



American Veterans
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Post Eleven-Eleven
Walla Walla WA
 Chartered in the year 2000



June 2011



It's picnic time in Walla Walla

Post #1111 Annual Picnic

Sunday June 12

At Fort Walla Park

Myra Road Entrance

Post will supply chicken & soft drinks

A thru L please bring salads

M thru Z bring desserts

June 14th is Flag Day



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Post Commander

June is here and it's **PICNIC** Time; come join us June 12th at Fort Walla Walla Park. Set up starts at 10 am, picnic at noon. The post will provide chicken, soft drinks, and water. Members with last name beginning with A-L, bring salads or side dish, M-W, dessert.

Should be fun for all.

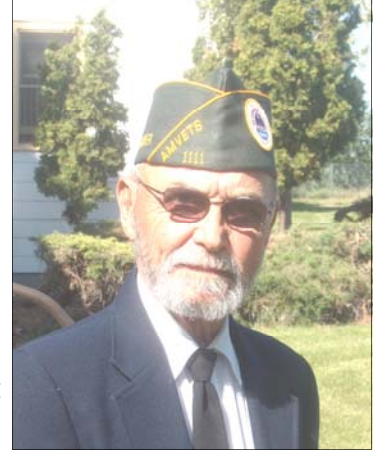
As always we are looking for new members so if you know of someone please invite them to the picnic; I'll have some applications with me.

Memorial Day turned out very nice due to all our help and good weather. We got all the flags picked up before the big rain which came in fourteen hours late according to the weather forecast.

See you all at the park.

Larry Cunnington, Post Commander

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**2nd Vice Commander**

"Get Ready, Get Set, GO!" It's time for another year of programs and special events for all Post members. To begin, the Annual Picnic is set for June 12th at Ft. Walla Walla Park. The Post will provide the fried chicken, cold drinks and ice, table wear and, perhaps, who knows what? The picnic should begin about 12:00 noon with set up a little earlier. Members are asked to bring side dishes, salads or deserts. We anticipate 50 – 60 attendees. You might want to bring a chair and

umbrella (for the rain or sunshine). Let's make it a great day!

The Post had two First Place and two Honorable Mention entries in the 2011 Americanism Contest. The entries were judged at the recent Department Convention in Pasco. The Theme for the Contest was, "Why it is important to vote" the winners were: Brett Ferguson, 4th Grade Poster and Reilly Roach, 7th Grade Essay. Honorable Mention Essays were submitted by Joseph Musick and Connor Ferguson, both 7th Graders. Congratulations to those who "went above and beyond".

I am in the process of developing plans for active Programs for the year. These must, and will, include greater involvement with local veterans and others who will inform or . Your suggestions and assistance will be entertained in order to make Post 1111 the outstanding Programs Post in the Department greatly appreciated. Just give me a call at 509-522-0939 and we'll take it from there. If I'm not home, please leave a message.

Norm Graybeal, 2nd VC

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It's a 4th of July Celebration!

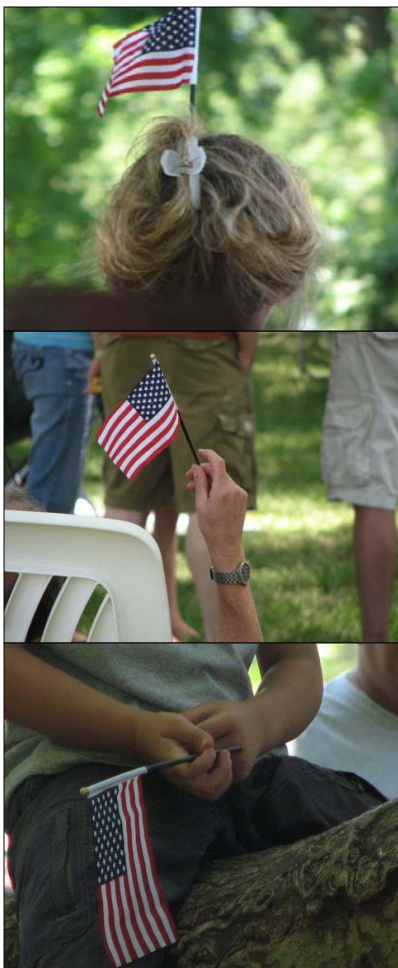
We cordially invite you to be a part of Walla Walla's annual 4th of July in the Park celebration at Pioneer Park! From 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Pioneer Park, (bordered by Alder, Division and Whitman Streets) will be filled with arts and crafts, culinary delights, activities for children of all ages, and nonstop entertainment. The community celebration will once again conclude with a rousing show of the finest fireworks display in the area. In previous years, this celebration has attracted over 12,000 visitors to the park.

FIREWORKS

Walla Walla's annual 4th of July in the Park celebration, brought to you by the Union-Bulletin, Banner Bank and the City of Walla Walla, will conclude with a rousing show of the finest fireworks display in the area. Fireworks will be launched at dusk from the baseball fields behind Blueridge Elementary school. The show will include around 20 minutes of fireworks with a grand finale you won't want to miss!!

