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Commander:

Greetings,

Isn't it great to see the good Lord has brought us through another month. Thank you Lord.

I was blessed to be able to attend the American Legion Oregon State convention in Coos Bay, Oregon this month. At the convention, our Post received two distinguished awards. One was the 100% Goal Family award. This is for all of our families reaching 100% in membership. I want to say a big Thank You to all the families for making this possible. The second award was for the Post making the 100% Goal award. The Post actually reached 103.60% in membership. This is proof that our Post is reaching out to the local Veterans in and around our area.

I'd like to acknowledge all the hard work our dining room staff does each and every day. The bartenders not only serve the bar area but also take and deliver orders to everyone in the dining room. The amazing thing is that they are doing this as volunteers. The cooks also do an outstanding job at preparing all the food. We are blessed to have so many hard working people on our staff that make our dining room so successful. I'd also like to thank all the members who are a part of the American Legion families. They are the Sons of the American Legion, the American Legion Riders, and the American Legion Auxiliary. They not only do an outstanding job on their own programs but are also a big reason our Friday night Prime Rib Dinners are so popular with everyone.

Last but not least I'd like to say I hope all fathers had a wonderful Fathers Day. We enjoyed serving all of you who came to the Post on Fathers Day a free breakfast.

I'll end here with a quote from former President Ronald Reagan, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

May God keep us all safe from harm and in his hands.
Always Semper Fi

Juan Palacios
Your Commander

Adjutant:

The American Legion Department of Oregon in partnership with the Oregon State Police and with cooperation from the Oregon State Sheriffs Association and Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police, are proud to present the 2024 Law Enforcement Career Camp (LECC).

The LECC program provides first-hand experiences and insight into the operations of law enforcement agencies. The program also affords these highly motivated young people an opportunity to consider law enforcement as a potential career choice. Recruitment of high school students, both male and female, representing all communities and backgrounds in the state, is one goal of the program. Once these young people have been selected to attend the program, the law enforcement community is challenged to present a program that will instill an understanding and respect for law enforcement professionals and their techniques.

Lenny Pardue
Adjutant

Message From Sergeant at Arms:

1st off, I want to publicly acknowledge and apologize to Rich Pimm and thank him for the due diligence in the whole "hat" dealio. I stand corrected, ONLY the board is not allowed to wear a ball cap. Yet Rich respected the board position. Thank you Mr. Pimm.

2nd, I will say this at EVERY meeting, ONE PERSON at a time has the floor, raise your hand and WAIT till the Commander recognizes you, stand up and salute the Commander and proceed. This is the respectful way. None of us is above respect, thank you deeply for adhering to this.

3rd, there is no 3rd.... Appreciate and respect you all for what you do/done.

Robert Andrade
Sergeant At Arms

Club Manager Report:

A note from our Post!

We have a lot going on. Some of the new lights have been installed throughout the building. We are waiting on some fixtures to complete the job. I am still waiting on a delivery date for our new Broaster. We have sure missed Broasted chicken on Friday nights. We will be having a 4th of July BBQ. Hamburgers, hotdogs, sides and desserts. Lots of fun things planned. Dunk tank, watermelon eating contest, horseshoes and corn hole. Cash prizes for the best side dish, and dessert brought for the BBQ. July 4th, from 12 to 4pm, cash donations. I need lots of volunteers to help setup, cook, cleanup, and run some of the games.

We are rebuilding our connection with YCAP, every Wednesday from 2pm - 3pm, their food truck will be parked in our parking lot, helping our local community and veterans. Spread the word!

I would like to introduce Dan, a new cook. He has been a blessing. If you haven't tried his soups, or potato salad you are missing out.

Deb Godwin

Club Manager

Unit 21 Auxiliary President



Annual Event held at Henry Hagg Lake in Forest Grove, Oregon!

Be sure to volunteer next year for a great day of sun, fishing and camaraderie.

Take A Soldier Fishing is a National Program that addresses the need of our men and women (and families) that have answered the call of our country and is a great attempt to give active duty, retired, and wounded soldiers a fun day on the water. It all began in 2007 in Naples, Florida within some of the best fishing in the world. For details, you can Google www.takeasoldierfishing.org.

For the last four years, Post 21 has taken on the responsibility of serving lunch to the participants. This year's event was held on June 15, 2024 and we fed about 130 people. The Post did the cooking, prepping of the hot dogs and hamburgers, and the best beans in the West by Dan and Shirley Brown, it was a great success.

