

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 21

2021

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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Commander: I hope that the Lord has kept you safe and healthy. We have accomplished several things at the Post and with the community.

In October, at the Post general meeting, the Post performed the Draping of the Charter Ceremony for two Post members that passed away. They are Jack Bailey and Warren Collins. Both families were invited to attend the ceremony. The Bailey family was present with about nine family members and the Collins family were unable to attend.

Collins family was having a hard time with the funeral as they were unable to locate the DD-214 for Warren Collins for military honors. In talking with the family, they had located a membership card from the American Legion Post 21 with his name.

They went back to the Funeral Home and showed them the American Legion membership card. He then received full military honors and the family was presented the American Flag. A story that ended with a happy ending. Goes to show you that we help our Veterans and their family.

The Post Drapes the Charter for any Post 21 American Legion members. If you hear of any members that have passed on, please notify me or the Post. My phone number is 503-437-5225.

If you know of any Veteran that needs help with food or anything else, please let us know so we can help them. The veterans "DO NOT" have to be a member of the American Legion. A Veteran is a Veteran. So please do not make them feel that they must join the American Legion because that is NOT the case. We are here to help Veterans.

I would like to start a Buddy Check program where we write, email, visit or call our members to see how they are doing. Ascertain if they need assistance of any kind. There will be NO mention of unpaid dues or collection of dues, it's strictly a welfare check.

If you want to help, please contact me, and help me get the Buddy Check program going. It is a vital program for our members, so they know we truly care about them. In the Commander box I received a note from somebody saying, "We love our post and our commander also." It also had a heart with an arrow thought it. This made my day, THANK YOU.

Please be safe and enjoy the coming holidays. God Bless you all.

Juan M. Palacios, Post 21 Commander, Semper Fi

VETERANS DAY 2011 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11



The American Legion Post 21
invites all Veterans, for a free meal,
courtesy of **Bert's Chuckwagon BBQ.**
(Must provide proof of service.)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Meal hours 2 PM - 6 PM

Non-Veterans and children's meals available \$9.00.
Please come help us celebrate our fellow Veterans



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Veterans ★ Day ★

Thank you for your courage,
dedication, and hard work.
And thanks to the military
families for their support,
resilience, and sacrifice.





Chaplain's Pulpit: As I sit here writing to all of my friends at Post 21, I am reminded of all the wonderful things our post does for our Veterans and all the people that have a part in the running of this great Post. We have come a long way with COVID-19. The other day I heard someone talking about the rose garden and how it all started, That alone should let everyone know how much we as a post have done for our Veterans.

Veterans Day is right around the corner, reach out and thank a Veteran for their service to our great country

As we move on, I'm asking that you all take the time to pray for two members of our post. They need your prayers in a big way. Pray for "Debra JuShae" and "Ron Woodard". May God hold them both up as he blesses them each day.

Thank-you all for giving me this time as your Chaplain. Keep me in your prayers as I keep you in prayer.

May God Bless,
Chaplain Thomas Clayton



Look at all those Flags!

This is the home of two Veterans, husband and wife that served in two different branches. One thing is very clear they both have a great love of their Country. They are displaying almost every American flag that ever flew over the United States, and they have been doing it for years. And yes, they bring them in at night.

I told the Commander, Juan Palacios about this home, he just had to have a picture.



Auxiliary: American Legion Auxiliary Raffle – Newport Crabbing Trip for 4 people. The trip is scheduled for December 19th in the Newport Bay with Cpt. Crustacean (AKA – Gerald Evers) and includes cooking and cleaning of the catch.

Raffle tickets are \$20 a piece with a limited number (100) being sold. Tickets on sale now until December 15th. Don't miss out on the chance for some fresh Oregon Dungeness Crab. For tickets contact: Becky Berweger 503-434-1834 or Sim Sears 503-435-8544

The Auxiliary has also started organizing for the annual Christmas Basket program. We will be keeping with our decision to prioritize Veterans and their families. Collection barrels have been placed in the dining room for donations of non – perishable foods and/or stocking stuffers for our veterans in senior living facilities. It's so heartwarming to see the reaction of those we gift food, toys and/or stockings to. The families are very thankful, and the senior veterans just seem so surprised to be remembered during the holiday season.

