



AMVETS Newsletter

Post 1 Tacoma

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

In February 2023, I became Post 1's Commander by default. In May 2023, I was elected as your Commander and became responsible for the nonprofit management (both fiscally and operationally) of Post 1's building & property. My priority was to continue providing a facility available and "Open" for the benefit of our 1,950+ members. Unpopular changes had to be made due to the lack of funds, lack of a steady revenue, and our inadequate Pandemic Recovery. With the exception of the unexpected 17-days shutdown in April 2023, our building has remained "Open" 6 days a week with Chappie's Lounge "Open" 5 days a week. Mission accomplished.

On May 9th of this year, a new Commander, new Post 1 Executive Officers & new Trustees will be elected. A new Post 1 Building management team will be tasked to keep the building "Open:" pay the bills; maintain & repair; stock & supply; *and* keep our members, tenants & customers "happy."

If you have any skills to assist our next Commander, kindly volunteer. Craftsmen, clerical, professional, activities-gurus, fundraisers, cooks, greeters...please volunteer. Thank You

We are WA AMVETS Post #1 Strong!

Elections are on May 9th 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. May 9th at 6PM** for Post Elections and the Post **Trustee** meeting on **Thurs. May 16th 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

On May 9th we will be voting for new officers. This is an important meeting and I would like to see you attend and cast your vote. The meeting starts at 6PM—I hope to see you there!

Mike Hardy, 1st Vice

Email: membership@amvetswapost1.org

The annual picnic is around the corner. I'm still looking for suggestions.

Rachel Murphy, 3rd Vice

Email: rachel.murphy141@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support. Please continue your good work on volunteer slips. I am beginning to modify volunteer slips again—trying to include things that are not there.

Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice

Email: programs@amvetswapost1.org

New Phone Numbers

(253) 472-2552 Main

(253) 677-5727 Commanders

(253) 472-0560 Chappie's Lounge

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.

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, Game Night & Karaoke
Sun: Texas Hold'Em & Jam Session

Meals provided by Gloria Harris and her team:

- **May 2nd** Sub Sandwich
- **May 3rd** White Chicken Enchiladas
- **May 9th** Grilled Chicken Bacon Ranch Sandwich
- **May 10th** Pot Roast
- **May 16th** Sloppy Joe's
- **May 17th** Wet Burrito
- **May 23rd** Pizza & Hot Bar Food
- **May 24th** Pizza & Hot Bar Food
- **May 30th** Orange Chicken Sandwich
- **May 31st** Baked Lasagna

Chappie's Phone: (253) 472-0560

SONS of AMVETS

Our next meeting is on **Tues., May 7th @ 7PM** in Chappie's Lounge. We will be having our first nominations for officers.

Welcome to new members Joseph Rasmussen and Kevin Hauck.

Tom Arter, Adjutant

Sons of AMVETS Squad 1

Email: arter57@yahoo.com

AMVETS RIDERS

Our next meeting will be **Sat., May 11th at 10AM** in Chappie's Lounge.

The Rider's raffle will be **Fri. May 10th at 5:30** in Chappie's Lounge.

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

Email: fishn4samn@comcast.net

AUXILIARY

Congratulations to our new 2024-2025 Ladies Auxiliary #1 Officers

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

Congratulations to our "**Volunteer of the Year Award**" recipients for 2023-2024!

Peggy Robinson and Therese Burke

Thank you for all that you do to support the Ladies Auxiliary and Post #1

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Thurs. May 2nd—Auxiliary Child Welfare Bake Sale, 6-8PM
- Fri. May 3rd—Bottle raffle
- **Thurs. May 9th—Auxiliary Business Meeting @ 6:30PM**

Barbara Skinner, President

Cell Phone: (253) 678-1256

Email: Auxiliary@amvetwapost1.org

New bar chips coming in May!

The old wooden chips will be faded out by July 31st and will no longer be good to use.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Elections are happening! Do you know how important your vote is to our Post? You are the folks who select our officers! I hope you can attend to cast your vote at our May 9th meeting. YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Danette Gundy
Communications Officer & Newsletter Editor
Email: communications@amvetswa.org

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

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

We need volunteers for the ROTC/JROTC at local schools for presentations. I personally found it is 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 at (253) 579-5638.
Riders, Auxiliary & Sons can volunteer!

June 1st

D.E.C. Convention

Fun and entertainment with a live band
Come and celebrate with the
NEW State Commander

Thank You To Our Supporters



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(253) 472-2552..... Main
(253) 677-5727..... Commanders
(253) 472-0560..... Chappie's Lounge

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 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
			1	2	3	4
 <p>May 5th All you can eat Taco Bar <i>Sponsored by the Sons</i></p>			<p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Game Night 6PM Left Center Right Manhattan Ballroom Dance Club 6PM Silver Star Service Banner Day</p>	<p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Sub Sandwich Barstool Bingo 4PM AUX Bake Sale 6-8PM Texas Hold'Em 6:30PM starts Darts 7PM</p>	<p>Chappies OPEN 3-1AM White Chicken Enchiladas Auxiliary Raffles 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM 8 Second Ride</p>	<p>Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Horse Racing/Game Night 4PM Karaoke 7PM</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
 <p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 3:30PM starts Jam Session 5PM</p>	<p>Building Closed Women Resiliency Group 6PM</p>	<p>Chappie's Closed PTSD 10-12 Noon Sons Mtg</p>	<p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Game Night 6PM Left Center Right Manhattan Ballroom Dance Club 6PM</p>	<p>Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Grilled Chicken Bacon Ranch Sandwich Barstool Bingo 4PM Post Mtg 6PM Auxiliary Mtg 6:30PM Texas Hold'Em 6:30PM starts Darts 7PM Cancelled</p>	<p>Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Pot Roast Riders Raffles 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Karaoke & DJ Music National Military Spouse Appreciation Day</p>	<p>Chappies OPEN 3-1AM VA Women Health & Wellness 9-4PM Riders Meeting 10AM Horse Racing/Game Night 4PM Karaoke 7PM</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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