# THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 21 NOVEMBER 2019

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#### First Vice Commander: Welcome Back Commander

*Farley.* I believe it is important to share some information all may not know. On September 3 the Post Bookkeeper quit. A very key part of our Post. Fortunately, several people, Gina Eggleton (club manager), Gale Sears (finance officer), Terry Ward (second vice commander, Steve Randles (Judge Advocate) and I, stepped up to help to keep the Post running.

Becky Berweger, my wife, being a former Cage Cashier Supervisor at Spirit Mountain Casino, volunteered at no charge to the Post, to help do the Bookkeeper's job for a limited time. As Becky has assumed many of the duties, I feel it is my responsibility to remove myself as much as possible from handling any Post funds.

And as the title says, Steve Farley is back at the helm. Best Wishes Steve

Bob Berweger, First Vice Commander

### Veterans & First Responders Parade November 9, 2019. Grand Marshalls - Carol & Larry Brown

The American Legion along with the United Veterans Honor Guard will host the Third Annual Veterans & First Responders Parade. Staging will begin at 9am at McMinnville Praise Church. The Route is west on Third Street to Cowls ending at Oregon Mutual. The Parade will begin at 10am.

Everyone that would like to support Veterans and First Responders are welcomed to participate in the parade. You can walk or drive in the Parade. Floats are always welcome. **Auxiliary:** We have started our Christmas Basket Program. We are taking non-perishable food donations, along with toy donations. We will have barrels set out at the post. We have partnered with Evergreen Aviation Museum this year and they will be accepting donations for the Auxiliary. We always help our Military Families and Veterans first. The applications are available at the bar. We will be accepting applications from November 1st until December 13th.

This year the Auxiliary will be hosting the Veterans Day Brunch on November 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2 pm. Veterans eat free! Don't forget the Parade on November 9th, starting at 10am.

The Auxiliary will be holding their annual Membership, Open House, Potluck on November 19th, dinner starting at 5pm, followed by our meeting at 6.

Our Annual Christmas Bizarre will be held on December 7th. If you are interested in renting a table, please contact Sim Sears.

I need to take a moment and welcome Dan Brown as our Unit's first Male member, WELCOME DAN!!! We are excited to have you as a part of our Unit!!

There is a sign-up sheet at the post to help with The Legion Family information table at the Heritage Center on November 8th and 9th. Becky B. has put a lot of work in all the information about all our Families from Post 21, so let's show our support and sign up to help.

Please remember to get your membership for 2020 paid.

Debra Godwin – ALA President, Unit 21

**Volunteer Corner:** We always seem to notice all our Volunteer's that are seen every day. But what about the ones behind the scene's? I would like to take a moment and Thank Becky Berweger. She is an amazing lady, and always seems to find it in her heart to help wherever needed. She has stepped up to help OUR Post out in a severe time of need. She has put countless hours in, making sure our Post is ok, and taking stress off of so many others!!

Honestly it is people like her that have made our post what it is today. She knows the meaning of Family!!! Her integrity, devotion, passion, and love for our Veteran's is amazing!!! Becky is one of the greatest assets we have!!! So, when you see her please tell her THANK YOU FOR ALL SHE DOES!!!!!

Thank You Becky For All You Do!!! You are GREATLY Appreciated!!

#### IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The Larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
in Flanders Fields.

John McCrae - 1915



# CIVIL WAR RIVALRY



#### **Civil War Viewing Party**

Potluck: November 30<sup>th</sup> (TIME - TBA)

Come down on November 30<sup>th</sup> show your colors and support your team.

Come down to the Legion and have a great time watching the game and join in the fun!



### Thank You Veteran!

To the tune of: Twinkle. Twinkle

Veteran, veteran we thank you.
Thank you for all that you do.
Thanks for protecting our country
Thank you for the way you serve.
All our thanks you do deserve.

First Grade Student

#### **Activities Updates!**

Greetings Legion and Families!

November is upon us. There is a change this year in the Veterans Day celebration. We will be having a brunch instead of a dinner. The Auxiliary will be preparing the food. As usual Veterans eat for free! The cost is \$8.00 for nonveterans.

Nominations for Legion officers will be in the Spring of 2020. If you are interested or thinking about running contact one of the current officer(s) for information.

The activities committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 5:30 – ALL ARE WELCOME!

#### We Shall Keep the Faith

Oh! You who sleep in Flanders Field,
Sleep sweet – to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.

We cherish too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lusture to the red
Of the flowers that blooms above the dead
in Flanders Fields.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Field.

