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SEPTEMBER

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Commander: I hope that God has kept you safe and sound. Just a reminder that all American Legion families are welcome to attend the general meeting, which are on the third Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. monthly. Hope to see you there.

You have heard the term "We do not leave anybody behind": When my son passed away a few weeks ago, The American Legion Riders Post 21 answered the call by escorting him and my family to Willamette National Cemetery. They never left any of my family behind while enroute to the cemetery. Also, the American Legion Rider from Post 57 Newberg, Post 58 Stayton and Post 10 Albany assisted with the escort. On our arrival, the Oregon Patriot Riders, were in place with a Flag Line. All standing at attention with American Flags. We were so HONORED.

Willamette National Cemetery did a flag folding ceremony and presented it to his mother. They also present a flag to his wife without the flag folding ceremony. The United Veterans Honor Guard Post 21 did a flag folding ceremony and presented it to her at the post.

The Post kitchen did a fantastic job with feeding my family. The food was great and enjoyed by my family and friends. Thank you very much to all. I am proud to say that the American Legion never leaves anybody behind, and I am very proud to be an American Legion Legionnaire.

As I was sitting in the Post dining room having breakfast, I saw a sign that said, "STAY LONG- TALK MUCH". The atmosphere was filled with laughter and talking. They all were having a good time, staying long and talking much. Beautiful!!

Did you know that the Bingo games start off with the pledge of allegiance? It is well attended and they are very serious about their games. After the pledge of allegiance, the room gets quiet and the only person talking is the person announcing the numbers. The silence is broken by the words "BINGO"!!

In closing I would like to end with a quote by C.S. Lewis "True humility is not thinking less of yourself: it is thinking of yourself less".

Juan M. Palacios, Post 21 Commander

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Chaplain's Pulpit, well here we come to another month gone. I hope all of our legion members are safe. The club is open and ready to see you to get some good food and a time to visit with other members. We have a lot of things going on this coming month.

Please take the time and thank a vet as they come home from another war that is over. I remember how it was when I came home from the war. I needed to be with other vets that knew what I was going through on being back home from the war. I found the lord but before that I found other vets that knew how to help me at my time of need.

I know that many of them are going to be mad because we didn't win this war, so I say please be there to help them out. We as members of American Legion Post 21 can be there to get them into the post that can be there to help them. As your chaplain I can be a help to everyone that calls on me. I have been there and done that. I found my help in the Lord, but I know that some don't care about this. But I want to help you anyway I can. Please call me if you need to talk.

Post 21 is a very strong legion to belong to. Let them come one and all. May the good Lord be with you as you walk after the war. We have many good members of this post that are there to help you. As always, I'm praying for all of you as you walk in your way.

Chaplain Thomas Clayton

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Chaplain Thomas Clayton, Army/Navy Vet.

2022 Membership Renewal

Why is renewing Now important?

1. Your dues partially fund the Legion Programs on the National, Department and Local level.
2. Your Dues fund our monthly newsletter and the purchase of flags for our post and the bridge display.
3. Membership numbers are important when The American Legion Caucasus congress on important veteran issues, such as being instrumental in allowing all veterans, no matter when they served, to join The American Legion.





The most recent identified POW/MIA.

World War II

Navy Seaman 1st Class Biacio Casola – 26. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for July 26, 2021. Announced August 3, 2021.

Army Air Force 2nd Lt. Henry Mitchell – 22. Lost July 8, 1944, when the P-38 Lightning Fighter, he was flying was shot down outside of Venna, Austria. He was never heard from again. In the Spring of 2021, the DPAA was given permission to excavate the site where Lt. Mitchell crashed and recovered what they believed was Lt. Mitchell's remains. Accounted for January 13, 2021. Announced August 3, 2021.

Navy Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Herman Schmidt – 28. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for January 13, 2021. Announced August 10, 2021.

Army Sgt. Larry Wassil – 33. Lost December 28, 1944, during the Hurtgen Forest offensive when three-man reconnaissance team he was leading came under enemy fire forcing them to scatter. When the gunfire stopped, the other two men found each other but were unable to find Sgt. Wassil. No remains were found, and he was never heard from again. Accounted for July 27, 2021 – Announced August 10, 2021.

Marine Pfc. Charles Taylor – 26. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for July 26, 2021. Announced August 11, 2021.

Navy Machinist's Mate 1st Class Harold Carney – 23. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for November 19, 2015. Announced August 12, 2021.

Navy Seaman 1st Class Edward Talbert – 19. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for August 5, 2021. Announced August 25, 2021.

Navy Electrician's Mate 1st Class Harvey Herber – 34. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for July 22, 2021. Announced August 25, 2021.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Richard Horrigan – 24. Lost April 19, 1945, when his P-47D Thunderbolt fighter was hit by anti-aircraft fire during a strafing run on enemy planes parked at Alt Lönnewitz Airfield, Germany. Accounted for August 19, 2021.

