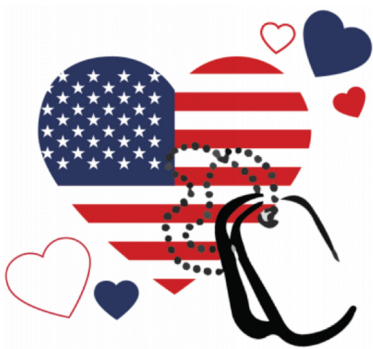


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## *Happy Valentine's Day*

**T**hank you for all that you do defending our flag the red, white and blue. We know that freedom is not free, the sacrifice is great, and you give willingly.

**T**o all the men and women who served and continue to serve this country, "Happy Valentine's Day!" Thank you for your service and all that you do, may God bring you back home to those who love you.



# FEBRUARY 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Son's Mtg – 6:30	2 Equestrians 6:00 pm	3 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30 pm	4 Cancer Bingo 1-4 pm
5 BINGO 1-4 Super Bowl Potluck 3:30	6 Honor Guard 6:30	7 Rambling Rejects 6:00	8 Legal Committee 5:00	9 Hunters Club 6:00	10 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30 pm	11
12 Valentine's Brunch 10-2.  BINGO 1-4	13 House Cmt 4:00 pm Finance 5:00 Executive Committee – 6:30	14 Valentine's Day <i>Happy Valentines Day</i> 	15 Activities 5:30 General Membership Mtg. – 6:30	16 Cruisers 6:00	17 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30 pm	18 Movie Night "Keeping up with the Joneses"
19 <b>BIRTHDAY BINGO</b> <i>Birthday Bingo Party</i>	20 Honor Guard 6:30	21 Auxiliary Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	22 Riders 7:00 pm	23	24 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30 pm	25 Paint Party Fun for All 5:00-9:00 pm
26 BINGO 1-4  Daytona 500 Potluck Party	27 House Cmt 4:00	28 AMVETS 6:30 pm				



*Happy Birthday*



Kenneth Patocha, Ted Lopuszynski, Jack Beeler, Norman Wheeler, Robert Hanna, Earl Harnden, Harold Peterson, Shawn Buller, Garth Gates, Michael Kirkpatrick, Bill Spofford, Lunda Hurliman, David Hostetler, Dean Heath, James Marshall, James Watts, George Hudson, Andrew Wallace, Jan Bryson, Craig Luis, Richard White, Gerald Kopzynski, Larry Green.



**COMMANDER:** Welcome to February. 2016 was a good year for your post. Leaders and each legion family provided a great deal for veterans in need and supporting each other. As you read through this newsletter you will get a feeling of what is being planned for the future. Consider your ability to be involved in the successes. 2017 membership continues to grow but through individual phone calls we better understand some of the renewal losses and challenges we face in the coming year. Age of our membership is one; a significant conflict to renewal is the creation of a welcoming atmosphere of brotherhood and collective friendship. I ask each capable member to consider stepping up to those you do not know and simply say welcome to our Post, and you trust they will enjoy a meal and time spent.

Commander Gale Sears



**CHANGES TO BYLAWS:** The Bylaws committee has completed their review of the Post 21 Bylaws and have submitted their recommendations. Pursuant to Article 12 the General

Membership has 21 days to review and comment on the proposed changes. The new proposed Bylaws can be viewed on the Legion website at VETSCLUB.ORG or you can contact the Committee Chairperson – Steve Randles to request a printed copy (503) 320-0254 or at hklbrryct@gmail.com.

Please note that the changes will be voted on at the next General Membership meeting on February 15, 2017.

**CHAPLAINS CORNER:** As we come into a new month for the post, I hope that all is well with all of you. At the time of this writing there was bad news that came my way. We have lost a member in good standing. I had to say good-bye to "Herbert (Herb) Dean King". He was a member since 2009. Please, if you knew him and his wonderful wife, I ask that you take the time to call her. Remember we are all there for all family members. Also, think about doing more for the post. We need you to stand and be a big part of Post 21. May God Bless you as you walk for Him.



