



American Veterans Jonathan M Wainwright Post Eleven-Eleven Walla Walla WA



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November 2011

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Veteran's Day 2011 Parade begins at 11:00



Main Street from 6th to Palouse



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Post Commander

October has come and gone; I hope some of you had the time to visit the American Veterans Traveling Tribute at Tamastlikt Cultural Institute .

November is looking to be a full month. To start with we loaned a set of Service flags to the Wa-Hi R.O.T.C. for them to use in a program on Nov. 10th . Then we will be putting out Flags on Friday Nov. 11 for Veterans day followed by breakfast at the VFW, and the Veterans Day Parade from 9:00-11:00 we will be preparing our float; come on down and lend a hand, its always a lot of fun and laughs . We could use a little more help putting out the Downtown flags if you would like to help out from time to time please give Jim Irwin or myself a call so we can notify you of the time to be at the Court house.

Thanksgiving is only a couple of weeks away and Your staff of officers, would like to wish you and yours a safe and happy one with friends and family. As always membership is a big priority; ask a fellow Veteran to become a member or just ask them to come to a meeting and dinner and see what were all about.

Vern Bosley is still on the mend; keep him and all Veterans in your thoughts and prayers.

Please take a moment and read the add about Washington State Medallions in this newsletter it's a good way to raise money for our Post and help the Washington Department of State at the same time.

Larry Cunnington, Post Commander



2nd Vice Commander

It will soon be time for our Annual Christmas dinner. Decisions will need to be made at the November Post Meeting. Prices for dinners and buffets have been received. The costs range from \$15.00 for a sit-down plate dinner to \$35.00 for a catered buffet. Costs quoted include tax, tips,

and additional costs for related services. This will be the main focus of our November Post Meeting so plan to attend and help make the decision for our Annual Event. Please call me at 522-0939 with questions or suggestions.

Norm Graybeal, 2nd VC

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We honor the Marines who have served our country in the past.

We admire and encourage the Marines who are serving in the present.

We have high hopes for the young men and women who will serve in the future and will continue our time honored traditions.

We will meet at the VFW Hall in Walla Walla at 102 N Colville St on Sunday November 13, 2011 to celebrate the 236th anniversary of the founding of our Corps.

Registration and social hour will begin at noon followed by a luncheon at 1 pm. Meal cost \$15 per person. Cash or Check. No credit cards.

If you wish to join us, please make reservations by calling the VFW at 509-525-1310 Call after 4:00 PM and before Nov 5, 2011

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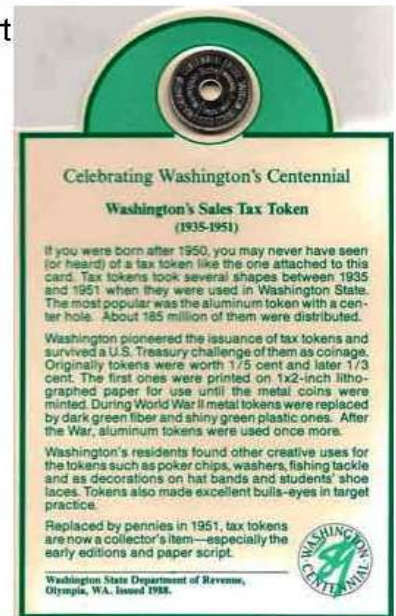
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Calendar for 2011**November**

10 US Marine Corps (1775)
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

February 2012

8 Boy Scouts of America (1910)
17 AMVETS Meeting - Pot Luck 6 PM
20 Presidents Day (Downtown Flags)

March 2012

11 Daylight saving time begins
12 Girl Scouts of America (1912)
20 Spring Begins
21 AMVETS Meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm

April 2012

8 Easter
16 Tax Day
19 Patriots Day (1775)
18 AMVETS Meeting—Pot luck dinner 6 pm

Membership Meeting

November 16, 2011
Potluck Dinner 6:00 PM
Meeting 7:00 PM
Golden West Estates Community room
1425 Jasper St
Walla Walla WA

Veteran's Day November 11, 2011

6:00 am Post Downtown Flags
7:00 am Breakfast at the VFW
9:00 - 11:00 am prepare for parade
11:00 Veteran's Day Parade
12:00 lunch at the VFW
6:00 pm Retire Downtown Flags

Any bicycling veterans interested in riding in the Veteran's Day parade contact Bob Chicken at 522-5289.

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these post members
1 - Regis Rottinghaus - Pasco WA
5 - David Flathers - La Grande OR
7 - Roger McGee - Enterprise OR
9 - David Parker Walla Walla WA
12 - Richard Bardsley - Walla Walla WA
12 - Jim Harting - Dayton WA
16 - Walter Bosley - Walla Walla WA
28 - Bruce Murr - Walla Walla WA

Downtown Flags will fly on the these Holidays

Veterans Day November 11th
Thanksgiving Day November 24th
Pearl Harbor Day December 7th

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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2010 Veteran's Day Parade—WWII Veteran Jim Hansen rode in WWII Jeep owned by AMVET, Jim Harting of Dayton.

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Photo by Linda Wondra

Veterans' home on VA grounds is solid project
The state Legislature should approve the \$10 million
state contribution for the \$35 million project.

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Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

(In case you missed this excellent editorial in the UB; we reprinted it for you below)

When Walla Walla's Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial Veterans Affairs Medical Center was saved from closure a few years back, the federal government promised to upgrade the facility. Progress is being made with construction starting on a new clinic. And this week another important step was taken when the state Department of Veterans Affairs requested \$10 million from the Legislature to build a veterans' nursing home on the VA campus. The funding will be used in conjunction with federal funds to build a \$35 million facility that will provide 105 permanent jobs. Given the current lousy economy, no project is a slam dunk for approval. However, this request would appear to be well-positioned.

Senate Minority Leader **Mike Hewitt** is strongly behind it. Hewitt, R-Walla Walla, has the political juice required to push through a request. But Hewitt also has credibility. He has, to his credit, been careful in what projects and programs he supports even when the funding is aimed at his legislative district, either Walla Walla or Tri-Cities. Hewitt has said state money should be spent only on things that are needed and can be justified. A veterans' home is needed in this corner of the state. Washington has such homes in Spokane, Kitsap County and Pierce County. And having the facility in the shadow of a VA medical center makes a great deal of sense.

Beyond that, the state has already invested \$2.5 million in the project for design engineering. It would be foolish for lawmakers to squander that investment by not moving forward with the project. The funding would come from the capital budget, which is used solely for building projects. The state has a clear line between capital funding and the day-to-day operations of government to ensure necessary steps can be taken to keep the infrastructure sound even during tough economic times. Even so, lawmakers - as they should - are cautious about approving anything new. But this project is a winner. It makes good on an old promise and provides a service that is needed - long-term care for veterans. It's an added bonus the facility will be in this community.