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Riders: Happy New Year Riders, families, and friends! I would like to thank our awesome bunch of Riders officers for putting up with all the craziness this year. There were any number of 2020-related excuses out there, but they still managed to put together a really great year.

Each of these individuals had their own challenges this year - illness, injury, family tragedy, and so much more - but they found it within themselves to volunteer their brawn, brains, and time to make our meetings and events special.

So, THANK YOU Assistant Director Gale Sears, Treasurer Mike Paull, Secretary Leanne Schnell, Membership Coordinator Steve Randles, Road Captain/Safety Coordinator Tony Amodeo, Sergeant-at-Arms Jack Bailey, Historian Jim "Coach" Connelly, and Chaplain Rod Moore.

I'm sure I echo their sentiments and those of the entire Rider family in wishing Post 21 members a warm, safe and wonderful 2021!

Paul Schnell, Riders Director

Chaplain: As we come into a new year may it bring many blessings to one and all. Looking back, I know that it has been hard on all of us. But keep your eyes open and look up. As your chaplain I must say that the Lord is still in control of all things. I hope that this coming year will be better than the past. We have lost members and family this past year. I pray that the Lord will keep his hand on all of them.

We have some very strong members on the E-Board, and I pray that for the ones that want to stay thank-you. And I ask that if you would like to try your hand at be on the board please let us know. As always, I wish to stay on as your Chaplain. May God Bless you all.

Chaplain Clayton, Chaplain

Adjutant: We had three new members join the Post in November, Jerry "Mike" Dawson - USA, Cade Stahl - USMC and Yokasta "Caroline" McCellon - USA, welcome to Post 21.

Renewals are going great we are at 85.4%. Remember the membership year ends December 31, 2020. We only need 61 members to renew their membership to put us at 100%. Are you one of those 61 members who haven't renewed? Please consider renewing sooner rather than later. To renew your membership, you can stop by the Post and drop it in the dues box, or you can renew in the comfort of your home by visiting

<https://legion.org/renew>.

Adjutant, Shirley Brown

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR BONES?

The body of every organization is structured from four kinds of bones. There are the "Wish Bones" who spend all their time wishing someone would do the work. Then there are the "Jaw Bones" who do all the talking, but little else. There are also the "Knuckle Bones" who knock everything anybody else tries to do. Fortunately, in every organization there are the "Back Bones" who get under the load and do most of the work. Have you checked your bones lately?

Anonymous

Auxiliary: THANK YOU, THANK YOU, Thank You!!! The Auxiliary cannot express our gratitude enough for everyone who contributed their ideas, time and efforts to make the 2020 Veterans' Christmas Basket program a success.

The Auxiliary worked together thru the month of November to make 109 Lap Blankets; 77 blankets were given to our Veterans in various Yamhill County care facilities for Christmas. Facility staff reports the blankets were a BIG hit and are used and displayed proudly by the Veterans who received them. Six blankets were sold, and the remaining blankets are available to give as gifts for Veteran's birthdays or other special occasions.

On Dec. 19th Santa made a surprise visit to the Legion making our distribution day extra special. 23 Veteran families were able to fill their pantries with enough canned food to last 2 to 3 weeks and the 43 kids from those families (ages 2 months to 16 years) each received multiple Christmas gifts due to the generous donations of the Legion families and the community. Plus, we were gifted with enough canned foods that, after our applicants received their items, we were able to help Newberg Legion Post 57 fill their Christmas boxes with extra canned goods and toys and help a Salem Veteran residential facility feed their residents. The Auxiliary is very proud that this year was ALL ABOUT OUR VETERANS and we were able to make the Holiday season brighter for so many.

We are also very proud to be a part of the Post 21 Family. Legionaries, Riders, Sons and Auxiliary all contributed and worked together to make a difference – what an AWESOME group to be a part of!

*Becky Berweger, Treasurer
Christmas Basket Chair*



The most recent identified POW/MIA.

World War II

Army Staff Sgt, Louis Doddo – 30. Lost July 8, 1944 during a massive Japanese attack against the 105th on the Island of Saipan. His remains were never found nor were any recovered. Accounted for November 3, 2020. Announced November 30, 2020.

Navy Fire Controlman 2nd Class, Harold Trapp – 24 and his brother **Electrician's Mate 3rd Class, William Trapp – 23.** Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for November 24, 2020. Announced December 1, 2020.

Navy Chief Carpenter's Mate, Tedd Furr – 39. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for November 5, 2020. Announced December 1, 2020.

Navy Chief Warrant Officer, John G. Connolly – 48. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for December 3, 2020. Announced December 8, 2020.

Navy Fireman 1st Class, Paul Saylor – 21. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for November 24, 2020. Announced December 10, 2020.

Army Pvt. Hillary Soileau – 23. Lost and declared missing February 3, 1943. during the Battle of Mount Austen, the Galloping Horse and the Sea Horse on Guadalcanal when American forces went on the offensive to clear Guadalcanal of Japanese forces. Accounted for December 22, 2020.

