

# AMERICAN LEGION

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

**Commander:** I see that the good Lord has kept you and your family safe and happy. Thank you, Lord.

I hope that you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our kitchen staff is almost at full capacity with new cooks and bar servers. We have several new people working at the Post. All good people with smiles and a good attitude. So be nice and patient with them, they are humans and God's children. We are all God's children.

It's nice to see the club room full of families and people having a good time. There is laughter and a lot of talking. Children having a fun time with coloring books and being children. An incredibly good sight and sound.

The Honor Room is always being used by people and groups. It's a nice sight.

Also, I've seen several veterans coming to the club and sitting by themselves. If you see somebody sitting by themselves, ask them to join you or your group. It will make them feel welcome and comfortable. Being lonely is not a good thing. Not healthy to the soul or mind. Just by being kind with a few words will put a smile on their face and feel welcomed.

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

**Sons:** The Sons would like to thank everyone that came to the Pearl Harbor breakfast on December 5<sup>th</sup>, we had fun feeding people.

I would like to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone that helps veterans, past and present.

*Terry Naig, SAL Post 21 Commander*

**Riders:** Hoping everybody had a warm and safe Christmas and holiday week! As we begin our new year, it's a fitting time to recognize the Riders who earned ALR Post 21's 3,000-mile patch for 2021. Requirements for accumulating mileage under the program include riding with other Post 21 Riders, wearing ALR apparel, and reporting mileage to Ride Captain/Safety Coordinator Tony Amodio. It's a challenging program, as evidenced by the small number of Riders who qualify each year.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Riders who earned a 2021 3K patch/rocker

**Bob Berweger**

**Mike Paull**

**Jeri Paull**

**Gale Sears**

**Leanne Schnell**

In 2022, your Riders expect to continue our efforts to support the families of Post 21 while fulfilling our ongoing American Legion Riders "Purpose": To support the objectives of the American Legion by participation in events, parades, and ceremonies in service to our community, state, and nation. And to use our association to promote and support American Legion programs. As part of that mission, and thanks to the support of our Post 21 families, we plan to hand out at least \$5,000 in scholarships to area youth!

If you are aware of an event that Post 21 Riders could participate in as a group, please do not hesitate to reach out to me anytime.

*Paul Schnell, Riders Director*

**Adjutant:** Wow! What an awesome Post we have! And it shows, our membership renewal rate is at 93%! Thank you everyone who has renewed their membership. We only need 25 more renewals, and we will be at 100%. Almost made it by the end of the year. Remember if your card does not look like this then your membership will expire on December 31, 2021!



You can pay your dues at the post, or you can renew your membership from the comfort of your home by visiting <https://legion.org/renew>. *Shirley Brown, Adjutant*

**Chaplain:** Well, here we go into a new year. Old things have passed away and we are on our way to a New Year to have fun at American Legion Post 21.

I pray that everyone had a good Christmas. As always, my prayers have been there for everyone. I had one person call to ask for prayers for someone that is dear to their heart. After giving God all the praise, I learned that God was there and blessed them. As you all know I am there as your Chaplain to pray when you feel the need.

Our post is moving along in a fantastic way. And may this new year be even better for all of you. Post 21 is on the map as a great place as we have had national officers to visit us as we are a great post. Give yourself a pat on the back because all the members have helped in making this post what it is today. As I sign off, I pray that God will keep you all safe in this coming year. As always, I am there for you. *Thomas Clayton, Chaplain*



**Auxiliary:** The month of December was another busy time for the Auxiliary:

Crabbing Trip Raffle Tickets were sold out.

Lap Blankets were sold.

Christmas trees were decorated.

Helping serve Friday Prime Rib Dinner

Helping serve a Saturday night Lasagna dinner.

And last but not the least, preparing for our Main Event in December...

The Christmas Baskets for Veterans and their Families.

When looking at the list, it seems like a lot of work but when all is said and done, we had a fun time accomplishing everything and many times we were helped by other Legion family members.

At the top of the List was the Newport Crab Trip Raffle. A **HUGE Thank You** to **Gerald Evers** for donating this trip and for drawing the winning ticket bought by Suzy McCarthy.

Christmas Baskets were given out on December 18th.

Forty families received food boxes and forty children were given gifts. Seventy Christmas Stockings were stuffed full of all kinds of goodies and delivered to our Senior Veterans in several Yamhill County assisted living facilities. Once the baskets and gifts were distributed, the food that was left was picked up by Newberg Legion Post # 57 for help with their gift baskets and a food bank for Veterans.

Again, many **THANK YOU's** need to be said to all the people who helped make the Christmas Basket program possible. So many stepped up with donations of food, cash, and time that it would be impossible to list everyone here. Just know that you **ALL** are very appreciated.

*To All my Brothers & Sisters of The American Legion*

A very big thank you for all your support and good will over the past eight weeks. Your support enabled me to stay focused and overcome my accident. My Heart Felt Thanks again!

*Darla "Mike" Gregory*



The most recent identified POW/MIA.

## **World War II**

**Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Buford Dyer – 19.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for August 5, 2021. Announced December 1, 2021.

**Electrician's Mate 1st Class Edward Conway – 29.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for October 1, 2021. Announced December 15, 2021.

**Seaman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Tceollyar Simmons – 18.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS California. Accounted for November 18, 2021. Announced December 15, 2021.

**Fire Controlman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Hubert Clement – 30.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for October 1, 2021. Announced December 15, 2021.

**Seaman 1st Class Wilbur Newton – 29.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for October 1, 2021. Announced December 15, 2021.

