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August 2011

Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days

The Friendlist Fair

In the Friendlist Town in the Whole USA

September 1-4, 2011

The Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days is the oldest Fair in the state of Washington. It started in 1863, beginning with the first Horse Race that took place at a newly constructed track north of town. Since then, millions of guests spanning six generations have visited the Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days event.

In 1866, The Walla Walla Agricultural Society decided to stage a large agricultural and industrial exposition that would showcase the valley crops and the latest farming methods. Since then the event has continued under a variety of different names and organizations.

In 1870, the event became the first annual Fair of Washington Territory Agricultural, Manufacturing and Art Fostering Society.

In 1874, it became the first Walla Walla County Agricultural Society event. Then in 1886 the name was changed to the Walla Walla Consolidated Agricultural Society.

The event continued in 1903, under the new name, Walla Walla County Fair Association.

1913 & 1914 brought a rodeo "Wild West Show" and 1936 Directors changed the name to Southeastern Washington Fair. The organizers then added Frontier Days to the name during 1938.

In 1992 the name was changed to Walla Walla Frontier Days and in 1996 it became the Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days.

The name may have changed, but this great community tradition lives on today in memories for the young and the young at heart.

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Post Commander

August is here and there is only about four weeks of summer left, back to school sales are running and it time to think of the Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days. Speaking of the Fair, we will be in the parade on Sept. 3rd that means we will be getting our Flag Float ready and into position that morning, along with putting up the down town flags for this annual celebration. We will also be volunteering our services as shuttle drivers at the Fair Grounds that day. We also will be presenting the colors for the Italian Heritage Columbus Day celebration on Saturday Oct. 8th at the Walla Walla County Court House.

Our record of participating in community events is our contribution in helping to make Walla Walla the "Friendliest Small Town in the USA".

It is my understanding that our Past Commander Stephen Bird's son, John, has just completed boot training with the Air Force in Texas; way to Go John!

As always we are looking for ways to increase our membership and your help would sure be appreciated. Hope to see you at our next post meeting on the 17th.

Larry Cunnington, Post Commander 525-1964 520-5372 cunnington@charter.net



Fellow AMVETS;

I have the pleasure and honor, to use your newsletter, to say thank you to a fellow AMVET. The fellow member is Mr. Vernon Bosley, who has contributed to the Department of Washington AMVETS, a gift of 60,000 commemorative coins of Washington State.

These coins are one of a kind and have value, which the Department and posts can use for

raising funds for our varied activities. The amount raised is up to the Department and the Posts, and can be large or small all depending on how we use them. Again, I say "THANK YOU" Vern and Ellen, for your generosity and your patriotism.

I will update the Posts in the coming months on how this project is developing.

Don Schack,

Washington Department Commander



Ellen & Vern Bosley

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OBITUARIES Bill Crutcher has been a life

Member of Post #1111 since 2002

**William Crutcher**

1930 - 2011

William G. (Bill) Crutcher passed away on July 9, 2011, in Walla Walla. He was born in Ahsahka, Idaho, to

James and May Crutcher "in the little house up on the hill that looked over the river." He was raised in the Orofino area. Bill had one brother, Jim (deceased), and a sister, Mary Ellen Starkey of Arizona.

As a youngster, Bill loved to fish in the area where Dworshak Dam is now located. He would also hunt the area behind the dam for deer. His father always told him "you can catch a fish where there weren't any fish and find a deer where there weren't any deer."

Bill served in the Korean War, returning in 1954. He had gone to a movie and stopped off for a cup of coffee at the Empire Cafe where he met "a little, bubbly red-head" named Marilyn Williams. He escorted her home every night after that until they married in June. With this bond came three children, twins Ian (Johnson) and Jill (Murphey), and a third daughter, Judi Crutcher. Though divorced, Bill and Marilyn remained very good friends.

As a young man Bill worked at the Riverside Mill in Orofino. From 1967-1971, Bill served in the Idaho State Senate from District 7. He moved his family to Boise, where he became director of the Disability Determinations Unit. Later, he spent years managing various motels in the Northwest area, ending up in Walla Walla.

