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**Commander:** Welcome to Summer. Your post is supporting a number of youth and veteran activities as you have read in recent newsletters or online at: <http://www.vetsclub.org>

As we move into July the 2017-18 membership, renewals from National headquarters will begin to pour in via mail. Renewing through National provides no financial support to your post. Renewal received by National after posting are returned to Department of Oregon and not credited back to your post.

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Join your fellow veterans and families as we move through the remainder of the year. Keep an eye on our website and don't miss a thing.

Gale Sears

Son's: The State Commander of the Son's, Marc Chaney was at our last meeting to swear in your new officers:

- Commander – Angel Mendoza
- 1st Vice – Steve Kindel
- 2nd Vice – Virgil Lucht
- Adjutant/Finance – Terry Naig
- Sgt at Arms – Brandon Lepkowksi
- Chaplain – Adam Finnicum



We would like to thank the State Commander for coming in and performing the swearing in ceremony for our new officers.

I would like to invite all S.A.L. members to come to the next meeting on July 5 at 6:30 pm.

Terry Naig - Adjutant

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The House Committee is excited to announce a new volunteer program. Volunteers will no longer have to either join the House Committee or attend House Committee meetings in order to help. Volunteers will also get to choose their projects from a posted list and have fun with their American Legion Projects.

Thank you, House Committee Chair  
 Angel Mendoza

## 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Rama Festival! July 7 & 8, 2017

Support Dave from KLYC for the Biggest Turkey Contest during the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Rama Festival. The Annual Turkey Rama Festival is one of McMinnville's oldest traditions! The Festival hosts the "World's Largest Turkey BBQ" and volunteers are being sought for numerous duties including cooking and serving. This is an important event for the Post to extend awareness of The American Legion and to help get our name out to the community. Please help out if you can,





## Legionnaire of the Year

The award is presented to the winner in recognition of outstanding Leadership Service as a member of The American Legion benefiting our Community, State and Nation.

This year we have four members who have been nominated for Post 21 Legionnaire of the Year by the committee. Please come show your support and vote on who you think should be our Legionnaire of the Year! Voting will take place at the next membership meeting on July 19, 2017.

**Sons of the American Legion:** We have installed new officers for upcoming year. We are looking forward to work with all other American Legion Post 21 Families in the near future. We are happy to announce we had Terry Naig as last year's winner volunteering more hours than any other member to ALL American Legion Post 21 Families.  
S.A.L. Commander  
Angel Mendoza

**First Vice Commander:**  
A job well done for Post 21 Auxiliary for doing a great job on the Father's Day Brunch, over 100 meals were served.

Another shout out, this one to Thomas & Jeannie Clayton for a great success with the First Annual Pinewood Derby, can't wait until next year!

Terry Ward.



With great respect  
In our hearts,  
Let us give our thanks  
To all the great soldiers  
Who make our land free  
On this Fourth of July!



Day is Done...  
Gone the Sun...  
From the Hills...  
From the Plains...  
From the Sky...  
All is Well...  
Safely Rest...  
God is Nigh...

**Honor Guard:** has been extremely busy with Full Military Honors. We offer our condolences to the family of Fred Carl and sent him on with full Military Honors. Fred Carl proudly served in the United States Navy and was a member of American Legion Post 21.

God Bless, Commander  
Angel Mendoza

**Service Officer:** Want to extend a special thank you to Jerry Perry, Rich Pimm, Terry Ward, Thomas Clayton, Erica, Gina, Bud & Jeanne Ayala for all their help making the derby race a successful event. We all had a great time and are looking forward to next year. Race results will be posted in the club hopefully before July 1st.

Shirley & Dan your donation of the medals was greatly appreciated. This was a team effort.

On a personal note, I look forward to another year as your service officer.

Jeanne Clayton

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A note from the Auxiliary President!!  
Convention has come and gone. It was an honor for me to go and represent Unit 21. I learned a lot, and have found that we have several programs that we need to get put in to place. My goal is to be at the front of the class at the next convention. Unit 21 received the highest award for membership for the State of Oregon, reaching our goal at 113%. We are asking for donations for our annual yard sale to be held the first weekend in August. So please if you have good, clean items you would like to donate bring them to the post. I have seen such a wonderful increase in members willing to donate time for special functions within our post. I would like to personally thank each and every one for all the hard work and determination you all have been putting in to make our post the best!!!!!!  
ALA Unit 21 President,  
Debra Godwin

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**Legion Riders:** Praise the higher power, the weather is changing for the better and we may be able to put away our rain gear until fall!

