

# AMERICAN LEGION

**McMINNVILLE POST 21 - 126 NE ATLANTIC STREET – McMINNVILLE, OREGON 97128 – 503 435-2218**

**Commander:** Hello Legionnaires, thank the Good Lord for keeping our family safe and healthy.

I made the Honor Room chairs my project to have them reupholstered. No more chairs with black tape or torn seats. The mismatched chairs will be removed. The extra chairs will have chair racks to store them. There is no cost to the Post for the reupholstered chairs, only the chair racks.

Due to the reupholster of the chairs and the new tables, there should be a rule that if your group damages any chairs or tables that they will be responsible to replace them. Anybody that uses the Honor Room for no cost this will apply.

Also, that the Honor Room will be placed back as you found it. All tables and chairs back in its proper location and especially any Flags that are used or moved. I feel that if you violate this rule that your privilege to use this room should be terminated!!!

Let's have RESPECT for the HONOR ROOM because it honors all PAST, FALLEN and PRESENT VETERANS. The Honor Room has come a long way to be presentable and HONORABLE.

On a good note, the freezer in the Honor Room has been corrected. No more loud running noise or turning off the freezer. Gail Sears and myself found the solution and fixed the problem. We cleaned the filter, and it runs 90% quieter. See what two great brains can do!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to the American Legion Families. The American Legion Riders (ALR), the Sons of The American Legion (SAL) and American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) for volunteering at Friday Night Prime Rib dinner. Thank you, a lot, for your hard work. Without your volunteering, the cook and waitress would be over worked. There would be

no more prime rib night. Again, Thank You Very much for your hard work.

Nominations for Post Officers can be made now and until the General Membership Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have the desire and heart, please submit your name. It's a great adventure. Hope to hear from you. You can do it!!!

God Bless you and your family. Be safe and kind to each other.

*Juan M. Palacios, Post 21 Commander, Semper Fi*

The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.



**American  
Red Cross**



## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

**McMinnville American Legion – Post 21**

126 NE Atlantic Street  
McMinnville, OR 97128

**March 22, 2022**

**9:00 – 3:00**

Call for an appointment  
(1-800-733-2767)  
(1-800-Red-Cross)

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS



The most recent identified POW/MIA.

## World War II

**PFC – William Coleman - 21.** Lost November 1, 1944, while clearing a booby trapped mine in the Forest of Grémecey in France, the mine exploded during the effort and Pfc. Coleman was killed in the blast. Accounted for January 25, 2022.

**SSGT. Adolph Olenik - 19.** Lost August 1, 1943, during Operation TIDAL WAVE, a bombing attack in Ploesti, Romania. SSG Olenik's B-24 Liberator was shot down over the target area. In 2007, the DPAA began exhuming unknown service for potential identifications. Laboratory analysis led to the identification on SSG Olenik. Accounted for January 26, 2022.

**SSGT Grady Canup - 30.** Lost November 14, 1944, during the Battle of Hürtgen Forest. SSG Canup was in a fox hole that was hit by enemy artillery. He was killed and his remains could not be recovered. The DPAA recently reexamined a set of unknown remains that had been recovered in 1947. The remains were identified as SSG Canup. Accounted for January 26, 2022.

**Pvt. Walter Wildman - 20.** Lost November 14, 1944, during the Battle of Hürtgen Forest. He was reported killed in action, because of the fighting, his body was unable to be recovered. The DPAA recently reexamined a set of unknown remains that had been recovered in 1947. The remains were identified as Pvt. Wildman. Accounted for January 26, 2022.

**PFC – Edward Benson, Jr. - 22.** Lost March 22, 1946 when Japanese aircraft strafed Sorido Airstrip in Indonesia. Two days later the remains of the personnel killed in the attack were buried at US Army Air Forces Cemetery Bosnik #1. These included remains of 37 service members and three unidentified set of remains. Recent laboratory analysis established on set of those remains belonged to PFC Benson. Accounted for January 31, 2022.

**Pvt. Andrew Ladner – 30.** Lost November 30, 1942 when his unit was part of the Huggin Roadblock in New Guinea. In November 2016 the DPAA disinterred the unknowns associated with the campaign, Ladner was identified as one of those remains. Accounted for July 2021. Announced February 3, 2022.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Richard Horrigan – 24.** Lost April 19, 1945 his P-47D Thunderbolt crashed behind enemy lines in Germany. In June 2019 History Fligh, Inc., a nonprofit organization excavated the site. They recovered remains later identified as Lt. Horrigan. Accounted for August 19, 2021. Announced February 9, 2022.

**Navy Storekeeper 1<sup>st</sup> Class Harry Walker – 36.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for March 9, 2021. Announced February 10, 2022.

**Fireman 1<sup>st</sup> Class George Price – 23.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for August 3, 2021. Announced February 14, 2022.

