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NOVEMBER 2017



**Commander:** The team effort I witness every day at our Post remains amazing, with more than 2,400 volunteer hours recorded this year. The success these legion family members bring to our post speaks volumes about their desire to support each other/veterans and our community.

A special thank you to our local Sea Cadets (Iron Sides Dv.), and the Boy Scout troops of American who continue to support Friday evening dinners as a generation to follow our example of team. They see what can be done to contribute the most "they" possibly can; whether that is being a leader, supporter, motivator or instigator.

I thank each and every one for your support of the Post 21 American Legion Team!

*Gale Sears*, Commander

**Membership:** Thank you everyone. We have met the October goal of 59%, the next goal is 65% by November 15th and we are now at 62% only need 10 members to renew their membership and we will make the November goal.

Let's see if we can make 100% this year before the end of the year. Thank you everyone for sending in your dues.

*Shirley Brown*, Adjutant.



**Service Officer:** I wanted to send out a big thank you to a few of our Legion members this month. With their generous help Post 21 has completed another veterans home improvement project.

Thank you to Jim Connelly, Jerry Perry, Thomas Clayton, Mick Gillespie, and Angel Mendoza for your labors in helping to keep another veteran in her home at Old Stone Village. We spent eight hours a day for three days and rebuilt the deck, fortunately we missed getting drenched by the rain by just minutes.

Thank you, gentlemen, for your help and the use of your tools.

*Jeanne Clayton*,  
Service Officer.



**Riders:** As we roll into Fall, this is the time I reflect back on why I am thankful. I'm thankful that I live in the greatest country on this planet. I am thankful to have the freedoms to express myself without fear of my community, state or federal government reprisals. I am thankful for my family; I have a very loving wife that has been by my side through a very rough deployment and with my growing pains being a member of the American Legion and the Riders organizations. She has been my rock and guiding light. I am thankful for my family, we may not talk all the time, even though we are less than 15 minutes from each other, but if the call goes out and one of us needs help, the others are there, no questions asked. I am thankful to be a part of this fine organization that does so much for our community, our neighboring communities, and our Veterans. Thank you for your trust in me as I step into a new world with the riders, I will do my best to measure up and exceed your expectations.

This past Sunday, October 29th, Paul Schnell organized a nice fall ride through the Willamette Valley, about 200 miles worth of fall colors for their viewing pleasure.

Halloween is fast approaching, tomorrow, so if you're out and about tomorrow evening, be extra watchful for the young ghosts and goblins as they are out collection their sugary bounty. Safety is the last thing on their minds, so watch for them crossing roads or darting out between cars without looking. Help your goblins be seen easier by having them carry a flashlight or chemlight, put some reflective tape on their costumes for them. They may not glow as cool as the others, but it could help save their lives.

The riders monthly meeting has been changed to November 29th as our regularly scheduled meeting falls just before Turkey day.

Have a great November, a wonderful Thanksgiving with your friends and family.

First Gear Out, Chris Sieber

**SON's:** The Sons are looking forward to helping all American Families with fundraisers, if you need volunteers for your fundraiser, contact the Sons.



**Auxiliary:** Red, White and Blue Quilt Raffle. Quilt is on display at the Legion tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The raffle will be held on Veterans Day, November 11, 2017. We urge everyone to participate in the Veterans Day Parade.

Christmas Bake Sale is on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 – 4:00 cost is \$15.00 per table contact Simm Sears.

Christmas Basket registration has started. Applications can be obtained from the Post, deadline to turn in application is December 10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Baskets will be distributed on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Glenna Smith

Ladies – Your attention is needed! We are at 50% of our goal to be Gold Standard Unit of Oregon!

We will draw the Early Bird Winner at the November meeting! Please get your dues in for 2018.

Thank you,  
Darla Gregory



**Chaplain:** As I write this my heart is heavy because of everything that occurred this month. I'm fine and still calling on God for all of you. You know that we all need prayer from time to time.

Sadly, we lost William "Bill" Skophammer in October, please pass on your support to the family. "Bradley Shelburne" had a stroke in October and his health is deteriorating rapidly. Charles "Chuck" Knapp health is also deteriorating and has been in hospice care. As you can see it has been a busy month for the Chaplain.

Also, remember the Veteran's Day Parade on Nov 11th. We are praying for no rain. May we all have a great day.

God Bless you all.

**House Committee:** The House committee would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped with projects around the Post.

