



# AMVETS Newsletter

## Post 1 Tacoma

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### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Our Family Picnic was a great gathering of new and old friends. The kids had lots of games to do. Our 3rd vice, Rachel Murphy, supplied us with great volunteer staff. Our play in the sun was fabulous. Thank you to all that helped. So, when our picnic comes up again, come and enjoy the fun, food and music. See you next year!

We are having great bands for dancing, listening to, or just enjoying friends on Friday nights 8-11PM.

Chappies hours have changed—please NOTE: Sat. & Sun. opening will be at 3PM. Card players will start at 3PM.

However, Seahawk Sundays in September, the lounge will open one half hour before the game. On Sunday games that start around 1PM or later we will be having potluck. Come and bring your favorite dish and enjoy the Seahawks with AMVETS friends.

Come and join us for a Post meeting on **Thurs. Aug. 24th at 6PM.**

**Brenda Martin, Commander**

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### OFFICER'S CORNER

The date of the Open House will be Sept 30th—and the wait will be worth it. There will be world famous chili with cheese dogs, vet support agencies...everything but the kitchen sink. Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

**Mike Hardy, 1st Vice**

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Hi all! Did you make the picnic—lots of good food.

Keep up the good work on your volunteer slips. Please be sure that they are submitted by the first of the next month and are completely filled out—especially hours and miles. If you don't see a category to fit your need, place what you did in the comment section and I will find a place for your volunteer hours.

**Richard A. Holcomb, 2nd Vice**

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Hello Post 1: First, I want to acknowledge all the wonderful volunteers that helped to pull off the very successful Post 1 picnic and of course the kind groups and individuals that donated to this awesome event. The picnic would not have happened without your kindness and generosity. We had a great time and not only sold a hundred plates but had the opportunity to be together, have some fun, and enjoy our post. There will be a fully detailed expense report delivered to the Post before the August monthly meeting.

As we look forward to the next post events I will be asking for volunteers for the following events and will send out a sign-up roster for committees. I am looking forward to wonderful events.

- October 28—Post Adults only Halloween Party
- October 29—Post Halloween Party for Families

**Rachel Murphy, 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.

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**

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## AMVETS SERVICE OFFICE

**Hours:**

**Tues-Fri 9AM-4PM**

Please visit our website at [www.amvetwaservice.org](http://www.amvetwaservice.org) to make an appointment.

**Victoria Burgess, State Service Director**

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## AMVETS RIDERS

Our next meeting on **Sat., Aug. 12th, 10AM** in the lounge.

Our raffle is on Fri., Aug. 11th, 5:30PM

It's past the time to fire-up those bikes let's ride!

**Eric Davis (Sugarfoot), President**

**AMVETS Riders, Chapter One**

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## CHAPPIES RESTAURANT/LOUNGE

**Lounge Hours:**

**Thurs** 3-10PM

**Fri** 3-12AM

**Sat** 3-12AM

**Sun** 3-10PM



**Daily activities:**

**Thurs:** Bar Stool Bingo

**Fri:** Live Music, 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

## COMMUNICATIONS

If you are not receiving your newsletter by email, please check your spam folder. If you still cannot find it, please let me know. Remember, you can still view/print our newsletter from our website or pick one up at the post.

Whenever you create a flyer, brochure, etc. for the post, please remember to add our logo—do not alter the logo, except for sizing purpose. The color and shape of our logo should remain intact. This is our AMVETS brand and should be used consistently and correctly. If you have any questions, please let me know.

**Danette Gundy, Communications Officer**

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## SONS of AMVETS

Our next meeting is on Tues., Aug. 1st on the deck at Post 1.

The Son's have had a record year for new members, with 12 new members to date. This has been largely due to the efforts of Karen Good and Yvonne Crockett who have been recruiting new members at the sign in desk for Thursday and Friday night dances. **THANK YOU LADIES!**

The Sons main source of income is our monthly bottle raffle which we source from donations. See an officer if you have a bottle to donate or would like to help out with this or any other Sons project.