Join us for the Daytona Potluck on February 26, 2017. Bring your favorite dish to share and come watch the race with us.

**LEGION RIDERS:** WOW, tell me that wasn't a bad couple of weeks' weather wise for a Legion Rider that is yearning to ride their scooter. The good weather is just around the corner and before you know it Post 21 American Legion Rider members will be pulling into the parking lot on their loud and obnoxious motorcycles disrupting the person calling out bingo numbers and muffling out the sounds of the televisions. Ah, glory days, glory days!



Let us not forget that the American Legion Post 21's agenda isn't the brainchild of a single person or legion family, but everyone. We have become a cornerstone of the community due to the hard work of many members (past and present) from each family. As a Post we strive to set the standard for the state of Oregon and with the help of every individual from each family we will do so.

During the post's January general meeting Glenna Smith was recognized by all the families for her dedication and hard work she puts in at the post. Whenever the riders ask for help at one of our functions Glenna is the first one to raise her hand. It seems like if there's a function happening at the post Glenna is in the mix. She is an officer for the Auxiliary and is a member of the post's house committee as well. She is a team player that doesn't expect recognition and is an asset to the post. I am proud to say I know her. If and when you see Glenna at the Post, please tell her thank you for all she does. STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!!!

Jerry Perry.



**AUXILIARY:** Happy Valentine's Day! I'm so happy to be back after 3 months leave of absence. Thank you all for your payers and cards, it made my recovery a little easier.

Please join us at the next Auxiliary meeting – February 21 at 6:00 p.m. Please attend, I have a very important message for each of you who attend.

Let's not forget BINGO, every Sunday 1:00-4:00 pm. With a fundraiser 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month – all proceeds go to Cancer Center.

## Service Officer/Veterans Liaison:

Be prepared to bring out your inner Child in July, Post 21 Derby Car Race!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY — 2017

2/5/17 – SUPERBOWL POTLUCK – kickoff is a 3:30, come early get your table – games and fun for all.

2/12/17 – VALENTINE'S BRUNCH – 10:00 – 2:00 pm.  
Sponsored by Sons' of The American Legion – Menu TBD - \$7.00 plate.

2/18/17 – MOVIE NIGHT – *Keepin' Up with the Joneses*, curtain falls at 6:00 pm.

2/26/17 – Daytona 500 - Potluck

### MARCH– 2017

3/12/16 – **NAVY/COAST GUARD** – BATTLE OF THE BRANCHES BREAKFAST. 8:00-Noon - \$7:00 plate, children under 5 free.

3/18/17 –ST. PATRICKS' DAY DINNER – 5:00-8:00 - \$10.00 plate. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary -

3/26/16 – **ARMY** – BATTLE OF THE BRANCHES BREAKFAST. 8:00-Noon - \$7:00 plate, children under 5 free.

### APRIL–2017

4/9/17 –**MARINE** – BATTLE OF THE BRANCHES BREAKFAST. 8:00-Noon - \$7:00 plate, children under 5 free.

4/23/17 – **AIR FORCE** – BATTLE OF THE BRANCHES BREAKFAST. 8:00-Noon - \$7:00 plate, children under 5 free.

Don't forget every Friday night is Prime Rib Night: \$15.95 per plate, the best Prime Rib in Yamhill County.

## VIETNAM VETERAN LAPEL PIN

*"A Lasting Memento of the Nation's Thanks!"*

The Vietnam War Commemoration is providing Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins for presentations to all living U.S. military veterans who served during the Vietnam War period as a lasting memento of the nation's thanks.

Living United States veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin. Contact Commander Gale Sears or First Vice Larry Brown for information.



## MIA Update



## Coming Home.



⚔ Navy Water Tender 1st Class Walter H. Sollie, 37, of Myrtlewood, Ala. He was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941.

⚔ Army Maj. Jack D. Griffiths, 31, of San Diego, Ca. On Nov. 30, 1950, Griffiths was a member of Headquarters, 38th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, when he was reported missing in action in the vicinity of Somin-dong, North Korea.