Jack Morby of Portland, the main person in the organizing of the event, and his crew supplied the drinks, condiments, chips, and a vast number of quality door prizes, each vet was guaranteed to be a winner if he simply put his or her ticket in the jar! Prizes included: guided fishing tours, quality rods and reels, Eddie Bauer blankets and more. A lot of work goes into contacting Cabela's, Sportsman's Warehouse, WalMart, and other outlets, seeking door prizes and other material. When shopping, keep those businesses in mind. Kudos to Jack!

Members of Post 21 involved were Terry Ward, Dan and Shirley Brown, Jim Connelly, Felicia, and Debra Godwin. We'd sure love to have more people join us in 2025!

Jim Connelly
ALR Historian

Legion Riders:



Mr. Amondo continues to plan our scholarship Poker run scheduled for 7 September. He will be announcing a meeting soon for those of you who can be a part of our success.

In June we contributed \$8,000 supporting 9 students Scholarships in the amount of 990.00 from 4 different high school applicants. The additional funding was provided by 2 members of the Scholarship committee. An increased amount from \$3.000 was approved based on a generous contribution from an honored legion member.

It's riding season so don't forget to report your miles ridden to Tony via text at 971-409-9461 as you enjoy your rides with other legion rider members.

We currently standing at 62 members; 3 of which are honorary. Adding 3 from Newberg last month.

The Memorial Day Cemetery event was very well planned by our Chaplain Thomas Clayton, led by Tony with 23 riders supporting the event. Honoring our deceased veterans at the Amity, Dayton, Carlton cemeteries; and Mac Christian Academy.

Post members Rich Pimm and our ALR member Bob Berweger deserve much credit for their tireless efforts developing our Veterans Memorial Walls/Ceiling Tiles and the beautiful Rose Garden and the USS Evans memorial. All of which represent our lost veterans, our Chapter and Post 21.

Upcoming ALR events:

- ⇒ 4th of July in the past few years Post 21 ALR has been involved in the 4th of July flag line ceremony at the Salem baseball stadium. Schedule: Access begins at 1630 the ceremony starts a couple of hours after. Leaving from the post or go direct. More info to follow.
- ⇒ July 12-14 Confederated Tribes Veterans Pow Wow Veterans Lead the opening ceremony. Date and Time to follow.

Gale Sears
Director

Legion Riders Scholarship Program:

Last August 26th, 2023, the Riders hosted a poker run and BBQ to raise money for the 2024 scholarship recipients. We had 17 applicants seeking one of eight possible awards.

This years recipients were:

Amity High School:

Hannah Lay \$900
Areli Rodriguez \$900



Amity

Willamina High School:

Mikalie Floyd \$900



Willamina

McMinnville High School:

Aidan Cowan \$900
Alannah Doherty \$900
Morgan Ronning \$900
Taylor Zalanka \$900
Kylee Heesacker \$900



McMinnville

Dayton High School:

Zachery Shadden \$900

Jim Connelly ALR Historian



Post 21 Auxiliary Members awarded a scholarship to Julia Candela at McMinnville High School. Thank you Auxiliary for all that you do for our local community.

Event Photos May/June 2024

All photos on this page submitted by: Jim Connelly



Post 21 ALR donated \$500 to Parks and Rec. On June 1st they were invited to throw out the first pitch.

Pictured to the right is Bob Berweger throwing the first pitch.



Pictured above: ALR lineup at 2024's Brews & BBQ



Post 21 Take A Soldier Fishing event

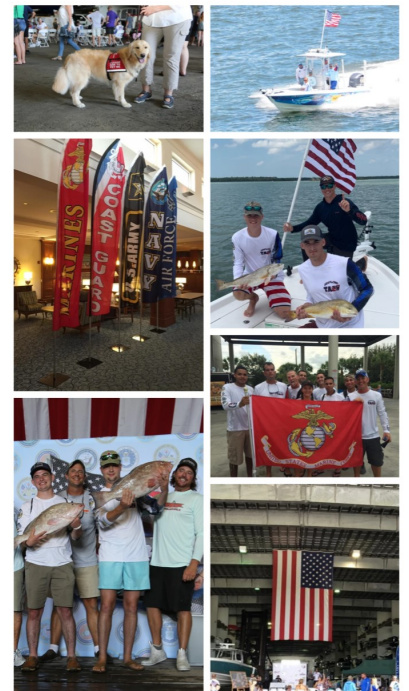
Pictured below: Jim Connelly, Robert Lorenzen - manned the BBQ, and Jodi Robinson - came in from Denver to help with food prep



Over 200 flags were put on display in a Field of Honor for Flag Day. This display including a flag honoring Peggy Lutz - pictured below.