Bill was involved in many civic, fraternal and governmental organizations: Jaycees, Odd Fellows, Eagles, Elks, AMVETS, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club to name a few. He was involved with the Orofino Little League as coach and umpire for 17 years — one of his favorite "jobs." Bill was involved with OCI (Orofino Celebrations). For 40 years, he was the auctioneer at the Orofino Lumberjack Days. He loved this because he would prank many of his friends such as selling a box of cigars worth \$7 for \$45 or selling a hair permanent to a bald guy.

Bill is survived by his angel, Bernice Charlton (Miss Kitty) of Weston; daughters, Jan Johnson of Boise, Jill Murphey of Boise, Judi Crutcher of Boise; ex-wife and friend, Marilyn Williams of Boise; four grandchildren, Stephanie Hendrickson, Dustin Strickland and his wife Heidi, Riley Johnson all of Boise, Janelle Ritchey and her husband Dave of Scottsdale, Ariz.; great-grandchildren, Austyn Mason and Trevor Strickland.

A celebration of life will be held for Bill at a later date.

Contributions in Bill's honor can be made to a charity of your choice.

Bill is back in his "little house up on the hill that looks over the river."

Walla Walla Union Bulletin

VAMC Construction has begun !!!

Have you been to the Walla Walla VA campus lately? Well, if you had, you would notice things are happening! Construction trailers are moving in, fences are going up, equipment is moving in, and the digging ... is starting! Here are a few pictures taken over the last few weeks. We'll keep you updated with pictures along the way. Enjoy! And check out the article posted on the www.wallawalla.va.gov website for more info.

Photos & article submitted by Linda Wondra



RE-CREATION

HHV - HELP HOSPITALIZED VETERANS - proudly presents the 37th edition of Re-Creation! Re-Creation entertainers are cited as "America's Ambassadors to Hospitalized Veterans!" for performing in VA Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes across America for more than 30 years!

RE-CREATION

RE-CREATION'S YOUNG DYNAMIC ENTERTAINERS
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FEATURING ...
EVERYDAY HEROES!
 A SALUTE TO OUR NATION'S VETERANS AND TROOPS!
 An inspiring Patriotic Finale spotlighting treasured anthems, new songs and genuine words of thanks to our nation's veterans and troops, our heroes!

Coming to the Walla Walla VAMC on August 17, 2011
Free performance in the theater at noon.
Lunch served after the performance. Donations accepted.

NATIONAL VA TOURS SPONSORED IN PART BY:

You're invited to the Walla Walla VAMC Theater on Wed., August 17th 12:00 noon to enjoy a fabulous performance by RE-CREATION. It's FREE and lunch will be served after the performance.

Donations accepted. See you there!!!

Compassion Corps

The Jonathan M. Wainwright VA Medical Center's Palliative Care Program & Caregiver Support Services are **recruiting Volunteers** for "Compassion Corps," a program that offers trained volunteers the privilege of providing a compassionate presence for veterans with serious injury, illness or advanced chronic disease.

Volunteers may provide companionship, friendship, errands, and respite. Volunteers receive 20 hours of training, and then are matched with a Veteran.

Trainings begin Sept. 13.

Interested? Call 509.525.5200 and contact:

- ◆ Catherine Zimmerman Ext. 26270
- ◆ Ed Parker, Ext. 22936

Informational Meeting
will be held on:

August 30, 2011
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Walla Walla VA
Medical Center Theater

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Senior Discounts

A list of many businesses which are providing GREAT discounts. As our baby boomers reach retirement age, hundreds of retailers are featuring new and improved discounts exclusively for the 60 and older crowd. submitted by Roger McGee

