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**COMMANDER:** As a veteran witnessing the efforts of our Post's team, brings pride beyond non-veterans understanding. To name a few: a daily flag ceremony, a proud and busy Veterans Honor Guard, Veteran Christmas gift and food baskets, Legacy scholarship funding, McMinnville Veterans Day Parade, Veterans Habitat home build, Christmas tree sales, The memorial Garden, the USS Frank E. Evans memorial and so many more. Led and sustained by Veterans and Legion family members who continue to serve and maintain these programs recording over 3,000 volunteer hours in support of our Post in 2017. Wow what a year 2017 was.

With 2018 now upon us more programs and activities are ahead of us. We have already committed to supporting junior baseball within our community and supported two veterans in need.

Thank all of you who are part of this outstanding effort. Looking forward to the best in this New Year.

**ADJUTANT:** I can't believe it, it's 2018 already. If your membership card is dated 2017 then your dues are now past due. Our membership renewal is now at 89%, we have met the January and February goals. Let's just see if we can get 100% before Valentine's Day, the next cut-off date.

**RIDERS:** I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year. I look forward to what 2018 has in store for our organization. Winter isn't a very friendly time to get out on our bad motor scooters to ride, so if you do get out on the roads, be aware of your surroundings, other traffic, weather and road conditions and most of all, BE SAFE. Thank you, see you in 2018.

**HONOR GUARD:** We are proud to announce a new member to our honor guard. Mr. Ron Grose has committed to give Full Military Honor for Fallen Veterans and help provide a final farewell to the Fallen Veterans and their families.

I would like to thank all United Veteran Honor Guard Members for an outstanding 2017 year of service for our Fallen Veterans and their families.

United Veterans Honor Guard was honored to present a Flag Presentation at a meet and Greet for our Woman Army Veterans American Legion National Commander.

Angel Mendoza, Commander.

## SUPPORT OUR POST!!

First Federal is giving away \$40,000 to local nonprofits through a ballot voting process. Our American Legion Post 21 needs to be put on the ballot, so we are eligible to receive some of these funds every year.

You do need to be a customer of First Federal. If you already have an account, they should have sent you a ballot in the mail so you can vote for two of your favorite nonprofits. You can stop in at any First Federal and pick up a ballot if you haven't received one.

On the bottom of the ballot please write in "American Legion Post 21 McMinnville 126 Atlantic Street. We need 10 write ins to be on the ballot in the future, we already have 3. You can use both of your votes for the same nonprofit. Just write "both votes" by your write in.

If you don't have an account at First Federal, you can open up an account with no fees whatsoever and get your ballot the same day. Ballots must be in by the end of February. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Dawn Witt at 971-237-1604



**CHAPLAIN:** Well here we are in a new year and there has been a lot going on. We have lost a long time Legion member this month (Brad Shelburne) passed away a few weeks ago. The Honor Guard will be giving him full military honors at Macy's funeral home at 11am on Sat. Jan 27, 2018. If you come, please wear your Legion or VFW hat. Also, Robert (Bear) Mettling is in the Chehalem Valley Care Center, room 81 in Newburg. Please take the time to see him.

I hope that you will have a great year. Please call me if you need anything. Chaplain Thomas Clayton.

**Proposed amendments to the Post 21 By-Laws and Constitution will be read at the General Membership meeting on 21 February 2108.**

**A vote will be held on the proposed modifications and revisions to the Post By-Laws and Constitution at the March general membership meeting.**



**SON'S:** We are very proud to honor our ancestor's Military Service. We are stepping up to the next level by continuing to support American Legion Post 21. We are looking forward to volunteering at the Valentine's Day Brunch.

**AMERICANISM:** I am proud to announce at last count our American Legion Post 21 Families along with American Legion Post 173 – Carlton, Pacific Reflex Signs and United Veterans Honor Guard have donated around two thousand dollars to McMinnville Christian Academy Flag Program.

Thank You all. – Angel Mendoza.

**VOLUNTEERING SOCIETY:** I am very grateful to the House Committee of 2017 for their patience. I would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers that help the House Committee bring Post 21 into the next level of volunteering in 2017.

**AUXILIARY:** We are off and running with the new year ahead! So many new ideas! The Auxiliary will be busy this year!!!

In February we will be painting and redecorating the ladies restroom at the Post. On March 16<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our annual St. Patty's Day dinner with Simm Sears as the PIC.

In December we broke a record by providing Christmas Baskets to a record breaking 37 families and 76 children helped during the Holidays. We would like to thank everyone who helped. The turnout for volunteers was absolutely amazing. We would love to help a Vet with home repairs or yard work, so if anyone knows of someone please let the Service Officer, Jeanne Clayton know so we can get the ball rolling.