Korean War

Army Cpl. Roy Thomas – 22. Lost and declared missing December 12, 1950 when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. His remains were never found. Accounted for December 22, 2020.

Army Pfc. William Sharp – 18. Lost July 24, 1950, reported killed in action after his unit sustained heavy casualties while under attack by the North Korean army's advance near Hwanggoon, South Korea. His body was not recovered nor were any remains found. Accounted for December 22, 2020.

IS THE POST STILL OPEN?

Many are asking if we are we still open with all the COVID restrictions. YES! The post is open from 11:00 – 7:00. You can get a meal to go, or you can dine on the patio where we have a few propane heaters. It isn't as warm as it is inside, but you will still be among friends.

We need everyone's support during these difficult times. Consider stopping by to say Hi! and, you can get your meal to go. We are still doing the Prime Rib Dinner on Friday's please call ahead so we know how much to prepare.

Happy New Year!

THE AMERICAN LEGION ENTERS RACING WORLD

The American Legion and Chip Ganassi Racing (CGR) have entered into a multi-year sponsorship agreement. Seven-time NASCAR Cup Series Champion Jimmie Johnson will drive the street and road courses while Tony Kanaan – 2013 Indianapolis 500 winner will handle the ovals.

The American Legion will be featured prominently on Johnson's No. 48 Honda during every race in the 2021 and 2022 NTT IndyCar Series.

The announcement comes on #GivingTuesday, a day of global giving designed to help change communities and the world. As a result, Johnson, who has family members that have served in the military, will be making a \$10,000 donation to The American Legion. Johnson hopes his donation will motivate fans and the public to support our veterans by donating \$48 to The American Legion. The \$48 pays homage to the number 48 car that he and Kanaan will drive.

Donors can visit legion.org/48 to make a gift and help celebrate this new relationship and veterans across the country.

"Our family knows firsthand how important it is to recognize our veterans," said Johnson, who's grandfathers and brother-in-law served in the military. "It's exciting to be partnering with The American Legion to be able to show our appreciation to veterans and to continue to raise public awareness and support for this special organization."



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Francis Gasbarre

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow
Through times of strife and sorrow .
And times of pride and glory
We were, are, . and we'll be
The United States of America!

A land of many wonders
Of every race and creed
Where fate is based on choice
And we are free to choose
To rise above the ways
That bind the human will

To the chains of tyranny!
To the bonds of Bigotry!
To the trials of anarchy!

We were, are, . and we'll be
The United States of America!

Research Groups Find Wreck of “Unsinkable Battleship” USS Nevada.

April 2020

The USS Nevada, dubbed “unsinkable” has been found off the coast of Hawaii where it lay since 1948.

A group of marine archeologists from Search Inc. and Ocean Infinity, discovered the Nevada almost three miles underwater and about 65 nautical miles southwest of Honolulu.

The Nevada was the longest-serving battleship of the United States Navy. The US Nevada served as a battleship for the US Navy for 30 years. Its lifespan was exceptional, given the troubled waters in which it sailed.

The Nevada was commissioned during WWI and was in service during the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918 and lost crew members to the disease outbreak while docked in Ireland.

After operating in the Pacific for most of the 1930s, the Nevada was moored at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when the Japanese Imperial Navy launched a surprise attack on the Pacific Fleet on Oahu on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

The Nevada was the only ship to get underway during the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. Moored at the end of Battleship Row, the Nevada took advantage of the lull after the first wave to get underway. But it had not made it to sea before the second wave of aircraft descended on the harbor, striking the ship with a half-dozen bombs. The crew was forced to beach the sinking ship at the head of the channel.



After frenzied temporary repairs, the Nevada sailed on its own power to the U.S. West Coast in April 1942, where it spent the next year being repaired and overhauled.

The Nevada returned to combat during the Battle of Attu in the Aleutian Island in May 1943 and appeared at three of the major battles of World War II, she supported the D-Day invasion and became part of the Iwo Jima and Okinawa invasions in 1945. In the latter battle, the ship was hit by a kamikaze plane and an artillery shell. The Nevada was preparing to be part of the invasion force on the Japanese mainland when the war ended in September 1945.

With the end of World War II, the Navy deemed the three-decade old battleship too ancient for the fleet. Its final job was to serve as a target during two atomic bomb tests at Bikini in the Marshall Islands in 1946 – though even that dirty work left the ship only badly damaged and radioactive, not sunk.

The ship was decommissioned in August 1946, and two years later it was towed to sea off the Hawaiian Islands and used for target practice for other Navy ships. Even that four-day pummeling didn't sink the battle-scarred ship. It was finally scuttled by an aerial torpedo.

The U.S.S. Nevada is an iconic ship that speaks to American resilience and stubbornness. Rising from its watery grave after being sunk at Pearl Harbor, it survived torpedoes, bombs, shells and two atomic blasts.

The physical reality of the ship, resting in the darkness of the great museum of the sea, reminds us not only of past events, but of those who took up the challenge of defending the United States in two global wars.