Restaurants

Applebees: 15% off with Golden Apple Card (60+)
 Arbys: 10% off (55+)
 Ben & Jerrys: 10% off (60+)
 Bennigans: discount varies by location
 Bobs Big Boy: discount varies by location (60+)
 Boston Market: 10% off (65+)
 Burger King: 10% off (60+)
 Captain Ds Seafood: discount varies on location (62+)
 Chick-Fil-A: 10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+)
 Chillis: 10% off (55+)
 CiCis Pizza: 10% off (60+)
 Culvers: 10% off (60+)
 Dennys: 10% off, 20% off for AARP members (55+)
 Dunkin Donuts: 10% off or free coffee (55+)
 Einsteins Bagels: 10% off bakers dozen of bagels (60+)
 Fuddruckers: 10% off any senior platter (55+)
 Gattiâs Pizza: 10% off (60+)
 Golden Corral: 10% off (60+)
 Hardees: \$0.33 beverages everyday (65+)
 IHOP: 10% off (55+)
 Jack in the Box: up to 20% off (55+)
 KFC: free small drink with any meal (55+)
 Krispy Kreme: 10% off (50+)
 Long John Silvers: discounts at participating locations (55+)
 McDonalds: discounts on coffee everyday (55+)
 Mrs. Fields: 10% off at participating locations (60+)
 Shoneys: 10% off
 Sonic: 10% off or free beverage (60+)
 Steak n Shake: 10% off every Monday & Tuesday (50+)
 Subway: 10% off (60+)
 Sweet Tomatoes 10% off (62+)
 Taco Bell: 5% off; free beverages for seniors (65+)
 TCBY: 10% off (55+)
 Tea Room Cafe: 10% off (50+)
 Village Inn: 10% off (60+)
 Waffle House: 10% off every Monday (60+)
 Wendys: 10% off (55+)
 White Castle: 10% off (62+)

Grocery

Albertsons: 10% off first Wednesday of each month (55+)
 American Discount Stores: 10% off every Monday (50+)
 Compare Foods Supermarket: 10% off every Wednesday (60+)
 DeCicco Family Markets: 5% off every Wednesday (60+)
 Food Lion: 6% off every Monday (60+)
 Frys Supermarket: free Fry™s VIP Club Membership & 10% off every Monday (55+)
 Great Valu Food Store: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
 Gristedes Supermarket: 10% off every Tuesday (60+)
 Harris Teeter: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
 Hy-Vee: 5% off one day a week (date varies by location)
 Kroger: 10% off (date varies by location)
 Morton Williams Supermarket: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
 The Plant Shed: 10% off every Tuesday (50+)
 Publix: 5% off every Wednesday (55+)
 Rogers Marketplace: 5% off every Thursday (60+)
 Uncle Guiseppes Marketplace: 5% off (62+)

Activities & Entertainment

AMC Theaters: up to 30% off (55+)
 Bally Total Fitness: up to \$100 off memberships (62+)
 Busch Gardens Tampa: \$3 off one-day tickets (50+)
 Carmike Cinemas: 35% off (65+)
 Cinemark/Century Theaters: up to 35% off
 U.S. National Parks: \$10 lifetime pass; 50% off additional services including camping (62+)
 Regal Cinemas: 30% off Ripley™s Believe it or Not: @ off one-day ticket
 Sea World Orlando: \$3 off one-day tickets (50+)

Retail and Apparel

Banana Republic: 10% off (50+)
 Bealls: 20% off first Tuesday of each month (50+)
 Belks: 15% off first Tuesday of every month (55+)
 Big Lots: 10% off
 Bon-Ton Department Stores: 15% off on senior discount days (55+)
 C.J. Banks: 10% off every Wednesday (60+)
 Clarks: 10% off (62+)
 Dress Barn: 10% off (55+)
 Goodwill: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
 Hallmark: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
 Kohls: 15% off (60+)
 Modells Sporting Goods: 10% off
 Rite Aid: 10% off on Tuesdays & 10% off prescriptions
 Ross Stores: 10% off every Tuesday (55+)
 The Salvation Army Thrift Stores: up to 50% off (55+)
 Stein Mart: 20% off red dot/clearance items first Monday of every month

Travel

Alaska Airlines: 10% off (65+)
 Alamo: up to 25% off for AARP members
 American Airlines: various discounts for 65 and up (call before booking for discount) Amtrak: 15% off (62+)
 Avis: up to 25% off for AARP members
 Best Western: 10% off (55+)
 Budget Rental Cars: 10% off; up to 20% off for AARP members (50+)
 Cambria Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
 Clarion: 20%-30% off (60+)
 Comfort Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
 Comfort Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
 Continental Airlines: no initiation fee for Continental Presidents Club & special fares for select destinations
 Dollar Rent-A-Car: 10% off (50+)
 Econo Lodge: 20%-30% off (60+)
 Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 5% off for AARP members
 Greyhound: 5% off (62+)
 Hampton Inns & Suites: 10% off when booked 72 hours in advance
 Hertz: up to 25% off for AARP members
 Holiday Inn: 10%-30% off depending on location (62+)
 Hyatt Hotels: 25%-50% off (62+)
 Inter Continental Hotels Group: various discounts at all hotels (65+)
 Mainstay Suites: 10% off with Mature Traveler™s Discount (50+); 20%-30% off (60+)
 Marriott Hotels: 15% off (62+)
 Motel 6: 10% off (60+)
 Myrtle Beach Resort: 10% off (55+)
 National Rent-A-Car: up to 30% off for AARP members
 Quality Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
 Rodeway Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
 Sleep Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
 Southwest Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
 Trailways Transportation System: various discounts for ages 50 and up
 United Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking)
 U.S. Airways: various discounts for ages 65 and up (Call before)

