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Second Vice: Greetings to all Legionnaires and family, I would like to extend my thank you to all volunteers who participated in our Christmas Tree fundraisers. We ended up making \$7,474 for legion activities.

February 2nd we are hosting a "Super Bowl Party" at about 1:00 pm. This is a potluck so if you want to eat, bring your favorite food to share.

February 15th is the annual Chili Cook Off. Sign up is on the bulletin board. Entries must be in at 9:00 for Judging. \$5.00 donation suggested.

March 21st The Sons of The American Legion sponsored Oyster Feed.

March 29th National Vietnam Veterans recognition day. More info to come.

Winter months are usually very slow for the Post. Please support your post.

Terry Ward, 1st Vice

Auxiliary: We have been planning for the new year. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so. Members of the Auxiliary served a hot lunch to the Homeless on January 29th, for the "Point in Time Homeless Count."

We will be holding a Valentines Party for our Veteran's in a Care Facility on February 14th, we will be meeting at the Post at 10:30 am. We are planning a St Patty's Day Dinner in March with more info to come out later.

We will be starting Nomination's for Auxiliary Officers in March, so if you know of anyone you would like to see as an Officer and would do a great job please nominate them.

Once again please remember to get your membership turned in if you have not already.

Debra Loduin, President

Salute to Veterans Golf Classic

July 25, 2020

Open to all players, veteran and non-veteran, all are welcome. Registration will start in the Spring.

We will need volunteers to make this event a success. Planning and committee meeting to be announced.



Battle of the Branches



Breakfast Schedule

-  Navy/Coast Guard – 02/09/20
-  Air Force – 02/23/20
-  Army – 03/08/20
-  Marines – 03/22/20

All breakfasts are from 8 – 12 noon,
 cost is \$8.00 per person – one time through

Chaplain: Here we are in a new year. I hope that all is well with all that see the newsletter.

I would like to let everyone know that as your Chaplain I also volunteer as the on-call chaplain and if you happen to be in the hosp. the staff may call on me to see you.

As the time goes on, I pray that more members will come out to the legion meetings that we have on the 3rd Wed. of the month. I'm always here to pray for you and your family.

Remember that when you were in the "foxhole" or ship and in the air God has been there. I think that you can understand where I'm coming from. I'm there for you at all times.

Also please look into your heart and see if maybe you could step up and become one of the people to be one of the next officers to serve on the "E-Board" We need you. May God bless you

Thomas Clayton, Chaplain

Adjutant: We are currently at 89% and only need 43 members to renew and we will be at 100%.

If your membership doesn't look like this then your membership has expired. Please renew.

Shirley Brown, Adjutant





Following is a summary of News Stories of the most recent identified POW/MIA members from World War II, Korean War and Vietnam.

World War II

Arthur B. Summers 27 – USMC Gunnery Sgt. – Lost January 21, 1944 – Lost after his B024J bomber crashed. Accounted for August 17, 2019 – Announced January 6, 2020.

Pearl F. Barrow 36 – US Army Pvt. – Lost November 20, 1944 Hürtgen, Forest Germany. Accounted for January 9, 2020.

Joseph W. Carroll 20 – USN – Fireman 2nd Class. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for August 19, 2019. Announced January 27, 2020.

Dan E. Reagan, 20 – USN – Fireman 1st Class. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for August 19, 2019. Announced January 27, 2020.

Joe R. Nightingale 20 – USN – Seaman 1st Class. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for August 29, 2019. Announced January 27, 2020.

John M. Mulick 21 – USN – Hospital apprentice 1st Class. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for November 18, 2019. Announced January 27, 2020.

William P. Kubinec 21 – USN – Fireman 2nd Class. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for November 18, 2019. Announced January 27, 2020.

Martin D. Young 21 – USN – Fireman 2nd Class. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for August 19, 2019. Announced January 28, 2020.

Cecil H. Thornton 21 – USN – Navy Seaman 2nd Class. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for August 16, 2019. Announced January 29, 2020.

Warren C. Gillette 21 – USN – Navy Seaman 1st Class. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for August 19, 2019. Announced January 27, 2020.

Korean War

Arthur C. Ramirez 19 – US Army Cpl. – Lost December 6, 1950 when enemy forces attacked his unit near the Chosin reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for September 9, 2019. Announced



The Battle of Iwo Jima

On February 19, 1945, United States Marines, Navy and Air Force Soldiers raided the Island of Iwo Jima. It was one of the bloodiest and fiercest battles in American history.

There were over 21,000 Imperial Japanese Soldiers on the Island, they used a network of over 11 miles of bunkers, underground tunnels and hidden artillery. The Japanese knew they were fighting a losing battle so they were ordered to take as many Americans down with them as they could.

