NW Regional AVA News and Information for Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, & Washington

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#18 NW Regional News 11/6/2026
Hello Northwest Walkers!

Two 50th Anniversary Events left: AVA anniversary walks
Nov 14: OWF Honors Veterans. Dayton, OH
Dec 5: Weihnachten Lights Spectacular. Helen, GA

BIG GIVE: As of 11/6/2026, your contributions to the 2026 Big Give totaled $119,940! Thanks to all of you individually and clubs that made this happen!

Regional Awards due before 12/1/2026: If you know of a worthy person who should be acknowledge for his/her contribution to AVA, please consider nominating them for Hall of Fame, Distinguished Achievement, Trailblazer, or Ted Ballman Youth Award. Awards are filled out by you, and sent to the NW Regional Director for approval before being forwarded to AVA.

Financials: If your club's fiscal year ends on 6/30/2026, it is time to file your 990 E-Postcard, Annual Financial Report (AFR), and update your club officers. The reports can be filed after July 1, 2026, but before November 15, 2026 deadline. An IRS user guide, and the AVA Retention policy for financial and event records have been posted on https://ava.org, under "Clubs Only". Please submit a copy of your filings to Marian@ava.org.

Clubs missing items

Current year... not late until Nov 15th, 2026

Date is latest recorded submission date.

Select year... 2024 2025 2026

	Officers verified	Form 990 seen	Financial report
SEL AAA-OR - Oregon Trail State Volkssport Assn.	Aug 1st, 2026	Nov 11th, 2025	Nov 17th, 2025
SEL AVA-0133 - Sea-Tac Volkssports Club	Nov 11th, 2025	Nov 17th, 2025	Nov 17th, 2025
SEL AVA-0318 - Emerald City Wanderers	Nov 11th, 2025	Nov 17th, 2025	Nov 17th, 2025
SEL AVA-0474 - Albany Fitwalkers	Oct 5th, 2026	Apr 14th, 2025	Apr 14th, 2025
SEL AVA-0766 - Treasure Valley Volkssports	Sep 3rd, 2025	Jul 8th, 2026	Jul 13th, 2026

Preparing for a group walk: In the last month, I have witnessed three walkers who have had injuries on the trail. All completed an incident report. This is a safety reminder that when preparing for a group walk, be sure all walkers have either signed in on-line (OSB), or sign in at the start of the walk. Most important, please carry an "incident report" with you as a leader.

One of the requirements on the form, is to show that the walker has actually signed into the walk. Protect your club from any claims that could cause problems, by keeping this form handy.

A-Z Challenge Books/Patches: Congratulations to Martha Korff for all her work and time put into creating OTSVA's A-Z challenge books. Although this challenge is ending on 12/31/2026, Dan Webster is offering the books and patches for $100 + $10 shipping. There is no time limit to get these books done; you can just enjoy the challenge of finding items along your walk route for years to come. Have some fun and "challenge" yourself to find A-Z in the Northwest! You can contact Dan at walkin_oregon@comcast.net to get your packet.

Events coming up:

- For traditional walks, you can easily find them with this link, and then click on "update": https://my.ava.org/regional-te-list.php?time=month&rsel=NW
- All walks are listed on the attached Future Events Calendar.
  - Sat, Nov 7, 2026. Tacoma-Pipeline Trail Walk. Daffodil Valley. Register: 9:30-noon. Start: Eastside Community Center, 1721 E 56th, Tacoma, WA. 5k/10K (1B). Group walk at 10:00am.
  - Wed, Nov 11, 2026. Honoring America's Veterans. Emerald City. Register: 9-10:00am. Start: Fort Lawton (formerly Discovery Park) north parking lot, 740 Discovery Park Blvd, Seattle, WA. 5k/10k (2B).
  - Fri, Nov 27, 2026. Opt Out-Frenchman's Bar. Vancouver USA Volkssporters. Register: 8:30-10:30am. Start: Frenchman's Bar Regional Park, 9612 NW Lower River Rd, Vancouver, WA. 5k/10k (1A)
  - Sat, Nov 28, 2026. Turkey Trot. Sound Steppers. Register: 9-10:30am. Start: Edmonds United Methodist Church, 828 Caspers St, Edmonds, WA 98020. 5k (1A), 10K (2B). Accepting donations of cash or non-perishable food for Edmonds Food Bank.
  - Sat, Dec 12,2026. Holiday Walk. Capitol Volkssporters. Register: 9-noon. Start: WA Council of Police and Sheriffs, 200 Union Ave SE, Olympia, WA. 5k/10k (2B)
  - Sat. Dec 19, 2026. Christmas Ships Walk. Columbia River Volkssport Club. Register: 3:00-4:30pm. Start: Tiny's Coffee House, 1412 SE 12th Ave, Portland, OR. 5k/10k (1A)
  - Thurs, Dec 31, 2026. New Year's Eve Walk. Vancouver USA Volkssporters. Register: 9:45am-noon for 10/15/21Km, 9:45-1:00 for 5K. Start: McMenamins East Vancouver, 1900 NE 162nd Ave., B-107, Vancouver, WA.
  - Thurs, Dec 31 2026. New Year's Eve Walk. Emerald City Wanderers. Register: 3:30-6:30pm. Start: St John the Baptist Episcopal Church, 3050 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA. 5k(1A), 10K(2A)

  SAVE THE DATE: June 28-July 1, 2027 AVA 24th Biennial Convention 2027 in Springfield, Missouri. Pre-convention walks June 26-28, Post-convention walks and activities July 2-4. See Checkpoint for more info.

Until next time, see you on the trail!
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