

# AMERICAN LEGION

**McMINNVILLE POST 21 - 126 NE ATLANTIC STREET – McMINNIVILLE, OREGON 97128 – 503 435-2218**

**Commander:** Hello again. We entered the new year with a good start, I hope the Lord has kept you and your family safe. Thank you, Lord, for keeping us safe.

We have the NEW Post Flag in place. Now we need the Space Force flag to complete our flag line. What a great sight!!

The unique thing about Post 21 is we do not have a membership committee in place. Veterans walk into the Post, like what they see and then they join. A good working system. When our Post shines it shows we are very proud.

We have a new program at the Post. The flag outside will be lowered to half-staff for one day when a veteran passes away. We need to know when a veteran or a member of our family pass away, so the flag can be lowered.

We need members to serve on the nominating committee. The Committee receives names of members that want to be an Officer and provides them with the information on the duties of that position.

**Remember that the Post meeting is on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM or 1830 hours. The meeting is open to any member of the American Legion Family. Hope to see you there.**

God Bless you and your family. Be careful and safe.

*Juan M. Palacios, Post 21  
Commander, Semper Fi*



**Riders:** We've had a great start to 2022 with some Riders already accumulating ride-together miles towards their 3,000-mile goal. You may have noticed many of our Riders sporting the distinctive 3,000-mile patches and rockers on their vests around the club. To earn miles, Post 21 Riders wear ALR apparel while riding with other Post 21 ALR members. The goal of the program is to promote comradeship among Post 21 ALR members while also promoting the goals for the American Legion in the public eye.

Your Riders voted in January to move Don Watts into our honorary ALR membership program. As long as Don is a member of Post 21, he will be a member of Post 21 ALR, and we'll pick up the tab for his membership. Don joins Gene Hamilton and Mike Morris in this recognition. On a side note, national rules allow ALR members to continue membership even if they're physically unable to ride a motorcycle any longer. Once a Rider, always a Rider!

While we're squeezing in some short (and cold!) rides during the winter, we're looking forward to better weather for a couple great events in June. The first weekend in June will be the Ride On Military Pride (ROMP) in Seaside. Then we'll be honored to help escort the National Commander from Astoria to Aloha during the Department convention on June 22nd.

Wishing you all a safe and warm February!

*Paul Schnell, Riders Director*

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**Adjutant:** Thank you everyone for paying your dues. We are now at 97.7%, meaning we only need 9 more members to pay their dues for 2022 and we will be at 100%. Wow, what an accomplishment, the goal for January is 80% and we have exceeded that! The goal as set by Department for February is 85%, I am positive that Post 21 can reach 100% by the next target date of February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**From the JAG:** In January 2022, the bylaws committee made some changes to the bylaws as noted below. The Executive Committee approved such changes on January 17, 2022. The general membership will vote on these changes at the February 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

You may read the old version of the bylaws at [Post Bylaws- http://vetsclub.org/index.php?id=121](http://vetsclub.org/index.php?id=121). After the vote, the revised version will be posted on the post website and then submitted to Department for approval there.

A side note: Auxiliary and Sons are welcome to attend the meeting but are not able to vote on Legion business when the vote comes up. (Article 9 section 5).

Bylaws Committee members: Gale Sears, Shirley Brown, Paul Schnell, and Steve Randles

#### 1-10-2022 AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

**Article 2: Management Section #2:** **Change** (following officers of the post) **to** (following **elected** officers of the post)

**Article 3: Elections Section #1. Nominations:** **Remove** wording "(Article 6)"

#### **Article 5: Duties of Officers Section #5:**

**Paragraph 1, remove** "Provide a 12-month historical spreadsheet tracking financial trends."

**Paragraph 2- Re-word** (As approved by the Executive Committee and general membership, shall ensure 5 percent (5%) of monthly legion "profits" are transferred to the post maintenance ledger account. Provide oversight of external funds collected and held within the post accounts for future distribution.) **to say,**

(As approved by the Executive Committee and general membership, 5 percent (5%) of the year-end post account balance will be transferred to the post maintenance ledger account and the finance officer provides oversight of external funds collected and held within the post accounts for future distribution.)

**Article #7: Appointments House Committee:** **Change** wording from "the conduct" to (the misconduct)

**United Veterans Honor Guard Committee (UVHG):**  
**Remove** – (United Veterans Honor Guard Committee (UVHG): is a committee made up of members of the families of the American Legion Post 21. The UVHG shall

maintain their unit as consisting of American Legion members in good standing.)

#### **Article # 9: Meetings Section #4:**

**Change** – "The member will be allowed approximately five (5) minutes to address the Executive Committee, and then must leave the meeting."

