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**COMMANDER:** I must say to all involved, your volunteer efforts are truly commendable and what makes Post 21 a great veteran's organization. To our servers, hosts and those who maintain our facility and post grounds; it could not be done without you! The generous giving of your personal time has netted more than 1,100 hours of volunteer hours since the beginning of the year. Thank you so very much.

As you, a member of post 21, enjoy the remainder of our newsletter keep in mind their efforts and the pride represented in your organization.

With immense gratitude.

*Gale Sears*

## Post 21 Elections

We are presently in the process of nominations to be followed by elections for 2017-2018 Legion Executive Board. We have an unfilled nomination for Finance Officer. Legion members' male or female who have a background in accounting and/or finance please consider your support for the finances of our post. Point of Contact is the elections committee chairman, Jerry Perry, Jr. (503) 857-8207.



**HONOR GUARD:** United Veterans Honor Guard, we welcome Juan Palacios to our honor guard. Thank you, Terry, Naig for the rifle cleaning training classes. I will meet soon with American Legion Families Leaders to discuss our Memorial Day Remembrance Cemetery Tour which includes Naval Sea Cadet Color Guard. We have added a Battlefield Cross to our Full Military Honors Services for Fallen Soldiers. My research shows the Three Rifle Volley originated in the very early wars. The volleys were shots fired on the field during a battle, signaling a pause in the fighting. It was intended as a form of respect to allow both sides time to gather their wounded and fallen soldiers. The three rounds represent the three words, duty, honor, country. When the rounds echoed again in the heavens both sides would commence firing again. United Veterans Honor Guard would like to thank every American Legion member for their service. God Bless. United Veterans Honor Guard Commander.

*Angel Mendoza*

## And the Winner Is!

Chili Cook Off, congratulations to Angel Mendoza – 1<sup>st</sup> place and Goya for taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in her first ever chili cooking contest.



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### The Battlefield Cross



The helmet and identification tags signify the fallen soldier; their name never to be forgotten. The inverted rifle with bayonet signals a time for prayer, a break in the action to pay tribute to our friend. The combat boots, worn and dirty, represents the final march of the soldier's last battle.

**VETERANS ENCOURAGE TO APPLY!**

**SON's:** The next meeting will be the final nominations and vote for new leadership. We would like to have all the members attend on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm.

*Terry Naig*

### MEET YOUR BARTENDER

Gretchen Jones is your Thursday Night Bartender. Gretchen has worked for the Legion for a couple of years now. She is also serves as the Vice President for the Women's Auxiliary, for Post 21.



Stop in on Thursday and say Hi to Gretchen and thank her for her volunteer service to your American Legion.

There is no "I" in Team,  
but we sure are glad there is "U" in our volunteers!



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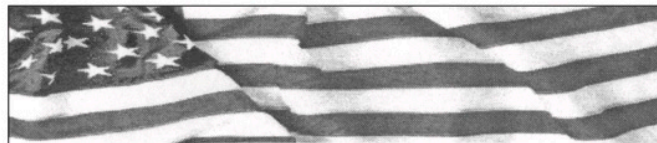
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## FIRST ANNUAL DERBY CAR RACE!

JUNE 17, 2017

REGISTRATION 9AM-10:30AM.

RACE STARTS 11:00 AM

It has been a very long cold winter and a very soggy spring. Let's jump start our summer in a new and exciting way with Checkered Flags and our families. With our first ever Vet's Club Derby Race. This race is for all our Members, their families and grandkids.



We have invited the Honor Guard and Sea Cadets as well.



The race is \$10.00 per entry and must purchase a care at the Post. We chose a simple derby care, prepackaged with all you will need including weights. This will ensure those who don't have power tools can race

alongside those who do. Participants Package included with car purchase.

There will be a Junior Division for 12 and under and a Senior Division for over 12.

There will be eight categories for judging cars.

