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OFFICER'S CORNER

We did it!! I would like to thank everyone for getting us to that magic number of 2,000 members. April Fools! Now let's show everyone that we can get to our goal. Our Annual Meeting is May 12th and we'll have elections as well as 4 proposals to change the Constitution and Bylaws (see attachment at the end of the newsletter). We'll accept 2nd nominations for elected positions at the April 28th meeting. Positions up for election are Trustee 1 and 2; Commander; 1st Vice; 2nd Vice; 3rd Vice; Judge Advocate; Provost Marshall. **Danelle Wyatt, Commander**

Our Post membership is currently at 1,909 members – we are 91 members short of our goal (2,000 members in 2016). Please talk up the Post with your friends, relatives and former military acquaintances. Keep an application with you – use it when you meet a Veteran to make him/her a Member! **David Brown, 1st Vice**

You're fooling nobody but yourself if you don't submit a volunteer slip! As a member of AMVETS Post #1, if you volunteer your time as a representative of AMVETS Post #1, put it on a volunteer slip. **AMVETS Post #1 needs your volunteer time!! If you don't put it on a slip it may not get recognized.** You make a difference every time you give of your time. **Kenneth Walters 2nd Vice**

We're still looking for photos you might share of AMVET members, preferably in their uniform to post at our 70th birthday bash in June. Please call me if you have something we can borrow, copy or scan.

[\(253\) 579-5638](tel:2535795638) **Taryn Hopey, 3rd Vice**

CHAPPIE'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE: We're open Mon –Thurs 3-12PM; Fri 3PM-2AM; Sat 1PM – 2AM; Sun 1PM-10 PM. **Happy Hour** is 3-6PM, Mon-Fri, 1-6PM Sat-Sun, and all night on Post Meeting nights. **We're having a FACELIFT!** Be on the lookout for our new paint and carpeting, which should be done in April. **LIVE music** Friday nights and **EVERY 2nd Saturday**, listen to live music with **Rock N Roll Magic 8-12PM** and **Horseracing** is **on Saturdays at 4pm**. Come in for **TACO TUESDAY** and **stay for DARTS (7PM)** Play **TRIVIA every day!** **TRIVIA Tournaments** will be every Thursday in April, 5:30 – 6:30. See the calendar for all the fun events in the lounge. **Sunday Texas Holdem** is \$20 buy-in. During the week, **Evening Texas Holdem** is \$10.00, re-buys until 9. And, check out the BINGO specials! Want to rent our hall? Call Tia at (253) 472-2552/press 1. See the food specials from **LaLuna Deli** on our calendar. **See the calendar for details.** **Carla Johnson, General Manager**

AUXILIARY See the calendar for all Auxiliary events. We hope to see you at the BAR BINGO April 9th – lots of fun! If you know of a member who's ill or has passed away, please call our Chaplain at (253) 472-2552 option 7, speak clearly and leave a detailed message. **Yvonne Crockett, President**

QUARTERMASTER: Need to buy something? We have TONS of cool stuff!! Call me 579-5638. **Taryn Hopey, Quartermaster**

SONS of AMVETS: The Sons will meet April 5th at 7PM. **Tom Arter, Adjutant Sons of AMVETS Squad 1**

SERVICE OFFICE: Hours of Operation – **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8 – 5 pm. Wednesday from 9 – 5pm. Fridays from 8 – 4pm. Saturdays from 9 – 3pm.** **Henry M. Hinton, State Service Director**
AMVETS Service Office Ph: 253.472.2822 (ext. 2); servicedirector@amvetswa.org; hankhintonamvets@gmail.com

ADJUTANT:

When you receive a letter from the Adjutant requesting proof of member eligibility, please reply with a copy of your DD214 or alternate documentation—we need it on file to maintain our nonprofit status. Drop it by, mail it to the Post or email a scanned document to Adjutant@amvetswapost1.org. Can't find your DD214 or other Proof of Service? The Service Office can help you. Service Office hours listed above. **Planning a move or a switch in e-mail service?** Let us know or you won't get your newsletter. Office hours (10am–3pm) Monday – Friday (253) 472-2552, option 4—or leave your new contact information - or email your change to: Adjutant@AMVETSWAPOST1.org --thanks! **Glenn Skinner, Adjutant**