**to:** "The member/guest will be allowed to address the executive committee on the topic at hand, and then must leave the meeting."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2 – Sons Meeting  
February 5 – Cancer Bingo  
February 8 – House Committee  
February 14 – Activities Committee  
February 15 – Auxiliary Meeting  
February 16 – General Membership Meeting  
February 23 – Legion Riders Meeting  
March 2 – Sons Meeting  
March 5 – Marine Corp Breakfast  
March 8 – House Committee  
March 14 – Activities Committee  
March 15 – Auxiliary Meeting  
March 16 – General Membership/1<sup>st</sup> Nominations  
March 19 – Air Force Breakfast  
March 23 – Legion Rider Meeting  
April 2 – Navy Breakfast  
April 6 – Sons Meeting  
April 12 – House Committee  
April 16 – Army Breakfast  
April 18 – Activities Committee  
April 19 – Auxiliary Meeting  
April 20 – General Membership/2<sup>nd</sup> Nominations  
May 4- Sons Meeting  
May 10 – House Committee  
May 16 – Activities Committee  
May 17 – Auxiliary Meeting  
May 18 – General Membership/Elections

**Chaplain:** Here we are in a new year at post 21. I hope that everyone has come out of last year with a new outlook for the coming year. I'm praying that everyone will enjoy all the many things that we have going on this year. Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and the Legion Riders all have many things going this year. In it all we are out there helping Vets.

We lost a few members in 2021 see the list below and take time to remember them and their families.

Jack Bailey – 1957-2021  
Rod Brown – 1946 - 2021  
Warren Collins- 1944-2021  
Jim Earl – 1942-2021  
Brad Hodges – 1964-2021  
Jim Smith- 1945-2021  
Ted Steber – 1933 - 2021  
Garner Stephens- 1933-2021  
Gerald Witt – 1934-2021  
Roberta Lee “Bobbie” VanSoyck – 1963 - 2021 (AUX)  
Donna Anderson – 1962 - 2021  
Ryan Andrews - Sons Member 1987 – 2022 (SAL)  
Linda Ward – 1950 – 2021 (AUX)

I ask that everyone please let me know about the passing of any Vet or family member as I want to remember them all as they are a part of the Legion Family, and we need to be there for them.



# Potluck

**FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> – 1:00 P.M.**

**COME ON IN!**

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE  
AND CHEER ON YOUR TEAM!**



## FOUR CHAPLAINS

It was February 3, 1943, and the U.S. Army Transport *Dorchester*, a former passenger liner that was converted into a troop ship during the war, was one of three ships in a convoy moving across the Atlantic in route to Greenland with 600 soldiers, 171 civilians and 1,000 tons of cargo, equipment, and food. At 12:55am, a German torpedo struck their ship. Of the nearly 900 on board, only 230 were recovered.

The Four Chaplains:

**Chaplain Lt. George Fox**, a Methodist was a veteran of World War I, and highly decorated, having received the Silver Star and Purple Star for his service. He was a Methodist minister.

**Chaplain and Jewish Rabbi Lt. Alexander Goode** was commissioned into the US Army Air Forces in 1942.

**Chaplain Lt. Clark Poling** a Dutch Reformed minister.

**Chaplain Lt. John Washington** a Roman Catholic Priest.

All four men from different corners of the country and varied faiths, met at Harvard in 1942 and became friends. A year later they'd be on the ship together ready to serve.

The stark vision of Four Chaplains with linked arms praying while their ship sank on that morning of February 3, 1943. Today, we honor their courage, devotion, and ultimate sacrifice.

Although the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were later awarded posthumously, Congress wished to confer the Medal of Honor but was blocked by the stringent requirements which required heroism performed under fire. So, a posthumous special medal for Heroism, The Four Chaplain's Medal, was authorized by Congress and awarded posthumously to their next of kin by the Secretary of the Army. It was never given before and will never be given again.

*May we always remember these Four Chaplains Day.*

*Chaplain Thomas Clayton, May God Bless.*



The most recent identified POW/MIA.

## World War II

**Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class John Melton – 23.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Virginia. Accounted for February 1, 2021. Announced January 4, 2022.

**Navy Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Biacio Casola – 26.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for July 26, 2021. Announced January 12, 2022.

**Shipfitter 1<sup>st</sup> Class Charles Perdue – 32.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS California. Accounted for October 14, 2020. Announced January 24, 2022.

**Army Pfc. Bill Morrison -29.** Lost November 8, 1944 when his unit was engaged in battle with German forces in the Raffelsbrand sector of the Hütgen Forest in Germany. Accounted for July 9, 2021. Announced January 26, 2022.

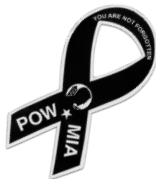
## Korea

**Army Cpl. R. B. Cherry – 19.** Lost November 27, 1950, subsequently died of pneumonia while being held as a Prisoner of war in Camp 5. His remains could not be recovered. Accounted for May 19, 2020. Announced January 7, 2022.

**Army Sgt. Roy Delauter – 21.** Lost December 2, 1950, after his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for January 18, 2022.

