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Commander:

Greetings to one and all. I pray that the good Lord has kept you safe from harm and in good health. I hope everyone survived the snow and ice that came our way recently without too many problems.

Valentines Day was on a Friday this year and although the weather was a bit of a challenge, many people brought their sweetheart to the Legion for prime rib etc. For that, I say Thank you for including us in your celebration.

Once again, we are bringing the Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall to McMinnville. You can view it and experience it at the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum. It will be there from March 28th-30th. There will be an opening ceremony on Friday, the 28th, at 1:00pm and then it will be open 24/7 until it closes at 12pm on Sunday the 30th. I sincerely hope many of you take the time to see and experience not only the Oregon Vietnam Traveling Wall but also talk with the Veterans who make this possible. Their dedication to this project is amazing and the stories they can share are invaluable to say the least. It's a great learning tool for our children and a once in a lifetime chance for them to hear true life experiences.

May the Lord bless you and keep you safe,
Juan Palacios
Post 21 Commander

NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY ~ March 25th ~



Adjutant's Desk:

Special Thank You to Jennie and Rachel for their work on the website. We will be moving to the new one as the domain for the old one expired. We will then be able to post our Membership Meeting Minutes so they will be available for you to view!

Below is the web address if you would like to go check out the work they have done. It is still being worked on but they have done a great job bringing the site up to date!

We should be seeing the old site come down and the new one up and running and searchable on your standard website browser. Hopefully this will happen mid-March.

McMinnville High School Criminal Justice students are showing interest in the Jim Willis Law Enforcement Career Camp this summer. I am currently taking applications and I am hoping we have a good turn out to go to that camp! Thank you to the families who step up and support these young men and women with financial help to attend this camp!

www.vetsclub21.org (New Web Site Address)

Russ Ludwig
Post 21 Adjutant



Celebrating the American Legion: A Proud Legacy of Service and Strength

The American Legion, one of the most respected veterans' organizations in the United States, celebrates its birthday every year on March 15. Founded in 1919 by World War I veterans, the American Legion has grown into an influential force in advocating for veterans' rights, supporting community initiatives, and preserving the rich history of the American military.

The American Legion was born out of a need for solidarity and support among those who served in the First World War. After the war ended in 1918, many veterans returned to civilian life, often facing challenges like inadequate healthcare, unemployment, and social reintegration. A group of these veterans, along with a handful of military leaders and civic-minded citizens, recognized the importance of forming an organization that would champion veterans' rights and provide a sense of community. In March of 1919, the first American Legion convention was held in Paris, France. It was here that the foundations were laid for what would become a nationwide movement. Led by founding figures like Theodore Roosevelt Jr., the American Legion quickly gained momentum and began expanding across the United States. Its mission was simple yet profound: to advocate for the rights of veterans, promote Americanism, and strengthen the country's sense of unity.

The American Legion was officially chartered by Congress in 1919, and since then, it has played an integral role in shaping national policies on veterans' issues, from compensation and benefits to healthcare and job placement. Its work has left an indelible mark on the lives of millions of veterans and their families.

Core Values and Mission

From its inception, the American Legion has been a steadfast advocate for veterans' rights. Its mission focuses on four key areas:

1. **Veterans' Affairs:** The American Legion has tirelessly fought for policies that provide fair treatment and support for those who have served in the military. This includes efforts to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs, secure healthcare for veterans, and ensure that veterans receive the benefits they deserve.
2. **Americanism:** The American Legion promotes patriotism, civic responsibility, and community involvement. Through programs like Boys State and Girls State, it encourages young people to become engaged citizens and future leaders.
3. **Children & Youth:** The Legion is dedicated to promoting the well-being of children and youth, particularly through its support of education, physical fitness, and mental health.
4. **National Security:** The American Legion advocates for a strong national defense, recognizing the vital importance of protecting the country's interests both at home and abroad.

As the American Legion celebrates its birthday, it's important to reflect on the lasting impact it has had on both veterans and the broader American society. Throughout its history, the Legion has been instrumental in creating and sustaining a range of programs to assist veterans, such as providing scholarships, organizing job fairs, and offering mental health resources.