Navy Seaman 1st Class Joseph Rouse - 23. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for July 22, 2021. Announced August 25, 2021.

Gone But Not Forgotten!

Riders: Great events coming up for the Riders AND Post 21! Before you break out the burgers and dogs on Labor Day, please join us in a 95th birthday ride-by salute to Jim Black, Sr, a WWII veteran who earned a Purple Heart for action in Okinawa. We will be gathering at Post 21 around 9 AM on Monday, September 6th, and leaving at 9:45 AM. His home is close-by so it will be a short but worthwhile trip. United Veterans Honor Guard will be at Jim's home to provide a patriotic backdrop to this mission. ALL vehicles welcome!

Then, on Saturday, September 18th, our Annual ALR Scholarship Poker Run and Raffle takes place with the help of all the members and families of Post 21. Registration starts at 8 AM and the club will be serving breakfast burritos. Last bike/car out at 10 AM and this year's route, while shorter than some of our runs in the past, definitely includes some of the twistiest roads in the hills and valleys around Yamhill and Washington counties. We'll return for a great cookout and amazing prizes donated by area businesses and Legion members. All vehicles, all drivers, and riders, ALL are welcome to play along and support national and local youth scholarships for families of veterans.

Riders stayed busy in August too, participating in events throughout the Willamette Valley. A few Riders attended the arrival of a B-17 at McNary Field in Salem, participating in a perfect flag line led by Patriot Guard and Legion Riders from the area. Bob Berweger has a ton of great pictures to share. We also had fantastic participation in the Chris Sieber-led Lemonade Run around Mac on the 21st. We didn't hit our goal of 19 stands, but we did as many as old bladders could handle.

Paul Schnell, Director



House Committee: If you've seen some of us on a ladder working in the ceiling – we are upgrading our security system. Please excuse the dust.

As fall quickly approaches we will soon will be working on a remedy to "Lake Legion", and hopefully finding a permanent fix to drain our parking lot.

Dan Brown, House Committee.



AROUND THE POST

On August 30th, Jim Connelly, Terry Naig, Jim McInnis, Jim Wyffels, and me Bob Berweger had the opportunity to participate in "The American Spirit Week" honoring ALL Veterans, particularly World War II Veterans, at McNary Field in Salem. The B-17 Alliance Foundation hosted the world-famous flying Fortress B-17 Bomber.

We participated in a flag line honoring veterans and in attendance was a WWII veteran who had her 98th Birthday in October.

One of those times when being retired, (old) pays off. We joined several other Posts to form a flag line for the ceremony.

Bob Berweger, Member at Large



AIRCRAFT HISTORY: B-17G FLYING FORTRESS SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

Wartime Mission: Designed for daylight precision bombing, B-17s flew unescorted bombing missions over Europe for much of the war. B-17s were legendary for their ability to return home after taking brutal poundings. They dropped over 640,000 tons of bombs over Europe. A total of 12,731 B-17s produced by Boeing, Vega, and Douglas. Sentimental Journey is one of only five B-17s around the world actively flying today and was built in November 1944. After World War II, B-17s were used for other military purposes including photomapping, atmospheric nuclear weapon testing drone control, fighting forest fires, and other civilian purposes.



The B-17 Alliance Foundation

Serving as a service station canopy in Milwaukie, Oregon for over 67 years, the WWII B-17G Flying Fortress now known as the "Lacey Lady" is undergoing complete restoration to airworthy condition at the Salem, Oregon airport.

Opened in January 2015, Hangar "C" at historic McNary Field houses the B-17 Alliance Foundation Museum and restoration facility where you can watch our volunteers work towards restoring our iconic aircraft piece by piece.

Established in 2006, the B-17 Alliance Foundation was created to restore the famous "Milwaukie Gas Station Bomber" and return the B-17G Flying Fortress to its original flying glory. The alliance mission quickly expanded to a three-part vision to Preserve, Educate, and Inspire our community. This B-17G Flying Fortress will fly again to Honor the American Spirit of a Great Generation.

The B-17G Flying Fortress, Lacey Lady, was flown to Oregon in 1947 on a \$5.00 bet by Art Lacey. Lacey flew the B-17G Flying Fortress from Altus, Oklahoma to Troutdale, Oregon to become the legendary "Milwaukie Gas Station Bomber" along the superhighway in Milwaukie, Oregon.

The Lacey Lady is the most intact wartime B-17 Flying Fortress in the world under restoration today and holds the lowest amount of engine hours of any B-17 still in existence. The foundation really is an "Alliance," working across the nation in collaboration with many partners to bring WWII aircraft back to the skies.