The famous flag raising on Mount Suribachi took place on February 23, 1945 after four days of intense fighting. It was the first foreign flag to fly on Japanese soil.

The Marines claimed the entire island on March 26, 1945 but the capture came with a morbid price. When the battle was over, 6,800 Marines had been killed in action and additional 19,000 had been wounded.

Of the 21,000 Japanese Soldiers on Iwo Jima at the beginning of the battle, only 216 were taken prisoner, the remainder were killed in action. The last Japanese soldier surrendered January 6, 1949 almost four years after WWII ended.

Twenty-seven U.S. Marine Corps and Navy personnel were awarded the Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration in America, for their heroics in the Battle of Iwo Jima.



5th Marine Division Cemetery Iwo Jima in 1945



January 22, 2020.

Mark your calendars!
March 5th
Band of Brothers

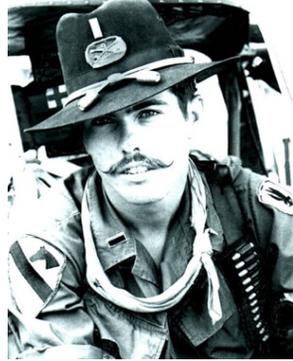
McMinnville Band of Brothers March meeting will be a Tribute to Vietnam era Veterans. March 5th, 2020, on the 3rd floor of the Evergreen Museum Campus Theater building. Veterans and Spouses are welcome at no charge and coffee, tea, and cookies provided by the museum will be offered.

Our own Post 21 former 1st Vice Commander Col. Larry Brown, (Ret) Army Helicopter Pilot with the 1st Cavalry will be the guest speaker. Col. Brown will give an overview of the war which started for the U.S. March 1961 and ended officially on Jan 27th, 1973 with the Paris Peace Accord.

A Vietnam Veterans Memorial, The Wall, was dedicated in Washington D.C. on Nov. 13, 1982. It honors the 58,282 veterans who died in the conflict. (A total of roughly 9 million US military personnel served on active duty in Vietnam between Aug. 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975.) Today, the entire site is one of the most-visited monuments in Washington.

The Vietnam War centered on the desire of North Vietnam to create a unified communist government in the country. South Vietnam's leader, President Ngo Dinh Diem, canceled elections concerning reunification and was denounced by the leader of North Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh. The conflict escalated, and South Vietnam signed a treaty with the United States in 1961 for military and economic aid. Diem was executed after a coup in 1963; however, the war continued until U.S. combat units withdrew in 1973, and South Vietnam fell to an invasion by the North in 1975, whereas all the US troops were completely evacuated.

The Paris Peace Accord was a peace treaty signed on January 27, 1973.



Second Annual
American Legion Post 21 Riders Scholastic
Scholarships



"Riding for America's Future"



Amity, Dayton, McMinnville, Sheridan, Willamina and Perrydale

For the last year, the American Legion Riders of Post 21 have been actively riding for a cause, to create funds to support graduating students from local schools.

The student/s must apply through high school career paths and scholarship application channels and processes. These processes are typically handled by the counseling centers of each high school.

As an avenue to reach qualifying students, the scholarship application will be posted electronically through social media sites as well as information disseminated by the high school counseling centers. Home schooled students will have to follow their proper channels to seek information for the scholarships.

At this moment, there is not a set number of students that can qualify but the baseline amount is set at \$500.00

To qualify, students must 1) complete an application 2) Two letters of recommendation 3) Personal Essay 4) Copy of HS Transcript 5) Proof that they have/had a parent, guardian, or grandparent that has/had military duty (Copy of DD-214 required). No original material is to be submitted with application.

Scholarship Panel: Jim Connelly, Mike Paul, Terry Naig, Sam Fields and Sim Sears.

Application and instructions can be found on the Post webpage at vetsclub.org under the ALR POST 21 RIDERS tab, SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES tab or SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS tab. Application deadline is April 1st.



**Still Serving...
And Riding!**

American Legion Riders



VA now processing Blue Water Claims

The Department of Veterans Affairs began processing Agent Orange disability claims as of January 1 for Blue Water Navy Veterans.

The American Legion-supported Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, which was signed into law in June, states veterans aboard American vessels off Vietnam's coast between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975, are presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange, a chemical herbicide, and might be entitled to disability benefits.

According to a VA press release, survivors can file claims for benefits based on the veteran's service if the veteran died from at least one of the 14 presumed conditions associated with herbicides such as Agent Orange. The law also provides benefits for children born with spina bifida if their parent is or was a veteran with certain verified service in Thailand during a specific period

For more information, visit benefits.va.gov/benefits/blue-water-navy.asp.



