



American Veterans
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Walla Walla WA
 Chartered in the year 2000



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This is the Month
We Honor
Boy Scouts of America

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Post Commander

On my Honor I will do my best....and that's what the Boy Scouts can expect when we gather as a Post to honor them during AMVETS Post 1111 Scout Recognition Dinner February 16, 2011. I recall the first time I attended an AMVETS Meeting. The Post was hosting the annual dinner and my son and I were in attendance. I was sold on AMVETS from that day on! The impact of AMVETS efforts, AMVETS commitment toward the scouts and their parents should never be underestimated. As an AMVET you are a role model for service to Veterans and Our Community and the scouting youth in our community are stronger as a result. Our Downtown Flags and Americanism Programs support the Boy Scouts of America's commitment to train young people in citizenship, service and leadership. Indeed, let's continue our efforts and lead the way for our scouts.

Scout Oath: ***On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.***

Also, I had the pleasure on January 27, 2011 to present the 2009 National State Government Agency Employee of the Year Award to Mr. Steve Sinclair, Superintendent at the Washington State Penitentiary. The Veterans Committee was there in attendance and you could feel the agencies commitment to supporting their Veteran employees. Prior to the presentation they were recognizing Red Cross volunteers efforts in preparing care packages for deployed veterans and honoring one of their own who had just returned from deployment to Afghanistan. It was a privilege to be present!



1st Vice commander

February is here with Valentines Day and Presidents day right around the corner. Please come out to the Scout Recognition dinner at the post meeting Feb. 16th. Mel Harnett will once again have his display of scouting treasures. It's fun to see how things have changed. We owe a big thank you to the scouts and their Leaders for all their hard work with the down town flags. Thanks to one and all.

Membership is looking good thus far, with a little more work we can continue to grow and prosper.

Down Town Flags will fly on February 21st, President's Day.

We are always looking for ways to serve our Veterans and our community, if you have any suggestions please let us know.

Larry Cunnington 1st Vice

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From the Union Bulletin

Longtime Banner Bank employee Doug Bayne has taken a new position as director of Resource Development for Walla Walla Community College.

Bayne spent 23^{1/2} years with the Walla Walla-based bank. He said the decision to retire early from his position as vice president and director of marketing hinged on the opportunity to pursue another passion.



BAYNE

"It's something very personal for me — that opportunity to make a difference," Bayne said.

In his new role, he provides leadership, strategic direction and management of the Walla Walla Community College Foundation, according to an online job description. Bayne works with a volunteer board of governors, college leadership and staff. He will work to develop and implement resource development initiatives that support the college and students, a particularly important endeavor with state budget cuts.

He said the goal is to continue to build the foundation's base and focus primarily on filling funding gaps from the budget through entrepreneurial partnerships.

Doug Bayne is a Charter, Life Member of Post #1111 joining in May of 2000.

AMVETS IN THE NEWS

Mel Blue gets hole-in-one at Veterans Memorial

WALLA WALLA — Mel Blue from Walla Walla had a hole-in-one on Veterans Memorial Golf Course's 17th hole on Saturday.

Blue used his 8-iron for the ace, which was witnessed by Robert Monje and Tom Holway.

Mel Blue is a Life Member of Post #1111 joining in August of 2000



DAILY BULLETIN

Apple box labels subject of evening program

MILTON-FREEWATER — If you are curious about the history of apple box labels, an evening program about the development and demise of this commercial art form may be of interest.

The Walla Walla Watershed Council is hosting an evening program featuring examples of apple box labels from the collection of Bob Chicken. Also being featured is student art submitted for a recent contest using apple



CHICKEN

box labels as a theme. The Jan. 31 program will be at the Watershed Council's office, 810 S. Main St., beginning at 7 p.m. It is free to the public. The Watershed Council office is one block south of city hall, next to the Methodist Church.

Apple box labels were a key marketing device from the late 1800s to the mid 1900s. Developments in printing, irrigation, transportation and marketing are all represented in the story behind this advertisement and art form.

For more information about the program call Chicken at 541-938-7086 or e mail: www.bob.chicken@wwbwc.org.

— U-B staff reports

Bob Chicken is a Charter Life Member of Post #1111 joining in May of 2000



February 8, 1910 marks the beginning of **Boy Scouts of America** and this month on our regular meeting night, February 16th, we will dispense with our pot-luck and our regular meeting and enjoy a special dinner of spaghetti prepared by AMVETS officers and members. We will honor the Boy Scouts of Troop #305 and their leaders and parents for the special relationship that has developed through our patriotic downtown Walla Walla flag program.

Pictured above is **Bob and Carrie Chicken**, long time scout leaders, at one of our past dinners honoring the scouts.