Most of us are lucky to be the ones who can give rather than the ones in need. Please join the Auxiliary in making the Christmas season more joyous for those Veterans who could use some assistance.



**American Legion Auxiliary
Raffle**



**Newport Crab Fishing Trip
TICKETS ON SALE
NOW TILL DEC 15TH**

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:
BECKY BERWEGER 503-434-1834 OR SIM SEARS 503-435-8544

Generously donated by Cpt. Crustacean

Crab fishing in Newport Bay for 4
Scheduled for Dec 19th

Raffle tickets are \$20 each

with a limit of 100 being sold

Your chances of winning are great!!

**Proceeds go toward the Auxiliary's ongoing
commitment to our Veterans & local community**

**Winners & guest must possess valid Oregon
Crustacean license. Trip includes cooking &
cleaning of crab**

(Cpt Crustacean is not a commercial fishing boat He is an avid crab fisherman who generously donated his time, boat and expertise)

Activities Committee

Is there an activity that you would like to see happen at Post 21? The Activity Committee is open to everyone. Bring your ideas for the next great fundraiser or awesome activity.

The Committee Chairman is Jim Connelly. The Activity Committee meets on the third Monday of every month at 5:00 pm. The next meeting is November 16th, looking forward to a big meeting with lots in attendance!



Riders: On Saturday, September 9th, American Legion Riders from Post 21 were joined by 100+ other bikers from around the area to escort Jack Bailey to his final resting place at Buck Hollow Cemetery in Willamina. Thank you to all who participated and continue to keep Jack's family in your prayers. During the events of the day, our own Rider Debra JuShae was seriously injured in a fall. Remarkably resilient, Debra is recovering, and we will continue to keep her in our hearts as she heals up.

A reminder to Riders that 2022 ALR membership dues are appreciated as soon as you can get them in, before the end of this year. You may deliver your \$20 dues to Steve Randles at our next meeting (December 8th) or mail/drop-off: American Legion Post 21, c/o American Legion Riders, 126 NE Atlantic St, McMinnville, OR, 97128.

Congratulations are in order for the newest addition to Oregon American Legion Riders. Former Post 21 Rider Chaplain, Rod Moore, worked hard to get the new Sheridan Post 75 ALR chapter up and running. Gale Sears and other officers from Post 21 ALR helped with training and the initiation ceremony. Rod brings a wealth of knowledge to Sheridan from his time at Post 21 and we're all looking forward to their successful growth.

Finally, our Ride Captain/Safety Coordinator, Tony Amodeo, reminds Riders to keep an eye out for those treacherous, slippery leaves hiding in the curves during our beautiful Oregon fall weather. Ride! But ride safely.

Paul Schnell, Director



Adjutant: Post membership is 70%. We signed up 13 new giving a total of 284 total membership. Our goal is 404 members. Leaving 120 more members to achieve 100%. Thank you everyone who has renewed your membership. If your membership card doesn't look like this, then your membership will expire on December 31st.



To renew your dues, you can drop your dues in the dues box by the backdoor, or you can renew your membership from the comfort of your home by visiting <https://legion.org/renew.by>

Adjutant, Shirley Brown



Sons: The Sons of The American Legion would like to thank everyone who came out for the oyster feed. Looking forward to the next one.

The meeting for the SAL is the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Legions Honor Room, looking forward to seeing you there. The SAL dues are ready for collection if you have not paid them for 2022.

Thanks again.

Tony Naig SAL Commander Post 21

TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK A VETERAN

When you see someone in a Uniform,
Someone who serves us all.
Answering their country's call.

Take a moment to thank them
for protecting what you hold dear.
Tell them you are proud of them; Make it clear.

