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## BINGO IS BACK!

PUBLIC IS WELCOME

SATURDAY – JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:00 PM – CANCER BINGO – All profits go directly to The Willamette Valley Medical Center Cancer Center to benefit those of the local community.

SUNDAY – JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> – Legion Bingo. All profits go to the American Legion Post 21 and benefit American Legion Post 21





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day	2	3 Open House Cmte 6:00 pm Camper Club Rambling Rejects 5:30 pm	4 Son's Mtg. 6:30	5 Equestrians 6 pm	6 Dinner Specials 6-8 pm	7 Cancer Bingo 1:00 – 4:00
8 Bingo 1-4 pm	9 Honor Guard 6:30 pm	10 By-laws 5 pm  Women's Vets 7 pm	11 Legal Cmte 5 pm	12 Hunter's 6 pm	13 Dinner Specials 6-8 pm	14 Oratorical Contest  Rocky Mtn Oyster Feed 6-8 pm
15 Bingo 1-4 pm	16 House cmte 6 pm Finance cmte 6:00 pm. Executive cmte 6:30 pm	17 Auxiliary 6 pm	18 Activities-5:30  General Mbrship 6:30 pm	19  Cruisers 6 pm	20 Dinner Specials 6-8 pm	21
22 Bingo 1-4 pm	23 Honor Guard 6:30 pm	24 AMVETS 6:30 pm	25 Legion Riders 7 pm	26	27 Dinner Specials 6-8 pm	28
29 Bingo 1-4 pm	30	31				

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those born in January!

Start your New Year off Right by wishing our January Babies Happy Birthday!

Sonny Bassham, Dianne Beaudry, Bill Boomer, Jeanne Clayton, Marty Coulter, Betty Dutton, Gail Engleking, Jincy Farley, Darla Gregory, John Hamilton, Don Hedstrom, Carol Herring, Mary Morris, Ursula Niedzialek, Jim Niehus, and Steve (Doc) Schollenburg.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY and HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**COMMANDERS CORNER:** Greetings and welcome to winter and the New Year.

As we finish the year on a positive note I remind all our Legion families; the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the collective membership of the Riders, that all should and are encouraged to be directly involved in the Legion decision making during our monthly meetings.

We have shared a get deal of experiences during the recent month with Christmas parties, food baskets and Christmas trees. We did find, however, that the volunteerism that we count on to help with the holiday activities fell short of our expectations. Consequently, a great deal was done by a few. Thank you so very much for your efforts, time and commitment to Post 21. The funds raised for tree sales will be designated for post/veterans' support in the coming year. A positive fund base for Veterans, facility repairs and maintenance.

During the recent months, we have experienced numerous thefts outside the building. I ask each of you be vigilant and keep an open eye for any outside activity that seems out of place. Vandalism costs us all as the thieves and/or drug addicts prosper.

Respectfully submitted: Gale Sears; Commander

**RIDERS CORNER:** The snow, rain and cold weather have kept us off our scooters for the last month. Dreaming of the sunny days that seem so far away.

During the holidays, I tend to think a lot about family and friends. I am thankful for all my brothers and sisters that have served our great country as well as their spouses (that we sometimes forget) for their sacrifice of being away from family and friends during the holidays. When I was a young soldier I really never understood what it was like to miss family. I was doing my job.

Hanging out with friends now I believe I know what it's like to miss people. If I have to be away for work I miss my wife terribly (and it's only a couple days at a time). There are friends within my Legion family that I tend to start missing if I don't hear from them every so often. My Legion family has been a godsend and makes me feel loved.

Let's remember our service men and women who are standing their post in a land far away. They may not be eating Christmas dinner with their wife and children but they are missed.

Strength in Numbers,  
Jerry Perry



**THE AUXILIARY BAZAR:** It was a great Bazar. All the tables were sold and we had a drawing with all vendors giving one item and Rich Pimm donating his left-over items. So much fun. Want to thank Angel Mendoza for all his help setting up the tables, Darla Gregory, Diane Beaudry, Debra Goodwin, Kathy Lucht, Goya Hernandez and Ericka Domingez and anyone else I forgot.