Pictured below: Photos from various Take A Soldier Fishing events across the country.



High School Camps/Programs

This year McMinnville High School has 2 students who will be attending the Jim Willis Law Enforcement Career Camp at Camp Rilea on the week of July 7. Mr Angel Mendoza was gracious enough to secure sponsorship of the students from the Post 21 Sons of the American Legion and the Post 21 Honor Guard.

I have also spoken to the Social Studies Department and will be working on having Legion representatives present students with the information for Girls State and Boys State for 2025. We will be working toward having the information to the students early 2025. I look forward to next school year and working toward getting the students involved with these wonderful opportunities.

**Russ Ludwig, Member At Large
MHS Criminal Justice Teacher**

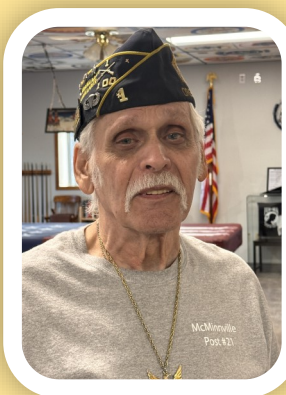


New Member Spotlight:

Please help us in welcoming Thomas (Tom) Murphy to Post 21.

Tom served during Vietnam as Army Airborne. He comes to us from Portland Post 1 where he served as Commander. During his tenure as Commander Post 1 held 1500 members. While at Post 1 he was a member of the Honor Guard. Tom served as Commander of District 8 for 3 years. He's been a Legion member for 34 years.

Tom currently lives in the Legion RV Park. He says that with the dining, bar and other facilities readily available it's a nice place to be. He will start calling it a Resort when the pool is installed.



Chaplains Corner:

I hope that everyone is doing great at this time. If you missed the last meeting here is an update of what is happening at the post. As your chaplain I would like to ask everyone to come out and see what the post is doing. There is so many things going on that I know that you would enjoy. If you missed it on "Memorial Day" you missed a great time of being with all the members and families. So I ask you to plan on being at the legion for all the things that will be coming up. July 4, BBQ. Plan on being with us next Memorial Day for the "Ride of Remembrance" as we go to the following places.

- Amity Cemetery
- Dayton City Hall Honor Wall
- Carlton Cemetery
- McMinnville Christian Academy "Flags of Honor"
- Last stop at Post 21 to remember the Rose Garden and Walls of Remembrance.

Prayer List :

Bob Wittrock - Health = Terry Ward = Jim Connelly = Trina Towner = and Larry Brown and his wife. I ask that if you know how to pray please take the time to pray for all these that are listed.

Post 21 Volunteer count for June 2024:

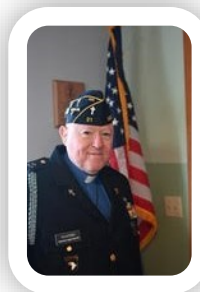
- Legion members = 639 hours.
- SAL members = 156 hours.
- Legion Riders = 263.5 hours.

Thank you all who have volunteered.

As I close out my part of the news letter please remember that I'm always there if you need prayer are just a time for someone to talk to. God has placed me in this calling and I keep doing what He has called me for. May God Bless you.

Chaplain Thomas Clayton
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503-550-8044

Be safe out there as you walk each day.



Recent Deployments:

During my term as Service Officer of Post 21, I asked our Post to keep the forward deployed in our prayers. USS Eisenhower deployed in October of 2023. Earlier this month, the Aircraft Carrier was extended once again to protect military and commercial ships in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

A great quote from President Eisenhower reads:
"We know that our purpose is a just and moral one, for we seek only peace with freedom and we can succeed in this great endeavor only if each and every one of us is willing to give the full measure of courage, sacrifice, work and vision, not in a divided effort but working together in pursuit of our common goal."

—Dwight David Eisenhower

USS Eisenhower is on pace to complete one of the Navy's longest deployments since the Vietnam War. Again, please keep the forward deployed of our U.S Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers. Also, please make an effort to recognize those that serve in McMinnville's Armed Forces Career Center. Those in uniform remain on the leading edge of the spear and support of Post membership is paramount. To learn more about the U.S. Navy and forward deployed USS Eisenhower, visit:

<https://www.airlant.usff.navy.mil/Organization/Aircraft-Carriers/USS-Dwight-D-Eisenhower-CVN-69/Command-History/>.

Be ever watchful, legionnaire
Of those two flags which signify
That we should guard this spot with care
Where our departed comrades lie.
And if a man should dare to tread
This spot where lie our gallant brave.
He desecrates those noble dead
As though he walked upon their grave.