- Best Military related design
- Most Patriotic
- Most Bling
- Most Original
- Cutest Car
- Spectators Favorite
- Ugliest Car (*gag me with a spoon ugly*)

### Barbeque and Awards following race.

*Jeanne Clayton.*

The Officers of the Post thought it would be fitting to incorporate a monthly section honoring those members who have been called from our midst and have transferred to Post Everlasting.

We would like to offer our condolences to the families and friends of the following members Ralph Nichols.



For all veterans –Our sincere condolences to all the families and friends of those who were called from our midst.

From the Sea Cadet Liaison, a very big thank you to our patriotic young cadets. They showed up in full force for two of our Battle of Branches Breakfasts and did a wonderful job both times. We are very grateful to cadets for helping American Legion with flags on holidays and other patriotic days throughout the year, our busy season for flag duty starts soon. I'm very grateful to Mike Paul and Jim Craver and Pete Jensen for their dedicated loyal help with the safety of our cadets on all flag days. A heartfelt thanks to The American Legion Families and United Veterans Honor Guard for your continued support for Naval Sea Cadets.

*Angel Mendoza*

**AUXILIARY:** Hello and welcome new Auxiliary members. This year our membership has grown to over 100! Wow how impressive that is! Our monthly meetings are every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, please join us on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Bingo is every Sunday at 1:00 – 400 pm, with a fundraiser the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month, at this bingo all proceeds go to the Cancer Center.

Cookbooks, they have been sent to publishing and we should be getting them shortly. The cost will be \$15.00 per book. Our Thanks go out to Ron & Margaret Prebe for their generous donation to the Auxiliary Unit 21.

Pinewood Derby Car Race, is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>, the cost is only \$10.00. If you would like to participate at the Derby Race, please contact Jeanne Clayton.



Cinco De Mayo (May 5<sup>th</sup>) Celebration, I would like to thank in advance to Post 21 and Auxiliary for volunteering at the Cinco de Mayo celebration and our community for their donations and our Sponsor's: Delia's Tacos and Carnitas, Coach's Salsa, Noah's Bakery and Mazatlán Mexican Restaurant. Please stop by their location and thank them for the delicious foods and deserts.



*Elva Salinas*, Auxiliary President

Do it for your health, on May 6th, I will be at our post at 9am to go for a health walk towards the Mac Cinema. Walk along with us and let's discuss future walks to improve our health.

*Angel Mendoza*

American Legion Post 21 Families and United Veterans Honor Guard is partnering with McMinnville Police Department. Officer Michael La Rue had the brilliant and patriotic idea for the need of fifteen American Flags to be carried in fifteen Police Patrol Cars to be draped over Fallen Soldiers that officers encounter in McMinnville during their duty shifts. Police Department Union Association also stepped up and is matching our donation and is supplying officers with an additional fifteen American Flags to McMinnville Police Department. In the near future, the entire community will have an opportunity to visit Police Department Facebook page and buy a flag to support our community. This is a very good way to support our brave police officers and honor our brave fallen veterans. Our service to veterans and our police officers and our community is our duty. Please support our Police Flag Program.

*Angel Mendoza.*

### Atta Boy, Atta Girl

I was quite pleased, this last month as someone ask me why I had not posted anything about Atta Boy, Atta Girl. Here is my explanation, it's not my job.

Each month, each week, each day one of our members or guests does something a bit special that makes someone feel good about being a part of The American Legion Post 21.

Please be aware that news items or recognition of someone having done something special in our Post is all our responsibility, so if you want to add a news item or simply say Well Done, speak with Shirley Brown our Post Adjutant to see when the deadline is for the newsletter to have it published. Now back to it.

### Atta Boy, Atta Girl!

Holding an office on the Executive Board is a high honor of its self. People seeking office are voted on by the Members in Good Standing of the Post each year in June. That being said I wish to recognize two people on the E Board who in my opinion exemplify leadership and dedication which our Post can be proud of.



Commander, Gale Sears is a tireless volunteer, I have no idea of the countless hours he spends doing Legion work. I would not be surprised to find he does 40 or more hours of work per week. More often than not you can find him at the Post, involved in a meeting or just tending to day to day operation of the Post. I am quite sure even if he is not at the Post; he is either thinking about how to better the Post or on his computer or the phone doing American Legion Business.

