a dollar a day was a man's wage," Ninneman said in relating the hardship of the early industrial worker.

"People could exist on that but they couldn't live in the sense of a normal life. Labor Day marks the beginning of an effort to import the life of the working man."

The improvement in living and working conditions since the late 1880's has been dramatic. Ninneman credits much of this change to the efforts of unions in forcing industry to recognize the contribution of the common laborer.

"I think it's important to recognize the dignity of the worker," Ninneman said. "Our society glorifies in work, we enjoy physical labor. Labor Day is important because it reminds us that work is a noble endeavor."

The standard of living and benefits enjoyed by workers today are often taken for granted.

Ninneman said. People do not realize the often violent clashes that took place between striking workers and "thugs" imported by industry to break the will of the workers.

Ninneman said today's lack of understanding of the early labor movement is an indication that society is losing its "collective memory of history. As a historian, I lament this loss of memory."

The parades, rallies and speeches that once dominated the Labor Day agenda for the better part of this century have been replaced by quiet family outings, sporting events and various leisure activities. Though many union locals still sponsor Labor Day activities, more often than not the events are barbecues and picnics rather than large parades and stirring speeches on the rights of the worker.

Though responsible for Labor Day, McGuire died penniless in 1906. A statue and memorial monument have been erected at this grave in Pennsauken, N.J., where an annual wreath-laying ceremony is sponsored the Friday before Labor Day to honor McGuire and the annual holiday be created.

SEPTEMBER 2022 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

SEPTEMBER SPECIALS

- **FRIDAY AM in Sept.**—Double lucky bucks!
- **SUNDAY AM in Sept.**—5-\$50 lucky buck drawings!
- **IN HONOR OF LABOR DAY**
Sun., Sept. 4th
456 and Pick-7--\$500 will go!
- **Birthday Specials**
Misty, Tues., Sept 20th—wheel game doubled!
Stacey, Fri., Sept 30th—double action doubled!
- **Ticket Drawing, Friday, Sept. 30th**
5-\$100 drawings
- **Current Jackpots:**
456—20#'s-\$5,000; 28#'s-\$1,000

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.

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