Christopher Dauterman

Post 21 At Large Officer

Stained Glass located
at Soldiers Chapel,
Sand Hill
Fort Benning, Georgia



WHY WE DON'T WALK BETWEEN THE COLORS

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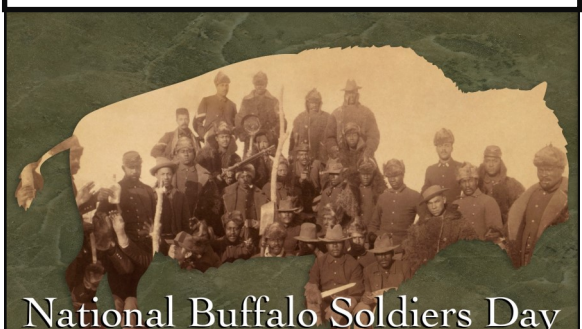
Between these flags that proudly fly,
Let no man dare to stand.
For here our fallen comrades lie,
A symbol yes, but mark it well.
Here let us ever humbly pause
In memory of the lads who fell
In fighting for our sacred cause.

On sea or land these buddies died.
Some lie beneath a foreign soil
In graves caressed by winds and tide.
In spots unknown to all but God,
And so this place is hallowed ground
And shall be forever blessed.
And though it were a grassy mound
Beneath which gallant heroes rest.

Submitted by: Christopher Dauterman

Post 21 At Large Officer

July 28th is National Buffalo Soldiers Day, the holiday celebrating the contributions of some of the earliest African-American troops in the United States military.





Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency— May Announcements

World War II

Navy Fireman 1st Class Everett C. Titterington (21)

Announced on: May 6, 2024—Accounted for on March 23, 2021. On Dec. 7, 1941, Titterington was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including F1c Titterington. Titterington will be laid to rest on September 5, 2024, in Bloomington, California.

U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Allan W. Knepper (27)

Announced on: May 8, 2024—Accounted for on August 10, 2023. In summer 1943, Knepper was a pilot with the 49th Fighter Squadron, 14th Fighter Group, in the North African and Mediterranean Theater of World War II. On July 10, Knepper departed El Bathan Airfield, Tunisia, in his P-38 "Lightning". Knepper's squadron encountered heavy anti-aircraft fire, and another pilot witnessed Knepper's aircraft veer suddenly skyward before rolling halfway over and plummeting to the ground.

U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Lemuel Dent Jr

Announced on: May 8, 2024—Accounted for on February 2, 2024. In February 1945, Dent was assigned to the Company L, 3rd Battalion, 366th Infantry Regiment, 92nd Infantry Division in the European Theater. On Feb. 8, Dent was killed near the Cinquale Canal, north of Viareggio, Italy. Pfc Dent was on board a tank that was crossing the canal, when it was struck by enemy mortar, machine gun, and artillery fire. His body was not recovered, and the Germans never reported him a prisoner of war.

U.S. Army 1st Lieutenant Nathan B. Baskind (28)

Announced on: May 10, 2024—Accounted for on May 8, 2024. In June 1944, Baskind was assigned to Company C, 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion, as a platoon commander of four M-10 tank destroyers. According to historical war records, 1st Lt. Baskind and another man from his company were scouting ahead of their tank destroyers when enemy forces descended upon them in an ambush. The other soldier, heavily wounded, escaped the firefight and made his way back to the main U.S. force, believing Baskind was killed in the attack.

Navy Coxswain (Cox) Harley E. Alexander (22)

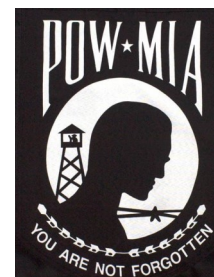
Announced on: May 10, 2024—Accounted for on March 22, 2024. On June 8, 1944, Alexander was assigned to the destroyer USS Glennon, which struck a mine off the coast of Quinéville, France, which forced 16 sailors overboard. Ultimately, the majority of the crew had abandoned the vessel, but a few remained on board for salvage operations, including Alexander. Two days later, on June 10, the Glennon was struck by multiple artillery barrages from German forces on shore, eventually causing the ship to sink late in the evening.

U.S. Army Private Cecil T. Hinson (20)

Announced on: May 14, 2024—Accounted for on November 15, 2023. In summer 1942, Hinson was a member of the Chemical Warfare Service, U.S. Army, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of the Bataan peninsula on April 9, 1942, and of Corregidor Island on May 6, 1942. Thousands of U.S. and Filipino service members were captured and interned at POW camps. Hinson was among those reported captured when U.S. forces in Bataan surrendered to the Japanese. They were subjected to the 65-mile Bataan Death March and then held at the Cabanatuan POW camp. More than 2,500 POWs perished in this camp during the war.