Just tap them on the shoulder, Give a smile, and say,
"Thanks for what you're doing to keep us safe in the
USA!"



The most recent identified POW/MIA.

World War II

Army Pvt Archie Fleeman – 19. Lost November 11, 1945, when his unit was engaged in battle with German forces in the Hürtgen Forest, Germany. Accounted for September 23, 2021.

Army Staff Sgt. William Linder – 30. Lost November 17, 1945, when his unit was engaged in battle with German forces in the Hürtgen Forest, Germany. Accounted for September 23, 2021.

Navy Fireman 1st Class James McDonald – 25. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for February 11, 2021. Announced September 2, 2021.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Laverne Nigg – 23. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for February 11, 2021. Announced September 2, 2021.

Fireman 1st Class – Edward Casinger – 21 Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for October 1, 2021.

Fireman 1st Class – Hal Allison – 21 – Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for October 14, 2021.

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Richard Salisbury – 19. Lost when the B-24 Liberator aircraft he was serving as a gunner crashed as a result of enemy anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave. Accounted for September , 2021.

Army Pvt. Robert Herynk – 27. Lost when his Company attempted to work their way behind enemy lines as part of a coordinated attack against Japanese defenses leading to Huggins Roadblock being established a few days later. Accounted for October 1, 2021.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Joseph Robertson – 18. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Robertson. Accounted for February 11, 2021. Announced September 2, 2021.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Pete Turk – 20. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS California. Accounted for February 11, 2021. Announced September 2, 2021.

Korea

Army Pfc. Don Dowler – 18. Lost December 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for September 23, 2021.

Army Cpl. Marvin Actkinson – 18. Lost December 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for October 1, 2021.

Army Sgt. Howard Belden – 19 Lost December 1, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for October 14, 2021.

Korean War Pilot Achieves Aviation First



From the time military aviators engaged in aerial combat during World War I, their exploits produced innumerable "firsts" in aviation history. One such "first" occurred during the Korean War on Nov. 8, 1950. That's when a 25-year-old, First Lieutenant Russell J. Brown became the first pilot to shoot down a jet-powered aircraft in the first all-jet, air-to-air battle.

First Lt. Russell J. Brown, flying a F-80C Shooting Star, gained a position in aviation and military record books when he shot down a Soviet-made, swept-wing MiG-15.

Although the aerial combat between Lieutenant Brown and his MiG-15 opponent took about 60 seconds, it earned him a unique stature in the annals of aviation history.



American Legion Auxiliary
Food Drive
HELPING VETERANS FIRST
126 Atlantic Street, McMinnville
American Legion Post #21



Now to Dec 13th.

Please bring non-perishable food items

- CANNED MEAT (HAM, TUNA, CHICKEN, SPAM)
- MEAL KITS THAT DON'T REQUIRE EXTRA INGREDIENTS.
(INSTANT POTATOES, RICE, INSTANT SOUPS/RAMEN)
- PANCAKE AND MUFFIN MIX
- CEREAL • PASTA SAUCE • MAC & CHEESE
- CANNED SOUPS, CHILI AND PASTA MEALS.
- CANNED FRUITS AND APPLESAUCE
- PUDDING, JELL-O, FRUIT CUPS
- PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY / JAM
- CANNED/BOXED JUICES
- FLOUR, SUGAR, RICE, DRY BEANS, PASTA, OIL
- SEASONINGS

HELPING VETERANS FIRST

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

CONTACT: BECKY BERWEGER 503-434-1834 OR AMERICAN LEGION 503-435-2218 FOR FURTHER INFO

THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN.

A lone Soldier stands on an open plaza, buffeted by bone-chilling wind. Twenty-one steps. Turn. Stand at attention for 21 seconds. Turn. Repeat. The sun drops. The temperature falls. The crowds depart. The Soldier continues his solitary walk. He has spent every other hour marching in the bitter cold, and still has a long, frigid night of training on the plaza before he can go home at seven the next morning.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery stands on the top of a hill overlooking Washington DC. Congress approved the burial of an unidentified World War I soldier in the Memorial Amphitheater in 1921.