**Army Air Forces Capt. Nando Cavalieri – 24.** Lost February 3, 1945, when the B-17G he was serving as a bombardier on was struck by enemy anti-aircraft fire. The plane broke into pieces. German forces recovered his remains and buried him Döberitz, Germany. Accounted for July 27, 2021. Announced December 20, 2021.

## **Korea**

**Army Sgt. James Stryker – 20.** Lost May 18, 1951, when his unit was attacked near Han'gye, South Korea. His remains could not be recovered. Accounted for August 5, 2021. Announced December 2, 2021.

**Army M.Sgt. James Quong – 30.** Lost December 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for June 18, 2020. Announced December 2, 2021.

**Army Cpl. Benjamin Bazzell – 18.** Lost November 30, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for June 18, 2020. Announced December 2, 2021.

*The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced that 33 Sailors from the USS Oklahoma killed during World War II were accounted for on October 18, 2021.*

To date 396 USS Oklahoma Sailors and Marines have been identified. The remains unable to be matched with individual Sailors have been designated as group remains. The Sailors who have not previously been identified are accounted for in this group and are listed below.

Yeoman 3rd Class **Harding C. Blackburn**  
Mess Attendant 1st Class **Randall W. Brewer**  
Machinist's Mate 2nd Class **James R. Buchanan**  
Electrician's Mate 1st Class **William M. Curry**  
Storekeeper 3rd Class **George P. Foote**  
Fireman 2nd Class **George E. Giesa**  
Chief Electrician's Mate **William I. Gurganus**  
Seaman 1st Class **Robert E. Halterman**  
Musician 2nd Class **Louis E. Harris, Jr.**  
Seaman 2nd Class **Jimmie L. Henrichsen**  
Radioman 3rd Class **Frank S. Hoag, Jr.**  
Storekeeper 3rd Class **Chester G. Hord**  
Officer's Cook 1st Class **Willie Jackson**  
Seaman 2nd Class **Charles H. Johannes**  
Mess Attendant 3rd Class **Jerry Jones**  
Radioman 3rd Class **Warren J. Kempf**  
Shipfitter 2nd Class **Algeo V. Malfante**  
Electrician's Mate 1st Class **Walter B. Manning**  
Seaman 2nd Class **Lloyd E. McLaughlin**  
Yeoman 3rd Class **Sam D. Nevill**  
Musician 2nd Class **James J. Palides**  
Storekeeper 3rd Class **Eldon C. Ray**  
Water Tender 1st Class **Leo B. Regan**  
Radioman 3rd Class **Clyde Ridenour, Jr.**  
Seaman 2nd Class **William L. Sellon**  
Musician 1st Class **Rowland H. Smith**  
Seaman 2nd Class **Rangner F. Tanner, Jr.**  
Seaman 2nd Class **Charles E. Walters**  
Seaman 1st Class **Jack D. White**  
Musician 2nd Class **Albert L. Williams**  
Officer's Steward 3rd Class **Wilbur S. Williams**  
Gunner's Mate 2nd Class **John L. Wortham**  
Chief Signalman **Thomas Zvansky**

## Save The Date:



# July 23, 2022

## Salute To Veterans Golf Tournament Michelbook Country Club

**A note from the post!** A lot has happened in the last month. We finally installed a new P.O.S (*Point of Sale*) system at the bar. And boy let me tell you it has been a learning curve!!! There is a lot of fine tuning we still need to do, so please be patient with your servers. Just remember we are learning.

Our sales seem to be picking up and we're seeing lots of new faces. A new year is upon us. Let's pray it's a better year. The support we have gotten and continue to receive from our members and community is amazing. Thank you all!!

I always try to appreciate our volunteers and members. This month I would like to appreciate our Commander. When Juan is at our post you will find him talking with the customers, busing tables, and washing dishes. Juan has shown a great amount of support to the kitchen staff and volunteers. He has a passion for our Post.

Thank you, Juan, for all your support, and all you do!

WE DO APPRECIATE YOU.

*Debra Godwin*

## THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow  
Through times of strife and sorrow.  
And times of pride and glory  
We were, are, and we'll be  
The United States of America!  
A land of many wonders  
Of every race and creed  
Where fate is based on choice  
And we are free to choose  
To rise above the ways  
That bind the human will  
To the chains of tyranny!  
To the bonds of Bigotry!  
To the trials of anarchy!

Francis Gasbarre



## 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>**





# JANUARY

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Roger Aaron, David Adams, Victor Banke, William Bitters, Danial Burns, Jeanne Clayton, Robert De Kar, James Densmore, William Ellis, Gerald Evers, Steve Farley Jr., Charles Ford, Larry Gannaway, Ray Guerrero, Clair Hutton, James Jarshaw, Dan Jones, Keith Krikman, Stan Kosmiki, Steve Kossman, Richard Lund, James McCormick, Don McInnis, Thomas Miller, John Moahammed, Austin Nuchraska, Dennis Parr, Rex Phillips, Craig Pubols, Denise Rickets, Richard Riegel, Brian Sauer, Richard Skeffington, Sterling Smith, John Stensland, Garner Stephens, Dennis Strutz, Keith Urban, Jim Vanscoyck, Roland Vorrath, John Vostinak, Jimmy Wagner, Mickey Wood, Bob Zeeck.

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Commander – Juan Palacios  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Bruce Peterson  
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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 –  
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  
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Secretary – Leanne Schnell  
Treasurer – Tammy De Kar  
Sgt at Arms – Robert De Kar  
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Historian – Jim Connelly

**We are on the Web!**

**Visit us at: [Vetsclub.org](http://Vetsclub.org)**

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