U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Marcus A. Engesser (21)

Announced on: May 14, 2024—Accounted for on September 27, 2023. In late 1942, Engesser was a member of Company L, 31st Infantry Regiment in the Philippines during World War II, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of the Bataan peninsula on April 9, 1942, and of Corregidor Island on May 6, 1942. Thousands of U.S. and Filipino service members were captured and interned at POW camps. Engesser was among those reported captured when U.S. forces in Bataan surrendered to the Japanese. They were subjected to the 65-mile Bataan Death March and then held at the Cabanatuan POW camp. More than 2,500 POWs perished in this camp during the war.





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U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Mose E. Vance (21)

Announced on: May 23, 2024—Accounted for on January 5, 2024. In January 1945, Vance was assigned to Company F, 2nd Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division in the European Theater during World War II. At some point on Jan 11 during Operation NORDWIND, PFC Vance was killed, but due to the intensity of the fighting his body was unable to be recovered. With no record of German forces capturing Vance, and no remains recovered, the War Department issued a “Report of Death” in December 1945.

U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. George E. Davies (27)

Announced on: May 23, 2024—Accounted for on September 9, 2022. In the summer of 1943, Davies was assigned to the 345th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 98th Bombardment Group (Heavy), 9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator bomber on which SSgt Davies was the assistant engineer was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire and crashed during Operation TIDAL WAVE, the largest bombing mission against the oil fields and refineries at Ploiesti, north of Bucharest, Romania. His remains were not identified following the war. Davies will be laid to rest in Portland, Oregon on June 21, 2024.

U.S. Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Bruce H. Brown (23)

Announced on: May 31, 2024—Accounted for on September 22, 2023. In December of 1942, Brown was assigned to the 401st Bombardment Squadron, 91st Bombardment Group (Heavy), Eighth Air Force. On December 20, Brown was co-piloting a B-17F “Flying Fortress,” nicknamed Danellen, when it was struck by anti-aircraft fire after a bombing raid on a German aircraft factory at Romilly-sur-Seine, France. Brown’s aircraft was last seen spinning towards the ground, crashing near the village of Bernières-sur-Seine, France.

U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Manuel Trujillo (22)

Announced on: May 31, 2024—Accounted for on July 13, 2023. In late 1942, Trujillo served in Battery C, 200th Coast Artillery Regiment, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of the Bataan peninsula on April 9, 1942, and of Corregidor Island on May 6, 1942. According to prison camp and other historical records, Trujillo died July 26, 1942, and was buried along with other deceased prisoners in the local Cabatuan Camp Cemetery in Common Grave 225.

Korean War

U.S. Army Corporal Richard Selover (17)

Announced on: May 3, 2024—Accounted for Jan. 10, 2024. In Sept. 1950, Selover was a member of Heavy Mortar Company, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He went missing in action after his unit engaged in combat actions with the enemy along the Nakdong River in the vicinity of Yong-san, South Korea, on Sept. 6, 1950. Due to intense fighting in the area, his body could not be recovered at that time. The exact circumstances of his death were unknown, and the U.S. Army issued a presumptive finding of death on December 31, 1953.

U.S. Army Corporal John A. Spruell (19)

Announced on: May 6, 2024—Accounted for Aug. 11, 2023. In Dec. 1950, Spruell was a member of Battery B, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division. He went missing in action after his unit engaged in intensive combat actions in the vicinity of Hagaru-ri, South Korea, during the Battle of Chosin Reservoir. At the time the circumstances for his loss were not immediately recorded, and there was never any evidence that he was a prisoner of war. The Army issued a finding of Missing In Action on Dec. 6, 1950.

U.S. Army Pfc. Thomas A. Smith (17)

Announced on: May 14, 2024—Accounted for on September 22, 2023. In the summer of 1950, Smith was a member of 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company A, 3rd Engineer Combat Battalion, 24th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Aug. 2 when his unit took part in defensive action near Chinju at the southern end of the Korean peninsula. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered, and there is no evidence that he was ever a prisoner of war.

U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Bryan Myers Jr. (21)

Announced on: May 16, 2024—Accounted for on February 27, 2024. In Sept. 1950, Myers was a member of Company H, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, during the Korean War. He was killed in action while his unit was defending the Pusan Perimeter, in South Korea. The exact circumstances of his death were unknown, and his remains were not accounted for during or after the war.



