



AMVETS Newsletter

Post 1 Tacoma

October 2025—Corrected copy

(253) 472-2552

www.amvetswa.org/Post1

Chartered by Congress, 23 July 1947
Veterans Helping Veterans

Published Monthly
Issue Number: 25-10

Come and join us for the next:

Post meeting on **Thurs. Oct. 23rd, 6PM**—Post **Trustee** meeting on **Thurs. Oct. 16th, 6PM**.

OFFICER'S CORNER

Commander

We welcome October with great things to come for the month. September was our three-day event at the Puyallup Fair for membership and to let people know who we are and invite them to our building.

Save the date: Oct. 25th, 9-4PM—we are hosting (Compassion of Washington) dental event.

Also, join us for the Seahawks game every Sunday (bring a potluck item to share)—check the Seahawk game time in our calendar.

I hope to see you at our next Post meeting on Thurs., Oct. 23rd at 6PM. Come and see what is happening and how it happens!

We are changing **BINGO** from Thursday to Wednesday (on a trial basis) and **Trivia night on Oct. 5th**. In addition, we are looking to have wine tasting. As things start to happen, look for more details either on our Facebook page or flyers in Chappies Lounge.

<http://www.facebook.com/AmVetsPost1Tacoma>

Glenn Skinner, Commander

Phone: (253) 576-7580

Email: Commander@amvetswapost1.org

1st Vice Commander

October Spotlight: Strength in Membership

As the leaves turn and autumn settles in, October reminds us of the importance of community, camaraderie, and commitment—values that lie at the heart of AMVETS.

Our club thrives because of you—our members. Whether you're a longtime veteran or newly joined, your presence strengthens our mission to support fellow veterans, advocate for their needs, and foster a space where service is honored and friendships flourish.

Why Membership Matters

- **Support & Advocacy:** AMVETS continues to be a leading voice for veterans' rights and benefits. Your membership fuels that advocacy.

1st Vice Commander CONTINUED

- **Connection & Community:** From weekly gatherings to special events, our club offers a place to connect with those who understand your journey.
- **Service Beyond Service:** Members have opportunities to give back—whether through volunteering, mentoring, or supporting local initiatives.

Invite a Fellow Veteran

Know someone who hasn't joined yet? October is a great time to invite them in. New members bring fresh energy, stories, and perspectives. Let's grow our ranks and continue building a legacy of service and solidarity.

Upcoming Events

Join us for the Veterans Day planning meeting on October 28th. It's a great chance to get involved and help shape one of our most meaningful annual events.

Together, we honor the past, serve the present, and shape the future. Thank you for being part of the AMVETS family. Any help would be appreciated.

Mike Hardy, 1st Vice

Phone: (253) 475-1534

Email: membership@amvetswapost1.org

2nd Vice Commander

As the new 2nd Vice, I am truly surprised as to the amount of dedication that we have in our volunteers; from visiting and assisting veterans in their need to all the behind the scene hours that keep our post functioning—and everything in between! Keep it going!

Danette Gundy, 2nd Vice

Phone: (253) 341-6226

Email: programs@amvetswapost1.org

3rd Vice Commander

Adult Halloween party on Oct. 31st with Michael Crain!

Dani Wyatt, 3rd Vice

Email: activities@amvetswapost1.org

ADJUTANT

The Adjutant is responsible for recording Post meetings and provide written records of all meetings. Display approved meeting minutes, submit annual revalidation reports, etc. More details are provided in our Constitution and Bylaws.

Rachel Murphy, Adjutant

Phone: (253) 472-2552

Email: Adjutant@amvetswapost1.org

CHAPPIES RESTAURANT/LOUNGE

Lounge Hours:

Sun 2-10PM

Mon Closed

Tues 3-10PM

Wed 3-10PM

Thurs 3-10PM

Fri 3-1AM

Sat 3-1AM



Daily activities:

Tues: Poker, Texas Hold'Em & Darts

Wed: Texas Hold'Em, Bar Stool Bingo & Game Night

Fri: Meat/Bottle Raffle and 50/50 Raffle

Sat: Barstool Bingo & Karaoke

Sun: Texas Hold'Em

Chappie's Phone: (253) 472-0560

SONS of AMVETS

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, Oct. 7th, 7PM** in the common area.

Our raffle is on Oct. 17th.

Tom Arter, Adjutant

Sons of AMVETS Squad 1

Email: arter57@yahoo.com

AMVETS RIDERS

Our next meeting is on **Saturday, Oct. 11th, 10AM.**

Our raffle is on **Oct. 10th, 6PM.**

Eric Davis (Sugarfoot), President

AMVETS Riders, Chapter One

Email: fishn4samn@comcast.net

Bake Sale—Oct. 2nd



AUXILIARY



Thank you!! To all of our many donors and volunteers that made this happen:

- Tacoma schools and kids-in-need—received donated and purchased school supplies.
- Humane Society of Pierce County—received \$250 donation, food and pet supplies.
- Veteran Day dinner at Post 1—provided Veteran Day melas at our post.
- American Lake Transitional Housing—donated bulk cleaning supplies for seven hours.
- American Lake Homeless (HPAC—donated bottled water and snacks.
- American Lake VASH Thanksgiving—24 Veteran families received Safeway gift cards, also Thanksgiving side dishes.
- American Lake Blind Rehab Bingo—Ladies Auxiliary goes once a month and plays bingo with the patients providing bingo prizes.
- Madigan Hospital “Babies-in-Need”—donated clothing for newborn babies.
- Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner at the Post—donated funds.
- American Lake VASH Christmas—26 veteran families received Safeway gift cards also Christmas side dishes.

