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Commander:

I had the opportunity last week to represent Post 21 at the Oregon Convention in Salem. One of the attendees was Jay Bowen who is running for National Commander in 2026. Mr. Bowen spoke and one of the ideas he presented is something I definitely wanted to bring back to our members, volunteers, and friends of Post 21.

Mr. Bowen talked about BPOTS. It is something that I have long held as an important fundamental of team building and when in a position of leadership. BPOTS simply is an acronym for BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.

Volunteerism is the cornerstone of Post 21. Those who volunteer are truly being part of the solution every day they come in to help. Whether it is helping out on Friday Night as part of your family volunteer night, putting flags out, helping in the restaurant, or signing up for one of the numerous volunteer opportunities at Post 21, your help is appreciated and noticed! We are a part of something bigger than US!

I have initiated a Volunteer of the Quarter program that is designed to recognize those who donate their precious time to Post 21. Each family will submit a name and a volunteer of the quarter will be selected from the list. At the end of the year everyone who was nominated will have the opportunity to be selected for the Volunteer of the Year.

Thank you to everyone who keeps our Veterans and Post 21 first. That is why we do what we do.

Russ Ludwig Commander

Legion21Commander@gmail.com

No submissions by: SAL Leadership, Honor Guard, Chaplain, 1st Vice, Service Officer, Judge Advocate, 3 At Large Members, and Auxiliary

Activities Update:

Greetings, Legion Family!

We've got a busy and exciting couple of months ahead at the Post — so mark your calendars and join in the fun, fellowship, and patriotism!

Independence Day BBQ – Friday, July 5 | 1 PM – 5 PM We'll be celebrating the Fourth a day late to avoid conflicting with our Friday Night Dinner. Come enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, a dunk tank, and other fun yard games! Volunteers are needed — please reach out if you can help. Veterans Lunch – Wednesday, July 10 | 11 AM All veterans are welcome to join us for a hearty lunch and great conversation. It's our way of saying thank you for your service.

Legion After Dark – Friday, July 19 | 9 PM – Midnight Get ready to sing your heart out! Join us for Karaoke Night with a totally rad 80s & 90s theme. Dress up, bring your best throwback hits, and enjoy food and drink specials all night long!

Legion Riders Poker Ride – Friday, August 16 | 8 AM – 5 PM Ride for a cause and enjoy the open road with the Legion Riders. Details coming soon — keep an eye out for signups and route info!

Legion After Dark – Friday, August 16 | 9 PM – Midnight Another fun-filled night of karaoke and camaraderie. Whether you're a regular or a first-timer, all are welcome to the mic!

Get Involved!

Don't forget — our Activities Meetings are open to all. Come share your ideas and help shape the fun at your post.

See you soon at the Legion!

Terry Ward 2nd Vice—Activities Committee Chair

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.



Legion Riders Updates:

Greetings,

As the new Riders Director I would like to introduce everyone to our slate

of officers:

Director: Stephen Sagmiller

Assistant Director: Wayne Jarshaw

Treasurer: Sim Sears Secretary: Tammy De Kar Road Captain: Randy David Sargent at Arms: Keith Weldon

Historian: Jim Connelly Chaplain: Jerry George

Membership Coordinator: Steve Randles

We hope to serve the Riders and Post 21 to good and great things over the next year.

June is a very busy month for the Riders. Along with the Statewide Convention, Sheridan Hometown Days, and the BC Bike Show at the McMinnville Hospital many of our Riders are prepping for another summer of riding and spreading the word about all the things we do for the American Legion and Post 21.

We will be holding our annual Scholarship Poker Run on Aug 16 th and hope to see a lot of folks participate this year to help raise funds for scholarships to local schools.

Heres to fair weather, clear skys, and safe riding

Steve Sagmiller **Chapter 21 Director**



Historian's Corner:

Sooooo, we had State Conference in Salem this week, the Commander and my "scrapbook BFF" attended... I look forward to hearing how that went. With that being said, if ANYONE OF YOU have (newspaper clippings about post 21, pics of post 21 fam, or anything you want to see in the scrapbook about the post please get it to me). Thank you. Veni Vedi Veci

Robert Andrade Historian

Historian's Fun Facts: Fun Fact #2, on July 1, 1946, Bulova watches became the very first TV commercial.

