

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 21

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Commander: I would like to introduce the 2018-2019 newly elected officers.

Commander – Steve Farley
1ST Vice – Larry Brown
2nd Vice – Cody Pankey
Adjutant – Shirley Brown
Finance Officer – Gale Sears
JAG – Steve Randles
Service Officer – Jeanne Clayton
Historian – Leroy Brown
Chaplain – Thomas Clayton
Sgt. At Arms – Ron Grose
At Large – Terry Ward
At Large – Jim Smith

Past Commander: My tenure as Commander of our Post after an extensive military career became the most humbling and gratifying experience ever. The association with those who gave of themselves to build what our post has become and those who continue to serve veterans will not be forgotten.

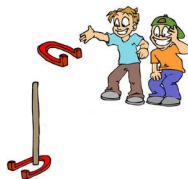
The gratitude my wife Sim and I received for our service was overwhelming. The cumulative reward of the many that supported our efforts will never be forgotten. Holding appreciation and friendship secure in my life, and my future. Thank you all, and God bless you all!

4th of July Barbeque The American Legion Post 21

Join us for our Annual 4th of July Picnic. Family fun for everyone.

Burgers, Hotdogs, salad contest.

Horseshoes fun and games for all!



2nd Annual Salute to Veterans Golf Classic Saturday July 14, 2018, Start Time – 1:00 p.m.

Open to all players, veteran and non-veteran, all are welcome. Registration and payment Deadline is July 7th. Contact Steve Farley for more information

With a \$20 donation you can enter the hole-in-one contest and have a chance to win a car donated by Jim Doran Auto Center.



Legion Rider's: First of all, I would like to thank the Post 21 Riders for having the faith and confidence in electing me as Riders Director. Some new officers installed in the Post 21 Riders. Congrats and thank you to all who stepped up and accepted nominations and a very special thank you to those who served in positions in the past. We have big shoes to fill.

We have been very busy with many things since the sun decided to come out. Fund Raisers, BBQ's, and Poker Runs. We support 3 local baseball teams and had a great turn out for opening day. Thank you for those that went to Opening Day. I understand the kids loved the motorcycles. An honor to participate in Memorial Day activities throughout the West Valley.

Many activities planned this Summer. Veterans Pow-Wow @ Grand Ronde is July 6-7-8 of July. All are welcome. Come visit and participate. The Riders look forward to working with the Families of Post 21 in continued cooperation to make it the Best it can be. Sheridan Days the Riders helped with a poker run, registration, bike show, and games. A special thank you goes out to Cheryl and Ivan Whitlow for their organization and the volunteers. Jerry Terry was instrumental.

Remember with the warm weather comes an increase in traffic. Please be mindful of those around you and be courteous. Be safe. Sunscreen. Hydration. Pay special attention to the little people. School is out and they play almost any and everywhere. Water safety. Pools, Rivers, creeks are all fun, enjoy and keep an eye on your surrounding area.

We have a great Post. Our people and families make it that.
Jerry George, Director-Post 21 Riders



"Attention....."
15th Annual Yard Sale



Donations and help needed.
 Questions, contact Mike Gregory!
 Let's make this one the best ever!

House Committee: The shelves in the walk-in cooler have been replaced, all the lighting has been changed to energy efficient LED lighting. Two new portable shelters for outside events have been purchased. We are working on new chairs and bar stools, but please remember it all take time and money.

We are planning a **Work Party on July 7th from 8 – Noon** to spruce up the outside of the Post and remove some of the brush around the building and parking lot. There has been some activity coming from the bushes as our bartenders leave at night, let's get rid of their hiding spot and keep our keep our Post safe.

We need your help! Please volunteer, we will need as many as we can get so it will go fast. If you have yard tools please bring them, we will need clippers, weed whackers, saws and rakes. We will provide lunch for those that help. Remember, if you have a suggestion put it in the suggestion box by the front door. Volunteers are needed for the house committee.



A caisson carries the casket containing the remains of five Army Air Forces crew members of a B-17 bomber shot down during a mission over Germany in World War II for a group burial at Arlington National Cemetery, Wednesday, June 27, 2018.