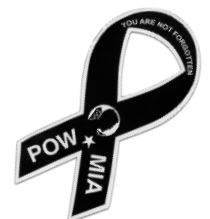
**Electrician's Mate 1<sup>st</sup> Class Harvey Herber – 34.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for July 22, 2021. Announced February 15, 2022.

**Army 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Myles Esmay – 21.** Lost June 7, 1944 when his unit was taking part in the siege of Myitkyin, Burma. In April 2019 unknown remains from the Punchbowl in Hawaii were disinterred. Laboratory analysis identified on set of those remains as Lt. Esmay. Accounted for May 2021, Announced February 22, 2022.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John Heffernan – 24.** Lost February 22, 1944 while on a bombing mission in a B-25G in Burma when his plane burst into flames and crashed. In 2020 recovery teams found possible human remains and evidence at the site of the crash. The remains were identified as Lt. Heffernan. Accounted for November 2, 2021. Announced February 22, 2022.

**Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class James Ward – 20.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for August 19, 2021. Announced February 22, 2022.

**Navy Chief Water Tender Claude White - 40.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for January 4, 2021. Announced February 25, 2022.



## Korea

**PFC, Kenneth Bridger.** Lost November 27, 1950, after his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Pfc. Bridger was reported missing in action. In 2018, Korea returned to the U.S. custody fifty-five boxes containing remains of service members killed during the Korean war. Laboratory analysis led to the identification of PFC. Bridger. Accounted for January 26, 2022.

**Corporal Donald Menken.** Lost June 10, 1953, while defending Outpost Harry near Surang-ni, North Korea. In 1953 a search team recovered two sets of remains from near Outpost Harry. In 2019 a family request prompted the disinterment of those remains. Laboratory analysis established the remains as those of CPL Menken. Accounted for February 2, 2022.

**Cpl. Lawrence Brown – 21.** Lost March 31, 1951, as a Prisoner of War Camp #5 in the vicinity of Kujang, North Korea. Accounted for February 14, 2022.

**Corporal Francis Jury – 23.** Lost December 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir. In June 2018, the DPRK turned over 55 boxes of remains to the US. Laboratory analysis led to the identification of Cpl. Jury from among the remains. Accounted for February 10, 2022.

**Cpl. William Zoellick – 18.** Lost February 27, 1951, after being captured by Chinese People's Volunteer Force on November 30, 1950. He died February 27, 1951, as a Prisoner of War in Prison Camp #1 Ch'angsong, North Korea. Accounted for February 22, 2022.

**Sgt. Roy Delauter – 21.** Lost December 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir. In June 2018, the DPRK turned over 55 boxes of remains to the US. Laboratory analysis led to the identification of Cpl. Jury from among the remains. Accounted for January 18, 2022. Announced February 23, 2022.



**Auxiliary:** Hopefully, everyone had a chance to see the News -Register's article featuring Unit 21 members Carol Doege, Susan Haley, and Auxiliary President Gena Smith. Our ladies visited with about twenty veterans at Brookdale Senior Living on Valentine's Day. They gave out Carol's hand crocheted blankets and a warm "Thank You for your service" to let the veterans know they are remembered and appreciated.

Unit 21 has also shown their appreciation to:

- Shirley Brown for all the items she has printed for the Auxiliary by presenting her with a check to help fund refilling the ink in her personal home printer.
- The Legion for the numerous times the Auxiliary uses the office copy machine. Unit 21 purchased a box of copy paper to help with the cost of office supplies.

The Auxiliary was happy to take the opportunity to sponsor two youth softball teams, MVP Softball and Grizzly ASA Softball, for the upcoming spring & summer season.

To Unit 21 members – if you have paid your 2022 dues "THANK YOU." IF you have not yet paid, please take the time to do so. Membership is at 80% and it would be greatly appreciated if the 100% could be reached by the end of March.

Also, election for the Auxiliary Board Members positions is coming soon. New Board members provide fresh ideas and keep our Auxiliary strong. Please consider running for one of the positions. Your leadership could help maintain our diverse, active membership and make us into a premier service organization.

*Becky Berweger*





**Riders:** The American Legion Riders Western ROMP (Ride On Military Pride) is coming up on the first weekend in June, headquartered at Seaside Post 99. Mark your calendars for June 2-5 for a weekend of rides, raffles, and comradeship with other Riders throughout the western states. Early registration through May 15 is \$60 per person. Registration form, discounted hotel info, and details available online at [seasidepost99.org](http://seasidepost99.org).

The next Oregon ALR general meeting is March 19th at 1 PM at Post 44 in Redmond. All American Legion Riders are welcome to attend and participate in discussions and decisions that further our mission.