Memorial Day

REMEMBER AND HONOR



The World's Tallest Symbol of Freedom

A while back, I was wondering where the largest free flying American flag might be. Here's the proud story:

One morning in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, the owner of Acuity Insurance was on a walk with his wife. He remarked, "Honey, we need a big American flag." So they put one up.

The pole is 400 feet tall. That's nearly 100 feet taller than the Statue of Liberty. It's base is 11 feet in diameter and 70 feet in circumference. The pole consists of 6 sixty-five foot pipe sections bolted together flange style. It required more than 500 gallons of paint.

The flag measures 70 feet by 140 feet, making it the largest free-flying American flag anywhere. It also stands highest in the sky. Each stripe is more than 5 feet wide. Each star is 3 feet across.

A Sheboygan County Veterans Memorial stands at its base, honoring the 750+ Sheboygan County veterans.

Submitted by: Ron Simmons



Margraten Cemetery, Netherlands

Honoring The Fallen

World-wide there are 24 American Military Cemeteries. However, there is only one with this Beautiful distinction. Let me tell you a story.

During WWII in a battle near the Netherlands, America lost over 8300 soldiers in a very short time. The people of the Netherlands were so grateful for the Americans who fought and died to restore their freedom, they came from ALL walks to create the Margraten Cemetery. They respectfully buried 8300 American soldiers.

The Dutch people wanted to create some special way to annually Honor these soldiers. So, in 1945 they started the "Adopt-a-Grave" program. Each grave is adopted by someone who accepts the Soldier as a member of their family. Each year on appropriate dates, they adorn their Soldiers grave with American flags and flowers. The Dutch people work to get pictures and information about his life. Now, with Facebook and Ancestry.com, the Dutch people are able to make so many more beautiful connections with their Soldiers family. The Dutch people have a tradition to pass the Love and Care for their Soldier down in their families. I watched an interview with an elderly Dutch lady lovingly but seriously scolding her daughter saying, "You take care of our Soldier!"

Now for some sobering statistics that need to be felt:

- There are 40 pairs of brothers buried side by side at Margraten Cemetery
- 36 graves of unknown Soldiers. Each marked with a white cross bearing the following inscription: "Here rests an honored glory There are a comrade in arms known but to God"
- There is one pair of identical twins: one is in a grave with a white cross bearing his name and dates; the name of his brother is inscribed on the wall with the names of the 1722 missing

Submitted by: Ron Simmons

BRIGADIER GENERAL CLARENCE E. “BUD” ANDERSON, USAF RETIRED, DIES AT AGE 102

During WW II he served two combat tours escorting heavy bomber over Europe in the P-51 Mustang, Nov 1943 through Jan 1945. He flew 116 combat mission (480 hrs) and destroyed 16 and 1/4 enemy aircraft in aerial combat and another one on the ground. Bud flew in the 357th Fighter Group “Yoxford Boys” and was the highest scoring ace in the 363rd Fighter Squadron.

He has an extensive flight-testing background spanning a 25-year period. At Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, he was a fighter test pilot and later became Chief of Fighter Operations. He flew many models of the early jet fighters and was involved in two very unusual flight test programs. He made the first flights on a bizarre experimental program to couple jet fighters to the wingtips of a large bomber aircraft for range extension. Later he also conducted the initial development flights on the F-84 Parasite fighter modified to be launched and retrieved from the very large B-36 bomber. At The Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB, CA, B/Gen Anderson was assigned as the Chief Of Flight Test Operations and later Deputy Director of Flight Test. While there he flew the Century series fighters and all the other types of aircraft in the Air Force inventory. He has flown over 130 different types of aircraft and has logged over 7500 flying hours. Other assignments in his 30 years of continuous

military service include duty as: Commander of an F86 Squadron in post war Korea, Commander of an F-105 Wing on Okinawa, and two assignments to the Pentagon as an advanced R & D staff planner and as Director of Operational Requirements.

Further, he served in Southeast Asia where he was Commander of the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing. B/Gen Anderson flew bombing strikes against enemy supply lines and later was in charge of closing the first large air base when his combat wing was deactivated. B/Gen Anderson was decorated 25 times.

His awards include 2 Legion of Merits, 5 Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star, 16 Air Medals, the French Legion of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre, as well as many campaign and service ribbons.

He learned to fly at age 19 gaining his private pilot’s license in 1941 through the Civilian Pilot Training Program while attending college.

In Jan 1942 he entered the US Army Aviation Cadet Program receiving his wings and commission in Sept 1942. He received his test pilot training by completing the AMC Performance Course (1948) and the Stability and Control Course (1949) while at Wright-Patterson AFB OH.