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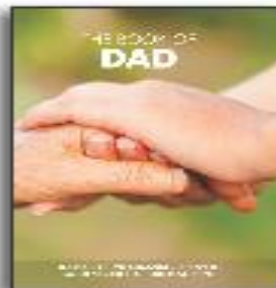
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APRIL 2016 AMVETS POST 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Special Events		Bingo Specials			1	2
<p>Ladies Auxiliary will be selling tickets for a Princess Basket, drawing to be held on May 1st</p> <p>C'mon out for some exciting Barstool Bingo on April 9th! Win prizes/have fun with friends!</p>		<p>APRIL FOOL'S DAY SPECIAL, Both Sessions: ROLL the dice to see if you're a WINNER or a loser!</p> <p>ALICEA'S BIRTHDAY SPECIAL: SUNDAY, April 3rd both sessions: PICK 7 is a \$500 will go!</p> <p>TONIA'S BIRTHDAY SPECIAL: SUNDAY April 17th both sessions: WHEEL GAME is DOUBLED!</p>			<p>Dinner Special: Chicken Enchiladas 5-8PM</p> <p>Music: 8 Second Ride 8-12 PM</p> <p>Meat/Bottle Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Horseracing 4-6PM</p> <p>Karaoke 7PM-1AM</p> <p>SRC</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>Happy Hour 1-6</p> <p>Texas Holdem Tourney 1:30PM</p> <p>Potluck</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Cribbage Club</p> <p>Texas Holdem Signup 7 PM</p>	<p>PTSD Support Group 10am-Noon Bake Sale 6pm</p> <p>Taco Tuesday 5-8PM</p> <p>Sons Meeting 7PM</p> <p>DARTS sign up 7PM/play 7:30</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Kitchen Open: 5 – 8PM</p> <p>Manhattan Dance</p> <p>Texas Holdem Signup 7 PM</p>	<p>Buzztime Tourney 5:30 – 6:30</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Dinner Special: Meat Loaf Dinner 5-8PM</p> <p>Music: Dream Chasers 8-12 PM</p> <p>Meat/Gift Cards Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Barstool Bingo 1pm – 3pm</p> <p>Horseracing 4-6PM</p> <p>Kitchen Open 6-9PM</p> <p>Rock N Roll Magic 8PM – Midnight</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Happy Hour 1-6</p> <p>Texas Holdem Tourney 1:30PM</p> <p>Potluck</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Cribbage Club</p> <p>Texas Holdem Signup 7 PM</p>	<p>PTSD Support Group 10am-Noon</p> <p>Taco Tuesday 5-8PM</p> <p>DARTS sign up 7PM/play 7:30 MCL 7PM</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Kitchen Open: 5 – 8PM</p> <p>Manhattan Dance</p> <p>Texas Holdem Signup 7 PM</p>	<p>Buzztime Tourney 5:30 – 6:30 Post Members Meeting 7PM</p> <p>Auxiliary Business Meeting 7PM Final nominations for Aux Officers</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Dinner Special: Pot Roast Dinner 5-8PM</p> <p>Music: Pressure Ridge 8-12 PM</p> <p>Meat/Bottle</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Horseracing 4-6PM</p> <p>SRC</p> <p>Karaoke 7PM-1AM</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>Happy Hour 1-6</p> <p>Texas Holdem Tourney 1:30PM</p> <p>Potluck</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Cribbage Club</p> <p>Texas Holdem Signup 7 PM</p>	<p>PTSD Support Group 10am-Noon</p> <p>Taco Tuesday 5-8PM</p> <p>DARTS sign up 7PM/play 7:30</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Kitchen Open: 5 – 8PM</p> <p>Manhattan Dance</p> <p>Texas Holdem Signup 7 PM</p>	<p>Buzztime Tourney 5:30 – 6:30</p> <p>Trustee Meeting 6 PM</p> <p>Blind Rehab Bingo 6PM</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Dinner Special: Chicken Tamales 5-8PM</p> <p>Music North of 50 8-12 PM</p> <p>Meat/Food Coupons Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Horseracing 4-6PM</p> <p>Karaoke 7PM-1AM</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>Happy Hour 1-6</p> <p>Texas Holdem Tourney 1:30PM</p> <p>Potluck</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Cribbage Club</p> <p>Orting Bingo 6PM</p> <p>Texas Holdem Signup 7 PM</p>	<p>PTSD Support Group 10am-Noon</p> <p>Taco Tuesday 5-8PM</p> <p>DARTS sign up 7PM/play 7:30</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Kitchen Open: 5 – 8</p> <p>Manhattan Dance</p> <p>Texas Holdem Signup 7 PM</p>	<p>Buzztime Tourney 5:30 – 6:30</p> <p>Post Members Meeting 7PM Last nominations for elected positions</p> <p>NO Aux Meeting</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Dinner Special: Steak Dinner 5-8PM</p> <p>Music Michael Crain 8-12 PM</p> <p>Meat/Bottle Bingo AM/PM</p>	<p>Horseracing 4-6PM</p> <p>Karaoke 7PM-1AM</p> <p>Bingo AM/PM</p>

