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March 2011

**Radke returns
 from Afghanistan
 with AMVETS Flag**

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August Radke left in June 2010 for deployment to Afghanistan. He joined the Oregon National Guard in Nov. 2006. He was born and raised in Walla Walla, graduated from Walla Walla High School in 2002 and from Walla Walla Community College with an AA degree in Auto Mechanics in 2004. He is now a helicopter mechanic in the Oregon National Guard and has plans to become a helicopter pilot.

August is a Life Member of AMVETS as are his father, Robert Radke Sr. and brothers, Jacob and Robert Jr. The Oregon Crew carried with them an AMVETS flag from Post #1111 and an Oregon Flag that had been carried in Vietnam by Tom Vandenberg, also a Life Member of AMVETS Post #1111.



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Post Commander

How about those Boy Scouts! The Annual Boy Scout Recognition Dinner was well attended and I am sure that all who were able to attend had as good a time as I did. Thank You to all who helped prepare and serve the dinner. I would also like to thank Mel Harnett for allowing us to display his extensive Boy Scout memorabilia, thank you!

Well it is time to start getting ready for the annual election of Post Officers. I will be asking our Provost Marshall at the March meeting to begin the effort by working with appointed general post members to identify our slate of nominees for the upcoming year. I encourage all post members to seriously consider running for a Post Officer position If called or contacted by the nominating committee or the Provost Marshal.

Any member can self-nominate by contacting the Provost Marshal or by declaration at the May meeting. Nominations will be announced on the floor at the May General Post meeting. Once the slate of candidates nominated has been determined, voting ballots will be prepared and a vote by members present will be held. An installation ceremony will then be held for elected officers. All Post Officer positions are open for nomination.

The duties for these positions are defined in the Post Constitution and Bylaws at the following website.

http://www.amvets-wallawalla.org/Amvets_Pages/documents/Constitution%20and%20Bylaws%20JMWM%20AMVETS%20Post%201111%20-%202009.doc

This is the best AMVETS post in Washington State and this is your opportunity to serve as an Officer to make it even better!

Thank You for your commitment as a Veteran serving Veterans and our Community!

Steve Bird, Commander



1st Vice Commander

With March comes Daylight Savings Time on the 13th and spring on the 20th and speaking of spring the crocuses are out pointing the way to warmer days.

I think it would be nice if two or three members sprang into action and gave BINGO at the VA Medical Center a much needed jump-start. Veterans do come out to play and have a good time.

It's also time to think about running for a post officer position, contact the Provost Marshal if you are interested. Elective offices are Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Provost Marshall, Judge Advocate, Adjutant and Finance Officer.

As always we are looking for new members so ask a veteran to come on board.

Larry Cunningham, 1st Vice

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News Release

February 28, 2011

Frank Buckles, Last Known U.S. Doughboy, Dies ***Advocated for National World War I Memorial in D.C.***

WASHINGTON – Frank Woodruff Buckles, who lied about his age to enlist in the Army in 1917 and became the last known U.S. veteran of World War I, died on February 27, 2011 at the age of 110.

“We have lost a living link to an important era in our nation’s history,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “But we have also lost a man of quiet dignity, who dedicated his final years to ensuring the sacrifices of his fellow ‘Doughboys’ are appropriately commemorated.”

Burial with full military honors will be held at Arlington National Cemetery. Details about the funeral are expected to be released soon.

A long-time resident of Charles Town, West Virginia, where he had a farm, Buckles was born in Bethany, Missouri. He enlisted shortly after his 16th birthday and served in France and Germany.

At the start of World War II, he was a civilian working with a steamship company in the Philippines. He was imprisoned in a Japanese prisoner of war camp for three and a half years.

In his later years, Buckles became an advocate for the expansion of a little-known memorial to World War I Veterans from the District of Columbia into a national memorial.

More than 4,700,000 Americans served in the military during World War I. About 53,000 died of combat-related causes, while another 63,000 deaths were listed as non-combat.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming events!!!

On the evening of Saturday, **April 2, 2011** the Elks Veterans Committee will having a Baked Potato Bar fundraiser. You don't have to make dinner that night and can support a great cause.

The cost will be \$5 per person, \$20 per family. All proceeds will go to support the funding of care packages for troops deployed overseas and to help local families with deployed service members. Keep an eye out for future details and Save the Date!

Shelley Murphy, Chairman Elk's Veterans Committee

Walla Walla Elks Lodge 529-2870 shelley@wallawallaelks.org

April 18, 2011

Ground breaking event for the Wainwright VA Rehab Center & Clinic. Details to follow as soon as they are available.

Another great spaghetti feed with Troop 305



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RESEARCH STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – NATIONAL CENTER FOR PATIENT SAFETY
 VETERANS AND CAREGIVERS NEEDED AS PARTICIPANTS FOR RESEARCH SURVEY ON: THE VA PRESCRIPTION LABEL FORMAT

Can you spare 45 minutes to help your fellow Veteran?

Your participation would involve 1 session of approximately 45 minutes at your local VA facility. Refreshments will be provided.

As a voluntary participant in this study, you would be asked to:

- ★ Answer questions on an anonymous written survey
- ★ Offer comments during an additional anonymous open-answer period

As a voluntary participant, you:

- ★ Will remain anonymous (no personally identifiable information is collected)
- ★ Will not be asked about any medications you use or have used
- ★ Will not be asked about your health history
- ★ Will maintain the right to leave at any time
- ★ Will receive a \$10 Canteen Voucher* (*first 90 participants)

Note: Travel to the facility for the survey is not reimbursable.

Your responses to the survey will be used by the VA to design a more Veteran-friendly VA Prescription Label based on your preferences.



Date: March 15, 2011
Time: 9am, 11am and 2pm
Location: Jonathan M. Wainwright
 Memorial VAMC, The Theater
 77 Wainwright Dr.
 Walla Walla, WA 99362

For more information about this study,
 or to volunteer for this study, please contact:

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Calendar for 2011**March**

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

April

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

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

July

4 Independence Day (**Downtown Flags**)
 20 **AMVETS Meeting** - Pot Luck 6 PM

August

17 **AMVETS Meeting** - Pot Luck 6 PM

Membership Meeting**March 16, 2011****Pot luck dinner 6:00 PM****Post meeting 7:00 PM****Golden West Estates Community room****1425 Jasper St****Walla Walla WA**

Francis Christiano has converted
 from annual to life membership.

If you are still an annual member, this would be a good time to convert to life membership. The post will credit your 2011 dues to your life membership.

March Birthdays**Happy Birthday to these post members**

Christopher Bess

Vernon Bosley

Eugene Bussiere

Kenneth Butler

John Erdman

Michael Howell

Calvin O'Dell

Downtown Flags will fly on the these Holidays**May 15 - Armed Forces Day****May 31 - Memorial Day****Post #1111 Current Membership 93****Annual Members 12 / 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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