



AMVETS Newsletter

Post 1 Tacoma

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Come and join us for the next:

Post meeting on **Thurs. Dec. 12th, 6PM**—Post **Trustee** meeting on **Thurs. Dec. 19th, 6PM.**

OFFICER'S CORNER

Commander

Holiday Greetings from AMVETS Post 1: Dear AMVETS Members, Family, and Friends: The holiday season is upon us, and it's truly one of my favorite times of the year! It's a time to reconnect with loved ones, celebrate with friends, and enjoy the festive sights of beautifully lit trees, decorated yards, and smiling faces all around.

Here at AMVETS Post 1, we're embracing the holiday spirit with a lineup of exciting events that we hope will bring joy, camaraderie, and unforgettable memories to all.

Christmas Day Dinner: Join us for a **Christmas Dinner** in **Chappie's Lounge** on **Christmas Day**. This special gathering is our way of celebrating the season together as a community. Check your calendar for event details, and come enjoy the holiday with your AMVETS family!

White Elephant Exchange Potluck for officers, employees and volunteers: Mark your calendar for **Mon. Dec. 16th, 6PM** in **Chappie's Lounge**. Bring a \$25 White Elephant gift, your favorite homemade dish, and a sense of adventure! This potluck event is always a hit, with delicious food, lively conversations, and the fun of exchanging mystery gifts. Let's make it a night to remember!

New Year's Eve Potluck Party: Ring in the New Year with us at our **New Year's Eve Potluck Party** in our big banquet hall. Starting at **6:30PM**, the evening will feature fantastic music, great food, and plenty of games for a night of joy and celebration. This promises to be an **unforgettable evening**, so gather your friends and join the fun!

Weekly and Monthly Events: **Game Night:** Every Wednesday in Chappie's Lounge—bring your competitive spirit and join the fun; **Post Mtg: Thur., Dec. 12th, at 6PM;** and **Post Trustee Mtg: Thur. Dec. 19th at 6PM.**

We look forward to seeing you at these wonderful events. Let's celebrate the holidays together and make this season truly special.

On behalf of everyone at AMVETS Post 1, I wish you a **Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!**

Warm Regards, Mike

Mike Hardy, Commander

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1st Vice Commander

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rachel Murphy, 1st Vice

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2nd Vice Commander

I am still working on new Volunteer forms—look for those in the New Year. As we wind up the 2024 year, just want to thank everyone for keeping up with their volunteer hours and submitting the forms on time. I am looking forward to the New Year as I hope you are as well and with that, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Rich Becker, 2nd Vice

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3rd Vice Commander

Christmas Gingerbread House Contest

All ages enter by Dec. 19th, 2024 @ Post 1

Judging on Dec. 20th & 21st

Winners announced at

Children's Christmas Party

Dec. 22nd, 5-8PM

For members and their families
(includes employees)

Come and see Santa!



Dani Wyatt, 3rd Vice

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AMVETS Post 1 Phone Numbers

(253) 472-2552 Main

(253) 475-1534 Commanders

(253) 472-0560 Chappie's Lounge

ADJUTANT

The Adjutant is responsible for recording Post meetings and provide written records of all meetings. Display approved meeting minutes, submit annual revalidation reports, etc. More details are provided in our Constitution and Bylaws.

Karen Good, Adjutant

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CHAPPIES RESTAURANT/LOUNGE

Lounge Hours:

Sun 2-10PM
Mon 3-10PM
Tues 3-10PM
Wed 3-10PM
Thurs 3-10PM
Fri 3-1AM
Sat 3-1AM



Daily activities:

Mon: Monday Night Football 
Tues: Darts 
Wed: Texas Hold'Em & Game Night
Thurs: Bar Stool Bingo & DARTS
Fri: Meat/Bottle Raffle and 50/50 Raffle
Sat: Barstool Bingo & Karaoke
Sun: Texas Hold'Em

Chappie's Phone: (253) 472-0560

SONS of AMVETS

Our next business meeting and social will be on **Tues., Dec. 3rd @ 7PM** at the Post. All members are invited to attend.

It is time to renew annual memberships for 2025, dues remain the same as last year @ \$42. Renewals can be paid by bank card at the bar in Chappie's lounge, check via mail or sealed envelope in the Sons membership box in Chappie's lounge.

Tom Arter, Adjutant

Sons of AMVETS Squad 1

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AMVETS RIDERS

On **Sat. Dec. 14th, 6PM** we will be having our Christmas Party/meeting at the Harvest Buffet.

Our bottle raffle or 50/50 will be on **Dec. 13th @ 8:30PM**—be there!

Eric Davis (Sugarfoot), President

AMVETS Riders, Chapter One

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AUXILIARY

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE LADIE'S AUXILIARY!

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Speaking of thanks, a big shout out to all of you whom helped with the Thanksgiving meal for our Post, those that donated food for those in need, those that donated clothes for child welfare, and those that helped with our "Babies in Need" program.

For December we will be having a mystery holiday bottles raffle—6 bottles to be raffled all with a holiday theme. Come enjoy the music and hopefully win a bottle or two on **Fri., Dec. 6th!** We still have bingo Thursday and Saturday. Cards are 2 for a \$1.00 come on down and join and maybe win some money for those last-minute stocking sufferers.

Christmas Day Post will be open for dinner—watch for flyers for more details.

Post Kids Christmas party will be December 22nd—watch for flyers in Chappies for more details.

Here is a Poem for you at Christmas Time:

Merry Christmas, Soldier!

Merry Christmas Soldier!
Thanks for the sacrifice you gave,
The noble service you rendered
Can come only from the brave.

You gave your lives to make us free
And to foreign lands you go,
To fight and die for your country,
Some suffered more than we know.