Post 21 ALR officer elections will begin in March with the first round of nominations at our meeting Wednesday, March 23. If you would like to step up and serve the Rider membership, please consider throwing your name into the ring for nomination. Get familiar with the positions and associated responsibilities by reviewing the Post 21 ALR Standard Operating Procedures in the ALR tab on [vetsclub.org](http://vetsclub.org).

All the best and ride safely!

*Paul Schnell*

**House Committee:** The newest member of the House Committee is Dewey Jackson. Thank you, Dewey, for stepping up. Your input is valuable. If anyone wants to be a member of the House Committee, we meet the second Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm. Please join us.

You may have noticed a clear curtain on the back patio. The remaining three panels have been ordered and will be installed soon to keep it comfortable during the winter and stormy spring. It helps if you close the back gate after entering/exiting to keep the wind down.

We have accepted a proposal to Seal Coat the parking lot which will include repainting the stripes. It will be done when the weather warms up and dries out. The parking lot will be half blocked off during the project. Overflow parking is in the grass lot west of the Legion.

*Dan Brown, Chairman*

## A NOTE FROM THE POST!

First, I need to say that sales are picking up!!! We are known for our great food and affordable prices, and not to mention your AMAZING servers and cooks! We all need to remember how hard we all work, and our focus is customer satisfaction and for the good of our Post. Unfortunately, due to the rise in food costs, and services, we must increase menu prices. It was a hard decision to make, as we are here to take care of our Veterans. Not all items on the menu will increase, and the increase's will be small. The new prices will become effective April 4th.

I heard a customer say, do you realize just how much food comes out of that little kitchen? His statement made me stop and think. And yes, we put out a lot of food from our small kitchen. I have a great team that works by my side tirelessly to make sure you are all taken care of, so I must thank them all from the bottom of my heart!!!

And the biggest thank you to all our members and customers for your wonderful patience.

*Debra Godwin*





# March

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> SON's 6:30 PM 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion KP 5:00 PM	<b>5</b> Marine Breakfast 8:00 AM 
<b>6</b> Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	<b>7</b> Republican Party 6:00 PM	<b>8</b> House Committee 5:00 PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Auxiliary KP 5:00 PM	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Daylight Savings Time 2:00 AM Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	<b>14</b> Activities Committee 5:30 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	<b>15</b> Auxiliary 6:00 PM 	<b>16</b> General Membership 6:30 PM 	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Sons KP 5:00 PM	<b>19</b> Air Force Breakfast 8:00 AM 
<b>20</b> Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Red Cross Blood Drive 9:00 AM 	<b>23</b> Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM 	<b>24</b> Newsletter Deadline 5:00 PM	<b>25</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Riders KP 5:00 PM	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Timothy Ashley, Joseph Bloodgood, Carrie Bonney, Leroy Brown, Warren Collins, Thomas Connell, James Connelly, David Constans, Carol Doege, Nikki Dorrell, Robert Duncalf, Terry Eggers, Thomas Estes, Tim Fuller, Mark Gensman, Sandy George, Charles Gillespie, Tammy Giza, Tony Irving, Gordon James, Arthur Johnson, Gretchen Jones, Jerry Kennedy, Gregg Kramer, Lorne Lauder, David Lucas, Michael Niehus, Michael Page, David Pittock, Simon Steely, Terry Vejr, Randy Webb, Connie Whitehorn, Randy Whitehorn, Wayne Willis.

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## OFFICERS

### THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander – Juan Palacios  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Bruce Peterson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Jim Connelly  
JAG – Steve Randles  
Finance – Gale Sears  
Adjutant – Shirley Brown  
Sgt at Arms – Robert De Kar  
Historian – Bob Zeeck  
Chaplain – Thomas Clayton  
Service Officer – Tim Anderson  
At Large – Bob Berweger  
At Large – Rich Pimm  
At Large – Paul Schnell

### AUXILIARY

President – Glenna Smith  
Vice – Goya Hernandez  
Treasurer – Becky Berweger  
Secretary –  
Service Officer – Carol Doege  
Chaplain – Susan Haley  
Sgt at Arms – Gretchen Jones

### Sons of the American Legion

Commander/Finance – Terry Naig  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Bill Lindeman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Jim VanSoyck  
Adjutant – Del White  
Sgt at Arms – Brandon Lepkowski  
Chaplain – Pete Jenson

### The American Legion Riders

Director – Paul Schnell  
Asst. Director – Gale Sears  
Secretary – Leanne Schnell  
Treasurer – Tammy De Kar  
Sgt at Arms – Robert De Kar  
Road Capt. – Tony Amodeo  
Historian – Jim Connelly



## BATTLE OF BRANCHES BREAKFAST

Coming Spring 2022

**Marines – March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Air Force – March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Navy – April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Army – April 16<sup>th</sup>**



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