**Funeral Announcement for
 Five Airmen Killed During World War II**

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced June 21, 2018 that the remains of five U.S. servicemen, accounted-for from World War II, are being returned to their families for burial with full military honors.



They are: Tech Sgt. John F. Brady, 26, of Massachusetts; Tech Sgt. Allen A. Chandler, Jr., 23, of Oklahoma; 1st Lt. John H. Liekhus, 29, of California; Staff Sgt. Robert O. Shoemaker, 23, of Maryland; and Staff Sgt. Bobby J. Younger, 19, of Texas, all U.S. Army Air Forces, accounted for on Aug. 10, 2017. These men will be buried as a group June 27 in Arlington National



On Nov. 2, 1944, the Airmen were members of the 323rd Bombardment Squadron, 91st Bombardment Group (Heavy), Eighth Air Force. Their nine-man aircrew was on a mission to Merseburg, Germany, when their plane was hit by flak during the bomb run. As the B-17 fell out of formation, German fighters attacked. Witnesses reported seeing the aircraft burst into flames and descend rapidly. It crashed two kilometers southwest of the town of Barby. Three crewmembers survived and were taken as prisoners of war. One airman who was killed was identified in May 1945. Brady, Chandler, Liekhus, Shoemaker and Younger were all declared missing in action. In January 1951, the American Graves Registration Command (AGRC) concluded that the five unaccounted-for crew members perished in the crash and the location of their remains was unknown.

Department of Defense historians and analysts, aided by German researchers and local government officials, located a potential crash site associated with their loss. DPAA returned to the crash site in April and May 2016, locating additional remains, material evidence and aircraft wreckage, consolidating them with the evidence from the previous operations.

Three of the crew, Brady, Shoemaker and Younger, were able to be individually identified through mitochondrial DNA analysis, forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence. The remains that could not be individually identified represented the entire crew.

Of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, more than 400,000 died during the war. Currently there are 72,906 service members (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II.

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Legion Bingo	2 House Committee	3	4 4 th of July BBQ	5	6 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	7 Cancer Bingo Work Party 8 - Noon
8 Legion Bingo	9	10 Rambling Rejects 6:00 pm	11 DAV/DAVA 6:30 Son's – 6:30	12 Equestrians 6:00	13 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	14 Veterans Support Golf Tournament
15 Legion Bingo	16 Executive Committee	17 Auxiliary	18 Activities 5:30 General Membership 6:30	19	20 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	24
22 Legion Bingo	23	24 AMVETS 6:30	25 Legion Riders	26	27 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	28
29 Legion Bingo	30	31				

July Birthdays!



Scott Allen, Clifford Anderson, James Baker, Hayden Bonnett, Carol Brown, Robert Cox, James Craig, Donald Cronin, Bet Cronk, Randi Douglas, Alan French, Walter Fuller, James Galbreath, Debra Godwin, Richard Gregory, Edwin Harris, Dorothy Henderson, Gary Jewett, Jean Kenny, Rory Lay, Jared Leslie, Gene Lowrance, Kathy Lucht, Chester McDonough, Richard McJunkin, Vernon Medeiros, Wallace Mekkers, Richard Moffitt, Jeffrey Monahan, Irving Neeld, Kevin O'Connor, Juan Palacios, Christopher Parks, Bruce Petersen, Phil Prater, Lyman Reed, Teri Richards, Douglas Ridgeway, Kenneth Rogers, Tim Rosenbalm, Allen Schmidt, Thomas Self, Alice Slaughter, Michael Slipper, Curtis Talmadge, Rudy Taron, Chris Trudo, Anne Trujillo, Austin Warner, JoAnne Wilgus

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July

- 4 – July 4th Barbeque
- 7 – Work Crew
- 14 – Veterans Support Golf
Tournament
- 28 – Dayton “68” reunion

August

- 10-12 – Auxiliary Yard Sale
- 25 – Riders Poker Run

September

- 14-15 – Pinewood Derby

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AMERICA