God Bless and Happy New Year to everyone.  
Glena Smith, Auxiliary Secretary.

## PAINT PARTY!

**FUN FOR ALL AT THE LEGION:** An evening of art for all the American Legion families is planned on Saturday 2/25/17. Paint Night is a fun interactive experience allowing beginners through experienced artists to create a beautiful painting in 2 1/2 hours. Claudia from Young at Art will lead the class and supply all materials.

Beverages and food will be available for purchase throughout the event. All participants will vote on a winning painting to be displayed at the club honoring the winner's Legion family.



Class size is limited to 40. Preregistration is required. Please call the studio at [503-737-4271](tel:503-737-4271) to save your spot and pay the \$25 material & class fee. Mention Jeri or American Legion when making reservations.



**AUXILIARY:** Christmas has come and gone. We helped 25 family's this year with Christmas baskets. This was my first year organizing and getting it all put together, and what an experience. It was very Heartfelt to watch the family's when they picked up their baskets; well worth the footwork to get everything done.

I would like to thank all who donated, Walmart, Hutch, Boy Scouts – Troupe 266; Legion Riders; Steve



Sandercock, all the Legion Members and any I might have forgot. Thank you all for the help in assembling the baskets and handing them to those in need. It was wonderful to see the giving spirit within our community.

American Legion Auxiliary – Chaplain; Debra Goodwin.

**MIA UPDATE: Coming home.**

**Army Cpl. David T. Nordin, Jr. 23 of Los Angeles.** Company K, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He was declared missing Nov 28, 1950, after his unit was attacked by Chinese forces while establishing a position near Unsan, North Korea.

**Army Sgt. Stafford L. Morris.** Battery A, 503<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. His unit was operating just north of Kujang-dong, North Korea, when it was attacked by overwhelming Chinese forces and was forced to withdraw through an area referred to as "The Gauntlet." Morris was declared missing on December 1, 1950.



**CHAPLAINS CORNER:** Another year has come and gone. It has been busy at the Legion for me. I have Hospital visits on Monday and it gets me up and out to see all the Vets that belong to Post 21 but they don't come out to support the Post.

I am always ready to visit and pray for all that may need it. As we move into this new year please come out to the meetings. Remember that you are a big part of The American Legion Post 21. May God bless and keep you in this new year that we are moving forward for God and Country.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE:** Hi everyone! Happy Holidays! We are always working to make the club better. If anyone has any input please get in contact with one of our members. We also have a suggestion box for your input.

We will have an Open House Committee Meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm, all are invited, and a regular meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**FOR SALE ITEMS:** Any American Legion Family Member can purchase items to go into our New Display showcase to sell.

Lots of different size and types of Flags, t-shirts, key chains and much more.

Contact person is Glenna Smith (503) 864-3177 or if you want to purchase an item any one of our friendly bartenders can get the item for you.

**ADJUTANT:** Membership renewal is at 65%. Please send in your renewal. If you have already sent in your renewal and have received a new statement, please disregard this statements they are coming from National and not Post 21.

**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:** Happy Holidays! December was a very busy Month. A big Thanks to all who participated in our annual Christmas Tree fundraiser. Thanks to you it was successful.

Come join us for our New Year's Party and enjoy the live band "Long Hard Ride"



January 14<sup>th</sup> 6-8:00 P.M. we will be having a "Rocky Mountain Oyster Feed", also serving ham for those who don't want oysters. Cost will be \$7.50 per person.

Superbowl Potluck Party – Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> with kick-off at 3:30. Come early to get your table, bring your favorite snack to share and have fun.



The activities committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30, all are welcome – come share your ideas.

Terry Ward - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice.

**BATTLE OF THE BRANCHES IS COMING!**

Time to think about Battle of the Branches, starts in March! Get your troops together and

**May The Best Branch Win**



**ORATORICAL CONTEST:**

The Oratorical Contest is on January 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to Noon.

Please come and watch the contestants.

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
HIGH SCHOOL  
ORATORICAL CONTEST

"A constitutional speech contest"