Bulova: First in Time, First on TV!

Did you know the first-ever television commercial in U.S. history was for a watch? That's right — on July 1, 1941, Bulova made history with a 10-second spot that aired before a baseball game. The ad simply showed a clock and the words:

"America runs on Bulova time."

It cost just \$9!

But Bulova didn't just lead the way in advertising — they've had a proud connection to the U.S. military for over a century. During World War I and II, Bulova supplied watches, timekeeping devices, and precision instruments to the armed forces. Their military watches became known for their rugged reliability and accuracy in the field.



So whether you're checking the time or honoring American innovation, remember — Bulova was first, and still keeps time with history.



The following Committee Chairs were either volunteered for, appointed, or determined by our Bylaws. Please contact the Committee Chair if you would like to be a part of that committee.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE LEROY BROWN	JUAN PALACIOS	ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE TERRY WARD Requires a Rep from Auxiliary, Sons and Riders All volunteers are welcome	AMERICANISM COMMITTEE RUSS LUDWIG / ANGEL MEDOZA	ROBERT ANDRADE Requires a Rep from Auxiliary, Sons and Riders
FINANCE COMMITTEE	PUBLICITY COMMITTEE CLUB MANAGER / RACHEL BAILEY	VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION COMMITTEE RUSS LUDWIG / REBECCA HARDIN Requires a Rep from Auxiliary, Sons and Riders	BY-LAWS COMMITTEE At Large - Not yet appointed	VISITING COMMITTEE Chaplain THOMAS CLAYTON



Celebrating Our Volunteers - The Heart of Post 21

At the core of the American Legion is volunteerism. Without the selfless service of our dedicated volunteers, we wouldn't be able to provide the vital support our Veterans and their families need in our communities.

To honor and recognize these incredible individuals, Post 21 is proud to introduce our Volunteer Recognition Program. Each quarter, our American Legion families and departments will have the opportunity to nominate a Volunteer of the Quarter. One outstanding volunteer will be randomly selected from these nominations to receive the title of Post 21's Volunteer of the Quarter.

But that's not all-at the end of the year, all nominated volunteers will be entered into a final random drawing for Volunteer of the Year.

This is just one small way we can show appreciation for the countless hours, passion, and dedication that our members and their families give to Post 21. Thank you to each and every one of you who continues to serve and support our mission.

Volunteer of the Quarter Quarter 2



We are proud to recognize Jeannie as our Volunteer of the Quarter, nominated by our Club Manager for her unwavering dedication and service.

Jeannie is a cornerstone of our Friday Night Dinners—a role she fulfills with exceptional commitment. Even while recovering from surgery and not feeling her best, she shows up, ready to serve. Her reliability, work ethic, and spirit of service do not go unnoticed. Simply put, they wouldn't want to do it without her.

Beyond Friday nights, Jeannie is also an active and invaluable member of the Unit 21 Auxiliary, dedicating many hours to volunteer efforts that benefit our Legion family and community.

Jeannie exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism and everything Post 21 was founded on. Thank you, Jeannie, for your phenomenal service and for being a shining example of dedication, strength, and heart.

We'd like to recognize the other volunteers who were nominated for Quarter 2:

Robert De Kar - Nominated by the Post 21 ALR "While taking his role as American Legion Riders State Director to new heights he has represented the Post at the State Convention, assisted the Riders and Post whenever anything needs to be done, and donated his time and effort to make things run. He truly embodies what giving back should look like. "

Glena Smith - Nominated by the Unit 21 Auxiliary "Her dedication and determination to do what ever is needed to help, at any event held does not go unnoticed. Rather that be at our post, community, or schools, you can always rely on her to be there. She supports all families of our post. She volunteers for poker runs, bbq's, fundraisers, every Friday night, and never misses the Auxiliaries veterans lunches. Never complaining her legs hurt, but always smiling and refusing to slow down. Glena is a shining star and a great asset to Post 21."

