



# AMERICAN LEGION

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**Commander:** Hello Legionaries, Thank the Lord we are safe and sound.

I attended The Department of Oregon Convention. We were honored with several awards from Department. The Veterans Award Grenada/Lebanon was presented to our Post. Yes, it means a lot because no other Post had as many!!! Our families each received the American Legion 100% Family Goal Award. The Post also received the 100% Membership Goal for 2022. I want to say a BIG Thank You to all our families. Together we Rock!

We were asked by Department if we would host the 2023 State Convention in McMinnville. This is a great HONOR. This is the Second time that we have been asked. In 2015, the Post hosted the State Convention. We did a Fantastic job. They still remember. Yeah!

The members have voted to host the 2023 Convention in McMinnville. This requires a lot of hard work from our Post members. We need members to volunteer that are dedicated and are not afraid of hard work. We can accomplish this task with hard work because nothing is free. Our Post shines with PRIDE. "We can do it!"

They say that the same people are the only ones that volunteer and yes, it's true. So, let's change this by asking one person at a time and not stopping when someone says no. **It can be done only if you want to. Let's be proud of our Post and not quit.**

The Post air conditioner is not working in the dining room. We are in the process of fixing it, the dining room is HOT! The kitchen is even hotter. The cooks are working hard through the heat. We purchased two BIG fans to cool it down a bit. I would like to thank our cooks for working in this heat. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. **You are very much appreciated.**

God Bless you and your family, be safe.

*Juan Palacios, Commander*

**Riders:** The riders have been busy the past few weeks helping at the Legion, escorting the National Commander Paul Dillard, and having fun at Sheridan Hometown Days.

Ivan and Cheryl Whitlow have headed up the bike show at Sheridan for years and working with them makes for a fun event.

Looking towards the future and it is going to be a busy month with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Car & Bike Show and Volcanoes Baseball field in Keizer and the Salute to Veterans Golf Tournament.

There are several rides at other locations around our state. I will keep in touch for the things that come up in the short time.

*Terry Naig, Riders Director*

**House Committee:** **Wow is it Hot!** Relief is in sight! The heat pump unit will be replaced July 5-6. Hope to see everyone at the Car and Bike show on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Sons:** The Sons will be serving free Breakfast to all Korean War Veterans on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 11 am.

We will be assisting the Legion with the Car & Bike show on July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Salute to Veterans Golf Classic on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I hope everyone is helping when someone needs a little help just to be good citizens.

*Terry Naig, Commander*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:** What a busy month it has been. Post 21 Riders attended the Ken Holdridge Memorial escort. Sheridan Days was a big success thanks to the hard work of many Riders. A BIG Thank You to Terry Ward, Goya Hernandez, and Terry Ward for a successful "Take a Vet Fishing" on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Good representation on June 21<sup>st</sup> for The American Legion National Commander, Paul Dillard escort. The 103<sup>rd</sup> State Convention was well attended by not only Post 21 members but members from across the State.

I mention this only because we have 9 Post 21 Veterans in The Second Winds Community Band ( Connelly, Shirley, Bork, Cpt. Peterson, Lt. Marbry, CDR Dixon, Wood, Banagay, Day. had good turnout for June concerts. The band will be playing Dayton Friday Night Live on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in Lafayette city park, and July 26<sup>th</sup> in McMinnville for the Summer Fun Concert Series at 6:30 in City Park. *Jim Connelly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice*



**Chaplain:** Another month has come and gone, and I see the good Lord has blessed our Post. We are getting more members coming to the meetings. If you haven't been to a meeting, you are missing so much. Remember that this is your post I encourage everyone to come to the Post and become a greater part of what is going on.

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, our Legion Family lost one of our members. "Virgil Lucht" Sons member has gone to Post Everlasting and his reward in life. Please pray for his family.

We had the Memorial Day Cemetery Honor run for all the service men and women that have passed, it was a time to honor and remember them. The Legion, Legion Riders, Auxiliary, Sons and I gave the blessings. I thank the Riders for all their help in leading the way, when you see one of them give them a big thank-you. On our run we stopped at the Baker Creek Church, each year the school places a flag for all the Veterans we have lost from the State of Oregon. It's hard to believe that they had over 5900 flags placed. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of June I along with the Honor Guard gave honors for "Command Sergeant Major William E. Pifer" retired Army 27 years.

I will close out for now, but I say be safe out there and walk with the Lord. *Chaplain Thomas Clayton*

**Auxiliary:** The first Auxiliary meeting for the 2022-2023 year was held on June 21.<sup>st</sup> President Gregoria (Goya) Hernandez reviewed what the Auxiliary had been involved in since our last meeting. Some had not been reported in the June Newsletter so here they are.

