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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

I want to say Happy Thanksgiving to all our members...I wish you a *very happy* Thanksgiving with your family and friends for dinner. If you're a member that has nowhere to go, we are having Thanksgiving dinner being served in our Chappies Lounge Nov. 23rd, 2-4:30PM.

I want to welcome our neighbor downstairs, "The Tacoma Calvary". They have been working hard on getting everything downstairs for their first service on Wednesday Nov. 1st 6:30PM and on Sundays at 10AM. Come join them!

Thank You customers, donors, grantors, vendors and volunteers! You have been a great help throughout the year. Thank you! Thank You!

The monetary contributions, volunteer labor & expertise, reduction in services, sale of surplus items, hall rentals and grants have kept us open for the past six (6) months since our Bingo shut down.

Our expenses for Chappie's Lounge (bar supplies, entertainment, licensing, payroll & taxes) should average \$16K per month. In May & August 2023, we broke even! What you did...what we did, in August,

is what we need to continue doing to keep Chappie's open for the benefit of our membership.

Although we've reduced our building expenses by 86% (less \$96K per month) since February 2023, we are in crisis. Our necessary building expenses are now @ an average of \$17K per month. This includes our commercial insurance, maintenance, utilities, safety & security. A long-term lease for our empty Bingo Hall would help defray our building operating costs.

Today, our Post 1 Building's survival depends on rentals and monetary donations. Please consider AMVETS Alvah R. Dravis Post 1 as a recipient of your generosity. *Thank You.*

NEW! Chappie's Lounge will be open on Wednesday and have family game night—check out our calendar for more details!

Come and join us for a Post meeting on **Thurs. Nov. 9th at 6PM.**

Brenda Martin, Commander

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OFFICER'S CORNER

I would like to thank all the volunteers for their help with the Open House. And, make a request that we welcome all of our new members.

The Commanders Raffle give away will be 2 Turkey Dinners & 2 Ham Dinners on Nov 17th with Dirty Wight Boyz playing in the lounge, 8-11PM

The New Year Eve Party tickets are on sell in the lounge for \$30 each. Doors open at 6:30PM, Music by Rock 'n Roll Magic, 8PM-1AM.

Mike Hardy, 1st Vice

Email: membership@amvetwapost1.org

Thank you for your support. Remember **R.E.D.** shirt Fridays. Keep up the good work.

Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice

Email: programs@amvetwapost1.org

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped pull off a very successful open house. The Huey was brought in from Olympia Flight Museum; thank you Richard Bedker for coordinating that. Also, a special thank you to Eric Davis, Fairweather Free Masons Post 81, Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons for sponsoring the beer garden.

We had over 100 new people come to the post and **11 NEW memberships!** Our community partners had an amazing outreach to all of the veterans and one of our community partners was able to reach a Veteran in active crisis and get them the help they needed.

I want to express my sincerest thank you to all of you for your service to our great country and wish you the happiest of Veteran's Day.

There are no scheduled 3rd vice events upcoming for the month of November as we prepare for the December holidays.

Rachel Murphy, 3rd Vice

Email: rachel.murphy141@gmail.com

New Phone Numbers

(253) 472-2552Main

(253) 677-5727Commanders

(253) 472-0560Chappie's Lounge

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

Phone: (253) 472-2552

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CHAPPIES RESTAURANT/LOUNGE

Lounge Hours:

Wed 3-10PM

Thurs 3-10PM

Fri 3-12AM

Sat 3-12AM

Sun 3-10PM



Daily activities:

Wed: Camel races, Bunko & Yahtzee

Thurs: Bar Stool Bingo

Fri: 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

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

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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

AMVETS RIDERS

There is no meeting in November. Please join the Riders at the Veterans Parade in Auburn on Nov. 11th.

Our raffle is on Fri., Nov. 10th, 5:30PM in the lounge.

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

Email: fishn4samn@comcast.net

SONS of AMVETS

Our next meeting is on **Tues., Nov. 7th @ 7PM** at the Post.

Renewal letters have now been sent out. Please renew (still only \$42) as soon as you can and note any changes to your information. If you have been thinking about becoming a Life Member now is the time to do it as the price is going up from \$320 to **\$450** beginning Jan. 1, 2024. If you pay for Life Membership before the end of the year you do **not** have to renew your annual membership. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Tom Arter, Adjutant

Sons of AMVETS Squad 1

Email: arter57@yahoo.com

Gold Nugget Raffle Dec 14, 2023

\$5/per ticket

1st Prize—5.44 gram Gold Nugget

2nd Prize—3.29 gram Gold Nugget

All Proceeds will go to the Puget Sound Honor Flight

**Contact Dennis at
(253) 266-2042**



AUXILIARY

Pre-Pandemic: Our Ladies Auxiliary was the only nonprofit holding monthly bingo parties at the American Lake VA Blind Rehab (In-Patient) Center. Volunteers are now able to return to Blind Rehab. Please consider volunteering 3 hours of your time, once a month—to call Bingo or assist a blind patient at the VA. Contact Barbara Skinner (253) 678-1256.

The VA TRansitional **Housing** 22 residents are always in need of **bus passes, Safeway gift cards, kitchen supplies** (i.e., dish soap, tall trash bags, sponges & scrubbing pads) and bathroom supplies (i.e., Clorox wipes, bathroom cleaner, toilet paper). Please deliver your donations to the American Lake VAVS office or drop them off at the Post.

Holiday Meals Community Canned Food Drive: *Gloria Harris* is collecting non-perishable food to supplement Holiday Meals for our active-duty & Veterans Families In-Need: mac & cheese, stuffing, vegetables, cranberry sauce, cake mixes & frosting. Our donation bin is located in or near Chappie's Lounge. Please no "Expired" or **past** "Best Buy" dated non-perishables.

