

# THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 21

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**COMMANDER:** Thanks to everyone that helped with the tree sales this year. As we all know this was a tough year for trees but with the help of our members, we were able to have trees for our members. With the help of all that helped with sales we were able to sell all but four trees.

Coming in January we at the post will be sponsoring the Mid-Winter DEC. I will not be in country our First Vice Mr. Larry Brown will be hosting our visiting Department and National officers.

With the New Year in front of us please be safe and have a wonderful New Year.

**RIDERS:** It has been a busy time of year for all the Post 21 American Legion. With heartfelt thanks to all the families with great love and care for putting out food boxes to veterans and their families. Working on the backpack project to help the homeless vets in our area. My hope and prayers are that 2019 be as blessed as we have been in the past and that all the families work as diligently as we have to make our post a success and one where we support each other in our mission. The Riders group has supported and sponsored several things in 2018 and we hope to continue to meet our goals and work alongside the other families of Post 21. Happy New Year.

Post 21 ALR. God Bless the USA, our Veterans and those that currently serve this great nation.



**Super Bowl  
Potluck**  
Sunday, February 3, 2019

**ADJUTANT:** I can't believe it, it's 2019 already. If your membership card is dated 2018 then your dues are now past due. Our membership renewal is now at 78%, down from last year, however we did meet the January goal of 75%. The next goal is 80% by January 17<sup>th</sup>.

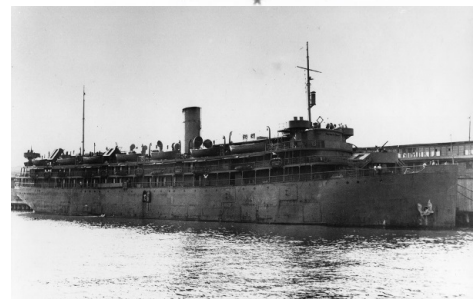
## Membership

**CHAPLAIN:** I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe Holiday. It has been a slow month and at times there have been times of prayers given for Vets and families. As we come into the new year reach out to family and friends and wish them all the best.

Moving on to the New Year please join us on February 3<sup>rd</sup> for a ceremony to remember the Four Chaplain's that gave their lives so that others may go safely. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 we will have a time of remembrance at Noon in the honor room. Yes! that is Super Bowl day. Come for the remembrance ceremony and stay for the Super Bowl party.

Chaplain Thomas Clayton  
May God Bless You all.

February 3, 2018 is the 75th anniversary of the downing of the US Army Transport (USAT) Dorchester. The loss of the ship became especially famous because of the story of the death of four Army Chaplains, known as the "Four Chaplains" or the "Immortal Chaplains," who all gave away their life jackets to save others before they died.



**AUXILIARY: WOW WHAT A YEAR!!!**

We had a very busy, accomplished, and giving year!!! Before I get into upcoming events, I need to take a moment and Thank all our American Legion Families for all the volunteer hours and support they have shared with the Auxiliary. Without all of you we wouldn't be where we are today so A great big THANK YOU to each and every one of you!



Our Christmas Basket program was a success, we helped 28 families and 67 children each receiving 3 gifts. The appreciation shown when the family's picked up made every minute putting the program together well worth it!!

Our new Backpack For A Vet program is up and running. Unit 21 is very excited about our new program. The donations coming in for the program are unbelievable!!! We will be handing out the first round on January 8th from 9 am until 1 pm, at Post 21, also providing them a meal. We are not expecting a huge turnout with this being the first hand out. We are learning as we move along!



We will be helping with the DEC, January 18, 19, and 20th. January 30th we will be hosting the homeless count for Veterans only. We are working closely with Y.C.A.P. to make this run as smooth as possible. We will have a class teaching whomever would like to learn how to fill out the paperwork when we document the homeless veterans. I don't have the date set for that yet, but if anyone is interested please let me know.

The Auxiliary is looking into hosting A Veterans Stand Down in June or July. We will send out more information as soon as we get it.



Once again Thank you to our Family at Post 21!!! Without supporting each other and working together we would not be where we are today!!!

2019!!!! Auxiliary Unit 21, Off and Running!!! The unstoppable Sisterhood!!



