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OFFICER'S CORNER

To all my fellow AMVETS—Goodbye and farewell!

I want to thank all my fellow officers and members for their support. I know that you will support and help your new commander, Brenda Martin, as you helped me.

Come and join us for a Post meeting on **Thurs. Feb. 23rd at 6PM.**

Larry Stowe, Commander

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I want to remind everyone to come to the club and enjoy playing darts, bingo, meat/bottle raffle and many more things to enjoy with family and friends. I am always looking for new ideas and volunteers. Please come and enjoy your club.

Brenda Martin, 1st Vice

Email: membership@amvetwapost1.org

Hope all are well. I have been busy with end of year report and the reports to National.

I cannot emphasize enough that ALL volunteer slips must be turned in **by the end of the month!** Those turned in late will not count. If you have a **donation** to include on your volunteer slip, I must have the original or a copy of the **purchase receipt attached** and a written description of what was purchase and for what program or activity—or it will not be a valid donation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice

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I bring you this with a heavy heart. This is the last report you will receive from me as 3rd Vice. My daughter has worsened with her rare kidney disease and I have resigned my post to Move to Kansas to care for her. I have maintained my National Service Officer status accepting an opening in Wichita. 316.688.6846

Thank you everyone. It was an experience I will never forget.

Debbie Moore, 3rd Vice

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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

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CHAPPIES RESTAURANT/LOUNGE

Lounge Hours:

Tues-Thurs 3-10PM; Fri 3-12AM; Sat 2-12AM; & Sun 2-10PM

Happy Hour: Tues-Sat 3-6PM & ALL DAY on Sun

Daily activities: **Tues:** Dart leagues; **Wed:** Texas Hold'Em & Manhattan Dance Club; **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

February Bands:

- Feb. 3rd—8 Second Ride
- Feb. 10th—The Raucous Band
- Feb. 17th—Swing Night with DJ Terry West
- Feb. 24th—Billy Shew

Stay tuned for when the kitchen will be back—the bar fryer is up and running—so come in and have those deep fried treats you've been missing! We also have more beer and a cider tap!

BUNCO will be on Feb. 21st starting at 5PM!

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

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

Jackie Alberts, 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 Mon., Feb. 20th** for President's Day.

We are currently taking walk-ins Mon-Thur 9-11AM & 1-3PM. Please visit our website at www.amvetwaservice.org to make an appointment.

Victoria Burgess, Interim State Service Director

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Phone: (253) 220-5050

SONS of AMVETS

Our next meeting is **Tues. Feb. 7th, 7PM** at the Post.

Come out and help us consider ways to improve our Friday night fundraising events. Topics include:

- What types of bottles sell the most tickets?
- Will we sell more tickets with more bottles?
- What is the balance between having enough bottles to draw interest but not enough to have good ticket sales?
- Should we run a regular 50/50 raffle?

Welcome to new members Steve Worthington and Cody Britton.

Tom Arter, Adjutant Sons of AMVETS Squad 1

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AMVETS RIDERS

Our next meeting is **Sat., Feb. 11th, 10AM** in the lounge.

It is the time of year when things are slow. At the Riders monthly meeting, 1st Vice President Mike 'Dyno' Jarnagin was presented with the Riders Commendation Award for exceptional service while he was the Chapter Prez during the pandemic.

If you haven't already, please turn in your dues (\$25 now) ASAP.

Can't wait for the weather to get better for some group rides!

Mike Alberts (Iron Mike), President AMVETS Riders, Chapter One

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CHAPLAIN

Lord God, I know that in this life we will have troubles, but thank you that we can know that we don't have to lose heart, because you have overcome this world. Amen.

Robert (Bob) Macon

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AUXILIARY

Amended AMVETS Post 1 Ladies Auxiliary Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules will be read at the Feb. 9th business meeting and voted on at the Mar. 9th meeting.

1st nominations for elected officers will be acted at the Mar. 9th business meeting. Prerequisite for the 8-9 elected Auxiliary officers: Must be a member in good standing who attended 50% of all business meetings, 1 year prerequisite proceeding elections. Additionally, 1-7 officers and chairpersons shall be appointed by the President-Elect.

