

AMERICAN LEGION

McMINNVILLE POST 21 - 126 NE ATLANTIC STREET – McMINNVILLE, OREGON 97128 – 503 435-2218

Commander: Hello Legionnaires,

The Good Lord has kept us safe and healthy, thank you Lord.

National American Legion has a program called "The American Legion 100% Family Ribbon Award". To be eligible for this award, all the Post's families must be 100% in membership.

Post 21 families are at 100%. Once I get the verification that all families are 100% status, I will apply for the ribbons. All families will receive the ribbon. Good job by all. Thank you.

Our club manager Debra Godwin had an article about her in the News Register. What a great article and great job. Way to go Debra!!!

The Post is in the second round of nominations for Post Officers. This is your great opportunity to step up and help the Post with your valuable knowledge. Hope to see your name in the nominations. A lot of people talk about how the Post is run but they do not want to help. I guess it's easier to talk than to help.

The United Veterans Honor Guard does a lot of Military Honors for families of fallen veterans. Several of the members are Legion members of Post 21. The honor guard performs this duty in hot, cold, and raining weather. It does not matter; the veteran will get their military honor they deserve.

They also assist the military with military honors with a rifle detail and a bugler. The military will not send a full military honor guard unless the veterans was killed in action.



Here is a letter from Jan Fourier thanking the Honor Guard for the Military Honors.

"Please accept the enclosed donation in recognition of the quality of work done by the Honor Guard.

I have had the opportunity to watch it grow and mature over numbers of years and appreciate the work and dedication shown by the entire Honor Guard.

I am not sure you get all of the recognition deserved, but if you could turn and see the emotion on people's faces as you fold and present the American Flag you would know that it's all been worth it.

Thank You.

*Respectfully,
Jan Fourier"*

I will end here with be kind to others as you want them to be kind to you. God Bless all of you. Be safe.

Juan M. Palacios, Post 21 Commander, Semper Fi

I hope that this newsletter finds you safe and sound. As we come into spring it is a time that we bring on Post E-Board members. Keep all of them in prayer and think about a way that you can step up and be a bigger part of the post.

Become an E-board member and enjoy all the fun that we have in making our post a better place to be. Looking forward to the Memorial Day Cemetery Honors. As we go to the cemeteries think of being a part of the way we as a post give honor to the Vets that have gone on their rewards. Remember that they have done so much to keep this country the great one that we are. Also remember that I'm always there to pray for you at your time of need. In closing may God bless.

Chaplain Thomas Clayton



The most recent identified POW/MIA.

World War II

Army Staff Sgt. – Casimir P. Lobacz - 25. Lost September 27, 1944 Lost when his unit was part of a ground attack on Fort Driant near Metz, France. Accounted for March 2, 2022.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Newell F. Mills, Jr. - 21. Lost when his P-15D came under attack while escorting a formation of B-24 Bombers to a target in Geesthacht, Germany. Following the mission Lt. Mills and his wingman never returned to base and were never reported as prisoners of war. Accounted for March 7, 2022.

Navy Water Tender 1st Class Oliver K. Burger – 26. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for November 24, 2020. Announced March 9, 2022.

Army Air Force Pfc. Edward H. Benson – 22. Lost March 22, 1945 when Sorido Airstrip was attacked by a Japanese air raid and 40 service members were killed. Of those 40 three, including Benson could not be identified after the attack. Accounted for January 31, 2022. Announced March 10, 2022.

Army Pvt. Edward Ryan – 33. Lost July 7, 1944, Lost when Japanese forces ordered a mass suicide charge on his division. Ryan was killed sometime during the attack. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star. Accounted for November 3, 2021. Announced March 10, 2022.

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Richard Salisbury – 19. Lost August 1, 1944 when the B-24 Liberator on which he was serving as a gunner crashed as a result of enemy anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave. Accounted for September 23, 2021, Announced March 11, 2022.

Navy Coxswain Paul Boemer – 21. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for September 29, 2020. Announced February 22, 2022.