## **MID-WINTER DEC Post 21**

Post 21 will be hosting the Mid-Winter DEC meeting January 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The American Legion National Commander will visit our great state of Oregon. He will visit American Legion Post 21 on January 19th for a Department Executive Committee. Our National Commander is extremely busy, and his schedule is tentative. It is possible National Commander might join us for prime rib dinner at Post 21 on Friday night on January 18th. On Saturday, he will visit several locations in Oregon. In Yamhill County he will visit Carlton Post 173. If time allows our National Commander will receive a private VIP Tour at Evergreen Museum of Spruce Goose. At American Legion Post 21 we will have social hour at 5:00 p.m., at 6:00 p.m. our National Commander will be our guest of honor at Saturday Night DEC Banquet.

Angel

Welcome to 2019. As finance Officer I wanted to share a few successes. Most recent was our Christmas tree sales. Thanks to the efforts of Adam Finnicum and Stan Kosmiki and those who volunteered their time it was a good year of sales.

With the funds raised by the Post, the Auxiliary, Sons, and the Riders we were able to support McMinnville HS Coed Cheer leader's trip to Washington DC later in 2019 and McMinnville junior Baseball this spring. We also were able to repair our aging broaster and make many other repairs and upgrades in preparation for the American Legion Department winter meeting in January. This is a great start in our efforts to support our community and veterans.

As a reminder, membership paid at the post also supports the funds available for veterans and community support. Please be one who continues to sustain our membership strength.

G Sears  
Finance officer



**BATTLE OF THE BRANCHES STARTING IN MARCH!**

# January 2019

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> SON's 6:30 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special	<b>5</b> Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
<b>6</b> Bingo 1:00 PM	<b>7</b> House Committe 4:00 PM	<b>8</b> Homeless Veteran Backpacks 9:00 AM	<b>9</b> DAV/DAR 6:30 PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Bingo 1:00 PM	<b>14</b> Executive Committee 6:30 PM	<b>15</b> Auxiliary 6:00 PM	<b>16</b> Activities Committee 5:30 PM General Membership 6:30 PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Mid-Winter DEC 8:00 AM Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:30 PM	<b>19</b> National Commander Visit Mid-Winter DEC 8:00 AM
<b>20</b> Mid-Winter DEC	<b>21</b> House Committe 4:00 PM	<b>22</b> AMVETS 6:30 PM	<b>23</b> Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Bingo 1:00 PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		



Roger Aaron, David Adams; Robert Autery, Victor Banke, Becky Berweger, William Bitters, Rufus Clason, Jeanne Clayton, James Densmore, Francis Drummer, William Ellis, Jack Gamble, Larry Gannaway, Clair Hutton, Keith Kirkman, Stan Kosmiki, Richard Lund, James McCormick, Thomas Miller, Dennis Parr, Rex Phillips, Craig Pubols, Richard Reigel, Brian Sauer, Richard Skeffington, Sterling Smith, David Souter, John Stensland, Garner Stephens, Dennis Strutz, Keith Urban, James Vansoyk; Kenneth Weldon, Gary Wirfs, Mickey Wood, Robert Zeek

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 8 – Handout Backpacks to  
Homeless Veterans

Jan 18-21 – Mid-Winter DEC

Feb 3 – Four Chaplains Ceremony

Feb 3 – Super Bowl Potluck

Mar 10 – Marine Breakfast

Mar 24 – Navy Breakfast



Beginning Jan. 1, qualifying Oregon veterans can apply for the new Oregon Wounded Warrior parking placard from the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Those eligible must qualify for a disabled parking permit and have a service-connected disability that is VA-rated at 50 percent or greater. The Oregon Wounded Warrior parking placard exempts the driver from paying fees in public parking areas with metered parking. It also enables veterans to park in time-limited spaces for longer than the posted limit — except in zones that are designated 30 minutes or less.

There is no fee for the placard. Its expiration coincides with the veteran's driver's license or identification card. Qualified veterans who already have a disabled parking placard need to complete Form 735-265 and submit it with a copy of their benefit summary letter. Those not currently possessing a handicap placard must have their doctor sign the form.

For more information, contact 503-945-5000, stop by local DMV offices or visit [www.oregondmv.com](http://www.oregondmv.com)



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