Miscellaneous

Great Clips: \$3 off hair cuts (60+)
 Super Cuts: \$2 off haircuts (60+)
 Since many senior discounts are not advertised to the public, our advice to men and women over 55 is to ALWAYS ask a sales associate if that store provides a senior discount. That way, you can be sure to get the most bang for you buck.

Cell Phone Discounts

AT&T: Special Senior Nation 200 Plan \$29.99/month (65+)
 Jitterbug: \$10/month cell phone service (50+)
 Verizon Wireless: Verizon Nationwide 65 Plus Plan \$29.99/month (65+)
 *Check out our Secret Cell Phone Discounts.

Calendar for 2011**Membership Meeting****August 17, 2011****Potluck Dinner 6:00 PM****Meeting 7:00 PM****Golden West Estates Community room****1425 Jasper St****Walla Walla WA****August**

4 U.S. Coast Guard (1790)

17 AMVETS Meeting - Pot Luck 6 PM

23 Wainwright born at Fort Walla Walla (1883)

September**3 Fair Parade (Downtown Flags)****5 Labor Day (Downtown Flags)****11 Patriot Day (Downtown Flags)****16 AMVETS Meeting**—Pot luck dinner 6 pm**October**

8 Italian Heritage Day (WW Court House)

10 Columbus Day (Downtown Flags)

13 U.S. Navy (1775)

19 AMVETS Meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm

31 Halloween

November

6 Daylight Savings Time Ends

11 Veterans Day (Downtown Flags)**16 AMVETS Meeting**—Pot luck dinner 6 pm**24 Thanksgiving Day (Downtown Flags)****December****7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance (Downtown Flags)**

14 U.S. Army (1775)

21 AMVETS Meeting—Christmas Dinner

25 Christmas

January 2012

1 New Years Day

16 Martin Luther King Day (**Downtown Flags**)**18 AMVETS Meeting**—Pot luck dinner 6 pm**Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days****Saturday September 3rd****Golf Car Shuttle Drivers needed**

Call Larry Cunnington 525-1964 520-5372

August Birthdays**Happy Birthday to these post members****2 - Perry Roeder****3 - Ken Paplinski****4 - Vince Locati****12 - Doc Cresci****15 - Barry Jaquins****21 - Marvin Wood****25 - Jerry Cummins****27 - Mel Harnett****Downtown Flags will fly on the these Holidays****Labor Day, September 5th****Patriot Day, September 11th****POW/MIA Day September 16th****Post #1111 Current Membership 96****Annual Members 15 / Life 81**

Annual Dues: \$34.00 per year

Life Member: \$200.00

To be eligible for membership, you must have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, anytime after Sept. 15, 1940. Additionally, unless still serving, your discharge must have been under honorable conditions. If you served as an American citizen in the armed forces of an allied nation, under honorable conditions, between Sept. 15, 1940 and May 8, 1975, you are also eligible, as are wartime members of the Merchant Marine. Proof of eligibility can take the form of a DD-214, an honorable discharge certificate or other appropriate document.

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We Salute the Bird Family for their service to their country and their Patriotism.



John Bird graduated from BMT at Lackland AFB San Antonio, TX. John is now at Keesler AFB in Mississippi for tech school training.

John's parents Steve Bird and Susan Friesen, both life members of AMVETS post #1111, are pictured in Texas with John at his graduation. Steve is Past Commander of the post and is presently, Eastern Division Commander of AMVETS Department of Washington.

Their other son **Aaron** just recently graduated from Submarine Radio training and will be stationed in Guam on the USS Houston Nuclear Attack Submarine. After 6 months he will be redeployed to Hawaii where the USS Houston will be in dry dock for 2 years.

Pictured below are the graduating class and a graduation Hug.