Navy Water Tender 1st Class Milo Phillips - 26. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for January 4, 2021. Announced February 25, 2022.

Navy Fireman 2nd Class Hal Allsion – 21. Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for October 14, 2021. Announced March 22, 2022.

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Eugene Chauvin – 25. Lost September 17, 1944 while piloting a C-47 Skytrain that was shot down over Belgium, in route to the Netherlands to drop 11 paratroopers ahead of Operation Market Garden. Only six paratroopers bailed out. The four person crew, including Chauvin, and the other five paratroopers died in the crash. Accounted for March 2, 2022.

Army Pvt. Peral Barrow – 36. Lost November 20, 1944 when his unit was engaged in battle with German forces near Hurtgen, Germany when he was reported as killed in action. Because of the fighting his body was unable to be recovered. Accounted January 9, 2020. Announced March 24, 2022.



McMinnville Band Of Brothers



The Veterans Band of Brothers organization started in Bend and has expanded to Prineville, LaPine, Sisters, Eugene, and Florence. The McMinnville Band of Brothers was started in October 2012, and 40-50 veterans and spouses attend each meeting.

We are not a formal organization. We have no membership, no officers, no dues. Spouses of veterans are especially invited.

We meet the first Thursday of the month at 11:30 am in the Mighty Endeavor Room at Evergreen Air Museum Campus. The format is the Pledge of Allegiance, a Serviceman's Prayer. We have a speaker for each meeting, either from the community or from within our group. They have interesting stories to share. We also have coffee, tea, cookies courtesy of the Museum.

Write it on your calendar and come join us.

For further information call Stan deStwolinski at 971-241-5101, or email Bill Hall at bcgrill7@gmail.com

Auxiliary: WOW!! For the last two months Auxiliary members have been in the local paper. March 15th addition of the News-Register had a "Stopping By" column featuring American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oregon President and Unit 21 member Debra Godwin. Debra's story and comments clearly demonstrates her dedication to looking out for her veterans and shows she is a fantastic advocate for being a member of the American Legion Family.

The Auxiliary continues to recognize those special people who help make Post 21 and Unit 21 successful. This month:

The Bingo Ladies, Darla Gregory, Chris Trudo and Randi Douglas, were presented with Auxiliary "Thank You" coins and acknowledged for operating the Sunday Bingo sessions and the once-a-month special Cancer Bingo. These ladies have been volunteering their time for years and Unit 21 felt it was long overdue to recognize their contributions. Great Job, Ladies.

Del White was also presented with an Auxiliary coin as a Thank You for his participation in the Auxiliary Christmas Basket Program and the numerous hours he spends volunteering at Legion events. Some other great news – the Auxiliary membership has reached 100% Thank you all for continuing your participation in Unit 21 and a heartfelt "WELCOME" to the new members who have recently joined.

Also, nominations for the Auxiliary Board Members positions have begun. New Board members provide fresh ideas and keep our Auxiliary strong. Please consider running for one of the positions or nominate someone who you feel has the leadership skills to help us support our veterans and communities.

Becky Berweger



July 23, 2022

Salute To Veterans Golf Tournament
Michelbook Country Club





NET CALL – NET CALL

As we transition through our two yearlong pandemic; our Post once again is celebrating our tradition of military service breakfasts. The **Army breakfast** is scheduled for **16 April at 0800**. This is the Net Call for those of us who have pledged our alliance to our Brothers in Arms supporting our American freedoms. As the chair for the breakfast, I will need volunteers to help make this a meal to remember. A signup sheet will be available at the post and phone number on the flier.

Additionally, as a past Commander and the current Finance officer I am compelled to encourage you, a Veteran Legion member, to participate in our general legion meetings once again; held the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Annual elections are also upon us and without increased Veteran Legion member participation we find it difficult to keep our Post growing while supporting Veterans in need and our community.

Gale Sears, ARNG Retired

Heroes Saving Lives



Join Us. Save Lives.
Be Proud.