Thank you, Richard Mannix for your generous donation!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Soon we will be sending renewal letters to our annual members. Membership dues are due by Dec. 31st, 2025. You can renew in Chappies Lounge by credit card or cash, or place a check in the Auxiliary membership box (located at Chappie's Lounge entrance). If we have your email, we can send you the meeting minutes, agenda and Auxiliary happenings—so you can be more involved.

WANTED—Consignment sellers and bingo helpers needed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 2nd—Auxiliary Bake Sale (goodies & volunteers needed)
- Oct. 3rd—50/25/25 Auxiliary raffle night (volunteers needed)
- Oct. 5th—Trivia Night
- Oct. 9th—Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting
- Oct. 21st—Blind Bingo at VA Hospital
- **Wednesdays & Saturdays**—Barstool Bingo

Barbara Skinner, President

Cell Phone: (253) 678-1256

Email: bskinne2@comcast.net

COMMUNICATIONS

When you are making flyers, you should always include our logo along our address. Also, contact information would be beneficial if someone has questions.

Flyers should not be placed on the outside entrance doors. That space should only be used for hours of operation or items that might be required by law. There is a bulletin board available for you to place your flyers.

Danette Gundy, Communications Officer

Phone: (253) 341-6226

Email: Communications@amvetswa.org



VISIT US ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR UP-TO-DATE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/AMVETSPOST1TACOMA

Hall Rental

Want to rent our hall for a wedding, birthday party, graduation, or other events?

Call the number below Tues-Fri, 9-4PM.

Prices:

Small Hall: \$500

Medium Hall: \$1,000

Large Hall: \$1,500

(253) 472-2552

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

October Feast Dinner

Fri., Oct. 10th

\$12/person

Schnitzel, mashed potatoes, gravy, red cabbage, rolls and dessert.

Mexican Tuesday 5PM

Tacos, happy hour margaritas, chili, etc.

Chef's Choice Friday 5PM



Dept of WA
Service Foundation



PUYALLUP
TRIBE of INDIANS

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

- WA State Dept of Commerce
- Nisqually Tribe
- Puget Sound Veterans Hope Center
- CJS63 Enterprises
- Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel

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

newsletter@amvetswapost1.org or go online www.amvetswa.org/newsworthy

Newsletters will also be available in Chappies Lounge.

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
Thursday Night Bingo is now on Wednesday Trivia Night Oct. 5th			1	2	3	4
			Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Barstool Bingo 4PM Game Night 6PM Manhattan 6PM	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Football Sharables  BAKE SALE 5:30-8PM	Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Bar Menu Auxiliary Raffle 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Platinum Soul	Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Barstool Bingo 4PM Karaoke 7:30PM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Chappies OPEN 12:30-10PM  1:05PM Buccaneers vs Seahawks POTLUCK Trivia Night 4PM Texas Hold'Em 2:30PM starts	Chappies CLOSED	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Mexican Tues 5PM PTSD 10-12 Noon Poker 3-6PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Sons Mtg 7PM Darts 6PM	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Barstool Bingo 4PM Game Night 6PM Manhattan 6PM	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Football Sharables Auxiliary Mtg 6:30PM	Chappies OPEN 3-1AM October Feast Dinner Riders Raffle 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Macon Bacon	Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Riders Meeting 10AM AMVETS D.E.C. 10-2PM Barstool Bingo 4PM Karaoke 7:30PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Chappies OPEN 9:30AM-10PM  10AM Seahawks vs Jaguars POTLUCK Texas Hold'Em 2:30PM starts	 Chappies CLOSED	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Mexican Tues 5PM PTSD 10-12 Noon Poker 3-6PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Darts 6PM	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Barstool Bingo 4PM Game Night 6PM Manhattan 6PM	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Football Sharables Trustee Mtg 6PM	Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Chef's Choice 5PM Sons Raffle 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Band of Friends	Chappies OPEN 3-1AM ★ Gold Star Mtg 10AM Lounge Barstool Bingo 4PM Karaoke 7:30PM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Chappies OPEN 12:30-10PM Texas Hold'Em 2:30PM starts	Chappies CLOSED NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Mexican Tues 5PM PTSD 10-12 Noon Poker 3-6PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Darts 6PM	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Barstool Bingo 4PM Game Night 6PM Manhattan 6PM	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM JOB FAIR 10-1PM Football Sharables Post Mtg 6PM	Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Chef's Choice 5PM Commanders Raffle 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Rock & Roll Magic	Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Membership Drive Barstool Bingo 4PM Karaoke 7:30PM
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Chappies OPEN 2-10PM Texas Hold'Em 2:30PM starts	Chappies CLOSED	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Mexican Tues 5PM PTSD 10-12 Noon Poker 3-6PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Darts 6PM	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Barstool Bingo 4PM Game Night 6PM Manhattan 6PM	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Football Sharables Post Mtg 6PM	Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Chef's Choice 5PM Commanders Raffle 6-8PM ADULT HALLOWEEN Music: 8-11PM Michael Crain	

Football Sharables—See menu board for football specials—Each Thursday

There will be NO children's Halloween carnival this year!