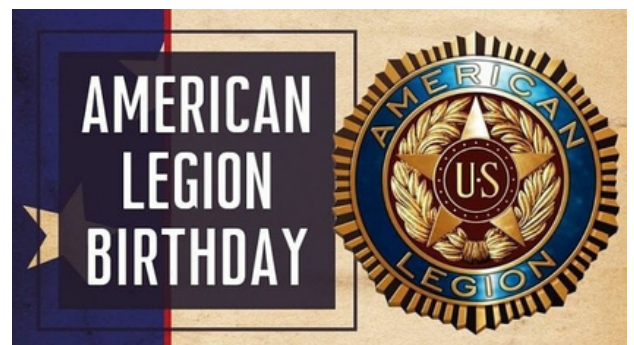
Moreover, the Legion has been at the forefront of efforts to commemorate military service. From advocating for Memorial Day to supporting initiatives like the National WWII Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the American Legion has ensured that the sacrifices of those who have served are never forgotten.

As the American Legion moves into its second century, its mission continues to evolve with the changing needs of veterans. Today, the organization not only supports veterans of World War I and II but also veterans from more recent conflicts, such as those who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other parts of the world.

The American Legion remains committed to its founding principles and continues to provide a voice for veterans in the halls of Congress. Its work has never been more important, as it seeks to address the challenges faced by modern veterans, from mental health issues to the complexities of transitioning back into civilian life.

As we celebrate the American Legion's birthday on March 15, let's honor the organization's proud history and the countless veterans who have dedicated their lives to service. Whether through joining a local post, volunteering, or supporting the Legion's initiatives, there are many ways to be part of this noble cause.

Here's to the American Legion – a symbol of strength, resilience, and unwavering commitment to those who have served our great nation. Happy Birthday, American Legion!





UNIT 21



American Legion Auxiliary
Scholarship Pendleton Blanket Raffle

\$ 5 per ticket-only 300 tickets sold

Large Pendleton Beaver State Blanket



Drawing will be held on June 13, 2025

Contact: unit21auxiliary@yahoo.com or any
American Legion Bar for tickets

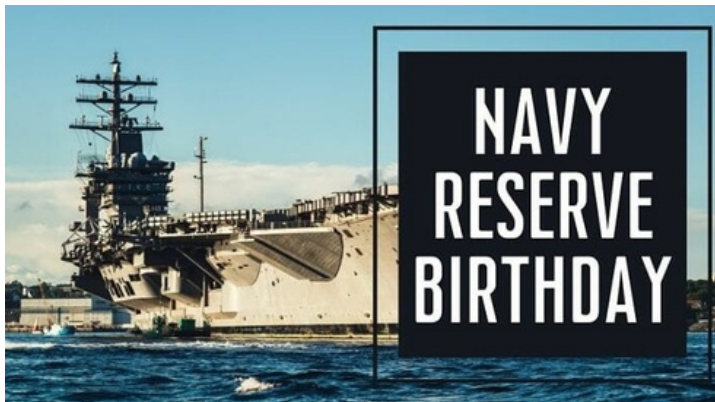
Auxiliary Unit 21 is raffling off this amazing Pendleton Blanket for our Scholarship Fund. \$5 per ticket (with a limited # being sold).

It will be on display later this week at Post 21

Please share and contact Sim Sears
for raffle tickets!

Our Scholarship fund focuses on helping kids in the
community with trade, technical and traditional
continuing education.

Contact your High School counselor
for scholarship applications



March 3rd Celebrates 110 years!



March 5th
Celebrates
83 years

March
9th



With the increase in new customers we want to
take this chance to remind us all that it is policy
for members to carry their membership card, as
well as, show the card when expecting discount
prices on drinks. We appreciate your cooperation
with this policy.

REMINDER: It's time to carry
your 2025 Membership cards
for meetings and drink
discounts. As well as certain
meetings. Now's the time to
make sure your dues are paid
to date.

Vet Tix (Veteran's Ticket Foundation)



Vet Tix, short for Veterans Tickets Foundation, is a nonprofit organization in the United States that provides free or discounted tickets to various events for veterans, active-duty service members, and their families. These events include concerts, sports games, theater performances, family activities, and more.

The mission of Vet Tix is to strengthen communities by giving back to those who have served or are currently serving in the military. The organization also includes first responders under its "1st Tix" program. Tickets are often donated by event organizers, venues, and individual supporters.

Vet Tix is designed to show appreciation for service members and provide them with opportunities to bond with their families, reduce stress, and enjoy enriching cultural or recreational experiences. Members can request tickets through the Vet Tix website by verifying their service status. The platform operates on a small delivery fee for processing tickets.

For more details, you can visit their official website: www.vettix.org.

In exploring the website myself I found some incredible deals including discounts on airfare and hotels.