Do you know of a Veteran who needs "Home Food Delivered"? Text Dorely Arter at (253) 405-5384.

WISH LIST

- Volunteer Experienced with SAGE 50 Accounting Software
- Volunteer Computer Techs to update and network our computers and software
- Volunteer bakers or donated baked goods needed for Auxiliary fundraisers
- Commercially packaged diapers & new or gently used baby clothes
- Volunteer KAREAOKE Entertains—Fri. Nov. 3rd, 7:30-11PM

Veteran's Day Dinner—*Thank You Veterans* for your service to our Country—Auxiliary #1 will be serving a dinner on Sat., Nov 11th, 6-8PM—Complimentary to Veterans and \$12 for non-Veterans.

Veteran's Day Dinner

Host: Post 1 Ladies Auxiliary
Date: Nov. 23—Thanksgiving Dinner
Time: 2-4:30PM
Complimentary to Veteran member & Family

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Thank you "LEE" for stepping up and doing the Horse Races on Saturday --Cash & Joyce

Auburn Veterans Parade—Sat. Nov. 11th. The parade is open to all. If you want to **participate in the Parade**—please let Dani Wyatt know.

Winter Wish Coat Drive—Janine Byers/Child Welfare Chair has a collection basket near Chappie's Lounge for collection of all sizes of **new** coats for kids & families- boys & girls - in tandem with **Communities In Schools of Tacoma Winter Wish Coat Drive: 2023**. She is also needing hats & gloves. All sizes including plus sizes. Additionally, they are also in need of warm blankets

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 2nd—Auxiliary Child Welfare Bake Sale, 6-8PM
- Nov 3rd—Auxiliary Bottle Raffle & Karaoke
- **Nov 9th—Auxiliary Business Meeting @ 6:30PM via Zoom**
- Nov 11th—Auburn Veterans Parade
- Nov 11th—Veteran's Day Dinner—hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary
- Nov 20th—Mid-year Service Reports due to the National Auxiliary Chairman

Barbara Skinner, President

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HISTORIAN

In Honor of the Marine Corp's Birthday and Veterans Day, please feel free to read the following articles:

1. The Founding of the Marine Corps at Tun Tavern (<https://philadelphiaencyclopedia.org/essays/tun-tavern/>)
2. Collier's magazine article of AMVETS History on November 11, 1944 (<https://amvetswa.org/history#history>)

Taryn Hopey, Historian

If you are wanting to participate in the Veterans Parade on Sat. Nov. 11th, meet us in the parking lot at Post 1—we will be departing at 9:30AM. Or, you can meet us in our staging area on L Street in Auburn.

We are looking for someone to hang a banner on our building advertising Hall Rentals. If you are interested, please let Glenn Skinner know.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>SAVE THE DATE New Years Eve Party, Dec. 31, 2023, 8PM-1AM Doors open @ 6:30PM Music: Rock-n-Roll Magic Party favors & Champagne provided Tickets on sale now in Chappie's Lounge \$30 per person</p>			<p>1 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Camel Racing 5PM</p>	<p>2 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM BAKE SALE 6-8PM Barstool Bingo 4PM</p>	<p>3 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Auxiliary Raffles & Karaoke 6-8PM</p>	<p>4 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM</p>
<p>5  Chappies OPEN 9:30AM-10PM 10AM Seahawks vs Ravens POTLUCK Texas Hold'Em 3PM sign up 3:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM</p>	<p>6 Building Closed</p>	<p>7 Chappie's Closed PTSD 10-12 Noon</p>	<p>8 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM</p>	<p>9 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Post Mtg 6PM Auxiliary Mtg 6:30PM via Zoom Barstool Bingo 4PM</p>	<p>10  Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Riders Raffles 6-8PM</p>	<p>11  Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Horse Racing 4PM Veteran's Dinner 6-8PM Karaoke 7PM</p>
<p>12 Chappies OPEN 1-10PM 1:25PM Commanders vs Seahawks POTLUCK Texas Hold'Em 3PM sign up 3:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM</p>	<p>13 Building Closed</p>	<p>14 Chappie's Closed PTSD 10-12 Noon Marine Corp League 6PM</p>	<p>15 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Bunco 5PM</p>	<p>16 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Trustee Mtg 6PM Barstool Bingo 4PM</p>	<p>17 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Commander's Turkey/Ham Dinner Raffle 6-8PM Music: 8PM-11PM Dirty Wight Boyz</p>	<p>18 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM</p>
<p>19 Chappies OPEN 12:30-10PM 1:15PM Seahawks vs Rams POTLUCK Texas Hold'Em 3PM sign up 3:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM</p>	<p>20 Building Closed</p>	<p>21 Chappie's Closed PTSD 10-12 Noon</p>	<p>22 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</p>	<p>23  Chappie's Closed THANKSGIVING DINNER for members 2:30-4PM</p>	<p>24 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Sons 6-8PM</p>	<p>25 Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM</p>
<p>26 Chappies OPEN 12:30-10PM Texas Hold'Em 3PM sign up 3:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM</p>	<p>27 Building Closed</p>	<p>28 Chappie's Closed PTSD 10-12 Noon</p>	<p>29 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Yahtzee 5PM</p>	<p>30 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM 5:15PM Seahawks vs Cowboys POTLUCK Barstool Bingo 4PM</p>	<p>Visit our Facebook page for up-to-date events and activities  www.facebook.com/AmVetsPost1Tacoma</p>	

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