## Living History Day

**November 7, 2017  
10:00 – 11:00**



Dayton High School will be hosting a Day Honoring Veteran's on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Living History Day was conceptualized by Ken Buckles, a Milwaukie High School (MHS) teacher and alumni, as a unique way to educate students about the true meaning behind Veteran's Day. The first Living History Day was held at MHS in 1996 and has spread to schools all over the State of Oregon and a few around the United States.

Veterans are asked to gather at the new gymnasium at 10:00 am. There will be an assembly with the entire student body for about 45 minutes then Lunch will be served.

Breakout sessions after lunch for veterans that would like to share "their experiences, story's, viewpoints" from a veteran's point of view. This will be with the students in small groups and the kids are extremely interested in the portion of the day and are eager to hear from you. All Veterans are encouraged to participate.

### **VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS PARADE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**

Come out and support your Veterans and First Responders this Veterans Day. Staging is at 9:00 and Parade will start at 10:00 am at McMinnville Praise Church, travel downtown and end at Oregon Mutual.

Registration ends November 3<sup>rd</sup> but even if you can't get registered you can still join in the celebration. To register contact Angel Mendoza at 503-435-8227 or email [ammendoza80@gmail.com](mailto:ammendoza80@gmail.com).



**Honor Guard:** The honor Guard has six requests from various organizations to present the colors this Veterans Day. If you are out and about and see the Honor Guard, remember they are volunteers, thank them for what they do.





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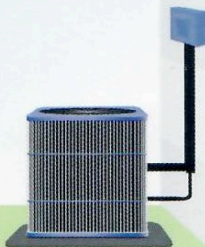
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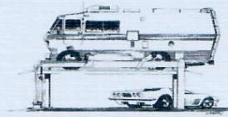
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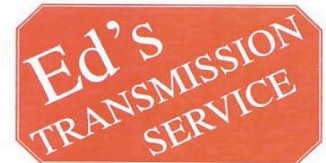
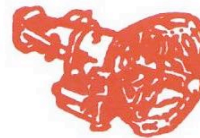
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# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Equestrians 6:00	3 Service Member Dinner – Amity. Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	4 Cancer Bingo 1:00
5 Bingo 1:00 pm	6	7	8 Legal Committee 5:00 DAV. 6:30	9 Hunters	10 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	11 Veterans Day Parade. Veterans Day Dinner.
12 Bingo 1:00 Second Winds Band 3:00 pm Bingo Birthday Potluck 1:00	13 Activities – 5:00 House – 4:00 Executive 6:30	14	15 Genera Mbshp 6:30	16	17 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	18
19 Bingo 1:00 pm	20	21 Auxiliary – 6:00	22	23 Thanksgiving	24 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	25
26 Bingo 1:00 pm	27	28 AMVETS 6:30	29 Riders 7:00	30		

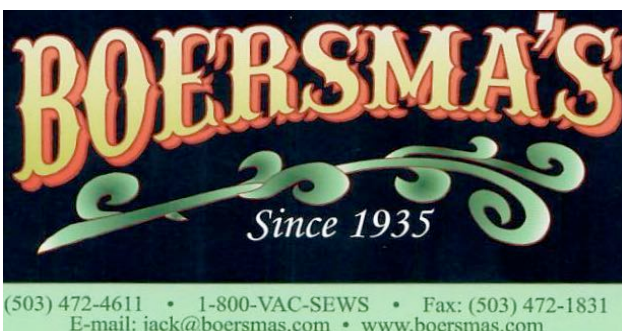
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

*Happy Birthday  
To all the Topaz babies.*

November Birthdays: Pam Brown, Jacque Wagner, Randy Dull, Donna Everett, John Henderson, Tammy Balcome, Maggie Coleman, Oakie Pennington, David Henderson, Gregoria Hernandez, Barbara Smith-Bitters.

May you all have many more!

If I have left anyone out, please leave a note at the Bar for Darla Gregory so we can make sure we get Birthday Wishes to everyone.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER

3 – Service Member Dinner –  
Amity High School 5:30-6:30 pm.

4 – Post 21 Awards Banquet

11 – Veterans Day Parade,  
Veterans Day Dinner.

12 – Veterans & Active Duty  
Appreciation Luncheon – Amity  
Fire Hall – Noon.

12 – Second Winds Band  
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### VETERANS DAY DINNER

NOVEMBER 11, 2017

5:00 – 8:00 pm

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