

AMERICAN LEGION

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Commander: Thank the Lord for keeping us safe and sound. I am sure we all had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The year has ended, and our Post is doing great. We lost a few members last year, but we are still growing. It must be the way we are doing things. YES, IT IS!!

Our families, The Legion Riders, Sons of The American Legion and the Auxiliary have completed several projects throughout the last year with great success. Our volunteers are always willing to help over and over. Your amazing dedication is greatly appreciated, and it keeps the post working. Thank you very much **YOU ALL ROCK!!** I am sure that we are the GREATEST POST in Oregon. YES, WE ARE.

We are trying to bring back projects we used to do. In February we will be ordering Christmas trees for next year. There are several members that are willing to donate money so we can sell Christmas trees again.

Volunteering allows us to connect to our community and make it a better place. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people in need. The feeling you get after the task is done.

I will end here with a quote from Gillian Anderson: "Be of service. Whether you make yourself available to a friend, co-worker or you make time every month to do volunteer work, there is nothing that harvests more of a feeling of empowerment than being of service to someone in need.

"God Bless you and BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER

Juan M. Palacios, Post 21 Commander, Semper Fi

Riders: The Riders had a state meeting in Sheridan, and several attended to keep things moving along. The weather has been sketchy but a few of us went on short rides, between showers and good weather. The Riders were supposed to help serve Friday night dinner before Christmas, but due to inclement weather the Post was shut down Friday, but I wanted to wish everyone a Very Happy New Year.

I would like everyone to thank a veteran for their service and a family for their ongoing worries for those serving on the front lines. We all like our freedom and the soldiers are the ones that keep us free.

Terry Naig, Riders Director

Adjutant: Membership renewals are going very slow. If your membership card looks like the one below your membership will expire on December 31, 2023.



If you have not renewed your membership you can stop by the Post and drop it in the dues box, or you can renew from the comfort of your couch by visiting mylegion.org.

Shirley Brown, Adjutant



The most recent identified POW/MIA.

World War II

Army Pfc. William Simon – 20. Lost November 5, 1944 when his unit was engaged in battle with German forces in the Raffelsbrand sector of the Hütgen Forest in Germany. Accounted for November 29, 2022..

Navy Seaman 2nd Class David Riley – 25. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for February 24, 2021. Announced December 20, 2022

Korea

Army Pfc. Dale Thompson – 19. December 2, 1950, when he went missing during a battle with enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. His remains could not be recovered. Accounted for November 28, 2022.

Army Pfc. James Miller – 21. Lost July 30, 1950 When his unit was engaged in battle in an effort to defend the town of Sangju, Following the battle his remains could not be recovered and there is no evidence he was ever a prisoner of war. Accounted for November 28, 2022.



The Sons of the American Legion would like to thank all that came and eat at the Pearl Harbor breakfast, to remember December 7, 1941. We would like to thank the WW 2 veterans that came and eat free, there were 3. I would also thank all the people that helped to put it on, the people sure liked what we served for breakfast. I will like to thank the Legion Auxiliary for the food and presents given out to people in need. We had a fun day delivering food and presents to all sorts of folks and help loading in cars. I will wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year, but remember the soldier's on the front lines keeping us safe and to their families at home, taking care of their home front.

Terry Naig, Commander

Auxiliary: Hope your holiday season sparked with moments of love, laughter, and goodwill.

Wow ... December came and went in a flurry of activities. The Auxiliary started the month with learning to make Holiday Table Décor with Jr. Auxiliary Leader Jenni Burkhead, decorating the Post 21 Christmas tree and launching a Hazelnut Sale fundraiser. Preparations for the Christmas Basket Project were hitting full throttle under the direction of PIC, Florian Raqueno. 80 stockings were bought, stuffed and delivered to veterans in senior residential living centers. Food was displayed and children's' gifts chosen and wrapped. Thanks to all who donated food, toys, time and money, On Dec. 17th, the Auxiliary was able to provide boxes of food and kid's gifts to all who requested some Holiday assistance. Auxiliary members are grateful for all the support in making this Christmas program a success, with special acknowledgement to Terry Naig, Del White and Tony Amodeo for spending the day being the "Carry Out" crew.

The first part of December also had the Auxiliary receiving a request for assistance from middle school teacher, Megan Sandmann.

"I teach 6th grade ELA in McMinnville at Duniway Middle School. Not next week, but the week after our class is comparing three different texts (one play, one online article, and one-story book) based on the same historical event, "The Christmas Truce" of World War II. The focus of the text is how each author introduces the theme, "peace". I was hoping to receive copies of the story book, "Shooting at the Stars" by John Hendrix so all my students could partner-read the text instead of watching me read one copy in front of the whole class."

Unit 21 is committed to supporting the teachers and children in our community so 10 copies of "Shooting at the Stars" were gifted to the Megan on December 19th.

The NEW YEAR is here, may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy for you and your family.

Next Auxiliary meeting – January 17th, 2023 at 6:00pm





JANUARY

| Su | M | T | W | Th | F | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 SON's 6:30 PM | 5 | 6 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion KP 5:00 PM | 7 Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM |
| 8 Bingo | 9 | 10 House Committee 5:00 AM | 11 | 12 | 13 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Auxiliary KP 5:00 PM | 14 |
| 15 Bingo | 16 Activities Committee 5:30 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM | 17 Auxiliary 6:00 PM | 18 General Membership 6:30 PM | 19 | 20 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Sons KP 5:00 PM | 21 |
| 22 Bingo | 23 | 24 | 25 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM | 26 | 27 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Riders KP 5:00 PM | 28 |
| 29 Bingo | 30 | 31 | | | | |

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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WWII BOAT DISCOVERED AT SHASTA LAKE

A World War II-era boat was discovered at drought-stricken Shasta Lake. The Shasta-Trinity National Forest shared photos of the vessel it's called the Higgins boat, or "Ghost Boat."

Officials discovered that the boat has "31-17" marked on its side which is confirmation that the ship was assigned to the attack transport USS Monrovia. The boat was also used as a headquarters for Gen. George S. Patton during the 1943 invasion of Sicily. Dwight Eisenhower was also on this ship at the time, and it went on to a further 6 D-Day invasion in the Pacific.

Any restoration will be done to preserve as much of the integrity of the boat as possible and will hopefully preserve it in a weathered 'combat fatigue' look, and that is how it is intended to be displayed at a museum in Nebraska."

How the Higgins boat sank remains unknown, but drought conditions in the western U.S. have led to other discoveries. In July, another Higgins boat surfaced on Nevada's Lake Mead because of the receding waters amid rising temperatures.

The real question is how did these boats end up in a Lake?

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