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Come and join us for the next:

Post meeting on **Thurs. Dec. 11th, 6PM**—Post **Trustee** meeting on **Thurs. Dec. 18th, 6PM**.

OFFICER'S CORNER

Commander

Holiday Greetings from AMVETS Post 1: Dear AMVETS Members, Family, and Friends: The holiday season is upon us, and it's truly one of my favorite times of the year. It's a time to reconnect with loved ones and celebrate with friends. Here at AMVETS Post 1, we're embracing the holiday spirit with a lineup of exciting events that we hope will bring joy and unforgettable memories.

Christmas Day Dinner: Join us for a **Christmas Dinner in Chappie's Lounge on Christmas Day**. This special gathering is our way of celebrating the season together as a community. Check your calendar for event details.

White Elephant Exchange Potluck for officers, employees and volunteers: Mark your calendar for **Mon. Dec. 22nd, 6PM in Chappie's Lounge**. Bring a \$25 White Elephant gift, your favorite homemade dish, and a sense of adventure! This potluck event is always a hit, with delicious food, lively conversations, and the fun of exchanging mystery gifts. Let's make it a night to remember!

New Year's Eve Potluck Party: Ring in the New Year with us at our **New Year's Eve Potluck Party** in our big banquet hall. Starting at **6:30PM**, the evening will feature fantastic music, great food, and celebration. This promises to be an **unforgettable evening**, so gather your friends and join the fun!

Weekly and Monthly Events: Game Night: Every Wednesday in Chappie's Lounge—bring your competitive spirit and join the fun.

Glenn Skinner, Commander

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2nd Vice Commander

Thank you for taking the time to complete a volunteer slip! Keep up the great work!

Danette Gundy, 2nd Vice

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1st Vice Commander

Season's Greetings From Your AMVETS Post: As we enter the month of December and the close of another year, our Post extends warm Christmas wishes to all our members, families, and friends. May this holiday season bring you peace, comfort, and the joy that comes from being part of a strong and supportive community.

We would also like to give a heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who volunteered during our Thanksgiving events. Your hard work—preparing meals, serving our veterans, setting up the hall, and giving your time with a cheerful spirit—made the day truly special. Because of you, no one in our community had to spend the holiday alone, and many enjoyed a warm meal and even warmer company.

Your dedication reflects the best of AMVETS: service, generosity, and fellowship. As we celebrate the Christmas season, we are grateful for each of you and for the strength you bring to our Post.

From all of us here—**Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!**

Mike Hardy, 1st Vice

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3rd Vice Commander

Dec. 21st, Children's Christmas Party
(ages 0 to 12) 6-8PM, Large Hall

For members and their families
(includes employees)

Christmas Gingerbread House Contest

Bring your gingerbread house if you would like to be a contestant (judged on Dec. 21st)

Come and see Santa and Mrs. Claus along with the Grinch & North Pole Elves!

Kids up to age 12—food is free; 13 and older \$2.00 for food.
Can't wait to see ya all!



Dani Wyatt, 3rd Vice

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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

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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 & Darts

Wed: Barstool Bingo & Game Night

Fri: Meat/Bottle Raffle and 50/50 Raffle

Sat: Barstool Bingo & Karaoke

SONS of AMVETS

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, 7PM** in the Post's common area.

We continue to have raffles on the 3rd Friday of the month. Come out, enjoy the music and the raffles!

Renewal letters have been sent out. Renewals may be mailed in, dropped into the Sons Membership Box or paid at the bar. If you choose to pay at the bar, please be sure to let the bartender know you are renewing for the Sons.

Tom Arter, Adjutant

Sons of AMVETS Squad 1

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AMVETS RIDERS

Our next meeting is on **Saturday, Dec. 13th @ 6PM**, at Harvest Buffet.

Eric Davis (Sugarfoot), President

AMVETS Riders, Chapter One

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AUXILIARY

American Lake VASH Thanksgiving—24 Veteran families received \$25 gift cards from the Ladies Auxiliary to purchase turkeys and 24 side dishes. Thank you to James Traber for your yearly donations of side dishes for VASH families-in-need along with donations for other Veteran causes.

Our Veteran Day lunch at Post 1 was provided by the Ladies Auxiliary. Thank you to all that volunteered, also thank you Velma Wright Academy for your 4- and 5-year-old students presenting the colors, singing and performing for our Veteran's and presenting handmade thank you for their service ribbons.

REMINDER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues are due by Dec. 31st. You can renew in Chappie's Lounge by credit card or cash. You can also 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 3rd—Auxiliary Child Welfare Fund Bake Sale (*goodies and volunteers needed*)
- Dec. 5th—Ladies Auxiliary presents Michael Crain Duo
- Dec. 11th—Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting
- Dec. 16th—Blind Rehab Bingo at VA Hospital (let Yvonne know if you can help)
- **Wednesdays & Saturdays**—Barstool Bingo

Barbara Skinner, President

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Bake Sale—Dec. 3rd



COMMUNICATIONS

I sincerely wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Danette Gundy, Communications Officer

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FOR UP-TO-DATE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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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

Gloria's Kitchen Menu

- Dec. 3rd—Wing Wednesday
- Dec. 5th—Creamy Garlic Chicken
- Dec. 10th—Wing Wednesday
- Dec. 17th—Wing Wednesday
- Dec. 19th—Stuffed Cabbage Rolls

Meals provided by Gloria Harris and her team



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

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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	5	6
	Chappies CLOSED	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM PTSD 10-12 Noon Poker 3-6PM Sons Mtg 7PM Darts 6PM	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM <i>Wing Wednesday</i> Barstool Bingo 4PM  BAKE SALE 5:30-8PM Manhattan 6PM	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM	Chappies OPEN 3-1AM <i>Creamy Garlic Chicken</i> Auxiliary Raffle 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Michael Crain Duo	Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Barstool Bingo 4PM Karaoke 7:30PM
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	New Years Eve Party—Dec 31st, 8PM-1AM Doors open at 6:30PM Tickets available at the bar Please bring a potluck item. Come dance to Michael Crain! Party favors will be provided & Champagne at Midnight!		
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