The monument that rests on top of the Unknown grave, is a sarcophagus, simple, but impressive in its dimensions. The three figures of Valor, Victory and Peace are sculpted into the panel, which faces Washington. On the plaza face the words ***"Here Rests in Honored Glory An American Soldier Known But To God,"*** are inscribed.

On Veterans Day in 1921 President Warren G. Harding officiated over the interment of an Unknown Soldier from World War I at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Memorial Amphitheater.

The Tomb is the final resting place for the World War I Unknown Soldier, and three crypts contain the remains of Unknown Soldiers representing World War II, the Korean War, with an empty crypt dedicated to honoring our nations missing. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is guarded at all times. Tomb Guards stand watch over the graves in humble reverence, ensuring the Unknowns rest in peace.

The Unknown of Vietnam was identified as Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie. It was decided that the crypt that contained the remains of the Vietnam Unknown will remain vacant. The crypt cover was replaced with a new inscription that now reads: ***Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen, 1958-1975.***

While on duty, the sentinel crosses a 63-foot rubber-surfaced walkway in exactly 21 steps. He then faces the tomb for 21 seconds, turns again, and pauses an additional 21 seconds before retracing his steps. The number 21 is symbolic of the 21-gun salute.

As a gesture against intrusion on their post, the sentinel always bears his weapon away from the tomb.

Public can lay a flower at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for the first time in nearly 100 years.

For the first time in nearly a century, the public will get to pay respects to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in a way few have the opportunity to do.

Arlington National Cemetery stated Thursday afternoon that on Nov. 9-10, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., the viewing public can walk the Tomb Plaza and lay a flower at the tomb's base.



Nov. 11, 2021, marks 100 years that the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has served as "the heart" of the cemetery.



Raising Funds for Christmas Basket Program!

I'm sure it's not news to anyone that Debra Godwin is always trying to do something to help Veterans.

Well, hear she is again, in the Filbert (Hazel Nut) orchard of Dave Evers. The plan, pickup nuts that are on the ground left after the harvest. to raise some cash.

Result, a valiant effort, enough said. Helping with the effort (but not pictured) Dave Evers, Kenneth Schmidt, Becky, and Bob Berweger.



Post 21 United Veterans Honor Guard At Portland International Raceway



Post 21 very own United Veterans Honor Guard had the very distinguished honor of presenting the Colors at Portland International Raceway on September 12th. They did an awesome job. Oregon State Department Commander Don Weber presented Certificate of Appreciation to Angel Mendoza, Robert Thompson, Gerald Perica and Bob Zeck. Great Job Honor Guard!

A NOTE FROM THE POST!

I would like to recognize Teresa our wonderful cook. Without her through the COVID lockdowns, mandates, and guidelines I would not have ever made it. Teresa's devotion, dedication, loyalty, and love she shows does not go unnoticed. So, when you see her, please tell her thank you!



We will be having a Veteran's day dinner on November 11th, from 2 pm until 6, or until sold out. Veterans will eat free, and non-veterans will be \$9.00. All the food will be provided by Bert's Chuckwagon BBQ. **THANK YOU, BERT'S, FOR THE WONDERFUL DONATION TO OUR POST AND VETERAN'S.**

The Post will not be open Thanksgiving Day 11/25/2021. We will be serving Prime Rib on 11/26/2021. We are planning on a White Elephant Christmas Party on December 18th and we will be Closed on Christmas Day

We are still in desperate need of cooks. Starting wage \$15, and approximately 32 hours a week. If you know of anyone, please send them in to talk to me.

Stay safe and healthy my American Legion Family!