Looking to go to a Trailblazers or Oregon Ducks basketball game? You can get up to 4 tickets for just \$16.97—just covering the digital delivery charge. They have deals for sporting events, comedy shows and concerts in cities all over the United States.

Traveling? Be sure to check out Vet Tix Member Deals to get discounts on all things travel—including amusement parks, aquariums and ski resorts!

Going to a movie costs quite a bit these days, but Vet Tix can get you discounts on those as well—including the concession stands.

Ever hear of the GoCity Passes—the one price pass to see all the top attractions in some cities—yea Vet Tix can get you a great deal on those as well—up to 55% on certain cities.

Before making your plans be sure to check out all Vet Tix has to offer. It's simple to sign up, took about 5 minutes to access a world of deals specifically for veterans.

Rosie the Riveter: A Symbol of Strength and Empowerment

During World War II, as millions of American men enlisted to fight and millions of American women stepped into roles traditionally held by men, proving their strength and capability in the workforce. Enter Rosie the Riveter, an iconic figure that represented the millions of women who stepped into industrial jobs, taking on roles traditionally held by men. The image of Rosie, with her red bandana and flexed arm, became a symbol of resilience, empowerment, and the crucial contribution women made to the war effort.

Rosie the Riveter was popularized by the famous "We Can Do It!" poster, created by artist J. Howard Miller in 1943. While the character wasn't based on a single woman, she embodied the spirit of the women who worked in factories, shipyards, and assembly lines across the United States, producing everything from airplanes to munitions.

The impact of Rosie the Riveter went far beyond wartime. She helped to redefine women's roles in society, showing that women were capable of handling physically demanding work. After the war, although many women returned to domestic roles, the cultural shift had already begun. The legacy of Rosie influenced the feminist movements of the 1960s and 1970s, as women fought for equal opportunities in the workplace and beyond.



To honor these trailblazing women, National Rosie the Riveter Day is observed on March 21 each year. This special day recognizes the efforts and sacrifices of the women who played a vital role in shaping American history. It's a time to celebrate their contributions and continue advocating for equality and opportunities for women in all fields.

Rosie the Riveter wasn't just a wartime figure—she was a catalyst for progress. Her message of empowerment continues to resonate, reminding us that strength knows no gender.



The Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall is a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. that honors Oregon veterans who died in the Vietnam War, Iraq, and Afghanistan. The wall visits communities across Oregon.

Post 21 is bringing the Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall to McMinnville, Oregon March 28th—March 30th. The wall will be at Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum. There will be an opening ceremony on Friday March 28th at 1:00pm. The Wall will be available for viewing 24/7 from then until 12:00pm on Sunday, March 30th.

What an honor it is to have the Wall in our community just in time for National Vietnam War Veterans Day!





The annual Battle of the Branches Fundraisers are

Who's ready for some delicious breakfast competition? It's friendly, right?

Each branch is competing to raise the most money. Come out and support your branch - each meal counts!!

Each branch will feature their own menu's, have their own specials and run their own raffles.

Army has taken the title 2 years running... can they go for a three-peat?

WW2 and Korean War Vets eat free at each breakfast event.

Grab your whole family and come on down to the McMinnville American Legion and support your local vets!

First up is last years winner - ARMY - See you on March 2nd!

2023 and 2024 Battle Winners

U.S. ARMY

American Legion Post #21

Join your Army Battle Buddies for the American Legion Battle of the Branches Breakfasts

Raffles **Silent Auction** **Proceeds to Veteran Support**

\$10.00 per person Kids 5 yrs and younger eat free
WW2 and Korean War vets eat free

U.S. ARMY Scrambled Eggs, Spam, Sausage Links, French Toast, Country Fried Potatoes, Stuff on a shingle; Biscuits, Fruit Salad, Juices and coffee

Sunday, March 2, 2025
0800-1100
 126 Atlantic St. McMinnville

Veterans Serving Veterans



American Legion Post #21 U.S. AIR FORCE

Join your Air Force Family for the American Legion Battle of the Branches Breakfasts

Raffles **Silent Auction** **Proceeds to Veteran Support**

\$10.00 per person Kids 5 yrs and younger eat free
WW2 and Korean War vets eat free

Scrambled Eggs, Country Potatoes, Bacon, Sausage Links, Biscuits & Gravy, Waffles, Coffee and Orange Juice. Specialty Drinks: Bloody Mary's and Mimosa's available for an additional \$6.00 each