Moina Michael

The Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has confirmed the identities of 41 Korean War Veterans whose remains were returned from the DPRK last year. The

55 Cases of remains, which were returned after a meeting between President Donald Trump and North Korean Chairman Kim Jong Un, came with only one set of dog tags, Army Master Sgt. Charles McDaniel who was killed in 1950



Military members carry transfer cases at a ceremony marking the arrival of remains believed to American service members who fell in Korea.

was quickly identified as his dog tag was among the remains.

The identities of 41 Korean War Veterans will be released as family members are notified. Seventeen soldiers' names have been released from those who have been identified among the 55 cases of remains.

Cpl. Billy Butler – 19 – Hofong Prisoner of War Camp.

Sgt. David Feriend – 23 – Battle at Chosin Reservoir

Sgt. Willie Galvan – 24 – Battle at Chosin Reservoir

Cpl. Jerry Garrison – 21 – Battle at Chosin Reservoir

Cpl. Charles H. Grubb – 21 – Battle at Chosin Reservoir

Pfc. William Jones – 19 – Battle at Chosin Reservoir

Sgt. Vernon Judd – 22 – Hofong Prisoner of War Camp.

Cpl. Lloyd B. Odom – 19 – Battle at Chosin Reservoir

Cpl. Charles Lalwer – 19 – Battle at Unsan North Korea

Cpl. Earl H. Markle – 19 – Battle at Unsan North Korea

Sgt. Billy J. Maxwell – 19 – Battle at Chosin Reservoir

Msgt. Charles McDaniel – 32 – Battle at Chosin Reservoir

Sgt. Phillip Mendoza – 27 – Battle at Chosin Reservoir

Cpl. Ysabel Ortiz – 19 – Battle at Chosin Reservoir

Sgt. Gerald Raeymacker – 21 – Battle at Chosin Reservoir

Sgt. James E. Smith, Jr. –21 – Prisoner of War.

Sgt. Frank Suliman – 20 – Hofong Prisoner of War Camp.



Defense POW/MIA Accounting officials conduct an honorable carry ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for the 55 cases believed to contain the remains of American service members lost in the Korean War

#### Thank You Veterans

Thank You for the Job Well Done Thank You for the Battles Won Thank You for the Battle Fought Thank You for the Freedom Bought

Thank You for the Time You Served Thank You for the Freedom Earned Thank Your Families for Sharing You I Know They Miss You, They Really Do.

I'm Sorry for the Lives That Were Lost Freedom Isn't Cheap, It comes at a Very High Cost

I Love My Freedom, My Red, White, and Blue Thank You Veterans for All That You Do.

Justin – 5th Grade

#### The Veteran

Whether you join the Army, Navy or Marines You serve your country as a proud American human being You go through hard basic training to meet that special day ahead

The workout I get its hard getting out of bed As days and weeks pass you by Show the enemy you will conquer him

The training you had will make you win Got to clean my weapon for inspection

Can't let it clog up, so it can fire in any direction

The time is getting closer as I know

My company just got notification we must go

Flying to a classify area the land was clear

Watching out for snipers that could be near

We must be on high alert

The killer enemy can be covered with leaves and dirt Getting my rifle ready inserting my bayonet Walking through a stream my feet got wet

Machine gun bullets coming straight at us We hit that ground and got mouth full of dust

Our back up did arrive

Kept all of us a live

We drove the enemy into surrendering No more killing and a final ending Now I'm discharge, back in the states

American citizen and a proud veteran that rates

Seymour Berger

**Legion Riders:** The weather is definitely putting a damper on our riding activities, but not our enthusiasm and spirit. As a group we remain active throughout the Post and American Legion functions in the State of Oregon. As ALR's we continuously strive to improve our relationships with other Families within or own Post 21, Rider groups and Veteran organizations along with our youth programs such as our Scholarship Fund.

Remember the Holiday season is right around the corner, let us not forget our Brothers and Sisters that maybe less fortunate and need a helping hand. Let us start gathering items for food boxes, warm clothing such as coats, socks, gloves, and other things needed for those who may need our help in the West Valley area.

November 8<sup>th</sup> the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is sponsoring a meal and gathering at the Tribal Community Center in honor of Veterans Day. A flyer will be posted soon at the Post. Let us honor all Veterans and their Families not just on Veterans Day but every day. May we remember those who are yet to come home and keep them in our prayers and support their families. ALL GAVE SOME......SOME GAVE ALL.

We are a Post to be proud of. Make sure your Motorcycle is ready for this weather along with your 4-wheel cage, have a first aid kit, blankets, and other items needed in case you may need these things for yourself or another.

God Bless the USA.
Jerry George, Post 21 ALR Director.