Debra Godwin. Club Manager

Upcoming Events

November

- 3 – Sons Meeting
- 6 – Cancer Bingo
- 7 – Legion Bingo
- 8 – Honor Guard Meeting
- 11 – Veteran's Day Dinner
- 14 – Legion Bingo
- 14 – Finance Committee
- 15 – Activities Committee
- 15 – Executive Board Meeting
- 16 – Auxiliary Meeting
- 17 – General Membership Meeting
- 21 – Legion Bingo
- 22 – Honor Guard Meeting
- 25 – Thanksgiving Day (Closed)

December

- 1 – Sons Meeting
- 4 – NO CANCER BINGO
- 5 – Legion Bingo
- 8 – Legion Riders Meeting
- 12 – Legion Bingo
- 13 – Finance Committee
- 13 – Honor Guard
- 13 – Executive Board Meeting
- 13 – Activities Committee
- 15 – General Membership
- 18 – Christmas Baskets
- 18 – White Elephant Christmas Party
- 31 – New Year's Eve Party



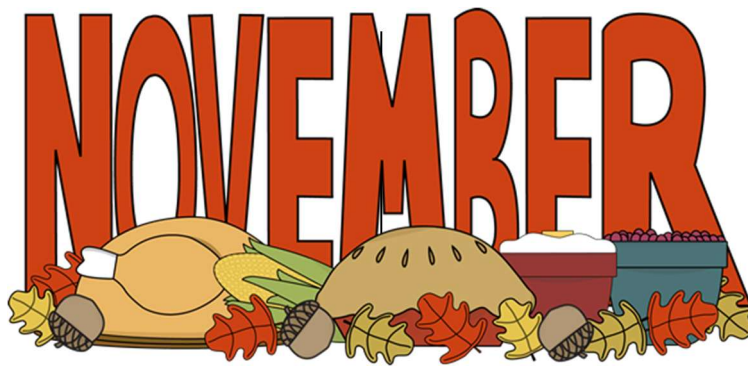
**November 11, 2021- FREE
Dental Care for Veterans**



819 NE Baker Street - McMinnville, OR

Please call **(503) 472-7900** to reserve your appointment. Space is limited.

Mac Smiles would like to Thank our Veterans and treat the most urgent needs to ensure they are relieved of any dental pain, including anything from fillings, extractions, or basic denture repairs. Routine cleanings and exams are also provided.



Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
	1	2 AMVETS 6:30 PM	3 SON's 6:30 PM	4	5 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion KP 5:00 PM	6 Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
7 Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	8 United Veterans Honor Guard 5:30 PM	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Auxiliary KP 5:00 PM	13
14 Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	15 Finance Committee 5:00 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	16 Auxiliary 6:00 PM	17 General Membership 6:30 PM	18	19 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Sons KP 5:00 PM	20
21 Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	22 United Veterans Honor Guard 5:30 PM	23	24 NO Riders Meeting	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Riders KP	27
28 Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	29	30				



Bud Ayala, Tammy Balcombe, Richard Barr, Karen Belt, James Boyd, Larry Brown, Robert Dodge, Donna Everett, Steve Farley, Jack Frare, Joseph Gallagher, Lilly Garcia, John Graham, Bella Gettman, Dianne Hays-Hatch, David Henderson, Gregoria Hernandez, Pat Jackson, Jeremy Koch, Ted Kulick, Mary Laird, Del Linke, Lionel Martinez, William McCloskey, Richard McCusker, Kent Olsen, Karl Olson, Ivan Pennington, Jeff Pierce, Ronald Ponto, Gordon Pratt, Patrick Quinn, Larry Saur, Wayne Samerdyke, Dale Santa, Paul Sloan, Gary Smith, Luther Stacey, Les Toth, Mark Vernon, Ruby Villarreal, Jacque Wagner, Carl Whitefield, Wendy Wilson