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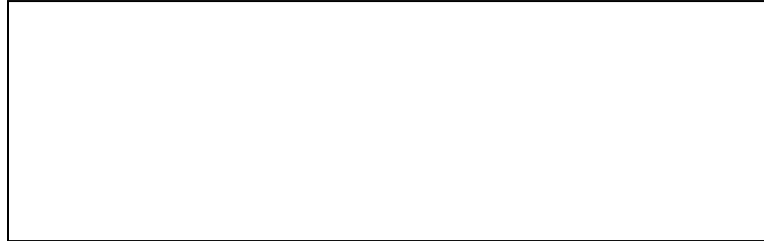
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April 2016



APRIL BINGO Schedule *Call 472-2552/press 3 for Specials

OPEN Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, AND Sunday– Start at 11:15AM & 6:45PM.

Play 144 cards in the machine! **Minimum age** is 8 years old with a parent or legal guardian.

- **April Fool's Day Special: Both sessions, roll the dice to see if you're a winner or a loser!!!**
- **Tuesday "Triple Play"** – packets \$10/14/20 – win up to \$750 on triple play packs!
- **THU, FRI & SUN** AM only - All single winners on packet games will receive \$10 **Lucky Bucks**
- **Thursday is G-Ball Blackout special** –**First G Out on the last Blackout** determines how many #'s you must blackout in (for additional amount of money) each pot starts at \$200 and we add \$1 per person session.
- **Thursday/Friday: ALL** single winners on packet games get \$10 in **Lucky Bucks**
- **Fri & Sat PM: Blackouts** pay 250 on single and 500 on double, **if we have 120 people by start of blue packet game, blackouts** will be **\$500** on single/**\$1,000** on double.
- **Saturday & Sunday AM/PM-King or Queen for the Session**
 - First winner of the session starting w/warmup game, determines who the KING or QUEEN will be. The number they
 - Bingo on will be the Jackpot number for that session. If the Jackpot number is called on that packet game, they yell pay the KING or QUEEN and they will receive \$10 in cash and \$10 **Lucky Bucks**
- **Alicea's Birthday Sunday April 3rd – Both Sessions-the PICK 7 IS \$500.00 WILL GO!**
- **Tonia's Birthday Sunday April 17th – Both Sessions-The WHEEL GAME is DOUBLED!**
- **Ticket Drawing on Friday April 29th- 5-100.00 Drawings both Sessions!**

PROPOSED CHANGES TO AMVETS POST 1 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, 2016

PROPOSAL 1, Bylaws: Article II Section 1 Attendance Requirements (Original filed with Adjutant)

Whereas: Bylaw Article II Section I states, "To be eligible for elective office, candidates must have been a member of Post #1 for at least six months; be in good standing and have attended fifty percent (50%) of the Regular Post meetings for the past six months, unless excused by the Commander."

Whereas: The wording in Section I requires the Commander's permission to be excused for hospitalization, illness at home, and/or family emergencies; and

Whereas: Officers and candidates for office are not being excused by the Commander for hospitalization, illness at home, and/or family emergencies;

Therefore Be It Resolved: That Article II, Section I will be written thus:

"To be eligible for elective office, candidates must have been a member of Post #1 for at least six months; be in good standing and have attended fifty percent (50%) of the Regular Post meetings for the past six months. The candidate shall be excused by the Commander for conducting AMVETS related business away from the Post, and will be excused if the candidate could not attend due to hospitalization, illness at home or family emergency. The Chaplain or Adjutant will confirm as needed."