Glena Smith, Secretary  
Debra Godwin, President

**Service Officer/Veteran's Liaison:** Post 21 was again able to help two veterans this month. One veteran needed a small deck and stairs. Was able to get him connected to the Newberg post for the build, the Veterans friends and family funded the project. Then we helped a veteran with gas money for an emergency trip to the coast.

We are in the early planning of our DERBY RACE; I could really use some input on a date from all the families. Please feel free to call Jeanne [503-550-2095](tel:503-550-2095)

Thanks everyone  
Jeanne Clayton

**NAVY SEA CADETS:** The Annual Sea Cadets Awards Banquet went very well with awards for the wonderful Sea Cadets. American Legion Post 21 received an award of participation with the Sea Cadet Program. Thank you everyone for your support these young men and women are our potential future leaders and they need and deserve our support.

## ★ BATTLE OF THE BRANCHES ★



It is once again time to determine which branch can put on the best breakfast. Starting off the Battle challenge will be last year's winner, your United States Marines, serving up their winning breakfast on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Followed by the very close second place finisher from last year, your United States Air Force, "who we all know has the best chow" preparing their breakfast on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

The battle continues on into April starting with the Navy on April 8<sup>th</sup> serving up their breakfast feast. Bringing the challenge to an end will be the United States Army on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, serving up a breakfast gala that I am sure they hope can beat them all.

Good luck to all and may the best branch win.







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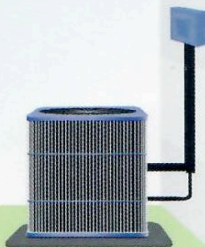
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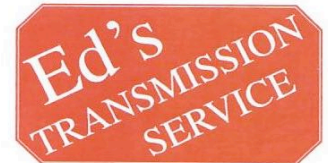
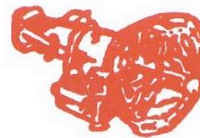
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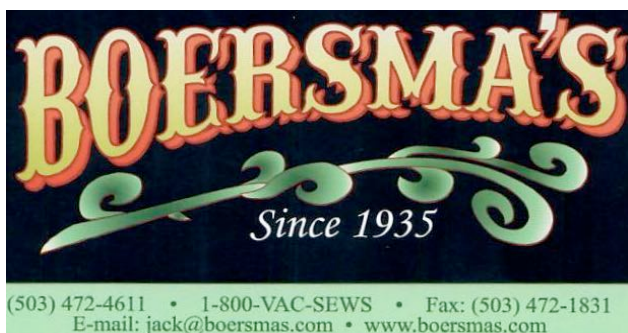
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	3
4 Super Bowl Potluck 3:30	5 House Committee 4:00 pm	6 Rambling Rejects 6:00 pm	7 Chamber of Commerce 11:00 Son's Meeting 6:30	8 Equestrians 6:00	9 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	10
11 Valentine's Day Brunch	12	13 By-Laws 5:30	14 Legal Committee 5:30 DAV/DAVA 6:30	15 Hunters 6:00	16 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	17
18	19 President's Day Ice Cream Social 4:00 Executive Committee 6:30	20 Ladies Auxiliary — 6:00	21 General Membership 6:30 pm	22	23 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	24
25 Happy 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Raymond Mader	26	27 AM Vets 6:30	28 Legion Riders 7:00			

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January – Betty Dutton; Gail Engle King, Darla “Mike” Gregory; Mary Morris; Ursulla Niedzialek, Don Hedstrom, John Hamilton, Jim Niehus, Dianne Beaudry, Dee Henderson, Steve Scholenburg, Carol Herring, Jeanne Clayton, Jincy Farley

February – Sandy Brown, Mary Clay, Don Watts, Donna Reed, Cody Pankey, Annie Skinner, Emil Evans, Darrell Evans, C. Sue Davis, Emma Smith, Sharon Faunce, Dianne Heaton, Christina Holman, Ramond Mader.

May you all have many more!



If you would like your Birthday listed, please leave a note at the Bar for Darla Gregory so we can make sure we get Birthday Wishes to everyone.



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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### **February**

- 4 – Super Bowl Potluck 3:30
- 11 – Valentine's Day Brunch 10-2
- 19 – President's Day Ice Cream  
Social 2-4 (donations welcome)

##### **March**

- 11– Marine Breakfast
- 16 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner 5-8
- 25 – Air Force Breakfast

##### **April**

- 8 – Navy Breakfast
- 22 – Army Breakfast

Come join us for 2018 Super Bowl Potluck  
Eagles Vs. Patriots  
February 4<sup>th</sup>  
Kick-off 3:30



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