Merry Christmas, Soldier!
The world is still in partial peace,
Elusive like a genie's offer,
It's something that most leaders miss.

But know at Christmas time we remember
You, all soldiers of our lands.

These words salute you with highest honor
In Peace find rest in God's hands.



Poem written by Cynthis-Buhain-Baello—12-21-19

Merry Christmas and see you in the New Year!! 2025 awaits...

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Thurs., Dec. 5th—Bake Sale
- Fri., Dec. 6th—Bottle raffle
- **Thurs. Dec. 19th—Business Meeting @ 6:30PM**

Tracy Muntz, President

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COMMUNICATIONS

Did you know that bands are paid by one of the following: 1) Individual members; 2) Auxiliary, Sons, Riders or Commander; and most important 3) **You**—when you give your donation at the door—that goes towards a future band—thank you for your generosity!
I sincerely wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Danette Gundy, Communications Officer

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CYBER SECURITY TIPS

Don't Open Unexpected Attachments

- Avoid opening attachments unless you know and trust the sender—and were expecting the file. Attachments can carry harmful software (malware) that can damage your device or steal information.
- If an attachment seems unusual, reach out to the sender directly before opening it.
- Scammers may also create fake accounts that look like people you know. Verify with your friend before accepting new friend requests from someone familiar.

Hall Rental

Want to rent our hall for a wedding, birthday party, graduation, or other events?

Call the number below Tues-Fri, 9-4PM.

Prices:

Small Hall: \$500
Medium Hall: \$1,000
Large Hall: \$1,500

(253) 677-5727

QUARTERMASTER

Quartermaster will be available only on the following days and times: 2nd Thursday of the month 6-8PM and 4th Thursday of the month 5:30-8PM.

Danelle Wyatt, Quartermaster

Phone: (253) 988-1538

Gloria's Kitchen Menu

Dec. 5th: *Meatball Sub*

Dec. 6th: *Creamy Ranch Chicken*

Dec. 12th: *Club Sandwich*

Dec. 13th: *Burger Dip*

Meals provided by Gloria Harris and her team

Mexican Tuesday 5PM

Tacos, happy hour margaritas, chili, etc.



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- WA State Dept of Commerce
- Nisqually Tribe
- Puget Sound Veterans Hope Center
- CJS63 Enterprises
- Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel

To continue receiving important information from our Post, provide your email address to

newsletter@amvetswapost1.org or go online www.amvetswa.org/newsworthy

Newsletters will also be available in Chappies Lounge.

If you feel you're on the list to receive your newsletter by email and you are not receiving it—please check your spam/junk email folder.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Chappies OPEN 9:30AM-10PM  Texas Hold'Em 2:30PM starts POTLUCK | 2 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Monday Night Football | 3 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Mexican Tuesday 5PM PTSD 10-12 Noon Sons Mtg 7PM Darts 7PM | 4 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Game Night 6PM Manhattan 6PM | 5 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Meatball Sub Barstool Bingo 4PM  Auxiliary Bake Sale 5PM Darts 7PM | 6 Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Creamy Ranch Chicken Auxiliary Raffle 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Sundance | 7 Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Barstool Bingo 4PM Karaoke 7PM |
| 8 Chappies OPEN 12:30-10PM  Texas Hold'Em 2:30PM starts POTLUCK | 9 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Monday Night Football | 10 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Mexican Tuesday 5PM PTSD 10-12 Noon Darts 7PM | 11 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Game Night 6PM Manhattan 6PM | 12 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Club Sandwich Post Mtg 6PM Barstool Bingo 4PM Darts 7PM | 13 Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Burger Dip Riders Raffle 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Take Two | 14 Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Riders 10AM Barstool Bingo 4PM Karaoke 7PM |
| 15 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM  Texas Hold'Em 2:30PM starts POTLUCK | 16 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Monday Night Football Christmas Party POTLUCK 6PM for Officers, Employees and Volunteers | 17 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Mexican Tuesday 5PM PTSD 10-12 Noon Darts 7PM | 18 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Game Night 6PM Manhattan 6PM | 19 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Bar Menu Barstool Bingo 4PM Auxiliary Mtg 6:30PM Trustee Mtg 6PM Darts 7PM | 20 Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Bar Menu Sons Raffle 6-8PM Music: 8-11PM Michael Crane | 21 Chappies OPEN 3-1AM ★ Gold Star Mtg 10AM Lounge Barstool Bingo 4PM Karaoke 7PM NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE |
| 22 Chappies OPEN 12:30-10PM  Texas Hold'Em 2:30PM starts POTLUCK Jam Session 5PM Kids Christmas Party 5-8PM | 23 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Monday Night Football | 24  Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Mexican Tuesday & Potluck! 5PM PTSD 10-12 Noon Darts 7PM | 25  Chappies CLOSED 3-10PM Christmas Holiday Dinner Sign up for member and their spouse Dinner 2PM-4:30PM Doors open at 1PM (enter thru Chappies) | 26 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Bar Menu  Barstool Bingo 4PM Darts 7PM | 27 Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Bar Menu Commanders Raffle 6-8PM  | 28 Chappies OPEN 3-1AM Barstool Bingo 4PM Karaoke 7PM |
| 29 Chappies OPEN 12:30-10PM  Texas Hold'Em 2:30PM starts POTLUCK | 30 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM Texas Hold'Em 6PM starts Monday Night Football | 31 Chappies OPEN 3-10PM PTSD 10-12 Noon New Years Eve Music: 8-12:30AM Jasper  | New Years Eve Party—Dec 31st, 8PM-1AM Doors open at 6:30PM Tickets available at the bar \$20 presale, \$25 at the door. Please bring a potluck item. Come dance to Jasper! Party favors will be provided & Champagne at Midnight!  | | | |