

AMERICAN LEGION

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Commander Hello, Am glad to see that the Good Lord kept us safe to enjoy another great day.

I would like to share an event that I was invited to attended with Post 21 Auxiliary. They raised over \$1800 for the Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation!!!

On the first Saturday of every month, they hold a Cancer Bingo at the Post with all the proceeds going to the foundation. What a GREAT event. The Post also donated \$2000 to the Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation. By this great venture it shows that we are helping our Veterans and our community with Cancer issues. That what we are about.

The Foundation helps anybody in our community with financial assistances that are fighting cancer. All funds stay in our great community.

Summer is here and our Post is getting busy with events. The Post is growing with new Veterans and people from the community. The Post has acquired five new Post Officers. Wish them well by coming to the meeting and meet them. Let's welcome them and that we care about them.

I like to apologize for my behavior at the last meeting. Our American Flag was removed from its proper place and not returned to its proper location. The American Flag has taken a lot of abuse from the American people and our veterans. It's like **NOBODY CARES**. It hurts me a lot to see this especially at our Post.

Its one thing I can get very upset about, so please leave the American Flag ALONE!!!!!!

A LOT OF VETERANS HAVE DIED FOR THIS FLAG!!

Remember if stop trying you will fail. God Bless and Semper Fi.

Juan M. Palacios, Post 21 Commander



This is the time of the year that all people will be remembering the fallen on Memorial Day. The thing that we should really be doing is remembering the fallen **ALL YEAR LONG**. The

freedom we have is by the people who have given more than any other, so please remember those chosen.

The SAL would like to thank all those that came out for Mother's Day Breakfast, we had a good turn out with a lot of happy people.

The SAL will be helping with the cemetery run on Memorial Day, so please everyone have a nice day.



Auxiliary: The May Auxiliary Meeting was instalation of officers for 2023-2024:

President – Debra Godwin
Vice President – Gregoria Hernandez
Secretary/Treasurer – Becky Berweger
Historian – Glena Smith
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May closed with weekend distrubution of poppies at Evergreen Museum and Memorial Day Cemetery visitation by Auxiliary members followed by a barbeque at the Post.

June 9th Friday Night Prime Rib with KP duty by the Auxiliary. The American Legion, Department of Oregon Convention is June 13-17 in North Bend, all members are invited. The Auxiliary will be hosting Father's Day Breakfast on June 18th from 8-11 at the Post.

Jenni Burkhead, Auxiliary Membership Chair

Service Officer: The official online Service Records Request is hosted by the National Archives online at <https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html>

There are five (5) sections to complete.

1. Basic Information
2. Service and request details
3. Report of Separation
4. Review and Submit
5. Confirmation

When completing the request choose from any of the following categories that best describes why you're requesting the records.

Benefits	Employment
Employment	Medical
Retirement	Genealogy
Home Loan	Emergency Request
Military Awards	Decorations
Records Correction	Personal Military History

Other Ways to Obtain the SF-180:

- From the Department of Defense
- From Federal Information Centers
- From local Veterans Administration offices
- From veterans service organizations

The newest version of Standard Form 180 REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS is Rev.09/2021 with expiration of 30APR2024 as prescribed by NARA (36 CFR 1233.18(d)). The form is authorized for local reproduction, previous editions are unusable. Letters are accepted if you are not able to obtain a SF-180. The following is required if sending a letter:

- The veteran's complete name used while in service
- Service number or social security number
- Branch of service
- Dates of service
- Date and place of birth may also be helpful, especially if the service number is not known

If the request pertains to a record that may have been involved in the 1973 fire, also include: Place of discharge, Last unit of assignment, and Place of entry into the service, if known.

Mail the SF-180 or letter to:

National Personnel Records Center
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138



The most recent identified POW/MIA.

World War II

Army Air Force 1st Lt. John B. Thomas – 23. Lost August 1st 1943 when the B-24 Liberator he was piloting was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire and crashed during Operation TIDAL WAVE. His remains could not be identified following the war. Accounted for September 30, 2022. Announced April 20, 2023.

U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Ralph Kolb – 19. Lost August 1, 1943 when the B-24 Liberator that he was the assistant radio operator on was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire and crashed. His remains were not identified following the war. Accounted for September 14, 2022. Announced April 27, 2023.