Bob Berweger - Nominated by the American Legion Post 21 Commander "Bob's dedication to the Memorial Rose Garden is unparalleled. He tirelessly maintains and repairs the rose garden on a regular basis. The weather does not deter him, he is there without fail to ensure that the grounds are kept impeccable. Without this dedication the Memorial Rose Garden we would not have such a wonderful tribute to the Veterans that served our country.



New Employee



Please welcome Jackie Williams

Club Manager Post 21 Restaurant and Lounge

I've been back in Oregon for about two years now after spending three in Texas. I returned to be closer to my family when my mom's health declined — she's my best friend, and being here to support my parents means the world to me.

Before moving back, I spent over a decade in the service industry, starting with my very first job at the Newberg Dairy Queen (still one of my favorites!). I worked my way from cook to manager, even mastering the drive-thru! Balancing that with college and multiple jobs taught me the value of hustle, heart, and hard work.

Post 21 Club News:

I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Club Manager here at the American Legion. In the short time I've been here, I've already met some amazing people, and I'm looking forward to meeting many more of you in the near future.

I'm passionate about meeting new people and hearing your stories, and I'm excited to bring that energy to the American Legion. My focus is on streamlining our operations to create a smoother and more enjoyable experience for all of our members, veterans, and guests. I'm also working on finding ways to better manage our spending, so we can give back even more to our community.

We have some exciting events coming up! To celebrate the 4th of July, we'll be hosting a Yard Party on July 5th—a chance to relax, have fun, and enjoy some great food and company. We'll also be bringing back some of your favorite food specials, along with some new ones to try out.

I'm so thrilled to be part of this team and to work alongside all of you. Together, I'm confident we can continue to make this place feel like home.

Warmly, Jackie



We are pleased to inform that **American Legion Post 21** has been awarded a Recommendation badge by Restaurant Guru, one of the world's most popular foodie websites with over 30 millions monthly users. Congratulations on your achievement!



Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency—JulyAnnouncements

World War II

Announced on June 2, 2025 that Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Charles W. McCook, 23, of Georgetown, Texas, killed during World War II, was accounted for on April 18, 2025.

Announced on June 5, 2025 that U.S. Army Pfc. Wilbert G. Linsenbardt, 27, killed during World War II, was accounted for on April 30, 2025.

Announced on June 5, 2025 that U.S. Army Air Forces Sgt. Thomas G. Deitman, 24, killed during World War II, was accounted for April 25, 2025.

Announced on June 5, 2025 that U.S. Army Sgt. Howard L. Hasselkus, 24, of Elmore, Ohio, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for Sept. 23, 2024.

Announced on June 5, 2025 that U.S. Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Clarence E. Gibbs, 21, of Charlotte, North Carolina, killed during World War II, was accounted for March 24, 2025.

Announced on June 5, 2025 that U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Milton L. Hymes, Jr., 22, of Savannah, Georgia, killed during World War II, was accounted for Nov. 21, 2024.

Announced on June 18, 2025 that U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Charles S. Atteberry, 26, killed during World War II, was accounted for June 4, 2025.

Announced on June 18, 2025 that U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Clifford E. Keeney, 26, killed during World War II, was accounted for June 12, 2025.

Announced on June 24, 2025 that U.S. Army Air Forces 1st Lt. George F. Bradbury, 22, of Georgia, killed during World War II, was accounted for Dec. 19, 2024.

Announced on June 24, 2025 that U.S. Army Air Forces Sgt. Arthur B. Van Kleeck, 20, of Brooklyn, New York, killed during World War II, was accounted for Nov. 28, 2022.

Announced on June 25, 2025 that U.S. Army Cpl. Oscar L. Sprague, 22, who was killed during the Korean War, was accounted for April 23, 2025.

Announced on June 25, 2025 that U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Raymond A. Kaudelky, 30, killed during World War II, was accounted for Feb. 13, 2023.

