

AMERICAN LEGION

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Commander: Hello, glad to see that the good Lord kept us safe and healthy. Thank you, Lord.

Crystal Purdy from Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home announced that they are hosting a celebration of life for two unclaimed veterans. They ask that we be their family as they embark on their final journey.

Let's honor the lives and service of: Keith H. Barnett: U.S. Army and James R. Nelson; U S Army.

The words UNCLAIMED VETERANS are so demeaning. Like nobody cares about them. They served in our nation's military with honor and no family was there to put them to rest. Rest In Peace.

I would like to propose that the American Legion Post 21 become the families of all future unclaimed Veterans. The Post having a Draping the Charter Ceremonies and lowering the American Flag to half-staff from sunrise to sunset. I believe that this would be a great honor to our unclaimed Veterans, in hopes they are never forgotten.

I am sad to announce that we will not host the 2023 American Legion Convention here in McMinnville. Maybe next time we can do this.

I attended the Unit 21 Auxiliary meeting the other day and was pleased to see them working as a team. The meeting went well, and everybody got involved. A lot of members were in attendance and having fun. It felt good to be at their meeting. Great Job!!

You know the term "team"? It means a group of people organized to WORK TOGETHER. We need to work as a team with "no clicks" involved. A team working together can get a lot of details accomplished. We need to trust each other and work together not against each other

May the Lord keep you safe and well. God Bless. Semper Fi.

Juan Palacios, Commander



VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

PLEASE COME HELP CELEBRATE, YOU!

PARADE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Please help us find WWII and older Vets and help them get to the parade at 3rd and Johnson, (Praise Assembly Church), before 10 AM.

We will have transportation for the older, less mobile Vets to ride in the parade.

Don't forget to pick them up at the Oregon Mutual Parking lot after the parade and make sure they get home safe.

All WW II, Korea, Vietnam, all the Sand wars, National Guard, Police, Sheriff, First Responders, Sea Cadets and Scouts are invited to take part in the Parade.

Sponsored by The American Legion,
Post 21, McMinnville, OR

Come help celebrate, US!

Questions, call Bob Berweger 503 583-0773



HELP NEEDED

November 10th, help getting barricades from the City Shops and putting them near the streets to be barricaded. Meet at the Post at **10AM** (2-4 hours: 4-6 people are needed).

November 12th, day of the parade. **9:30 AM**, Dan Brown, John Mohamad and 2-4 others set out barricades on street. Dan to remain at Oregon Mutual to direct traffic and locate vehicles. **Parade starts at 10:00 AM.**

Berweiger and Connelly to direct order of entries, Riders to start the Parade.

The riders are willing to be the first and the final entry and will remove the barricades from the street.

November 14th, meet at the Post at **10:00AM** to pick-up the barricades and return them to the City Shops. 2-4 hours. (4-6 people are needed.)



Sons: Hello to all veterans! Veterans Day is November 11, the Sons of the American Legion are proud to be helping on Veterans Day. We will be serving Veterans Day Dinner to all

Veterans at no charge. Again, this year's Veterans Day Dinner will be provided by Bert's Chuckwagon BBQ. The cost for non-veterans is \$15. Dinner hours will start at 5 pm and end at 8 pm. I would like to thank Bert's Chuckwagon BBQ for stepping up to support our Veterans.

Terry Naig, Commander



Adjutant: We are away from the November target date of 65%. To reach this goal we need 73 members to renew their membership.

Online or Paid Up For Life is the easiest way to go. Renewing your membership is easy, you can renew online, drop it in the mail, or drop it by the Post.

RENEW TODAY and help us help those who have served. Membership is the life blood of The American Legion, that is what keeps our door opens.

Shirley Brown, Adjutant.

Chaplain: To all my Legion members. Well, here is another month that has come and gone. My prayers go out for all of you. Looking back, I am so happy that our post members have been there to help so many people. You should all be proud of the way you have been there to help the Vets in need. Our post is blessed. I want to say to all, I am here to pray and to visit you if you are in the Hospital.

Please keep in your prayers the ones listed below:

Terry Ward
Jimmy Wagner
Steve Randles
Paul Schnell
Gale Sears
Ed Eneboe

"Though good advice lies deep within the heart, a person with understanding will draw it out."
Proverbs 20:5.

May the good Lord keep you safe and in good health as you walk each day.