Articles stolen from Union Bulletin Web site: www.4thofjulyinthepark.com

Photos submitted by Steve Bird



Flag Day June 14, 2011

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.

Flag Day is not an official federal holiday, though on June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first (and only) U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale. Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, CHAPTER 1, § 110 is the official statute on Flag Day; however, it is at the President's discretion to proclaim officially the observance.

One of the longest-running Flag Day parades is held annually in Quincy, Massachusetts, which began in 1952, celebrating its 59th year in 2010. The 59th Annual Appleton Wisconsin 2009 Flag Day Parade featured the U.S. Navy. The largest Flag Day parade is held annually in Troy, New York, which bases its parade on the Quincy parade and typically draws 50,000 spectators.

Perhaps the oldest continuing Flag Day parade is at **Fairfield, Washington**. Beginning in 1909 or 1910, Fairfield has held a parade every year since, with the possible exception of 1918, and celebrated the "Centennial" parade in 2010, along with some other commemorative events. Fairfield is just few miles south of Spokane on Highway 27.

AMVETS Post #1111 was Chartered in May of 2000. On Flag Day 2001 a call came from Kathleen Obenland, who was employed at the Union Bulletin at the time, asking why there were no flags on Main Street for the holiday. The new post was looking for a project and shazam; we had one!

A committee was formed, flags were purchased from the new Wal-Mart, poles were donated by Platt Electric Supply and Stoneway Electric Supply, holes were drilled in the sidewalks of Main and Alder Streets by Narum Concrete Co., and the flags were flown for the first time on Labor Day weekend; the second time was on September 12th following the 9-11 attacks.

The program is ten years old this year.



Photos from the Fairfield WA website.

<http://fairfieldflagday.com>

Fairfield has many events. The most popular event is called Flag Day. Flag Day is a day to remember those who have fought to keep the flag flying. In the morning there is a Fun Run at 7 a.m. followed by the official Flag Day parade down Main St. at approximately 10:30 a.m. Then throughout the day there are fun games, booths, and a beer garden that's open all day.

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

2011 Contributors are shown in red.
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Tribute to the Soldiers

As I sleep at night, tucked safely in my warm bed, there are men and women around the world who want to sleep, but don't. They shiver in the cold darkness...these soldiers who stand guard and keep watch.

As I greet the morning of a brand new day and watch the sky embrace the sun, there are men and women around the world who greet the day while they scan the horizon. They look for the danger out there...these soldiers who stand guard and keep watch.

As I watch TV and hear the shouts of those who say America should be ashamed, as they mock and desecrate our flag, there are men and women around the world who have fought to defend this dear country and will do so again and again. They hold Old Glory high...these soldiers who stand guard and keep watch.

As I see those who try to remove prayer and the very mention of God from our land, there are men and women around the world who pray to God for the protection of their families and friends, their country and flag. They often forget to pray for themselves, but they trust that we will mention their names in our prayers... these soldiers who stand guard and keep watch.

As we cherish our freedom, let us never forget the men and women around the world who lay down their lives to keep us safe. Like the many brave soldiers before them, they are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice. May we always honor them...these soldiers who stood guard and kept watch...these soldiers who stand guard and keep watch.

Roberta Bardsley
Walla Walla WA

Roberta is the sister of AMVETS Life Member, Richard Bardsley



Calendar for 2011**June**

12 AMVETS Picnic (no Meeting)
14 Flag Day (Downtown Flags)
14 U.S. Army (1775)
19 Fathers Day
22 First Day of Summer

July

2 U.S. Army Air Corps (1926)
4 Independence Day (Downtown Flags)
20 AMVETS Meeting - Pot Luck 6 PM

August

4 U.S. Coast Guard (1790)
17 AMVETS Meeting - Pot Luck 6 PM
23 Jonathan M. Wainwright born at Fort Walla Walla (1883)

September

1 Labor Day (Downtown Flags)
11 Patriot Day
16 AMVETS Meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm

October

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)

Membership Meeting**No June Meeting**

See Picnic below

Golden West Estates Community room
1425 Jasper St
Walla Walla WA

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BYOB - beer & wine**June Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to these post members

5 - Kenneth Olsen

6 - James Allen

8 Walt Gary

19 - Warren Prouty

20 - Tim Bow

29 - William Wilson

Downtown Flags will fly on the these Holidays

June 14 - Flag Day

July 4 - Independence Day

Post #1111 Current Membership 95**Annual Members 14 / 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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Pacific Power to the rescue!!! The 70 ft. flagpole at Land Title Plaza needed a new cable and presented a very tall problem for AMVETS Post #1111; it had to be installed from the top.

For this crew from Pacific Power; **No Problem!** Thank you Pacific Power!