- National Poppy Day was celebrated by Auxiliary members gifting a Poppy and/or wristband to the visitors at the Evergreen Aviation Museum
- May 28<sup>th</sup> Sweeney Poker Run chose Post 21 for their 1<sup>st</sup> stop and 4 Auxiliary members were present to greet the participants and record their card picks.
- Memorial Day – 3 Auxiliary ladies traveled with the other members of the Legion Family to various sites to conduct Memorial Ceremonials to honor the lives of the Veterans who are no longer with us. At Post 21, the remembrance ceremony, for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, also included the names of the late members of Unit 21. Many other Auxiliary members helped with the Post BBQ and gifting Poppies to the Legion guests.
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Amity senior, Justin Rosenbalm, was awarded a \$1000 Auxiliary Scholarship.
- June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Legion General meeting, Commander Juan Palacios was presented with an Auxiliary "Thank You" coin by President Gregoria Hernandez in recognition for his ongoing efforts to increase the Auxiliary membership.
- Unit 21 will be represented at the 2022 State Convention by 4 of our Auxiliary members and one Jr. Auxiliary member who will be a Page.

Coming events that could use some volunteers are:  
4<sup>th</sup> of July Car show and BBQ Look for sign-up sheet at Legion  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Classic Look for sign-up sheet at Legion  
Annual Auxiliary Yard Sale – Contact (PIC) Dianne Heaton at 971-237-4122

Please contact Auxiliary Chaplin Susan Haley at 503-348-7703 if you know of any Auxiliary members who are sick or in need of assistance.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.





The most recent identified POW/MIA.

## World War II

**Navy Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Houston Temples – 24.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for April 16, 2021. Announced June 9, 2022.

**Army Staff Sgt. Casimir Lobacz – 25.** Lost September 7, 1944 when his Company was advancing through France as part of the Lorraine Campaign and came under ground attack. Accounted for March 2, 2022. Announced June 16, 2022.

**Army Tech. Sgt. Ross Thompson – 50.** Lost December 10, 1942 after the Bataan Death March and held as a Prisoner of War in Cabanatuan POW camp where he perished. Accounted for November 10, 2021. Announced June 16, 2022.

**Army Pfc. David Owens – 27.** Lost November 22, 1944 when his unit was engaged in battle with German forces near Hürtgen Forest when he was reported killed in action. Because of the fighting, his body was unable to be recovered. Accounted for June 15, 2022.

**Army Pvt. Carl Dorsey – 19.** Lost November 22, 1944 when his unit was engaged in battle with German forces near Grosshau, Germany, in the Hürtgen Forest when he was reported killed in action. Because of the fighting, his body was unable to be recovered. Accounted for June 15, 2022.

**Army Sgt. Garland Collier – 25.** Lost during Operation Market Garden on October 5, 1944 when he sustained fatal wounds from mortar fire. Announced June 17, 2022.

**Army Pvt. John Cooper – 37.** Lost March 7, 1945 when his tank was struck by enemy shoulder-fired rocket near Lampaden Germany. Cooper escaped the tank but was never seen again. Accounted for June 21, 2022.

## Korea

**Army Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class James Coleman – 22.** Lost April 25, 1951 when his Division was engaged with Chinese Communist Forces near the Hwach-on Reservoir. Accounted for May 23, 2022.



## US WILL BRING HOME AND IDENTIFY REMAINS OF UNKNOWN SOLDIERS FROM THE ONLY AMERICAN CEMETERY IN AFRICA.

On Memorial Day 2022 the US Embassy in Tunisia announced that the U.S. is set to bring home and identify the remains of unknown World War II soldiers from the only American cemetery in Africa.

The announcement comes after the US and Tunisia signed a memorandum of understanding that will allow the US to exhume the remains of unknown soldiers from the North African American Cemetery and repatriate them for identification and reunification with family members.

“Today’s historic agreement will ensure American service men and women who gave their lives to defend our freedom are recognized and honored for the ultimate sacrifice they gave to our country,” said the embassy’s spokesperson.

The cemetery in Carthage, Tunisia, near the Mediterranean Sea is the burial site for 2,841 US service members from the North African campaign. The Wall of the Missing, a memorial wall bordering the cemetery, lists the names of 3,724 service members who went missing in action and have never been found.



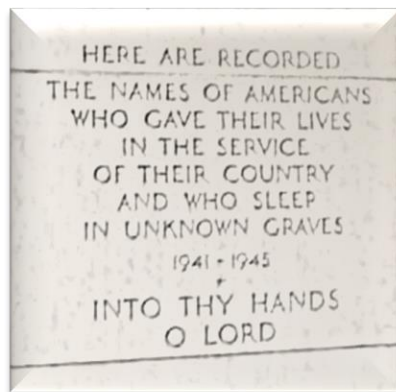


U.S. Service members assigned to the DPAA participate in an honorable carry ceremony of remains from Thailand.

