



AMVETS Newsletter

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OFFICER'S CORNER

Greetings! April is going to be a busy month.

Join us at our next meeting on **Thurs., Apr. 28th at 6PM** for second nominations for Post Officers.

On **Apr. 25th 10-4PM**, we will be hosting a Veterans Job Fair downstairs in the Bingo Hall

If you have some ideas for events, let me know.

Larry Stowe, Commander

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Post 1 currently has 1,639 members. We are the largest post in the entire country. I'd like to keep it that way, please renew if you haven't already, and please invite other Veterans to our great facilities. I have been to many other organizations' posts, and ours is definitely the nicest.

Please run for an Officer position—2nd nominations will be on **Apr 25th at 6PM**.

The Riders are hosting a FREE hotdog/hamburger BBQ for the Riders' 5th birthday! **Sat., Apr. 23rd, 1-4PM**. Donations for charity will be accepted. Please stay safe and healthy!

There will be a Veteran's Job Fair on **Apr. 25th**—BRING your resume and polish up on your interview skills!

Mike Alberts, 1st Vice

Email: membership@amvetwapost1.org

Well, here we go again. *Thank you all for your support.*

I have one request this time, please print your name on volunteer slips. I have had several that I had no idea who it was. If you have questions, please let me know.

Thanks again for your support.

Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice

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Looking forward to elections. Quiet for now on this home front.

Debbie Moore, 3rd Vice

Email: activities@amvetwapost1.org

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**—we need it on file to maintain our nonprofit status. 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-Sun 3-6PM

Daily activities: **Tues:** Dart leagues *return*; **Wed:** Texas Hold'Em; **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

April Bands:

- **Apr 1st**—Black River Falls
- **Apr 8th**—Randy Litch
- **Apr 15th**—8 Second Ride
- **Apr 29th**—Billy Shew

Come out and enjoy the bands!

For those that bought tickets to the New Year's Eve Party—refunds will be available until Apr. 15, 2022. Please ask the bartender for your refund.

We are back open on Tuesdays!



Friday April 22nd—80's Retro Night

Sweet 80's jams, games, costume contest (best 80's costume)

We thank you for supporting our dinners last month.

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

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

Chris Chance, General Manager

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To continue receiving important information from our Post, provide your email address to newsletter@amvetwapost1.org or go online www.amvetwapost1.org
Newsletters will also be available in Chappies Lounge and the Service Office.

AMVETS SERVICE OFFICE

Hours:

Mon-Thur 9AM-11:45AM & 1PM-3:45PM,
Fri 9AM-11:45AM CLOSED IN AFTERNOON
Closed for lunch daily 12-1PM

The Service Office are currently doing walk-ins Mon-Thur, 1PM-3:30PM. Please contact the Service Office to schedule an appointment for other available times.

Rusty (Kenneth) Walters, State Service Director

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National Service Office of Washington—Debbie Moore

Mon-Thur 8AM-4:30PM,
By appointment only (253) 904-4626
dmoore@amvets.org or Debbie.moore2@va.gov

AUXILIARY

I would like to thank all of you who supported our Bottle Raffle this past year.

We had our 1st round of nomination for the Office's for 2022-2023:

- President: Barbara Skinner
- 1st Vice: Anthonette Johnson
- 2nd Vice: Janine Byers
- 3rd Vice:
- Treasurer:
- Secretary:
- Sgt. At Arms: Velma Wright
- Chaplin: Carol Gustafson

Hope to see you at our next meeting Apr. 14th at 6:30PM. We will have our 2nd round of nominations and elections.

Please join us for our final Bottle Raffle of the year on April 1st.

Members—if you have a new phone number, cell number or have moved, please let us know so we can update the files.

Tilinda Grote, President

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SONS of AMVETS

Post 1 kids Easter Egg hunt is on **April 16, starting at 12 NOON** at Manitou Park—looking for volunteers to help on Apr. 15. There will also be an **adult hunt** too! Calendar has more details.

Welcome to new member Ramon Hac!

Sad to report the passing of Life Member Jerry LaCross.

Our next meeting is **Tues., Apr. 5th, 7PM** in the lounge.

Tom Arter, Adjutant
Sons of AMVETS Squad 1
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AMVETS RIDERS



On Mar. 25th, a little after 11AM, just east of 112th and Golden Given Rd, the usual sounds of midmorning traffic were gone, thanks to the road blocks and road guards. We spoke in hushed tones, waiting...people stood with the Stars & Stripes on their own poles, young families holding hands, truck drivers, everyday folks on the shoulders and parked in driveways...waiting, watching to the east up 112th St. And, then they crested over the hill near the high school, a tide of red and blue lights, flowing down the hill on the last leg toward the church...and then we heard them...the sweet rumble of 125 police motorcycles from a dozen departments and jurisdictions in formation, making sure the way was clear and safe for the final trip of Pierce County Deputy and U.S. Army Veteran Dom Calata. His family and his unit following close behind the escorting formation of bikes. We went to a proud and rigid Present Arms and held our salute until he passed. And, close behind him they came! I stopped counting at 500 patrol units, lights flashing in his remembrance, and still they came, more and more down the hill! Police and patrol units from many jurisdictions and communities across three states, Federal agencies, Tribal Police, Fire and Rescue units, all were there for the love of a *Brother*...and to say goodbye. Many rolled by with their windows open and waived or mouthed "Thank You" to us, yet we were the ones who have so much to thank THEM for everyday! And when the procession finally passed, we stood there for a little while, quiet...