THE McMinnville American Legion – POST 21


**126 NE Atlantic Avenue
McMinnville, OR 97128**

**May 25th, 2022
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
Register ahead use sponsor code: **POST21MAC**

The need is constant
The gratification is instant.

GIVE BLOOD

You can make a difference.



Riders: Welcome to our NEW Post 21 American Legion Riders, **Tom Schmidt**, and **Blane Smalley**. We appreciate your commitment to the group and our purpose, and we wish you blue skies and two-down always.

We're heading into our favorite time of the year! Riders are excited...and busy. With Spring weather, bikes get unplugged from battery tenders, washed, and polished, then fueled up (with a bit of sticker shock at the pump). All told, your Riders will put tens of thousands of miles on their odometers along the byways of Oregon and throughout the west, supporting the programs and purpose of the American Legion.

Along with many memorial escorts and ride-bys, upcoming events include:

April escort of the Desert Conflicts Wall of Honor from Albany to Hermiston.

April 22 ride for Juliette's House in McMinnville, a child abuse intervention center.

May 7 Oregon American Legion Riders quarterly meeting and elections in Seaside.

May 14 ride to Oregon Veteran's Home in The Dalles to deliver gifts and goodwill.

May 30 Memorial Day Cemetery Run to pay respect to Oregon's fallen veterans.

June 2-5 Western Region Ride on Military Pride (ROMP) in Seaside.

September 10 is the annual Post 21 ALR Poker Run, BBQ, and Raffle for area scholarships.

...and many, many more.

Ride information can be found on multiple sources online including oregonalriders.org and the Facebook pages for American Legion Post 21 Riders and NW American Legion Riders. In addition to these events, your Riders look forward to serving Post 21 Families and Department of Oregon in many meaningful ways, rain, or shine.

Paul Schnell, Director

THANK YOU!

Thank You! The Air Force breakfast went off without a hitch, thanks to the many people from all the families and branches that pitched in to help. Thanks to Randy and Sharon Webb, Glena Smith, Ted Kulick, Tim Anderson, Del White, Terry Naig, Tony Amodeo, Jim Vansyock, Don McGinnis, Angel Uscanga, The Sea Cadets, and anyone else that helped that I can't remember.

Good luck to the Swabbies.

Dan Brown, PIC Air Force Breakfast

POST 21 NEWS!

It is my pleasure to announce that The American Legion Riders have decided to help support McMinnville Youth Baseball by purchasing an outfield fence banner. This year as there is cost for the banner, so it cost the Riders \$225.00 and in future years if they continue to support the Youth it will cost \$150.00 per season, the banner itself is the property of The American Legion Riders Post 21, Parks and Rec will keep the banner over the off season and store it.

For those of you who do not know our Post 21 has, for the past several years supported the Youth Baseball program. This year the Post is sponsoring two teams and an Outfield Fence Banner.

The Riders and several other members expressed interest in participating on opening day or knowing when the games are so we can watch. This year, regrettably the Riders have a conflict. Opening day of Baseball will be June 4th the same day as the Ride on Military Pride (ROMP) in Seaside, Or. I am sure not all Riders will be attending the ROMP and will be able with other Legionnaires to help open the season.

Steve Ganzer, with McMinnville Parks and Recreation will be in touch with us as to plans for opening day and a schedule of games.