Korea

Army Sgt. Richard Crotty - 22. Lost September 1, 1950 after his unit was engaged by the Korean People's Army near Yongsan, South Korea. His remains were never recovered and there was no record of him being a prisoner of war. Accounted for February 3, 2023. Announced April 17, 2023.

Army Cpl. Luther Story – 19. Lost September 1, 1950 during a battle with the Korean People's Army near Nakdong River, South Korea. Accounted for April 6, 2023. Announced April 26, 2023.

Army Cpl. George Grimes – 19. Lost July 20, 1950 after his unit was forced to retreat from the vicinity of Taejon, South Korea. Due to the fighting his body could not be recovered and there was no evidence that he was ever a prisoner of war. Accounted for August 2, 2022. Announced May 2, 2023.





Welcome to June and the summer riding season. **Please be safe and be seen!**

As the new Rider Director, I want to thank all of you for your response to my communications email request. It's great to know we can communicate effectively.

Our May meeting was very productive. Terry Naig was awarded **Rider of the Year**; well deserved. Jim Connelly was selected for his final year as Historian. Steve Randles remains as our membership coordinator and continues to manage our post and State websites. We are short a chaplain. Our Asst Director, Bill Lindemann, proposed a number of ideas; selling items no longer needed, creating generic chapter business cards for all to distribute as we meet other riders.

Our Post Memorial Day cemetery activities and BBQ brought a great deal of pride for all involved.

We have so many Post and Rider activities in June. Just to name a few, June 3rd, McMinnville Parks & Rec. Baseball kick off, Kick Stands Up (KSU) at 0845 at the Post; June 17th Sheridan Hometown Days last bike out 10 am; June 17th Convention Banquet delivery of Jack Bailey tribute teddy bears, June 18th delivery of the bears to Hope Children's Center with police escort. June 16th-18th Oregon Brews and BBQ put on by Burt's BBQ, ALR members get in free and can help with activities during the event. 10% of proceeds come back to the Post. More activities to list as dates get closer.

As always, the friendships developed among us and our involvement with our Post and community remains our #1 goal.

Gale Sears, Director



Chaplain: To all my Veteran friends, here we are into another month for the Post. May is going to be an important time as we will be doing the honors for Memorial Day. With the American Legion Riders, we will be going on an Honor Ride as we have done in the past.

Memorial Day Observance on May 29, 2023:

Depart the American Legion Post 21 - 0845hrs.

First stop - Amity, OR Cemetery.

2nd stop - Dayton, Or. City hall honor wall.

3rd stop - Carlton, Or. Cemetery.

4th stop - Baker Creek Church, Flags of Honor, McMinnville

Last stop - American Legion Post 21, McMinnville

Join us at the post to honor our members that we have lost this past year. Also, we will Dedicate the Road Sign to Honor **Garry Bradbury Hodgson**. Garry was killed in a tragic accident June 3, 1969, while serving on the USS Frank E. Evans in the South China Sea.

Please join us at the post and all are welcome to ride along with us as we are on the Honor Ride to remember all that have served and helped give us the freedom that we have now. May they all rest in peace.

Chaplain Thomas Clayton

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Flag Day

Flag Day 2023 is a milestone. Exactly one hundred years ago, on June 14, 1923, The American Legion led 68 other civic organizations for a gathering at Memorial Continental Hall in Washington, D.C. The gathering had an important purpose, one that still resonates today. At 9:30 am, Colonel Garland W. Powell, National Director of Americanism for The American Legion, called the conference to order. After a benediction, Powell introduced the first guest speaker – Warren G. Harding, president of the United States.

In two days, the assembly drafted 15 rules for the proper use and care of the U.S. flag. Two states made flag code instruction required curriculum in their public schools. Congress would later adopt the code into public law. While it remains federal law, violations carry no civil or criminal penalties.

Punishment and shame were never the purposes of the U.S. Flag Code. It is about education. Those who are most likely to fly the American Flag, genuinely wish to do so in a respectful and dignified manner. Through its guidelines, the code brings consistency and nobility to the majestic display of our nation's most visible symbol.