⚔ Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Cecil E. Barncord, of Kansas. He was assigned to the USS Oklahoma. He was KIA on Dec. 7, 1941.

⚔ Navy Radioman 3rd Class Howard W. Bean, was assigned to the USS Oklahoma. KIA on Dec. 7, 1941.

⚔ Navy Mess Attendant 1st Class Ralph M. Boudreaux of the USS Oklahoma, KIA on Dec. 7, 1941.

⚔ Navy Fireman 3rd Class Glaydon I. C. Iverson of the USS Oklahoma, KIA on Dec. 7, 1941.

⚔ Navy Coxswain Verne F. Knipp of the USS Oklahoma, KIA Dec. 7, 1941.

⚔ Navy Fire Control man 2nd Class Donald R. McCloud of the USS Oklahoma, KIA Dec. 7, 1941.

⚔ Navy Seaman 1st Class Camillus M. O'Grady of the USS Oklahoma, KIA Dec. 7, 1941.

⚔ Army Pvt. Gene J. Appleby, was a member of Company A, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment. MIA on Sep. 17, 1944 who parachuted onto a drop zone north of Groesbeek, the Netherlands, as part of Operation Market-Garden.

⚔ Army Cpl. Luis P. Torres, of Company C, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division near Changyong, South Korea. On Sept. 1, 1950, his battalion position was run over by enemy forces. He was reported MIA.



## USO Day - February 4, 2017

The USO was founded on February 4, 1941 in response to President Roosevelt's request to lift the morale of our military and nourish support on the home front. This has been achieved through the provision of programs and live entertainment, known as the USO Show, to US troops and their families. Their motto is "Until Every One Comes Home."



The reach of the USO's 160 centers extends to countries on every continent except Antarctica, operated by thousands of volunteers and staff whose goals are to match our service members' vigilance and provide best-in-class service to those who sacrifice so much for America, with the credo "To be always by their side."

## Atta Boy – Atta Girl

You that know me can attest, it doesn't take a lot to amuse me and not a great deal for me to appreciate things others do. I would like to thank the following people for things I saw done that I truly appreciate in no particular order.



**Glenna Smith**, for arranging items we have for sale in the glass case in the club room.

**Debra Godwin**, for the Christmas baskets, and decorating in the Club room for the Holidays.

**Terry Ward and Jerry Perry**, for the Rocky Mountain Oyster Feed.

**Chris Sieber**, for the recent flyer for the Rocky Mountain Oysters and the numerous other flyers he has done for various events at the club.



**Dan Brown**, for not shoveling but sweeping the walks during the recent snow storm and spreading salt.

I know there are many more that have contributed to the welfare and improvement of Post 21 in the last month, these are just a few I noticed, Thank you all for what you do to help make Post 21 the greatest Post in Oregon.

Thank you all for your efforts.



**NAVY BREAKFAST - March 12<sup>th</sup>:** Though it may be a bit early Jim Connelly and I are gearing up for The Battle of the Branches. The NAVY, COAST GUARD won the battle last year and is looking forward to providing the most scrumptious NAVY, COAST GUARD style breakfast ever.....

Mark your calendars now to attend March 12, 8 AM-Noon, \$7.00 per person children under 5 are free. You just can't believe what good food and fun will be there.



**ARMY BREAKFAST – March 26<sup>th</sup>:** From the Army Veteran Corner. Attention all Army Veterans it is that great time of the year already to start strategizing how to have the best Battle of the Branches Breakfast of the century. Our Army Breakfast will be on March 26<sup>th</sup> from 8-Noon \$7.00 per person children under 5 are free.

I need names of volunteers as soon as possible to have success this year with the fun and healthy breakfast challenge. Of course, all funds raised go to The American Legion Post 21. I would appreciate help from Army Veterans that have not reported and joined us recently. I guarantee everyone a fun and bonding experience with our veterans. Very valuable information is we can accept donations for Army Breakfast.

My contact information is 503/435/8227. Email is [ammendoza80@gmail.com](mailto:ammendoza80@gmail.com). Texting is available. I will call formation soon and have a meeting so we can start working together. Hoorah. Angel Mendoza.