Announced on June 27, 2025 that U.S. Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Morton Sher, 22, killed during World War II, was accounted for on June 11, 2025.

World War II

Korean

Announced on June 2, 2025 that U.S. Army Cpl. Delmer R. Grissom, 19, of Aransas, Texas, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for March 20, 2025.

Announced on June 5, 2025 that U.S. Army Pfc. Albert H. Faust, 17, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for May 29, 2025.

Announced on June 5, 2025 that U.S. Army Cpl. Anthony Konze, 20, of Brooklyn, New York, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on Dec. 18, 2024.

Announced on June 24, 2025 that U.S. Air Force Capt. Howard E. O'Dell, 30, of Poughkeepsie, New York, who was killed during the Korean War, was accounted for April 29, 2025.

Announced on June 25, 2025 that U.S. Army Pfc. Elijah Trannon Jr., 17, who was killed during the Korean War, was accounted for April 25, 2025.

Vietnam

Announced on June 25, 2025 that U.S. Army Master Sgt. Donald P. Gervais, 24, killed during the Vietnam War, was accounted for May 16, 2025.

Announced on June 25, 2025 that U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Donald K. Springsteadah, 35, who was killed during the Vietnam War, was accounted for June 23, 2025.

Announced on June 25, 2025 that U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Willis R. Hall, 40, who was killed during the Vietnam War, was accounted for June 23, 2025.

Announced on June 25, 2025 that U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Henry G. Gish, 25, who was killed during the Vietnam War, was accounted for June 23, 2025.

Announced on June 25, 2025 that U.S. Air Force Col. Walter A. Renelt, 40, who was killed during the Vietnam War, was accounted for June 23, 2025.

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Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share!

Dunk Tank, Cornhole, Horseshoes

SATURDAY, JULY 5th from 1 - 5p

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Rev Up

For Local Veterans
July 5, 2025
Volcanoes Stadium
2pm-7pm

Come for the Cars, Brews, & Food! Stay for the Game & fireworks!

Pre-Register here





\$20 Civilian \$10 Military/First Responder

All Proceeds go to Local Veterans Programs

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS









BIKE NIGHT

Hot Bikes • Cool People • Killer Tacos

☐ Friday, July 18th, 2025 – See you at 6PM

Roll in to check out badass bikes, show off your ride, and swap stories over some **seriously** good tacos.

Everyone's welcome at the Garage!





Saturday Aug. 16, 2025

8:00 am Start Time, with Last Bike out by 10:00 am

(1) Hand is \$15.00 or (2) Hands for \$20.00 ALL Hands MUST Be In by 2:30PM

"\$750 High Hand Payout Prize"

\$500 2nd Place Prize \$250 3rd Place Prize \$150 Low Hand Prize

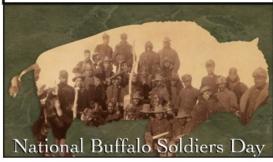




July 28th is National Buffalo Soldiers Day, the holiday celebrating the contributions of some of the earliest African-American troops in the United

States military.

City of McMinnville Find more Summer Fun events:





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 YCAP Food Truck 2-3p SAL Mtg 6:30pm	3	4 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Legion KP 5:00pm	5 Cancer Bingo 1:00pm Independence Day Celebration
6 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	7	8	9 YCAP Food Truck 2-3p	10 Veteran's Lunch 11:00am - 1:00pm	11 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Auxiliary KP 5:00pm	12
13 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	14 Activity Committee Mtg 5:00pm Executive Mtg 6:00pm	15 Auxiliary Mtg 6:00pm	16 YCAP Food Truck 2-3p General Member- ship Mtg 6:00pm	17	18 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Sons KP 5:00pm	19 After Dark 9p-1a Karaoke –70's&80's Themed
20 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	21	22	23 Legion Riders Mtg 7:00pm	24	25 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Riders KP 5:00pm	26
27 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	28	29	30 YCAP Food Truck 2-3p	31		

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