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At Large – Bob Berweger

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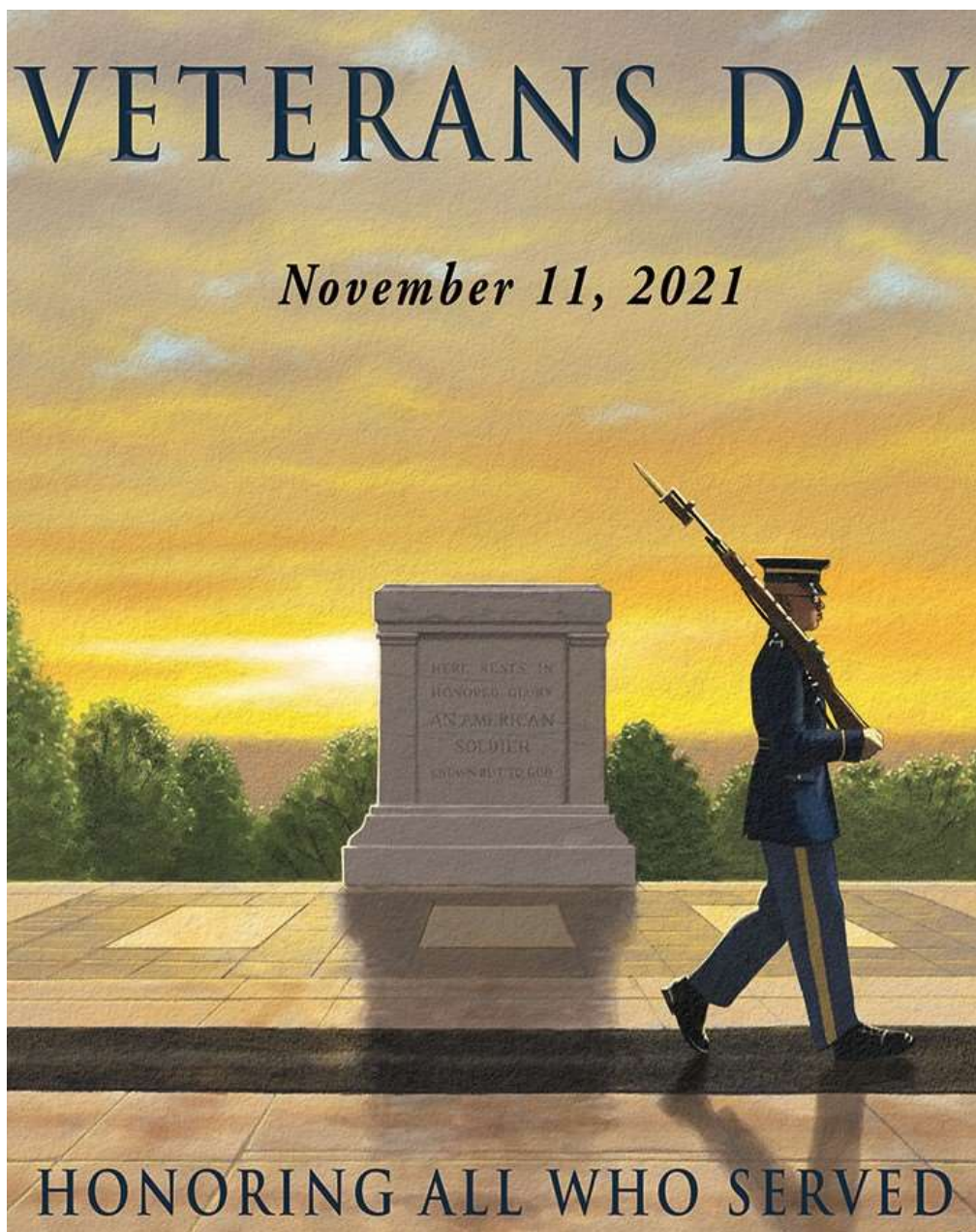
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LEGION**

The American Legion and The American Legion Family

salute our military veterans of all eras this November 11 - and every day.
Thank you for serving America with honor, courage and commitment.

We are on the Web!

Visit us at:

Vetsclub21.org

Please help us by leaving a great review for our restaurant and lounge. Visit <https://g.page/Legion21/review?rc> or just search for American Legion Post 21 on Google Maps and click "write a review."