Those representing AMVETS Post 1 and AMVETS Riders Chapter One were: Riders President "DYNO" Mike Jarnagin, Riders; 1st Vice "IRON MIKE" Alberts (former Tacoma Police Officer/Motorcycle Officer), Riders Road Captain "LANDSHARK" Chuck Bisping (former Tacoma Firefighter and Rescue Diver) and Rider Ken Watson. It was my great honor to be part of this Memorial today, and an honor to represent AMVETS with these gentlemen!

Our next Chapter Meeting on **Sat. Apr. 9th at 10AM** in Chappie's Lounge. EC will meet at 9:30AM in Iron Mike's office. Don't Forget!... Immediately following our meeting, Riders will help a disabled Marine Corps Veteran move to her new home and install the ramp she needs to make getting in and out so much easier. We could use your help! Come on out and see what we're about!

On Apr. 8th Riders will have our Bottle Raffle with a drawing at 7:30PM in Chappie's!

Mike Jarnagin, President
AMVETS Riders, Chapter One
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LANDSCAPE PROJECT HELP NEEDED

We need able body volunteers who can weed, rake, dig and maybe relocate plants (at your own pace) for AMVETS Post 1 Landscape project (during the 2022 growing season).

Pamela Draper is a Ladies Auxiliary member and a WSU Master Gardener since 1996. She is the chairperson for this project.

On Saturdays **April 9, 16 and 30th, 10AM-12PM** (weather permitting) bring your gardening tools, gloves and eye protection (if you have them). Also needed are wheelbarrows, rakes, edger's hoes and shovels to be used during these scheduled dates.

The first phase will be working mainly on the South side of the building (main entrance to AMVETS) and the next phase will be the West side.

If you have any extra herbaceous perennials (e.g., irises, hellebores, lilies, bulbs, tubers—to help make our post colorful) that would be helpful and welcome.

Fig, grapes and fuzzy kiwi cuttings will be available to you on dates listed above.

If you are interested, please call Glenn Skinner (253) 472-2553, ext. 4 and leave a message. Glenn will pass that information onto Pam who will get in touch with you.

Come on out and learn how to proper prune trees and shrubs and how to maintain your landscape and work with its natural growing habits. Sign-up sheets coming soon!

QUARTERMASTER

The Quartermaster is available via appointments or on meeting nights. Please leave a message if you need any merchandise from the display case near Chappies Lounge.

Danelle Wyatt, Quartermaster

Phone: (253) 988-1538

CHAPLAIN

Father, I don't want my actions to be without devotion and zeal. I want my spiritual life to be real so that my activities will glorify you. Amen.

Robert (Bob) Macon

Email: chaplain@amvetswapost1.org

HISTORIAN

"AMVETS members are a vital part of America's strength. And your unselfish efforts, both in war and peace, fortify our society and the traditions on which it was founded"

--quote from President Richard M. Nixon (Resource: Book; Amvets 50 years of Proud Service to America's Veterans)

Taryn Hopey

Historian

APRIL 2022 BINGO SPECIALS

Call (253) 472-2552, press 3 for specials

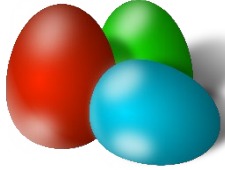



OPEN Tues, Fri, Sat, AND Sun—Start at 11:15AM (doors open 9:30AM) & 6:45PM (doors open 5PM).

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

APRIL SPECIALS

- **FRIDAY AM** in April—5 drawings, winners will spin the mini wheel
- **SUNDAY AM** in April—Double lucky bucks!
- **EASTER SPECIAL**
Sunday, Apr. 17th
Daubers to all!
Single winners on packet games pick an egg to win up to \$250; Texas is a \$500 will go!
- **Birthday Specials**
Alicea's Birthday—Tue., Apr 5th (both sessions)—Pick 7-\$500 will go!
Tonias' Birthday—Tue., Apr 19th—Texas \$500 will go!
- **Ticket Drawing, Friday, Apr. 29th**
5-\$100 drawings
- **Current Jackpots:**
456—26#'s-\$1,000
Bonanza—50#'s-\$4,000
Pick 7—16#'s-\$1,000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;"> Looking for volunteers to help on 4/15 </div> <h2 style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 2em;">Easter Egg Hunt</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">(Sponsored by the SONS)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Apr. 16, starting at 12 NOON Manitou Park Ages 0 to 12 – free</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADULTS (over 21 years old) please sign up for the Adult egg hunt (\$2 donations—Membership ID's will be checked)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Goodies given after hunts!</p> 					1	2
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