The Spring DEC meeting will be held via Zoom on Mar 18th (see information on Zoom meeting below).

Please support our Child Welfare project—School supplies for kids in need. We will continue providing the needed supplies to area schools throughout the year.

Effective Jan. 1st—Ladies Auxiliary members may rejoin as annual or life members with new applications and supporting documents.

Upcoming Events:

- **Feb. 3rd**—Bottle raffle
- **Feb. 9th**—Auxiliary Meeting @ 6:30PM in-person and via zoom

ZOOM Business Meeting

Date: **Feb. 9th @ 6:30PM**
Meeting ID: 829 2955 7861
Passcode: 505026
Dial: 253-215-8782

Join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82929557861?pwd=bEIKWWRDeEZrTOZxeHBOa0lYaTdXdz09>

ZOOM Spring D.E.C.

Date: **Mar. 18th @ 10AM**
Meeting ID: 832 1958 4319
Passcode: 021848
Dial: 253-215-8782

Join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83219584319?pwd=QUdMUUVZ6SWRFSU9lelgvbHJTSHp3QT09>

Barbara Skinner, President

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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

HISTORIAN

Feb. 1st is **NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY**

(<https://nationaltoday.com/national-freedom-day/#why-we-love>)

which eventually brought us to the annual observation of

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

(<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>)

Military History WWII 1943: *A story of the Convoy SG 19 and the Sinking of USAT Dorchester—When Things Went Terribly Wrong*

(<https://chuckhillscgblog.net/2017/02/05/convoy-sg-19-and-the-sinking-of-usat-dorchester-when-things-went-terribly-wrong>)

with an additional article which explains why Feb. 3rd is known as *Four Chaplains Day* in military history

(<http://fourchaplains.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/The-Story.pdf>)

May we never forget.

Taryn Hopey, Historian

COMMUNICATIONS

On Feb. 19th, National Vet Girls RISE Day recognizes the immense dedication of the nearly 2 million U.S. Veteran women. It is a day for women veterans to support one another and to share resources, build relationships and spread awareness concerning the needs of women veterans. **Thank you for your service!**

Danette Gundy, Communications Officer

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DEPT LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

On Jan. 25, 2023, Lourdes Alvarado-Ramos (aka "Alfie") retired as director of the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA). She was honored at the Legislature on that day.

Governor Inslee appoints David Puente, Jr as her replacement effective Feb. 1, 2023. David has served as WDVA's deputy director since Feb. 2020.

Charles Wharton, P.N.D.C.

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FEBRUARY 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

FEBRUARY SPECIALS

- **FRIDAY AM in Feb.**—Double lucky bucks!
- **SUNDAY AM in Jan.**—5 lucky buck drawings
- **VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL**
Tues., Feb. 14th
Daubers to ALL
Texas is a \$500 will go!
- **PRESIDENTS' DAY SPECIAL**
Sun., Feb. 19th
Wheel game doubled!
- **Ticket Drawing, Friday, Feb. 24th**
5-\$100 drawings both sessions
- **Jackpots**
456—20#'s-\$4,000
Bonanza—50#'s-\$4,500



To continue receiving important information from our Post, provide your email address to newsletter@amvetswapost1.org or go online www.amvetswapost1.org
Newsletters will also be available in Chappies Lounge and the Service Office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Remember Everyone Deployed Wear a red shirt every Friday supporting our troops!</p> <p><i>In addition, complete a Volunteer Slip stating that you wore a red shirt and claim up to 8 hours on Friday helping Post 1 to continue keeping their non-profit status.</i></p>			1 Chappies 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 5PM sign up 5:30PM starts DARTS 6:30 sign up 7PM play Manhattan Dance 6:30-9:30PM(\$10)	2  Chappies 3-10PM Barstool Bingo 4PM	3  Chappies 3-12AM Raffles 7:30-9PM Music: 8-11PM 8 Second Ride Bingo AM/PM	4 Chappies 2-12AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM Bingo AM/PM
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