Fewer than 50 B-17 Flying Fortresses survive in the entire world today; all in different stages of repair, as war inventory was parted out and melted down decades ago. The Lacey Lady is one of the last fully intact bombers that can be restored. Others exist; however, they require using parts from multiple B-17 Flying Fortresses to build one complete bomber.

This "Incredible Journey" of the Lacey Lady is part of the B-17 Alliance Museum exhibits. Once a famous landmark, it became evident that this aircraft had a higher calling. The calling prompted "*The Bomber family*," to preserve this rare piece of American history to educate all generations. The B-17G Flying Fortress known as the Lacey Lady, is now the future centerpiece of a growing destination point and WWII educational center located at McNary Field in Salem, Oregon.

Step back in history with our museum displays that capture the stories of our nation's veterans, artifacts, uniforms, letters, equipment, and photographs of the men and women who have served our country during a watershed period in our nation's history.



Come help us Celebrate James Black's 95th Birthday



Please join us in celebrating James Black's 95th Birthday. James is a WW II Veteran who earned a purple heart at Okinawa. Join us for the Birthday drive by on Labor Day, Sept. 6th. Meet at the Post by 9:30AM to leave at 9:45AM.

United Veterans Honor Guard

On September 11th the Honor Guard will present a 911 Remembrance Memorial at Post 21 at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend as we remember our Americans, Law Enforcement and First Responders who sacrificed all at Twin Towers Attack on American Soil.

On September 12th Post 21 United Veterans Honor Guard has been selected to do an American Flag Presentation at IndyCar Races in Portland to start the races.

September 17th is Pow/Mia's Day. Honor Guard will present a Pow/Mia Table Ceremony explaining the symbolism of Pow/Mia Table Articles. We will start at 6p. at Post 21.



Angel Mendoza, United Veterans Honor Guard Commander



How do we get YOU to a General Meeting???

The Commander, Juan Palacios, has asked me to help him generate interest amongst members to go to the General meeting. The General Meeting takes place the **Third Wednesday at 6:30 pm each month.**

One of the things we will be doing is creating a 50/50 drawing during the meeting night. Same O same O, 6 tickets for \$5.00, must be present to win. Please remember that all families are welcome at the General Meeting and guests are allowed, except for nights when Executive Officers are elected. The funds will be going to the Memorial Rose Garden to purchase and install another monument.

If you don't know, the general meeting is a venue to state your opinions. Often the E-board does things the general membership takes issue with, this is the place to be heard and perhaps change the direction the Post is taking. This coming month the General Meeting will be, Sept. 15, there will be a special guest speaker, Mr. Michael Warrens from the International Air Show, he is also the Banks, Or. Post Commander.

Bob Berweger, Member at Large

MONTHLY MEETING

Be Connected. Be Heard. Be Informed.

UPCOMING EVENTS ALL ARE WELCOME

September 6th Birthday Ride for WWII Veteran. KSU from Post 21 at 9:45.

September 11th Memorial Events – Albany Courthouse at 8:45 am.

September 11th Remembrance Memorial – Post 21 at 10:30 am.

September 11th Memorial Ride and Appreciation Event Eugene/Springfield Training Center – KSU-Noon.

September 12th United Veterans Honor Guard Presentation and Indy Races in Portland

September 17th National MIA/POW Recognition Day.

September 18th Riders Scholarship Poker Run. Food, Poker Run, Raffle and more.

September 18th National Commander visiting Post 21.

September 2021

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



Eric Abrams, Jacqueline Bellwood, **James Black**, Troy Blair, Dan Brown, Rod Brown, Robin Burnett, Teresa Butler, Thomas Butler, Garth Confer, Cassandra Crossman, Charles Digsby, Thomas Donohue, Kevin Garber, Jerry George, Lynne Harrell, Sharon Haas, Charles Helvie, Boyd Hinson, Dwayne Jackson, Vera James, Sally Kennedy, Francis Laughlin, Richard Leipfert, , Jared Miller, Terry Olson, Casey Ott, Lori Paddock, Larry Pedersbeck, Gerald Perica, Paul Pristavec, Eric Redlin, Riley Sanders, Leanne Schnell, Misty Scott, Daniel Smith, Glenna Smith, Torrey Smith, Richard VanDyke, Darwin Wilde, Marvin Worden, Tracy Wittrock

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Please continue to pray for the families and friends of these young men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan.



Marine Lance Cpl. David Espinoza – 20 of Rio Bravo, Texas.
Marine Sgt. Nicole Gee – 23 of Sacramento, California
Marine Lance Cpl. Kareem Nikoui – 20 of Norco, California
Army Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss – 23 of Corryton, Tennessee
Marine Cpl. Humberto Sanchez – 22 of Logansport, Indiana
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Marine Lance Cpl. Jared Schmitz – 20 of St. Charles, Missouri

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