Born in Oakland CA, he spent his early years on a rural farm near Newcastle CA. He attended Placer Union High School, Sacramento Jr College and the George Washington University. Military education includes the Air Command and Staff College and the Army War College. He is a life member of the American Fighter Aces Association and holds the rank of Fellow in the Society of Experimental Test Pilots.

He was married to the former Eleanor Cosby of Auburn, CA; they were married almost 70 years. She passed away in January 2015. They have two children, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. After retirement from the Air Force in March, 1972, he joined the McDonnell Aircraft Company and served for 12 years at Edwards AFB as Manager of the Company Flight Test Facility.

After full retirement in 1984, the Andersons moved from Lancaster and now reside in Auburn CA. In 1990, B/Gen Anderson wrote an autobiography with another author which has been described by The Historian Of The Air Force as “the finest pilot memories of WW II”.

In this book titled “TO FLY AND FIGHT’ Gen. Chuck Yeager describes Anderson as ” a mongoose, .. the best fighter pilot I’ve ever seen”. When Bud reached 90 years, he voluntarily quit flying but remains an avid supporter of aviation. He lectures on his flying experiences, has consulted on computer flying games, participates in written and online interviews and writes articles for aviation periodicals.

Featured in the History Channel “Dog Fight” series and the Military Channel “Showdown: Air Combat.” Bud was honored to be inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 2008, inducted into the International Air & Space Hall of Fame at the San Diego Air & Space Museum in 2013, received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2015 with all the American Fighter Aces, was awarded the Air Force Association Lifetime Achievement Award in September 2017 and was inducted into the EAA Warbirds of America Hall of Fame on 8 November 2017.



BRIGADIER GENERAL CLARENCE E. "BUD" ANDERSON: Cont:

Bud turned 100 on January 13, 2022 and is the highest scoring living US Fighter Ace and the only surviving US Triple Ace. There are now only 12 living US Fighter Aces out of 1,447 recognized US Fighter Aces.

On 2 Dec, 2022, Bud was given an honorary promotion to Brigadier General at the Aerospace Museum of California. Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Charles Brown presided over the ceremony and pinned the rank on Bud.

On 17 May 2024 at 5:29pm, at the age of 102, WWII Triple Ace Brigadier General Clarence E "Bud" Anderson passed away in his home peacefully in his sleep surrounded by his family.

Information taken from Bud's website: <https://toflyandfight.com/>



After Nearly 80 Years, the Wreck of the USS Harder Has Been Found



In a remarkable discovery that brings closure to a decades-old mystery, the wreck of the USS Harder has finally been located. The USS Harder, a submarine that played a crucial role during

World War II, went missing in action nearly 80 years ago. Now, thanks to advancements in underwater exploration technology and dedicated efforts, the submarine's resting place has been identified.

The USS Harder, a Gato-class submarine, was commissioned in August 1942 and quickly earned a reputation for its daring missions and skilled crew. Under the command of Lieutenant Commander Samuel D. Dealey, the Harder conducted numerous successful patrols in the Pacific theater, disrupting Japanese shipping and military operations.

However, the submarine's illustrious career was tragically cut short on August 24, 1944, during its fifth war patrol. The Harder was engaged in a fierce battle with Japanese destroyers near Bataan, in the South China Sea. Despite valiant efforts to evade enemy fire, the submarine was ultimately sunk with 79 service members aboard.

For decades, the exact whereabouts of the USS Harder remained a mystery.

The families of the crewmembers held onto hope for closure, while historians and naval enthusiasts pondered the fate of the legendary submarine. Numerous expeditions were launched over the years in search of the wreck, but the vastness of the ocean and the challenges of underwater exploration posed significant obstacles.

The breakthrough in locating the USS Harder came through a collaborative effort involving historians, naval experts, and advanced technology. Utilizing state-of-the-art sonar and underwater mapping techniques, researchers narrowed down potential search areas based on historical records and eyewitness accounts of the battle.

After meticulous scanning of the ocean floor, the wreckage of the USS Harder was finally discovered at a depth of over 250 feet. The submarine's distinctive features, including its conning tower and hull, were unmistakable, confirming the identity of the long-lost vessel.

The discovery of the USS Harder holds profound significance for the families of the crew, offering them a sense of closure and honoring the memory of their loved ones who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. It also provides valuable insights for historians and naval scholars, shedding light on a pivotal chapter of World War II history.

The story of the USS Harder serves as a reminder of the bravery and sacrifice of the men and women who served in the armed forces during World War II. It highlights the risks they faced and the heroism they displayed in the face of adversity. As we commemorate the discovery of the USS Harder, we pay tribute to all those who have served and continue to serve in defense of freedom and democracy around the world.