It was the Second Continental Congress that passed a resolution on June 14, 1777, which stated, "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen white five-pointed stars in a blue field, representing a new constellation." The U.S. flag would become and remain a symbol of service and pride for millions of veterans.

Flag Day is not just about reflecting on the past; it is also about looking to the future. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the ideals and principles that our flag represents. It is a reminder that we must always strive to be a nation that embraces unity, justice and freedom.

The flag brought us inspiration during the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, much like it did during World War II when the Marines famously raised it under withering battle on Iwo Jima.

The flag isn't just a symbol of the United States. It was – and remains today – a symbol of freedom.

Thank you, God bless America and God bless the flag of the United States. Long may it wave.



McMinnville Parks and Recreation has invited All Legion members and in particular the Riders to attend opening day for the 2023 Baseball/Softball Season.

If you wish to participate, be at Post 21 prior to 8:45 AM on Saturday, June 3rd. Kickstands up at 08:45 SHARP! It is just a short jaunt from the Post to Joe Dancer park, we will be lining the walkway. We will drive single file down the walkway, then at the Hub make a U turn to be facing out. and line the walkway on both sides. **Be sure to have a piece of wood or stiff material to put under your kick stand as the ground may be soft.**

Their short program allows us to head out about 9:30 AM.

Hope to see many of you there, Motorcycle or not.





Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
				1	2 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion KP 5:00 PM	3 Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
4 Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	5	6	7 SONs 6:30 PM	8	9 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Auxiliary KP 5:00 PM	10
11 Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	12	13 State Convnetion - North Bend	14 State Convnetion - North Bend	15 State Convnetion - North Bend	16 State Convnetion - North Bend Prime Rib Dinner Special - Sons KP 5:00 PM	17 State Convnetion - North Bend Take a Soldier Fishing 8:00 AM
18 Fathers Day Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	19 Activities Committee 5:00 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	20 Auxiliary 6:00 PM	21 General Membership 6:30 PM	22	23 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Riders KP 5:00 PM	24
25 Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	26	27	28 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM	29	30 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion KP 5:00 PM	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shirley Burkett, Glen Doty, Karen Fisk, Adam Finnicum, Jan Fourier, Pat Hermens, Jeremy Koch, Willy Koch, Gerald Kopczynski, Christopher Kopf, Stan Koscmiki, Steven Kossman, Gregg Kramer, Dean Krieger, Jerry Kruger, Paul Krutsch, Ted Kulick, Kyle Richard, Earl Ladassor, Morganne Larmouth, Bobby Laron, James Lash, Lorne Louder, Francis Laughlin, Richard Leipfert, Jim Letourneux, Skylar Levitt, Timothy Lewers, Dustin Lewis, James Lewis, Donald Libby, Del Linke, David Lipscomb, Ed Lisle, George Loving, David Lucas Russ Ludwig, Craig Luis, Richard Lund, Robert Martin, Marie Morris.

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OFFICERS

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander – Juan Palacios
1st Vice – Paul Krutsch
2nd Vice – Jim Connelly
JAG – Steve Randles
Finance – Cheryl Saville-Miller
Adjutant – Shirley Brown
Sgt. at Arms – Armond Pilotte
Historian – Leroy Brown
Chaplain – Thomas Clayton
Service Officer – Chris Dauterman
At Large – Mike Billings
At Large – Bruce Peterson
At Large – Gale Sears

AUXILIARY

President – Debra Godwin
Vice President – Goya Hernandez
Treasurer – Becky Berweger
Secretary – Becky Berweger
Membership – Jenni Burkhead
Historian – Glena Smith
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Sons of the American Legion

Commander/Finance – Terry Naig
1st Vice – Bill Lindeman
2nd Vice – Jim VanSoyck
Adjutant – Del White
Sgt. at Arms – Brandon Lepkowski
Chaplain – Pete Jenson

The American Legion Riders

Director – Gale Sears
Asst. Director – Bill Linndeman
Secretary – Leanne Schnell
Treasurer – Sim Sears
Sgt at Arms – Robert De Kar
Road Capt. – Tony Amodeo
Historian – Jim Connelly



Volunteering is the
cornerstone to our great
organization as highlighted
in the preamble to the
American Legion Constitution "...to consecrate and
sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual Helpfulness."

We are on the Web!

Visit us at: Vetsclub.org.