**MARINE BREAKFAST – April 9<sup>th</sup>:** From the halls of the American Legion across the region come one come all it is time once again for the Annual Battle of the Branches. Your United States Marines will be hosting the Marine Breakfast on April 9, 2017 from 8-Noon, \$7:00 per plate, children under 5 eat free. Contact Terry Ward 971-241-5454 or 503-472-9668 for more information and to volunteer.



**AIR FORCE BREAKFAST – APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>:** Last year the Air Force did not have a breakfast due to a lack of organization and volunteers. This year we will win the Battle of the Branches. There will be a planning meeting on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. If you can help and can't make the meeting, contact Dan Brown, Commander of Am Vets McMinnville. Please show up, volunteer and show your support for the United States Air Force!



## Oratorical Contest – Winner!

Congratulations are in order for Miss Morganne Larmouth, a junior at McMinnville High School and a lifeguard at the McMinnville Community Pool. On January 14<sup>th</sup>, at the American Legion Post 21 Honor Room, Miss Larmouth gave her American Legion Oratory ‘prepared’ speech on “The Freedom of Speech” before five judges. (Randles, Hutt, Sears, Martin, and Olson) She offered strong cases and arguments for our right to freedom of speech. The speech was to be eight minutes and no more than ten minutes before deductions from the judges. National has set forth guidelines for all the speeches, for all the contestants. The first speech will be written by the contestant on a topic central to the ideals of our Constitution. There is a second speech to be delivered which national has pre-selected four topics, one to be randomly drawn from a hat at the end of all the contestants speeches. Each contestant will speak on the same topic in this portion of the program.



Morganne’s second speech was blind selected by a representative in the audience. Title: The 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Morganne had four minutes to prepare her presentation, to last no less than three minutes nor longer than five.



The 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment spells out information about our US Senators. Once again Morganne gave strong arguments for the need and use of our 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment, how the Senators are selected and what length of terms shall be.

Morganne will now proceed to the next round of competition to be held January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at Post 136 in Salem. The first contestant, again randomly drawn for order, will start promptly at 10:00 AM.

It should be noted that Post 21 had previously voted to offer the first, second, and third place winners a scholarship. Morganne was the grateful recipient of the \$100 scholarship and said she would use it wisely.



Thank you to all the legionnaires that participated and volunteered their time to act as judges, score tabulators, timekeepers, chaperones and pastoral duties. (Berweger, Pimm, Sizer, Mendoza, J & T Clayton, and Connelly)

## Be A Part of Our Memorial Inventory Project

As The American Legion nears its centennial year, I’m calling on all posts, districts, counties, areas, zones, departments and affiliates of the organization to help build an unparalleled database of memorials and monuments that honor U.S. military service and sacrifice. The database can be found at [www.legion.org/memorials](http://www.legion.org/memorials).

With the Legion’s memorials database project, it is important to assess the conditions of these memorials – whether it’s a plaque in the park listing a county’s war dead or a well-known community statue or plaza. What better way to commemorate the Legion’s centennial than to spruce up, repair and revive awareness to those who served before us, whose memorials and monuments may be showing the effects of age and weather?



It’s also the perfect time for communities to reacquaint themselves with the meaning of their memorials. The American Legion Memorial Inventory Project is not focused on any one war era. We know that Legion posts care for memorials ranging from the Revolution to the Global War on Terrorism, all around the world. To ensure their continued respect and protection, we must index them and bring attention to their original and intended meaning.

The web platform asks for the location of the memorial, a description of it, date of installation if known and a rating of its condition. Uploaders are also strongly encouraged to take photos of the memorial and post them onto the database.

We know that in virtually every corner of the country, and beyond our shores, Legion Family members have paid tribute to military service, honor and remembrance by carving out sacred spaces in their communities to ensure that the price paid for freedom is not lost on future generations.



To coordinate our efforts, we will be forming a committee, for more information you may contact, Bob Berweger or Rich Pimm.

Additional information can be found on the net at: <https://www.legion.org/dispatch/235150/be-part-our-memorial-inventory-project>