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

We encourage everyone to reach out and volunteer what ever small amount of time you have, it makes a big difference.

Legion Volunteers Needed and Classifieds

REMINDER

Legion Annual membership fee is due on July 1st. They are \$50.00 this year.

Volunteers needed on July 4th to help with the BBQ and various activities being hosted at Post 21. Please contact the Auxiliary for more information on what you can do to help!



Auxiliary is Hosting an:

**All Veteran's Lunch
Thursday, November 11, 2024
11:00am-1:00pm
All veteran's are welcome.**

Volunteers needed for prep, serving and cleanup.



McMinnville Air Show

Volunteers needed: Please contact PIC—Mr. Mohammed

Setup: August 28th—30th

Tear Down: September 2nd

Reach out for more information or if you can donate some time.



Legion and Auxiliary will be splitting at booth at the fair with the VFW. The Commander will be manning the booth. If you would like to volunteer in the booth with him please contact Commander Palacios for more information and to schedule a time.

Commander is looking for someone who would like to be the PIC (Person-in-Charge) for the Veteran's Day Parade. If this is something you'd be interested in please contact Commander Palacios.

27th July is the anniversary of the armistice of what many call 'the Forgotten War'. It was overshadowed by the end of the Second World War and the subsequent 'Cold War', and yet the sacrifice of the allied Armed Forces was extremely high, and its legacy still has a global impact.



UPCOMING Community EVENTS

SUMMER CONCERTS

TUESDAYS: June 27: Big Bad Beat - July 11: Glass of Hearts - July 18: Sabrosa
July 29: Jennifer Batten & the Steam

6:30 PM AT CITY PARK 180 NW PARK DR, MCMINNVILLE
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: Y/MACTIMBERFUN

NEWBERG OLD FASHIONED FESTIVAL

Small Town, Big Dreams

THE CARNIVAL IS BACK!!!

July 27th - 29th
At Renne Field

Carnival Wrist Bands - \$30.00 pre-order
\$35.00 when carnival opens

Goes on sale July 1st...more details to come.

Oregon's Oldest Fair Since 1854

YAMHILL COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

Bounty of the County!

JULY 31ST - AUGUST 3RD 2024

Willamina and Independence both have all day community events prior to fireworks that you

can check out including:
Car Shows, Vendors,
Food Trucks and Music



2024 FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 4th
WRISTBANDS REQUIRED

11:30AM	Mini Marathon
12:00PM	Gates Open
	Vendors Open
	M/I Rotary Grand Parade Begins
	Fun & Games Field Opens
	-FREE Inflatable Fun
	-Themed crafts by the YMCA
	-Games & prizes by the YMCA
	-Special festival activities
5:15PM	Community Square Dancing
6:45PM	Jacob Weldon
8:15PM	Jacque Roar
10:00PM	Independence Day Fireworks Show
10:25PM	Jacque Roar Encore

For more event details, please visit:
www.ci.independence.or.us/independence-days-celebration

CITY OF Willamina
TIMBERTOWN U.S.A.

Be part of our 4th of July **SPECTACULAR**

Fireworks starts at dusk,
Vendor Row, Car Show,
Parade at 6pm, "Live Music!"
& MUCH MORE!!

Fourth of July

AMERICAN LEGION Post 21

4th of July BBQ

12:00pm - 4:00pm ★ Cash Donations
Hamburgers ★ Hot Dogs ★ Sides ★ Desserts

Cash Prizes:
Best Side
Best Dessert

Dunk Tank
Horseshoes
Corn hole

Watermelon Eating Contest

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 YCAP Food Truck 2:00pm-3:00pm Son's Mtg 6:30pm	4 	5 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Legion KP 5:00pm	6 Cancer Bingo 1:00pm
7 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	8	9	10 YCAP Food Truck 2:00pm-3:00pm	11 Veteran's Lunch 11:00a—1:00p	12 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Auxiliary KP 5:00pm	13
14 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	15 Activity Committee Mtg 5:00pm Executive Mtg 6:00pm	16 Auxiliary Mtg 6:00pm	17 YCAP Food Truck 2:00pm-3:00pm General Member- ship Mtg 6:00pm	18	19 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Sons KP 5:00pm	20
21 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	22	23	24 YCAP Food Truck 2:00pm-3:00pm Legion Riders Mtg 7:00pm	25	26 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Riders KP 5:00pm	27
28 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	29	30	31 YCAP Food Truck 2:00pm-3:00pm			

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