## REMAINS PILOT MIA IN WW2 RECOVERED

After all these decades, a mystery has been solved. And it's all because of a dedicated researcher and a chance find in an archive in Thailand.

We owe our fallen heroes and their families a profound debt of gratitude," said the embassy's spokesperson.



There are 47,000 U.S. military personnel still missing from World War II who are considered Missing In Action in Asian war zones. Now, researchers believe they've found the remains of an Army pilot who disappeared over Thailand in 1944. The remains will be analyzed to confirm identification. Earlier in May, a ceremony was held at the U.S. airbase in Thailand to pay respects and send the remains home.

The investigation that led to the discovery was led by a retired Thailand Air Force Officer; he had heard rumors of a World War II plane crash but couldn't find records of it. In 2011, flooding threatened the museum archives, so he went through the records to check their condition and came across a police report from 1944 that cited the precise date and location where a Reconnaissance P-38 went down after being struck by lightning.

It took 10 years to start sifting through the field, and in April they found remains. The U.S. military has a special facility in Hawaii where they will analyze the remains to confirm their identity.

## KNOW WHEN TO FLY THE U.S. FLAG AT HALF-STAFF.

As we celebrate Independence Day a question the Americanism Division at National Headquarter often receives is when the flag should be flown at half-staff. Days in the year that the flag is to be flown at half-staff include Memorial Day (May), Peace Officers Memorial Day (May) Patriot Day (Sept. 11), National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service (October) and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (Dec. 7).

The flag is to be flow at full staff on Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. Unless the State Governor or the president of the United States has a half-staff proclamation issued, the United States flag is to be displayed at full staff.



### To the right or left?

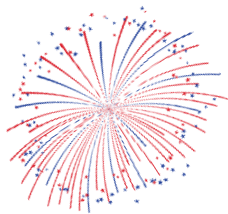
The flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags, should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.

*Title 4, U.S. Code, Chapter 1, § 7*

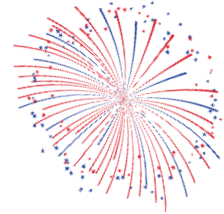
## THAT'S NOT MY JOB!

This is a story about four people named: **Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody**. There was in important job to be done **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that because it was **Everybody's** Job. **Everybody** though **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.





# JULY



Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
					<b>1</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion KP 5:00 PM	<b>2</b> Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
<b>3</b> Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	<b>4</b> Car & Motorcycle Show 10:00 AM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> SON's 6:30 PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Auxiliary KP 5:00 PM	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> House Committee 5:00 PM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Sons KP 5:00 PM	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	<b>18</b> Activities Committee 5:30 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	<b>19</b> Auxiliary 6:00 PM	<b>20</b> General Membership 6:30 PM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Riders KP 5:00 PM	<b>23</b> Salute to Veterans Golf Tournament 1:00 PM
<b>24</b> Korean War Veterans Breakfast 8:00 AM Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion KP 5:00 PM	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Legion Bingo 1:00 PM						

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Scott Allen, Jim Baker, Larry Beaudry, Hayden Bonnett, Yokasta Bonilla, Harley Bowlin, Carol Brown, Ted Campbell, Steve Carter, Sheri Colon, Donald Cronin, Randi Douglas, David Feist, Alan French, Frank Gabriel, James Galbreath, Debra Godwin, Richard Gregory, Mindy Grimaldo, Daniel Guthrie, Robert Harmon, Dorothy Henderson, Gary Jewett, Rory Lay, Kathy Lucht, Sklar Levitt, Matthew Leis, Terry Maclean, Chester McDonough, Richard McJunkin, Vernon Medeiros, Wallace Mekkers, Gene Menke, Richard Moffitt, Jeffrey Monahan, Gil Obregon, Juan Palacio, Wade Pankey, Christopher Parks, Chuck Pattishall, Bruce Petersen, Phil Prater, Douglas Ridgeway, Richard Randall, Robert Rapp, Michael Reed, Kenneth Rogers, Allen Schmidt, Thomas Self, Michael Slipper, Brent Steinke, Curtis Talmadge, Rudy Taron, Chris Trudo, Shawn Taylor, Austin Warner, Harold Weinrich, Jonni Whitney, Jay Wilson

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Sgt at Arms – Robert De Kar  
Historian – Vacant  
Chaplain – Thomas Clayton  
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At Large – Dan Brown  
At Large – Rich Pimm

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