Submitted by: Bob Berweger

April

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
					1 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion KP 5:00 PM	2 Navy Breakfast 8:00 AM Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
3 Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	4	5	6 SON's 6:30 PM	7	8 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Auxiliary KP 5:00 PM	9 National Former POW Reconciliation Day
10 Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	11	12 House Committee 5:00 PM	13	14	15 TAX DAY Prime Rib Dinner Special - Sons KP 5:00 PM	16 Army Breakfast 8:00 AM
17 Legion Bingo 1:00 PM 	18 Activities Committee 5:30 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	19 Auxiliary 6:00 PM 	20 General Membership 6:30 PM 	21	22 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Riders KP 5:00 PM	23
24 Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	25	26	27 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM 	28	29 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion KP 5:00 PM	30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gerald Bailey, Don Barnett, Angie Bauer, William Boyce, Donald Buckner, Chester Cain, Troy Crafton, Sam Fields, Michael Gillespie, Ron Grose, Eldon Hodapp, Wendy Hyde, Kevin Keister, Robert Laddusaw, Stevie Landaverde, Terrill Lane, Robert Larmouth, Bobby Laron, Lonnie Lembke, Brandon Lepkowski, Margaret "Peggy" Lutz, Tony Mariana, Marty Martensen, Robert McMillan, Carlos Neitch, Jerome Paull, Debra Pennington, William Post, Steve Randles, Mark Rathburn, Mack Reid, Lonnie Sizer, Glenn Smith, Eugene Smith, Morris Spawn, Alan Tiskus, Lionel Vazquez, Richard Wilson, Cheryl Whitlow, Robert Wittrock

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OFFICERS

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander – Juan Palacios
1st Vice – Bruce Peterson
2nd Vice – Jim Connelly
JAG – Steve Randles
Finance – Gale Sears
Adjutant – Shirley Brown
Sgt at Arms – Robert De Kar
Historian – Bob Zeeck
Chaplain – Thomas Clayton
Service Officer – Tim Anderson
At Large – Bob Berweger
At Large – Rich Pimm
At Large – Paul Schnell

AUXILIARY

President – Glenna Smith
Vice – Goya Hernandez
Treasurer – Becky Berweger
Secretary –
Service Officer – Carol Doege
Chaplain – Susan Haley
Sgt at Arms – Gretchen Jones

Sons of the American Legion

Commander/Finance – Terry Naig
1st Vice – Bill Lindeman
2nd Vice – Jim VanSoyck
Adjutant – Del White
Sgt at Arms – Brandon Lepkowski
Chaplain – Pete Jenson

The American Legion Riders

Director – Paul Schnell
Asst. Director – Gale Sears
Secretary – Leanne Schnell
Treasurer – Tammy De Kar
Sgt at Arms – Robert De Kar
Road Capt. – Tony Amodeo
Historian – Jim Connelly

	<p>The United States Navy - Coast Guard Challenge of the Breakfast April 2, 2022 – 8:00am to Noon 126 NE Atlantic Street, McMinnville Adults \$11 - Kids \$5 - Babes Free</p> <p>MENU Des oeufs – Eggs Gently Scrambled Gruau de maïs – Grits for a select few :-0) Tartiflette – Potato Casserole prepared The Paull's Tocino – Bacon prepared both ways. Some like it souple (limber) and some like it croquant (crisp) Salchicha – Link Sausage as you like it Biscuits et sauce – Biscuits and gravy, both hot and wonderful, your taste buds will explode! Crepes – Pancakes prepared by professional crepes makers, sizes small to ex-large and in many designs Disons jus d'orange – Orange Juice Jus de pomme – Apple juice, gently crushed Pour le café et le thé – Coffee and Tea Latte Ghiacciado– Ice cold milk Mimosa y Cannizzano famiglia – A Mimosa Bar that includes Bloody Mary's and Bloody Marias!</p>	



NAVY
BREAKFAST
APRIL 2, 2022
8:00 - Noon



ARMY
BREAKFAST
APRIL 16, 2022
8:00 - Noon



NET CALL- NET CALL- NET CALL
American Legion Post #21
Join your Battle Buddies for:

Battle of the Breakfasts
ARMY CHOW CHALLENGE

\$9.00 Adults, Under 5yrs free
Enjoy a Hearty breakfast including Coffee & Juice

Veterans Serving Veterans

Saturday 16th April 0800-1200

126 NE Atlantic St. McMinnville



Volunteers needed:
Contact Gale Sears: searsjng@yahoo.com

We are on the Web!

Visit us at: Vetsclub.org

Please help us by leaving a great review for our restaurant and lounge. Visit <https://g.page/Legion21/review?rc> or just search for American Legion Post 21 on Google Maps and click "write a review."