Although the Navy was aware of the vicinity of the ship's sinking, its exact resting spot was unknown until now. The search for the USS Nevada was conducted aboard Ocean Infinity's Pacific Constructor vessel, which had set sail for a range of tasks in early 2020, well before the coronavirus had morphed into a pandemic. "As a result of the global health crisis, the research vessel has remained at sea."

Post 21 Centennial – August 2021



The Post 21 Centennial Challenge Coins have arrived.

We were to have a Centennial Celebration in 2020 but as we all know COVID happened and we didn't have any activities at the Post once the lock-down happened.

Some members have already been presented with a Centennial coin, however sometime in 2021, with the COVID under control, we are planning to have a ceremony and will present coins to all the members at once.

For God and Country!

Invitation to all Past Legion Rider of the Year Recipients

The oncoming Chair of the "American Legion Rider of the Year" is requesting all past recipients to please attend the upcoming Rider meeting on January 27, 2020 @ 7:00 pm.

2003-2004 – Jan Fourier
2004-2005 – Mike Balcombe
2005-2006 – Jerry Terry
2006-2007 – Jerry Terry
2007-2008 – Bill Hurliman
2008-2009 – Tom Connell
2009-2010 – Mike Danforth
2010-2011 – Roy Bonnett
2011-2012 – Gale Sears
2012-2013 – Mike Morris
2013-2014 – Jim Smith
2014-2015 – Mike Paull
2015-2016 – Bob Berweger
2016-2017 – Jeri Paul
2017-2018 – Debra JuShae
2018-2019 – Steve Randles
2019-2020 – Jim Connelly

Rider of the Year Selection Committee

Christmas Tree sales went quickly and efficiently. Thank you to Adam Finnicum and ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

The Legion History Book 2019-2020 is now available at McMinnville Staples. Black & White, spiral bound and hardback copies are approximately \$23.00. Color hardback copies are \$73.00.

Rider mileage reports for the 3,000 miles ridden patch deadline was December 31, 2020.

Happy New Year – from the Riders to all!

Jim Connelly

Rider of The Year Selection Chair for 2022-2021



House Committee: We have completed many small projects and have enclosed the patio for outside dining so we can stay open. BIG project on the horizon to replace the floor covering in the dining area and we will need ALL HANDS ON DECK watch for sign-up sheets.



A Special Bond

Charlie Tritto

My life was touched by lots of folks
Throughout these many years,
Most brought me joy in countless ways
While others caused me tears.
Some I knew but chose to forget
The choice was mine to make,
Cause I'd rather say goodbye to them
Than be someone who was fake.
Others I've known weren't meant to stay
In my life for very long,
So they continued on without me
I'm not saying they were wrong.
But it seems that of the best that stayed
Those with character faithful and true,
Had once worn our nation's uniforms
And defended our Red, White and Blue.
I met most so many years ago
And still see them today,
I met others much more recently
But the kinship is just the same.
For as Veterans we share a certain bond
That goes deeper than friendship alone,
Forged by lessons learned in our uniformed years
That we'll take forward 'til day is done.
And when that day comes and I'm laid to rest
My friends will all offer goodbyes,
The most special of which will be slow salutes
From fellow veterans with tears in their eyes.

Published in memory of the members we lost in December.

Wayne "Shorty" Clevenger 1932- 2020
Richard McCusker 1934-2020



January 2021

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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 SON's 6:30 PM | 7 | 8 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 House Committee 5:00 PM AMVETS 6:30 PM | 13 | 14 | 15 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Finance Committee 5:00 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM | 19 Auxiliary 6:00 PM | 20 Activities Committee 5:00 PM General Membership 6:30 PM | 21 | 22 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM | 28 | 29 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM | 30 |
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Roger Aaron, David Adams, Jeanne Ayala, Victor Banke, Dianne Beaudry, Becky Berweger, William Bitters, Danial Burns, Rufus "Butch" Clason, Jeanne Clayton, Robert De Kar, James Densmore, Myrna Dickey, William Ellis, Gerald Evers, Jincy Farley, Steven Fraley, Jr., Charles Ford, Jack Gamble, Larry Gannaway, Sophia Gettman, Darla "Mike" Gregory, Ray Guerrero, Clair Hutton, James Jarshaw, Dan Jones, Keith Kirkman, Stan Kosmiki, Steven Kossman, Richard Lund, James McCormick, Don McInnis, Thomas Miller, John Moahammed, Mary Morris, Cheryl Pankey, Dennis Parr, Rex Phillips, Paula Port, Craig Pubols, Denise Ricketts, Richard Riegel, Jason Ryan, Brian Sauer, Richard Skeffington, Sterling Smith, David Souter, John Stensland, Garner Stephens, Dennis Struts, Keith Urban, James Vanscoyk, Roland Vorrath, John Vostinak, Jimmy Wagner, Kenneth Weldon, Gary Wirfs, Mickey Wood, Robert Zeek

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Sgt at Arms – Jim Connelly
Historian – Leroy Brown
Chaplain – Thomas Clayton
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At Large – Jeanne Clayton
At Large – Dan Brown

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BEFORE I AGREE TO
2021
I NEED TO WATCH
THE TRAILER FIRST

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR