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Riders: Cooler Nights filled with delight. Let's keep an extra special watch out for those little ghosts and goblins that are excited to get treats and may not be paying attention to their surroundings.



Football is king now and let's give a cheer for the hometown team. Remembering we were once young, oh not so long ago.

Soon we will be paying our respects to those who served and are still serving this great nation, we should always pay our respect to this great nation and the men and women warriors that served and serving today. Some gave all and all gave some.

We've enjoyed these last couple of weeks to get on our Motorbikes and go out into the beautiful colors of autumn and enjoy the beauty that mother nature has blessed us with. The American Legion Riders of Post 21 are a part of an amazing family and we thank you for your support.

We hope to see you all at the upcoming Veterans events in McMinnville and surrounding communities.

Post 21 Legion Riders
Jerry George, Director

Service Officer: On November 28th at 1:30 Post 21 will hold a Pinewood Derby Race for the residents of Vineyard Heights Senior Center. The residence will be assembling and painting their cars on November 27th. Volunteers are needed to help some of these residents are not as spry as they used to be. Please call Jeanne Clayton 503-550-2095 if you have some time to spare and would like to volunteer.

Thank everyone
Jeanne Clayton, Service Officer.

Chaplains Corner: There hasn't been much to report this month. With Veteran's Day ahead it will get busy. Pray for all of our Vets that are having a hard time at this time of the year. If you know of a Vet that is having a hard time, please let your Chaplain know. I believe in prayer and a God that answers prayer.

Remember all the Veterans that are in the wars going on right now. Our country has always been there to fight for freedom. May God Bless You All!

Thomas Clayton, Chaplain

Second Annual Veterans Day & First Responder's Parade



Come out and enjoy the Second Annual Veterans Day & First Responders Parade. And support Veterans and first responders.

All are welcome! If you would like to participate contact Angel Mendoza. Staging starts at 9:00, parade begins at 10:00.

House Committee: We will be having a clean-up day on the 17th of November here at the Post. We will be cleaning out all the outside storage buildings. We hope that the Post, the Auxiliary and the Sons and the Riders will all have representatives here to help determine what needs to be saved. If it is not of historical value or not going to be used in the next 90 days, we will most likely dispose of it. There are items in storage that no one can determine where they came from or why they are even in storage. There is a cabinet of trophies that we need to determine if we should keep them and if so where do we keep them. We will be sending the medical items to the Lions.

As of today, we have 11 of the bar stools sold but only 5 have been paid, if you bought a bar stool, please get the money to the office. We need someone with some experience to repair a floor tile in the honor room.

We are planning a work party on December 8th to recover the chairs in the honor room, the plan is to have it done before the DEC meeting in January.

We will need lots of volunteers for the upcoming DEC meeting in January so please if you have the time, volunteer.

For information when the American Flag should be at half-staff you can use the following link:
<http://listsmart.osl.state.or.us/mailman/listinfo/flagnotifications> where you can sign up to receive Flag half-staff notifications from the Governor's office. Once you sign up they will send you notification via email when the flag should be at half-staff.

Auxiliary: We held our annual Oktoberfest Dinner and it was a success, bringing in \$700. We will start our annual food and toy drive on November 1st. Please bring all new, unwrapped toys, and nonperishable food to the post. We will be working with YCAP this year to provide our homeless Veteran's with a Christmas gift of a backpack filled with new socks, gloves, washcloth, snacks, personal items, and blanket. We will also be accepting donations to fill the backpacks. Please bring your donations the post.

We will be holding our annual Christmas Bizarre on December 8th, if interested in renting a table please contact Sim Sears. I need to give a shout out to all my Auxiliary Ladies that came and helped me with Oktoberfest, once again I couldn't have done it without you all!!! It is so nice to see more and more Ladies come out and volunteer, and a GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO BOB B. He cooked all the sausages for us!! You are greatly appreciated!!

We are heading into the busiest time of the year, and most fulfilling!! My goal is to help 20 homeless Veteran's and 30 Families for Christmas. All donations will be greatly appreciated, not only by Auxiliary, but the Veteran's and Families we help this year.