#### **ATTENTION RIDERS!**

Due to Holiday conflicts, it was decided at October's meeting that since our meetings fall close to Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will be having our next meeting on December  $11^{\rm th}$  at 7pm and it will be the last one for the year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Membership Deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't paid your dues, please pay before the deadline.



# The International Air Show McMinnville 2019

Photos from the Air Show in September.

Riders on opening day!



From left to right – Chris Sieber, Jim Connelly, John Carter, Jeri Paul, Dave Constans, Bob Berweger, Sam Fields.

# Presentation of the Colors by United Veterans Honor Guard.



From Left to right – Vic Banke, Angle Mendoza, (Leroy Brown – photographer) Bob Zeeck, Robert Thomson, Juan Palacios.

Thank you everyone for your dedication. We were highly complimented on our service at the air show.



### **Veterans Day**

(Armistice Day)

World War 1 – know at the time as "The Great War" – officially ended when the treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied Nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1919, is generally regarded as the end of :The war to End All Wars."



## November 2019

#### Beavers vs. Ducks

Su	M	Т	W	Th	F	Sat
					Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	2 Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
3 Bingo 1:00 PM	4 House Committee 4:30 PM	5 SON's 6:30 PM	6	7	8 Heritage Center - Veterans Display 10:00 AM Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	Yeterans Day Parade 9:00 AM Heritage Center - Veterans Display 10:00 AM
Bingo 1:00 PM Second Winds Band 3:00 PM	11 Veteran's Day Brunch 10:00 AM	AMVETS 6:30 PM Second Winds Band Concert - Linfield 7:00 PM	13	14	Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	16
17 Bingo Potluck 1:00 PM	House Committee 4:30 PM Finance Committee 5:00 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	Auxiliary 6:00 PM	Activities Committee 5:30 PM General Membership 6:30 PM	21	Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	23
24 Bingo 1:00 PM	25	26	27 RIDERS MEETING CANCELLED	28 Thanksgiving Potluck 2:00 PM	29 Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	<b>30</b> Civil War Potluck



Bud Ayala, James Boyd, Larry Brown, Donna Everett, Steven Farley, John Graham, Dianne Hays-Hatch, David Henderson, John Henderson, Jeremy Koch, Leland Koester, Theodore Kulick, Del Linke, Lionel Martinez, William McCloskey, Richard McCusker, Deena Myatt, Kent Olsen, Jeffrey Pierce, Ronald Ponto, Gordon Pratt, Patrick Quinn, Dale Santa, Larry Saur, Wayne Sammerdyke, Gary Smith, Luther Stacey, Steven Stenkamp, Les Toth, Mark Vernon

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#### **Their Last Fight**

This is their last fight. They are losing hope of reinforcements and supplies. If they cannot hold their post a light now flickering may fail and die. The light began to dim when all who had fought the Great War had passed on. And soon those in the Greatest Generation will also all be gone.

Only a few remain who held the Red horde in the frozen North. And those who gave their best in Viet Nam are growing old as back and forth They strive to keep their post alive to welcome and help those who have survived The brutal, confusing battles in the sand often surrounded by danger on all sides.

Their post and their efforts to serve those who have served are needed now as much as ever. So that promises are kept, our soldiers treated with respect and remembered forever. We must keep the light of our memory bright for those who finally held the Hun at bay. And those who chose to strike back over Tokyo so far away.

Those who climbed the cliffs lined with guns at Omaha Beach.
They all showed the world that no threat to America is ever beyond our reach.
And they help soldiers from each new generation to also rise when America calls,
Calls for them to defend her and her search for freedom and justice for all.

Can we count on you to reinforce this post and their fight? Will you help to keep their light forever bright?

Ted Hoffman – Legionnaire - Mountain Home, Idaho

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### November

- 2 Cancer Bingo
- 3 Bingo
- 5 Son's Meeting
- 9 Veterans Day Parade
- 10 Bingo
- 10 Second Winds Band Veterans

Concert – "Summon the Heroes"

- 11 Veterans Day Brunch
- 12 Second Winds Band Veterans

Concert – Linfield Melrose Hall Ice Irena

- 19 Auxiliary Meeting
- 17 Bingo (Potluck)
- 20 General Membership Meeting
- 24 Bingo
- 28 Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner
- 30 Civil War Potluck

#### December

- 7 Auxiliary Christmas Bazar
- 8 Son's Purple Heart Brunch
- 20 Auxiliary Christmas Boxes
- 21 White Elephant Christmas Party

BUNGO

Bingo Players please note NO BINGO in December. Return January 4<sup>th</sup> Cancer Bingo, January 5<sup>th</sup> – Legion Bingo.

We're on the Web!
Visit us at:
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