//SIGNED//FEBRUARY 28, 2016
JUDITH E. MERRILL

//SIGNED//FEBRUARY 28, 2016
DAVID V. BROWN

PROPOSAL 2, Bylaws: Article VI Section 4 Finance Committee (Original filed with Adjutant)

Whereas: Bylaw Article VI Section 4 states, "The FINANCE COMMITTEE shall prepare an annual budget. Unbudgeted expenses and/or donations in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) proposed at a post meeting shall be REFERRED to the Finance Committee, who shall determine if sufficient funds are available for the proposed expenditure. They shall report their findings to the body at the next regular meeting. The Finance Committee shall be the 1st Vice Commander; 2nd Vice Commander; 3rd Vice Commander and Two members appointed by the Finance Officer. The Finance Officer shall be Chairman."

Whereas: Under Post #1 current budget system there are specific categories for expenses and donations that have established amounts available for these type payments. It is very easy to determine if there are sufficient funds available for unbudgeted expenses and/or donations. The proposed change would eliminate the need for a separate meeting (there are a majority of Finance Committee members who attend the post meetings) and the delay of having to wait for a decision until the next post meeting.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That Article IV, Section 4 will be written thus:

"The FINANCE COMMITTEE shall prepare an annual budget. The Finance Committee shall be the 1st Vice Commander; 2nd Vice Commander; 3rd Vice Commander and Two members appointed by the Finance Officer. The Finance Officer shall be Chairman. Unbudgeted expenses and/or donations in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) proposed at a post meeting shall be REFERRED to the FINANCE OFFICER to determine if sufficient funds are available for the proposed expenditure. If funds are available, the expenditure will be opened to discussion and a vote of the members will be taken for approval/disapproval."

//SIGNED//FEBRUARY 25, 2016
LYLE HARRY

//SIGNED//FEBRUARY 25, 2016
JEFFERY SCHAFFRATH

PROPOSAL 3, Bylaws: Article X Section 1 Meetings (Original filed with Adjutant)

Whereas: Bylaws Article X Section 1 states, "Regular meetings will convene at 7:00 PM and adjourn by 9:00 PM, unless otherwise voted by the majority of members present at a regular meeting."

Whereas: The current scheduled meeting time causes an undue hardship on certain members. Many members working close to the Post and, especially those who work at the Post, have to wait around from quitting time at 5 PL until the meeting starts at 7 PM. Although no one time will be perfect for every member, we believe the time change put for a vote will confirm the current majority's wishes.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That Bylaws Article X, Section 1 will be written thus:

"Regular meetings will convene at 6:00 PM and adjourn by 8:00 PM, unless otherwise voted by the majority of members present at a regular meeting."

//SIGNED//MARCH 15, 2016
KENNETH WALTERS

//SIGNED//FEBRUARY 20, 2016
JEFFERY SCHAFFRATH

PROPOSAL 4, Constitution: Article VII Section 1 Meetings (Original filed with Adjutant)

Whereas: Constitution Article VII Section 1 states, “The regular meetings will be held twice each month at AMVETS Post #1, 5717 South Tyler, Tacoma Washington on the second and fourth Thursdays, except in June, July, August, November and December. The meetings in June, July and August will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month. The meetings in November and December will be on the second Thursday of each month. A majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular post meeting may change the date, time and place of the meeting without the normal procedure of amending the constitution.

Whereas: Post #1 currently conducts two meetings a month and during the past two years, the volume of business has shown that two meetings a month are not required.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That Constitution Article VII, Section 1 will be written thus:

“The regular meetings will be held once each month at AMVETS Post #1, 5717 South Tyler, Tacoma Washington. During June, July, and August the meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month. During the remaining months, meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month. A majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular post meeting may change the date, time and place of the meeting without the normal procedure of amending the constitution. Any Post action that arises between meetings and cannot wait until the next meeting will be reviewed and acted on by the Commander and/or Executive Committee.

//SIGNED//MARCH 14, 2016
KAREN GOOD

//SIGNED//MARCH 14, 2016
HOWARD RAY