Becky B. will have a table of information about all Families of the American Legion at the Heritage Center on November 9th and 10th, she is asking for help from all families to man the table. She is putting in a lot of work and effort to make this happen, so please could a member from each family volunteer to help her? Let's all help her out and show that our post works as one family!!

Please remember to renew your membership!!!!

Same Mission, Same Goal!

Debra Godwin, President
District 2, Unit 21

HALLOWEEN PARTY AND COSTUME CONTEST!



Ever wonder why Veterans Day is on the 11th and does not change? World War 1 ended on the 11th month on the 11th day on the 11th hour.

Today I saw a man selling poppies stop a lady and asked if he could re-position her poppy. While doing so he told that lady she should wear the poppy on the right side; the red represents the blood of all those who gave their lives, the black represents the mourning of those who didn't have their loved ones return home, and the green leaf represents the grass and crops growing and future prosperity after the war destroyed so much. The leaf should be positioned at 11:00 o'clock to represent the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the time that World War I formally ended. He was worried that younger generations wouldn't understand this, and his generation wouldn't be around for much longer to teach them. We must remember those from our current wars too! For those that do not know, the eleventh day of the eleventh month is Veterans Day!

I copied this from someone else, please do the same to pass this knowledge on to those who don't know the meaning and who care enough to know.



From the battlefields of World War 1, weary soldiers brought home the memory of a barren landscape transformed by wild poppies, red as the blood that had soaked the soil. By that miracle of nature, the spirit of their lost comrades lived on. The poppy became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives in war and represented the hope that none had died in vain. The American Legion Auxiliary poppy has continued to bloom for the casualties of four wars, its petals of paper bound together for veterans by veterans, reminding America each year that the men and women who have served and died for their country deserve to be remembered.

November 2018

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
				1 Toy & Food Drive Begins	2 Prime Rib Dinner 6:00 PM	3 Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
4 Bingo 1:00 PM	5	6	7 Sons Meeting 6:30 PM DAV/DAVA 6:30 PM	8	9 Prime Rib Dinner 6:00 PM	10 Veteran's Day Parade Veteran's Day Dinner
11 VETERAN'S DAY Bingo 1:00 PM	12	13	14	15	16 Prime Rib Dinner 6:00 PM	17 SAL - TRI TIP DINNER
18 Bingo 1:00 PM	19 Auxiliary 6:00 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	20	21 NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING 6:30 PM	22 Thanksgiving Potluck CLOSED	23 Prime Rib Dinner 6:00 PM	24
25 Bingo 1:00 PM	26	27 AMVETS 6:30 PM	28 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM	29	30 Prime Rib Dinner 6:00 PM	

Bud Ayala, James Boyd, Larry Brown, Richard Chilton, Donna Everett, Steve Farley, Thomas Fitch, Jack Frare, John Graham, David Henderson, John Henderson, Pat Jackson, Jeremy Koch, Leland Koester, Theodore Kulick, Del Link, Lionel Martinez, William McCloskey, Richard McCusker, Kent Olsen, Jeffrey Pierce, Ronald Ponto, Gordon Pratt, Patrick Quinn, Wayne Sammerdyke, Dale Santa, Gary Smith, Luther Stacey, Milton Steele, Steven Stenkamp, William Tillotson, Les Toth, Mark Vernon



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UPCOMING EVENTS

November

1st – Toy & Food Drive begins
10 – Veteran's Day Parade
10 – Veteran's Dinner
17 – SAL – Tri-Tip Dinner
22 – Thanksgiving Potluck

December

9 – Pearl Harbor Breakfast

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

Vetsclub.org

 American Legion Auxiliary
Annual
Toy & Food Drive 
126 Atlantic Street, McMinnville
American Legion Post #21
Nov. 1st to Dec 13th,
Please bring new unwrapped gifts for kids of all ages
& non-perishable food items.


Giving never melts away

Support American Legion Unit 21 Auxiliary as we support our
local Veterans and community.

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