May God Bless You,

Chaplain Thomas Clayton

Chaplain Thomas, armynavy6782@gmail.com

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Riders: Post 21 Legion Riders had a great month because of the great weather! It's time again to pay your dues. The deadline for dues payments is December 31st.

The ALR riders will assist where we can with the coming Veterans Day celebrations happening around Oregon. McMinnville will be having a Veterans Day parade on November 12. We are asking all members to support the parade.

We would like to give a shout out to all veterans that are now serving and could be in harm's way, be safe and hope you can come home soon!

Remember the Riders will not meet in November, we will have our November/December meeting on December 6th.

Terry Naig Director





The most recent identified POW/MIA.

World War II

Army Pvt. James R. Tash – 20. Lost July 19, 1942 after surviving the Bataan Death March and being held as a prisoner of war at the Cabanatuan POW camp, where he died as a prisoner of war. Accounted for September 27, 2022.

Army Pvt. J. C. Brooks – 19. Lost August 1, 1943 when he was killed during the Battle of Troina while leading an advance against German forces. He was unable to be recovered because of the fighting. Accounted for September 27, 2022.

Army Pfc. Roy Searle – 22. Lost December 9, 1944 when he was mortally wounded during enemy engagement and was reported to have died of his wounds near Rehlingen Germany. Accounted for September 27, 2022.

Army Staff Sgt. James Rotunno – 27. Lost January 21, 1945 when his unit was engaged with German forces during the Battle of Reipertswiller when he was killed but his body could not be recovered because of the fighting. Accounted for September 27, 2022.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Paul Schmidt – 20. Lost March 24, 1946 when his squadron was engaged with attacking German transportation along the Rhine River. Schmidt was attacking an enemy train, but was never seen or heard from again. Accounted for September 28, 2022.

Army Cpl. Leo Barlosky – 24. Lost May 6, 1942 when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands and Barlosky was captured and died as a prisoner of war. Accounted for September 27, 2022.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. John Thomas – 23. When the B-24 Liberator bomber he was piloting was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire and crashed during Operation Tidal Wave. Accounted for September 30, 2022.

Navy Commander Fredrick Schrader – 31. Lost October 13, 1944. When the F6F-Hellcat fighter was shot down during an attack on Toko Seaplane Base on Formosa, now known as Taiwan. Accounted for September 27, 2022.

Navy Electrician's Mate 1st Class Edward Conway – 29. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for April 16, 2021. Announced October 1, 2022.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Floyd Clifford – 20. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for April 16, 2021. Announced September 27, 2022.

U.S. Army Air Forces Sgt. Zelwood Gravlin – 21. Lost August 1, 1943 when the B-24 Liberator he was serving on as the armorer-gunner was hit by enemy fire and crashed during Operation Tidal Wave. Accounted for July 12, 2022.

Korea

Army Cpl. Delbert White – 20. Lost March 18, 1951 when his Infantry Division was captured by the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces. White was captured on December 1, 1950 and died as a Prisoner of War at POW Camp #1. Accounted for September 27, 2022.



PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT!

The American Legion Department of Oregon is proud to help support the **Portland Trail Blazers Military Appreciation Night** this November 15th!

Special discounted tickets are available to military members and veterans for Military Appreciation Night as the Trail Blazers take on the San Antonio Spurs! Use the following link to access and purchase your discounted Trail Blazer tickets.

<https://am.ticketmaster.com/trailblazers/promotional-page?filterType=OTE3>

Promo Code • MILITARYNIGHT

Offer Expires • Tuesday November 15, 2022 – 3:59



MILITARY SERVICE AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Extra earnings Your Social Security benefit depends on your earnings, averaged over your working lifetime. Generally, the higher your earnings, the higher your benefit. Under certain circumstances, special earnings can be credited to your military pay record for Social Security purposes.

The extra earnings are for periods of active duty or active duty for training. These extra earnings may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit.

If you served in the military after 1956, you paid Social Security taxes on those earnings. Since 1988, inactive duty service in the armed forces reserves (such as weekend drills) has also been covered by us.

Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for periods of active duty from 1957 through 2001 can also be credited to your Social Security earnings record.

- From 1957 through 1967, we will add the extra credits to your record when you apply for Social Security benefits.
- From 1968 through 2001, you don't need to do anything to receive these extra credits. The credits were automatically added to your record.
- After 2001, there are no special extra earnings credits for military service. The information that follows explains how you can get credit for special extra earnings. This applies only to active duty military service earnings from 1957 through 2001.