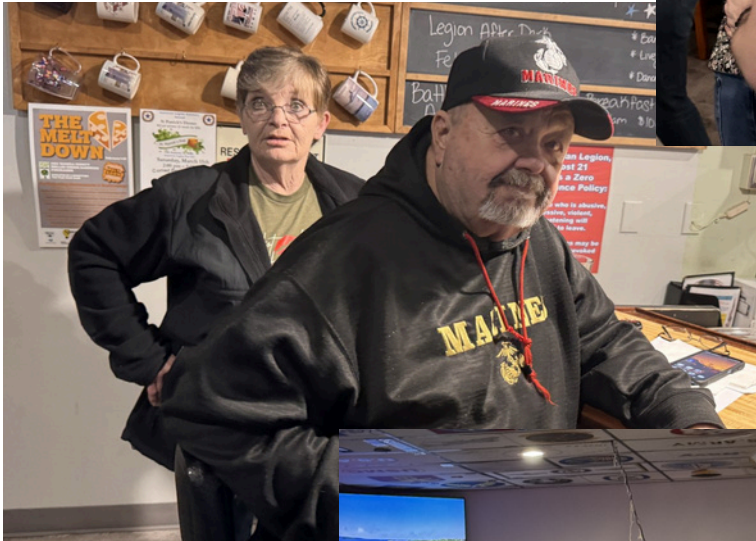
Sunday, March 30, 2025
0800-1100
 126 Atlantic Ave. McMinnville

Veterans Serving Veterans



CONGRATULATIONS!

Double DT





Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency— July Announcements

World War II

Announced on February 14, 2025 that U.S. Army Pvt. Erwin H. Schopp, 30, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for Jan. 24, 2025.

Announced on February 14, 2025 that U.S. Navy Aviation Chief Metalsmith John W. Reimer, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for Jan. 27, 2025.

Announced on February 24, 2025 that U.S. Army Air Force Tech5 William E. Eby, 19, of Portland, Oregon, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for August 7, 2024.

Announced on February 24, 2025 that U.S. Army Pvt. James C. Loyd, 19, of Brilliant, Alabama, missing in action during World War II, was accounted for March 14, 2024.

Announced on February 24, 2025 that U.S. Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Herbert G. Tennyson, 24, of Wichita, Kansas, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Sept. 25, 2024.

Announced on February 24, 2025 that U.S. Army Air Force 2nd Lt. Robert D. McKee, 27, of Portland, Oregon, killed during World War II, was accounted for June 20, 2024.

Announced on February 24, 2025 that U.S. Army Air Force 1st Lt. David P. Skjeie, 22, of Los Angeles, California, killed during World War II, was accounted for Sept. 21, 2023.

Announced on February 25, 2025 that Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Frank A. Johnstone, killed during World War II, was accounted for Feb. 6, 2025.

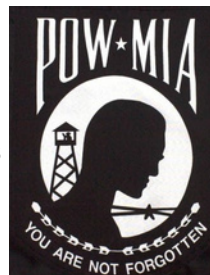
Announced on February 26, 2025 that U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Robert T. McCollum, 22, of Cleveland, Ohio, killed during World War II, was accounted for Dec. 10, 2024.

Announced on February 26, 2025 that U.S. Army Pvt. Ben F. Leslie, 31, killed during World War II, was accounted for Feb. 14, 2025.

Announced on February 26, 2025 that U.S. Army Cpl. Floyd A. Dunning, 32, killed during World War II, was accounted for Feb. 18, 2025.

Announced on February 26, 2025 that U.S. Army Pvt. Mack Kidd, 20, killed during World War II, was accounted for Feb. 14, 2025.

Announced on February 26, 2025 that Navy Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Arnold E. Lyon, 22, killed during World War II, was accounted for on July 21, 2023.



World War II

Announced on February 27, 2025 that U.S. Army Pfc. Kenneth D. Burgess, 29, of Central City, Kentucky, missing in action during World War II, was accounted for Sept. 13, 2024.

Announced on February 27, 2025 that U.S. Army Pvt. Charles W. Smalley, 19, of Waterloo, Indiana, killed during World War II, was accounted for Jan. 14, 2025.

Announced on February 28, 2025 that U.S. Army Cpl. Ernest H. Ulrich, 26, of China, Texas, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for Oct. 9, 2024.

Announced on February 28, 2025 that U.S. Army Air Forces Sgt. James H. Murray, 25, of Hollywood, California, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for Sept. 23, 2024.