## Vietnam

**Navy Cmdr. Paul Carvet – 26.** Lost March 21, 1967, when his A-1H Skraider airplane was shot down near Thanh Hoa, Vietnam. Accounted for March 1, 2021. Announced January 13, 2022.



**Auxiliary:** The Auxiliary is looking forward to planning the 2022 events but first we are focusing on acknowledging those who have helped the Auxiliary be successful in 2021. So far, we have recognized.

**Bob Berweger** – For the countless hours of help given for Auxiliary events.

**Shirley Brown** – Jumps in whenever there is work to be done. Has great suggestions and awesome talents at organizing. Also, the go to lady to create event tickets that make our fund raisers look more professional.

**Carol Doege** – She keeps the Auxiliary in touch with our Veterans in assisted living by planning visits, making countless Lap blankets for each new veteran, and delivering the Auxiliary gifts to multiple facilities during the Christmas season.

**Gerald Evers** – For supporting the Auxiliary with the donation of the Newport Crabbing Trip.

**Darla Gregory** – Running Bingo for decades, assisting with all Auxiliary events and showing extreme dedication by refusing to let a broken leg keep her from helping at the Christmas Basket distribution.

**Steve Randles** – Helped move all the Christmas items from the Auxiliary storage to the Honor room in the pouring rain. Came back on Christmas Basket distribution day to help carry out the boxes of food for the veteran families. Also, thru his involvement, his awesome wife, **Debbie**, came and helped.

**Sim Sears** – Great talent at making the Auxiliary Flyers and was awesome at selling Crabbing tickets. Sim handles the Auxiliary Scholarship program and is a wonderful sounding board during Auxiliary planning meetings.

There are still some others who we have not been able to Thank yet, stay tuned.

The Auxiliary has decided, due to conflicting events, we will not be hosting a St. Patrick Day dinner. **BUT...** our President Glena Smith, granddaughter of a Marine, will be the PIC for the Marine breakfast during the Battle of the Branches. She will be holding a planning meeting on Feb. 3 at 6:00pm.

WE THINK  
YOU'RE KIND OF A  
**BIG DEAL!**  
*Thanks for Volunteering With Us*





Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
		<b>1</b> AMVETS 6:30 PM	<b>2</b> SON's 6:30 PM SON's 6:30 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion KP 5:00 PM	<b>5</b> Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
<b>6</b> Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	<b>7</b> Republican Party 6:00 PM	<b>8</b> House Committee 5:00 PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Auxiliary KP 5:00 PM	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Superbowl Pot Luck 1:00 PM Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	<b>14</b> Finance Committee 5:00 PM Activities Committee 5:30 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	<b>15</b> Auxiliary 6:00 PM	<b>16</b> General Membership 6:30 PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Sons KP 5:00 PM	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>24</b> Newsletter Deadline 5:00 PM	<b>25</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Riders KP 5:00 PM	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	<b>28</b>					

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

John Ambrose, Charles Bauer, Shawn Brewton, Jan Bryson, Denton Dartnell, Jerry Dawson, Jerry Gilmer,  
 Larry Green, Earl Harnden, George Hudson, Jerry Hunt, Linda Hurliman, Ronald Kessinger,  
 Gerald Kopczynski, David Lipscomb, Craig Luis, Stephen Lusby, Raymond Mader, Patrick Malott,  
 James Marshall, David Mayhew, Rick Olson, Alan Schoonover, Glen Schwiezer, Bill Spofford,  
 Andrew Wallace, James Watts, Richard White, Walter Wright

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JAG – Steve Randles  
Finance – Gale Sears  
Adjutant – Shirley Brown  
Sgt at Arms – Robert De Kar  
Historian – Bob Zeeck  
Chaplain – Thomas Clayton  
Service Officer – Tim Anderson  
At Large – Bob Berweger  
At Large – Rich Pimm  
At Large – Paul Schnell

#### AUXILIARY

President – Glenna Smith  
Vice – Goya Hernandez  
Treasurer – Becky Berweger  
Secretary –  
Service Officer – Carol Doege  
Chaplain – Susan Haley  
Sgt at Arms – Gretchen Jones

#### Sons of the American Legion

Commander/Finance – Terry Naig  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Bill Lindeman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Jim VanSoyck  
Adjutant – Del White  
Sgt at Arms – Brandon Lepkowski  
Chaplain – Pete Jenson

#### The American Legion Riders

Director – Paul Schnell  
Asst. Director – Gale Sears  
Secretary – Leanne Schnell  
Treasurer – Tammy De Kar  
Sgt at Arms – Robert De Kar  
Road Capt. – Tony Amodeo  
Historian – Jim Connelly

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*Happy Valentine's Day!*



### **BATTLE OF BRANCHES BREAKFAST**

**Coming Spring 2022**

**Marines – March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Air Force – March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Navy – April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Army – April 16<sup>th</sup>**



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