From 1957 through 1977, you're credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which you received active duty basic pay.

From 1978 through 2001, for every \$300 in active duty basic pay, you're credited with an additional \$100 in earnings up to a maximum of \$1,200 a year. If you enlisted after September 7, 1980 and didn't complete at least 24 months of active duty or your full tour, you may not be able to receive the additional earnings. Check with us for details.

If you served in the military from 1940 through 1956, you didn't pay Social Security taxes, but we gave you special credit for some of your service. SSA.gov Military Service and Social Security NOTE: In all cases, the additional earnings are credited to the earnings that we average over your working lifetime, not directly to your monthly benefit amount.



Auxiliary: Auxiliary Activities from October

- Crab Trip Raffle Drawing – The lucky winner was **Jenni Burkhead**.
- Participating in the refurbishing of a home for a veteran.
- Sponsoring a Veterans' Day Coloring contest for 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students in five area elementary schools.

Upcoming Events in November:

- Nov. 5 – Cancer Bingo (Honor Room) 12:30pm
- Nov. 6 – Sunday Bingo (Honor Room) 12:30pm
- Nov. 10 – Visit Veterans at Parkland Village Retirement Center 11:00am
- Nov. 11 – Decorate Auxiliary Parade Float (Heritage Museum) 10:00am
- Nov. 12 – Veterans Day Parade (Legion to carpool) 8:45am
- Nov. 15 – Auxiliary Meeting 6:00pm
- Nov. 16 – Depoe Bay Drawing (Legion General Meeting) 6:30pm

Reminders:

- Auxiliary to collect school supplies for area classrooms. Bring to meeting.
- Auxiliary to collect Outdoor/Sport magazines for Veterans in area care homes. Bring to meeting.
- Depoe Bay Raffle tickets available at the Legion Bar until Nov. 16th.
- Contact **Auxiliary Chaplin Susan Haley at 503-348-7703** if you know of any Auxiliary members who are sick or in need of assistance.



November



Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
		1 Auxiliary Gift Box Begins Veterans Coloring Contest begins	2 SON's 6:30 PM	3	4 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion KP 5:00 PM	5 Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
6 Bingo	7	8	9	10 Marine Corps. 247th Birthday Veteran's Coloring Contest Ends	11 Veteran's Day Dinner - Burt's BBQ 5:00 PM	12 Auxiliary Float Mtg. 9:00 AM
13 Bingo	14 Activities Committee 5:30 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	15 Auxiliary 6:00 PM	16 General Membership 6:30 PM	17	18 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Sons KP 5:00 PM	19
20 Bingo	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving - Closed	25 Department Christmas Party Prime Rib Dinner Special - Riders KP 5:00 PM	26
27 Bingo	28	29	30			

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bud Ayala, Richard Barr, Emory Billings, Larry Brown, Frank Butler, Charles Claypool, Robert Dodge, Ed Dyer, Steve Farley, Joseph Gallagher, John Graham, Dianne Hays-Hatch, David Henderson, Jeremy Koch, Ted Kulick, Richard Kyle, Delano Linke, Lionel Martinez, Michael Miller, Kent Olsen, Karl Olsen, Ivan Pennington, Jeffrey Pierce, Ronald Ponto, Patrick Quinn, Wilbur Rice, Kevin Seiler, Paul Sloan, Blane Smalley, Gary Smith, Mark Soltero, Tim Springer, Guadalupe Tavera, Les Toth, Brockman Vernon, Mark Vernon, Robert Wilson, Wendy Wilson, Shaunna Young

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Chaplain – Thomas Clayton
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At Large – Rich Pimm

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VETERANS DAY PARADE

In hopes of having more participation, the decision was made to honor Veterans on

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12TH

Staging begins at 9:00 AM at Praise Assembly Church, at the corner of 3rd & Johnson, Parade starts at 10:00. The desire is to honor our older generation Veterans from WWII, and Korea, also all Veterans and First Responders. Transportation is planned for those Veterans that may have mobility issues.

If you would like to participate in the parade with a float or a marching group, please Contact: Bob Berweger 503, 583-0773 or 503, 472-3839.

Any Veteran organization or organization which supports Veterans, and First Responders, and Scouts are welcome.

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