**Tom Arter, Adjutant**

**Sons of AMVETS Squad 1**

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### Life Membership Dues

**Whereas** AMVETS life membership dues have been set at \$250 since January 2012, and,

**Whereas** this is among the lowest price for life membership dues of any Veterans Service Organization, and,

**Whereas** this does not accurately reflect the value of AMVETS life membership, no, therefore,

**Be it resolved** that Article VII, Section 6, a, (1) be replaced with the following:

"Life membership dues, effective September 1, 2023, shall be not less than \$500 for those members age up to and including 55, ages 56 through and including 65 will be \$400 and those 66 and over \$300, nonrefundable, and payable to the post, of which 50 percent shall be forwarded to National Headquarters and 25 percent to the state department."

## CHAPLAIN

Father God, I ask that you bless my coming and going today. Be before me, behind me, beside me—protect me and move me toward that which will bring me closer to you. Loving Father, bless my family with peace today.

**Robert (Bob) Macon**

## 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

Hi Folks, I located an older newspaper article that helps us understand what our PRINCIPALS of AMVETS stands for—please take the time to read the insert (additional page) Enjoy!!

**Taryn Hopey, Historian**

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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.

## AUXILIARY

In 2022–2023, forty-eight (48) Aux 1 members participated or volunteered for (323) AMVETS Post 1 meetings, activities, projects, or programs. There were (1 to 10) Aux members who organized activities, cooked meals, manned the Receptionist Desk in the Veterans Service Claims Office, raised funds, and landscaped weekly. Outside the Post, there were six (6) members who promoted AMVETS. Our new Annual membership tripled. Our new Life members count quadrupled.

On Mar. 16, 2020, AMVETS Post 1 closed its doors for a year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. On Mar. 16, 2023, the AMVETS Post 1 "Family" began a new "Pandemic Recovery" Program. Aux 1 donated \$3,500+ for this endeavor. Since 2021, the "2020–2021 National Award-winning Local Auxiliary of the Year" volunteer team have been most of the Dept Aux leaders & members. Our VAVS Rep & new Honorary Member voluntarily managed "Pandemic Recovery" fundraisers, including: raffles; a \$500+ bake sale; silent auction; and weekly donation collections. So far, they've raised approximately \$5,000 for the cause. Our Dept Aux Hospital Chair & (1 to 6) Aux volunteers provide "Special Menu" food service 2-3 nights a week. Our Dept Aux 1st Vice & Sgt-at-Arms volunteer & donate, regularly, with weekly Post activities, recreation & AMVETS fundraisers. Our Dept Aux President, Treasurer & NEC Woman have volunteered over 264 manhours with Corporate Management. Our Dept Aux Scholarship Chair wrote "Pandemic Recovery" grants totaling over \$100K. Our Dept Aux Chaplain has entertained us & cheered us from the brink of "Nonprofit Burnout." And our Dept Aux 2nd & 3rd Vice have inspired us... that we, too, can overcome.

If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or know of someone in the Auxiliary who needs to make changes, please notify Carolyn Roth, Aux 1 Vice at (253) 590-8332. Please leave a message or contact Barbara Skinner.

The American Lake VA are allowing volunteers to resume Blind Rehab Bingo. If you are interest in volunteering, please contact Barbara Skinner.

Child Welfare School Supply Drive—Janine Byers is still collecting new general school supplies for the upcoming school year. If you would like to donate, please bring those donations to our next Business meeting or drop off in our school donation box located in the Post #1 hallway.

### Upcoming Events:

- Aug 4th—Bottle Raffle
- Aug 10th—Auxiliary Meeting @ 6:30PM

**Barbara Skinner, President**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Chappie's Closed	Chappie's Closed	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Country Dance Lessons 6:30-7:30 Dance until 10PM DJ Terry West Ballroom Barstool Bingo 4PM	Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Auxiliary Raffles 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Racous National Coast Guard Day	Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM (no scheduled host) Music: 8-11PM Sundance
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 3PM sign up 3:30PM starts Jam Session with Gatekeepers 5PM	Building Closed Purple Heart Day	Chappie's Closed	Chappie's Closed	Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Auxiliary Mtg 6:30PM Bar stool Bingo 4PM Agent Orange Awareness Day	Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Riders Raffles 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Goodtimes	Chappies OPEN 3-12AM Riders Mtg 10AM Horse Racing 4PM Karaoke 7PM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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