BATTLE OF THE BRANCHES BREAKFAST

Navy - 02/09/2020

Air Force - 02/23/2020

Army - 03/08/2020

Marines - 03/22/2020



UNITED STATES NAVY & COAST GUARD BREAKFAST

The United States Navy combined with the United States Coast Guard will be leading off the Battle of the Branches Breakfast Challenge on February 9th, 2020 from 8:00 AM until Noon.

The menu shall be quite traditional with eggs, bacon, sausage, a yummy potato casserole. Potatoes O'Brien, Chipped Beef on Biscuits. Juices, Fruit, Coffee, Tea, and Milk.

There will be a mimosa bar. Bloody Marys' can be ordered from the Post Bar.

Raffles will be minimal, and the 50/50 Jar will be available.

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Admiral of the Fleet: Bob Berweger - 503.583.0773



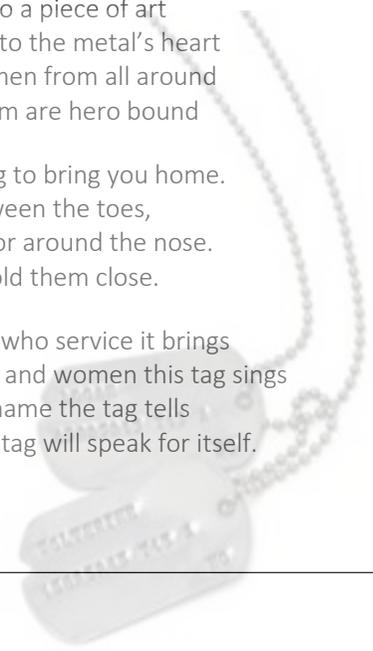
The Dog Tag

Thin pieces of tin carved into a piece of art
Words of honor stamped into the metal's heart
The names of men and women from all around
And the ones that wear them are hero bound

The dog tag is the only thing to bring you home.
Around your foot or in between the toes,
Wedge between the teeth or around the nose.
Around your neck as you hold them close.

A Thank you to the soldiers who service it brings
With stories about the men and women this tag sings
Blood type, religion, and a name the tag tells
The dead and the living the tag will speak for itself.

Author: 1st Lt. James Jett



Air Force Battle of Branches Breakfast

There will be planning meeting for the Air Force Breakfast on Saturday, February 8, 202 at 1000 hours at the Post.

Please attend if you can. All those interested in helping should attend if possible.

PIC: Dan Brown

February 2020

Happy Valentine's Day

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
						1 Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
2 Superbowl Potluck NO BINGO 1:00 PM Dist 2 Meeting - Carlton 2:00 PM	3	4 SON's 6:30 PM	5	6	7 Meat Raffle 6:00 PM Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	8 Air Force Breakfast Planning Meeting 10:00 AM
9 Navy Breakfast 8:00 AM Bingo 1:00 PM	10	11 AMVETS 6:30 PM	12	13	14 Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	15 Chili Cook-Off 9:30 AM
16 Bingo Potluck 1:00 PM	17 Finance Committee 5:00 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	18 Auxiliary 6:00 PM	19 Activities Committee 5:00 PM General Membership 6:30 PM	20	21 Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	22
23 Air Force Breakfast 8:00 AM Bingo 1:00 PM	24	25	26 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM	27	28 Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	29

February Birthdays

John Ambrose, Stephanie Begley-Smith, Charles Bauer, Shawn Brewton, Jan Bryson, Shawn Buller, Denton Dartnell, Tim Fuller, Ysela (Rene) Gettman, Jerry Gilmer, Larry Green, Robert Hana, Earl Harnden, George Hudson, Jerry Hunt, Linda Hurliman, Ronald Kessinger, Gerald Kopczynski, Craig Luis, Stephen Lusby, Raymond Mader, Patrick Mallott, James Marshall, Dave Mayhew, Richard Melhoff, Richard Olson, Alan Schoonover, Bill Spofford, Andrew Wallace, James Watts, Sharon Webb, Richard White, Walter Wright.



AMERICAN LEGION - POST 21
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Annual Chili Cookoff February 15th

Bring your favorite recipe. **HOT** or **MILD**. **RED**, **WHITE** or **GREEN**. The judges are being rounded up to pick their favorite. Be sure to sign up early.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- 2 – District 2 meeting - Carlton
- 2 – Superbowl Potluck
- 4 – Sons Meeting
- 7 – Legion Riders Meat Raffle
- 9 – Navy Battle of Branches Breakfast
- 11 – Amvets Meeting
- 15 – Chili Cook-Off
- 18 – Auxiliary
- 19 – Activities Meeting
- 19 – General Membership
- 23 – Air Force Battle of Branches Breakfast
- 26 – Legion Riders Meeting

March

- 8 – Army Breakfast
- 21 – Oyster Feed
- 22 – Marine Breakfast
- 29 – National Vietnam Veterans recognition day

Battle of the Branches Breakfast



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