We've been busy this last month. We had 10 members make it down to San Luis Obispo for the Western ROMP (Riding On Military Pride) the first weekend of June. For the exception of a couple members having some mechanical issues it was a great time and most importantly everyone made the trip safely. We got to kindle some old friendships as well as make some new friends. We're already looking forward to next year's ROMP in Bellingham, WA.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June one of our own, Gale Sears was our recipient for the "Ride for the Alive". The Ride for the Alive



recognizes veterans that continue to help veterans. It was hosted by Post 10 in Albany this year. We had nine members make the trek down to Post 10 to help Gale celebrate his achievement. Gale was awarded a plaque for his service to other veterans. Even though Gale was our recipient this year we had many other members that would have been just as "worthy". Veterans are the past, present and future of the American Legion families and community. With the help from members like Gale and others our local veterans will always have a helping hand.

We also participated in the Sheridan Days activities on the 17<sup>th</sup>. We had members helping the Whitlows with registration, poker ride stops, raffle and 50/50 ticket sales and the bike games. This is a chance for us each year to get out into the community and be seen as an organization.

At times, we do not realize the effort that it takes from many members to put on such events. Without everyone working as a team to achieve a goal we wouldn't be where we are today. Saying that, I would like to thank everyone that puts in the time in front and behind the scenes to make our organization a success.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!!!



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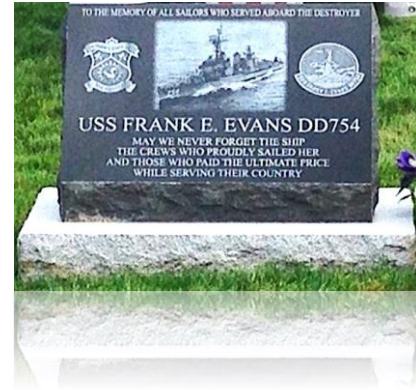
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## Frank E. Evans Memorial Dedication

July 8, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.



The American Legion Post 21 has been selected to place a monument in its Rose Garden to remember the 74 sailors lost at Sea. The dedication ceremony is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. in the south parking lot.

When you show up for the dedication ceremony please note that parking will be at a premium and members are asked to car pool and NOT to park on the south side of the building but instead are asked to park in the field on the south side of the Post or on the gravel street in the subdivision.

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That makes him stand apart.  
There is strength in a Soldier  
That beats his heart.

A Soldier isn't a title any man can be hired to do.  
Soldier is the soul of that man, buried deep inside you.

A Soldier's job isn't finished  
After an 8-hour day or 40 hour week.

A Soldier is always a Soldier even while he sleeps.

A Soldier served his country first and his life is left behind.  
A Soldier has to Sacrifice what comes first in a civilians mind.

You are a Soldier – I am saying this to you.

Thank God for every Soldier  
Thank God for what you do.



## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Barbeque

The American Legion  
Post 21

Join us for our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic.  
Family Fun for everyone.  
Burgers, dogs, Horseshoe Tournament,  
fun and games for all!



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# July



# 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  Cancer Bingo 1:00
2  BINGO 1-4	3 House Com 4:00 Honor Guard 6:00 p.m.	4 4 <sup>th</sup> of July BBQ	5 Son's – 6:30	6  Equestrians 6:00	7  Prime Rib Dinner 6:30	8 USS Frank E Evans Memorial Dedication 2:00 Turkey BBQ Sales Movie Night
9  BINGO 1-4	10	11	12  Legal Committee	13  Hunters 6:00	14  Prime Rib Dinner 6:30	15
16  BINGO 1-4	17 House 4:00 Finance 5:00 Exec 6:30	18 Auxiliary 6 pm	19 Activities Mtg. 5:30  Membership 6:30	20	21  Prime Rib Dinner 6:30	22
23  BINGO 1-4	24	25 AMVETS 6:30	26 Riders 7:00	27	28  Prime Rib Dinner 6:30	29 Baseball BBQ
30	31					

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### Happy Birthday and more to all of you!

**July Birthdays:** Jim Baker, Alice Slaughter, Bill Hurliman, Susan Price, Teri Richards, Judy Whitecomb, Lorna Newberg, Chris Trudo, Randi Douglas, Debra Godwin, Kathryn Lucht, Jean Kenny, Larry Beaudry, Jeanne Willus.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### JULY

8 – USS Frank E. Evans  
Memorial Dedication.  
29 – End of Season Baseball  
Barbeque

#### AUGUST

4-6-6 – Auxiliary Yard Sale  
19 – Movie Night

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