Happy Birthday Norm



Charter-Life Member, **Norman Graybeal** turned eighty at our last meeting on January 20, 2011 Norm has served as Post Commander and several other positions since the post was formed.



We Salute These Walla Walla American Flag Sponsors for their Support and Patriotism-Please Support our Sponsors

2010 Contributors are shown in red

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AMVETS National Employer of the Year Award

for private sector and government employers goes to the Washington State penitentiary in Walla Walla. Nomination was made by Art Miller who is employed at the penitentiary and is a member of AMVETS Post #1111. See pictures on page 8.

Mission Statement of the Washington State Penitentiary Veterans Committee **Providing recognition, support and encouragement to our military personnel and their families who have defended our country both at home and on foreign soil.**

The Washington State Penitentiary Leadership in 2004 supported the development of the Veterans Committee. Employees and leadership shared a commitment for an organized group to support active guard and reserve staff members and their families. The committee also took on the task of identifying its' staff members who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States. As of this date they have served 318 veterans. Each year on Veterans Day to show tribute of their service each employee veteran is provided a special lapel pin for in a show of appreciation for their service and their names and branch of service are publicized throughout the Penitentiary.

In December of 2008 the committee with the support of the Penitentiary collected, packed and shipped 85 care packages that were sent to 20 WSP staff members serving in the combat zone overseas.

In 2009 the Veterans committee processed and sent 65 care packages to their 12 deployed staff members. Wanting also to take care of their deployed staff families during the holiday seasons members of the Veterans Committee along "Santa" the Penitentiary Superintendent and Associate Superintendent visited the deployed staff families in their homes passing out gifts and taking photos to send to staff overseas.

The Veterans Committee has also helped the families of deployed staff move, put in underground sprinklers, a new lawn and many other small projects.

The committee has organized and coordinated with leadership five "Welcome Home" ceremonies for its' returning Military members. From 2004 welcoming home staff members of the Washington Army and Air National Guard, Oregon Army National Guard, US Army Reserves and the United States Marine Corps. These ceremonies were filled with awards from elected dignitaries, personal and family recognitions and a very special video.

In recognition of their efforts the Penitentiary has received multiple recognitions from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) as follows;

The "Above and Beyond Award" which is given in limited numbers by state and territory ESGR committees,

The "Pro Patria Award" which is presented annually by each ESGR Committee to the one employer in the state or territory who has provided the most exceptional support of our national defense through leadership practices and personnel policies, and the "Patriot Award" for outstanding employer support of military members.

Further members of the committee are supported in their efforts to provide one-on-one assistance through the services of the facility staff counselor.

On May 14th 2009 the WSP was the first corrections facility in the State to dedicate and fly prominently the POW flag. The Leadership along with the Veterans Committee invited the Local AMVETS Post 1111 to help honor the dedication by having one of our post's POW's and Bataan Death March survivor present the flag.

Calendar for 2011**Membership Meeting February 16, 2011****February**

8 Boy Scouts of America Founded 1910
 12 Lincoln's Birthday
 14 Valentine's Day
 16 **AMVETS Meeting**—Spaghetti Dinner - Scouts
 21 President's Day (**Downtown Flags**)
 22 Washington's Birthday

Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 PM
Honor Boy Scouts 7:00 PM
(no meeting)
Golden West Estates Community room
1425 Jasper St
Walla Walla WA

March

12 Girl Scouts of USA Founded 1912
 14 Daylight Savings Time
 16 **AMVETS Meeting**—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
 17 St Patrick's Day
 20 First Day of Spring

February Birthdays
Happy Birthday to these Post members
Mel "hole in one" Blue (see page 3)

Eileen Bow**Lyle Kindelspire****Carl Nuthak****August Radke (in Afghanistan)****Howard Short****Roy Smith****Royse Tollman****Kim Van Klinken****John Waterbrook****April**

1 **AMVETS** Because We Care Day @ VAMCS
 20 **AMVETS Meeting**—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
 24 **Easter**

Downtown Flags will fly on the these Holidays**February 21 - Presidents Day****May 15 - Armed Forces Day****May 31 - Memorial Day****May**

8 Mother's Day
 15 Armed Forces Day (**Downtown Flags**)
 18 **AMVETS Meeting**—Pot luck dinner 6 pm
 31 Memorial Day (**Downtown Flags**)

June

14 Flag Day (**Downtown Flags**)
 15 **AMVETS Meeting** - Pot Luck 6 PM
 19 Fathers Day
 22 First Day of Summer

Post #1111 Current Membership 102**Annual Members 21 / 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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Art Miller nominated his employer for AMVETS Employer of the Year Award.

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