Adjutant, Shirley Brown is cut from much the same cloth as Gale. She is and has been instrumental in correcting and updating records which prior to her leadership was in much disarray if in existence at all. Also in producing this newsletter, which is now available in most cases the very first part of the month for upcoming events and meetings. Atta Boy, Atta Girl, Go get'em!



Submitted by: *Bob Berweger*

### PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT!

"Texting and driving is one of the most dangerous forms of distracted driving. At any given moment across America, approximately 660,000 drivers are using or manipulating electronic devices while driving, a number that has held steady since 2010. Distracted driving has become a deadly epidemic on America's roadways.

3,154 people were killed in 2013 and an estimated 424,000 injured in motor vehicle crashes that involved distracted drivers. Our youngest and most inexperienced drivers are most at risk, with 10% of all distracted driving crashes involving drivers under the age of 20."



### USS Frank E. Evans Memorial Dedication

Saturday, July 8, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.

Preparation for the Memorial, Dedication, and presentation of "The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration" lapel pin is proceeding well.



Recently Jerry Perry and I poured the footing for the Monument for the Frank E. Evans in the Rose Garden. We understand the Monument is currently under production.

County Commissioner, Legion Member, Rick Olsen has been instrumental in gaining interest by the Yamhill County Commissioners, and the Mayor of the City of McMinnville.

**Please remember the Dedication, Saturday, July 8, 2017 @ 2 PM.** Many members of the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders have already accepted rolls of leadership on various aspects of the Dedication. I hope and expect a large gathering.

*Bob Berweger*

**ADJUTANT:** The second round of nominations for Post 21 Officers for 2017-2018 will be held on 17 May 2017 at 18:30 hours. Please have your 2017 American Legion membership card with you to vote. Second round nominations are **Commander** - Gale Sears: **1<sup>st</sup> Vice** - Larry Brown: **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice** - Terry Ward: **Finance Officer** – Vacant: **Adjutant** - Shirley Brown: **Chaplain** – Thomas Clayton: **Service Officer** – Jeanne Clayton: **Historian** – Leroy Brown: **Judge Advocate** – Steve Randles: **Sgt. at Arms** - Fred Martin, Joe Lillibridge:

*Angel Mendoza.*

### May is National Military Appreciation Month

The month of May honors, remembers, recognizes and appreciates all military personnel; those men and women who have served throughout our history and all who now serve in uniform and their families as well as those Americans who have given their lives in defense of our freedoms we all enjoy today. Thank you for your service.



### BATTLE OF THE BRANCHES BREAKFAST RESULTS

Marines – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Air Force – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Navy/Coast Guard – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Army – 4<sup>th</sup> Place



1<sup>st</sup>



2<sup>nd</sup>



3<sup>rd</sup>



4<sup>th</sup>



Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, at least, it marks the beginning of summer.



**Memorial Day Activities:** Please join us at Post 21 for a day of remembrance. On Memorial Day (May 29th) at Post 21 the Honor Guard along with the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Post 21 Riders will perform their "Remembrance Ceremony". During the ceremony, the Honor Guard will fire a three-round volley, the Auxiliary will perform a wreath laying ceremony, the SAL will recite a poem and the post ALR performs a tribute to the POW/MIA. Along with these performances the American Legion will do a bell ringing ceremony for the members we have lost in the last year. This ceremony is a conclusion to our day. We (Honor Guard, AUX, SAL, ALR) perform this ceremony at four local cemeteries throughout the day. The ceremony will take place between 2 pm and 3 pm at Post 21. There is also a BBQ at the post from noon till 4 pm. The price of the BBQ is donation only.

Let us never forget the ones that came before us.

### Huge Thank You!!

So many people helped so much, I could never mention them all. The Army, Navy, Marines, Auxiliary, Son's, Legion Volunteers, Sea Cadets all showed up to help with the hurricane effort to put on the best breakfast for the United States Air Force.