Korean

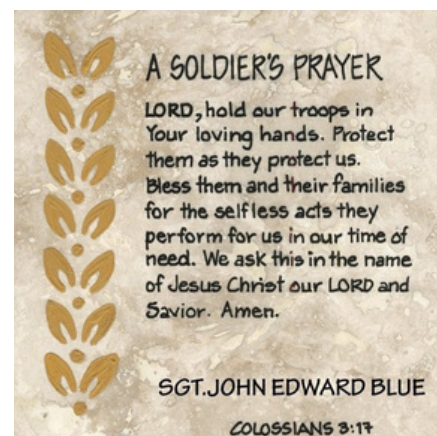
Announced on February 4, 2025 that U.S. Army Sgt. Orace J. Messtas, 22, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Jan. 31, 2024.

Announced on February 11, 2025 that U.S. Army Master Sgt. Luther Grace, 34, of Lumber City, Georgia, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Dec. 18, 2024.

Announced on February 24, 2025 that U.S. Army Pfc. Willard H. Edwards, 39 of Wise, Virginia, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Sept. 26, 2023.

Announced on February 24, 2025 that U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Walter Archie Ross Jr., 29, of St. Louis, Missouri, who died in captivity during the Korean War, was accounted for June 7, 2024.

Announced on February 27, 2025 that U.S. Army Sgt. George M. Barbieri, 23, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Feb. 26, 2025.



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UPCOMING Community EVENTS

Volunteering is the cornerstone to our great organization as stated in the preamble to the American Legion Constitution....”to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual Helpfulness.” We encourage everyone to reach out and volunteer what ever small amount of time you have, it makes a big difference.

AMERICAN LEGION UNIT 21 AUXILIARY

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Is Hosting:

What: Free Veteran's Lunch
When: 2nd Thursday of each Month
Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm
Where: American Legion Post 21
 126 NE Atlantic St,
 McMinnville, OR 97128
Contact for Info: Deb Godwin
 503-435-2218

American Legion Auxiliary Annual

St Patrick's Dinner
 \$13 per person (2 meals for \$25)

St. Patrick's Day

126 Atlantic St. Mac
 American Legion Post #21

Saturday, March 15th
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Corned Beef & Cabbage
Red Potatoes
Roll
Dessert

Support American Legion Unit 21 Auxiliary Scholarship and Community Fund for kids going to Trade, Technical or degree.

CONTACT: THE LEGION FOR FURTHER INFO 503-435-2218 OR
 unit21auxiliary@yahoo.com

Legion After Dark Presents

ST. PATRICK'S DAY KARAOKE

LOVIN' HARMONY
 MAKING MEMORIES

15 MAR **9PM-1AM**

DD IS AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL AREAS

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 21

March 2nd **March 16th**

Battle of the Branches

Raffles **Silent Auction**

8:00 am - 11:00 am
 (Each Branch serving on it's own day and serving it's own menu)
\$10.00 per adult
WW2 and Korean War Vet & Children under 5 EAT FREE
 We hope to see you supporting the branches

March 30th **April 13th**

UNITED STATES ARMY
 UNITED STATES NAVY
 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Cancer Bingo 1:00pm
2 ARMY Breakfast 8am-11am Legion Bingo 1:00pm	3 Housing Committee Mtg 5:00pm	4	5 SAL Mtg 6:30pm	6	7 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Legion KP 5:00pm	8
9 Legion Bingo 1:00pm 	10	11	12	13 Veteran's Lunch 11:00am - 1:00pm	14 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Auxiliary KP 5:00pm	15 Auxiliary St Patrick's Dinner 4p-6p After Dark 9p-1a Karaoke
16 NAVY Breakfast 8am-11am Legion Bingo 1:00pm	17 Activity Committee Mtg 5:00pm Executive Mtg 6:00pm	18 Auxiliary Mtg 6:00pm	19 General Member- ship Mtg 6:00pm	20	21 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Sons KP 5:00pm	22
23 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	24	25	26 Legion Riders Mtg 7:00pm	27	28 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Riders KP 5:00pm	29
30 AIR FORCE Breakfast 8am-11am	31					

Tim Ashley, Leroy Brown, Richard Burt, Thomas Connell, Jim “Coach” Connelly, David Constans, Aaron Covington, Robert Duncalf, Thomas Estes, Brian Finley, Tim Fuller,

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Craig Graham,
Gordon James,
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