We left the Army at the base, quickly did a fly-over of the Navy and had the Marines very, very nervous as we raced to beat their impressive total. Even though we fell a few dollars short, I am humbled by the awesome number of people from all the branches who stepped up to help.

THANK YOU ALL!

Dan Brown, USAF Veteran

House Committee Meeting  
May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**Post 21 Riders:** I remember as a young child singing "rain, rain go away and come back another day". Let's just say that singing time is over and I now find myself screaming it. Even though



a lot of us riders do ride in the rain it's not the most desirable conditions. Wet roads are not our friend. The wet roads have yet to stop our members from getting out on their scooters and putting on the miles. Our 3000-mile ride incentive program is in full bloom. We have a couple of members that have reached the mileage needed to get their patch. We also have many other riders that are close to or over 1000 miles. With the trip to the ROMP (riding on military pride) coming up in the beginning of June (in San Luis Obispo) I feel that at least a quarter of our riders will qualify for the patch this legion year. Let's not forget we ride for the Post 21 American Legion families and every time we get on our motor scooters we're advertising who we are and where we're from. We're proud of who we are and where we're from to say the least.

Speaking of advertising there are a couple of establishments in our community that go above and beyond for us. They don't ask for anything in return except for a smile. Over the past couple of years, I feel Post 21 has become an integral part of the small community that we call home. We can see this when we have fundraisers such as the Battle of the Branches breakfasts or the outside organizations coming in during the day and using our Honor Room for their weekly/monthly meetings. I need to stop rambling so I can say THANK YOU to Dave from KLYC (1260 on your AM dial) and CARSTAR on Lafayette Ave. They do so much for us and I feel we wouldn't be where we are today without their support.

In closing... we all may not be veterans but we are all family, legion families coming together for one purpose.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!!!

*Jerry R. Perry Jr.*



*"And they who for their country die shall fill an honored grave, for glory lights the soldier's tomb, and beauty weeps the brave".*

**⚔ Joseph Drake ⚔**

# May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 House Com 4:00 Honor Guard 6:00 p.m.	2 Bylaws 5:00	3 Sons 6:30 pm	4 Equestrians 6:00	5 Cinco de Mayo Celebration Prime Rib	6
7  BINGO 1-4	8	9  Rambling Rejects 6:00	10 Legal 5:00  DAV 6:30- 8:30	11 Hunters 6:00	12 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30 pm	13  Bartender Volunteer Appreciation Night
4 Mother's Day Brunch  BINGO 1-4	15 House 4:00 Finance 5:00 Exec 6:30 Honor Guard 6:30 p.m.	16 Auxiliary Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	17 Activities 5:30 General Membership Mtg. – 6:30	18 Cruisers 6:00	19 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30 pm	20 Movie Night "Why Him"
21 NW Women's Veterans Connection 2:00 p.m.	22 House 4:00  Honor Guard 6:30	23 AMVETS 6:30	24 Riders 7:00 pm	25	26 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30 pm	27
28 INDY 500 - Potluck 9:00  BINGO 1-4	29 Memorial Day Celebration & BBQ	30	31			



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**May Birthdays:** Bill Bennett, Wayne Dykes, Juanita Lucht, Jim Smith, Jerry Terry, Larry Terry, Stephen Williams, Cheryl Campos, Angel Mendoza, Terry Ward, Warren Dunn, Willie Lux, Tony Amodeo, June Knapp, Chick Knapp, Marylou Kellar, Susan Haley, Sylvia Saddler, Erica Dominguez.



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As America celebrates Memorial Day,  
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given their lives in our nation's wars.



*- John M. McHugh*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MAY**

5 – Cinco de Mayo Celebration  
4 – Army Birthday  
14 – Mother's Day  
17 – Post Elections  
20 – Movie Night  
28 – Indy 500 Potluck  
29 – All Family BBQ

**JUNE**

4 – Army BBQ  
17 – Pinewood Derby Race  
18 – Father's Day

**JULY**

8 – USS Frank E. Evans Memorial  
Dedication

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