

AMERICAN LEGION

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Commander:

Greetings to one and all. I hope you are all experiencing Gods goodness and many blessings.

The Post was able to do something new and exciting this month. We set up a table in a booth at the Yamhill County Fair. The table was sponsored by our Legion Auxiliary. A lot of people were surprised to discover the American Legion had a Post in McMinnville. They were also surprised to find out the eligibility requirements had changed and therefore more people could join. In the past a Veteran had to have served during a conflict but that is no longer required. It's now only required that you have served in the military at any time.

At our table the Auxiliary offered a raffle for a Crab Fishing trip. It is for four people and can be scheduled for any time you wish. This was quite a success as many people bought tickets for \$20 apiece. We had handmade keychains with military ribbons and poppies that brought in donations as well.

In the four days we were there the weather was extremely hot. We found many ways to cool off. Lucky for us the booth next door had a small misting cooling area set up. We attracted a lot of kids with our candy (no chocolates). A few of them (mostly young girls about 6 to 8 yrs old) asked if we would trade a keychain for their free swag from other booths. How could we say no? This continued for all four days, and we had a lot of fun with them and their parents. Needless to say, we had to resupply our keychains more than once.

I hope that next year we can have our own booth. That way we will have enough tables to display information for all the American Legion Families. This will give us more exposure to how we help Veterans in our community.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say I'd like to hear from more of our members. If you have an idea or suggestion or even a story about something, please let me know. I'd like to include some of these things in our monthly newsletter. I'd like to end here with asking God to continue to bless us and keep us safe.

Juan Palacios
Your Commander

Chaplain's Corner:

Well here we are in another time of news for all of you. I hope that all has been going great with all of you during this time. There has been a lot of things going on since the last newsletter.

Please take the time to keep the following members in your prayers. They are in the Hospital at the time of this writing .

Randy Whitehorn - VA Hospital

John Ambrose - St. Vincent's Hospital

Was able to visit with Randy and had prayer with him and he is hoping to come home soon. I know that the good Lord is good and he will be keeping him safe. As I was talking. To him he said that his wife is also in need of prayer.

And on Saturday Aug. 24, 2024 there will be a time to remember Jacquelyn Wagner who when home to her rewards at the age of 90 years old. If you knew her please give her family your love and tell them that you will keeping them in your prayers at this time.

This will be a short news letter on my part as there has not been much going on my part. As all ways let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

May God bless and keep you safe.

Chaplain Thomas Clayton
armynavy6782@gmail.com
Psalms 117



Adjutant Memo:

Here is an interesting story that I ran across. I don't know if any of you have had a similar situation, I have so I thought I would share.

A man on a business trip put his bag in the above compartment and sat down in my assigned seat. It was going to be a long flight. I'm glad I have a good book to read. Perhaps I will get a short nap. Just before take-off, a line of soldiers came down the aisle and filled all the vacant seats, surrounding me. I decided to start a conversation.

"Where are you headed?" I asked the soldier seated nearest to me. "Petawawa. We'll be there for two weeks for special training, and then we're being deployed to Afghanistan."

After flying for about an hour, an announcement was made that sack lunches were available for five dollars. It would be several hours before we reached the east, and I quickly decided a lunch would help pass the time. As I reached for my wallet, I overheard a soldier ask his buddy if he planned to buy lunch. "No, that seems like a lot of money for just a sack lunch. Probably wouldn't be worth five bucks. I'll wait till we get to base." His friend agreed. I looked around at the other soldiers. None were buying lunch.

I walked to the back of the plane and handed the flight attendant a fifty-dollar bill. "Take a lunch to all those soldiers." She grabbed my arms and squeezed tightly. Her eyes wet with tears, she thanked me. "My son was a soldier in Iraq; it's almost like you are doing it for him." She picked up ten sacks and headed up the aisle to where the soldiers were seated. She stopped at my seat and asked, "Which do you like best - beef or chicken?" "Chicken," I replied, wondering why she asked. She turned and went to the front of the plane, returning a minute later with a dinner plate from first class. "This is your thanks."

After we finished eating, I went again to the back of the plane, heading for the restroom. A man stopped me. "I saw what you did. I want to be part of it. Here, take this." He handed me twenty-five dollars. Soon after I returned to my seat, I saw the Flight Captain coming down the aisle, looking at the aisle numbers as he walked, I hoped he was not looking for me, but noticed he was looking at the numbers only on my side of the plane. When he got to my row he stopped, smiled, held out his hand, and said, "I want to shake your hand." Quickly unfastening my seatbelt I stood and took the Captain's hand. With a booming voice, he said, "I was a soldier and I was a military pilot. Once, someone bought me a lunch. It was an act of kindness I never forgot." I was embarrassed when applause was heard from all of the passengers. Later I walked to the front of the plane so I could stretch my legs. A man who was seated about six rows in front of me reached out his hand, wanting to shake mine. He left another twenty-five dollars in my palm. When we landed I gathered my belongings and started to deplane. Waiting just inside the airplane door was a man who stopped me, put something in my shirt pocket, turned, and walked away without saying a word. Another twenty-five dollars! Upon entering the terminal, I saw the soldiers gathering for their trip to the base. I walked over to them and handed them seventy-five dollars. "It will take you some time to reach the base. It will be about time for a sandwich. God Bless You." Ten young men left that flight feeling the love and respect of their fellow travelers. As I walked briskly to my car, I whispered a prayer for their safe return. These soldiers were giving their all for our country. I could only give them a couple of meals. It seemed so little...

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'citizens of United States' for an amount of 'up to and including my life.' That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.'

Lenny Pardue
Adjutant



To All My Brothers and Sisters:

If I haven't thank you, I'm doing so now.

All the circumstances surrounding Jim Baker's death have been so muddled, nothing has made much sense for the last couple of months.

However, time solves all things, so...Thank You all for all the support you have given me and our family.

You made the impossible possible! Thank you very much!

Daria "Mikey" Gregory



Auxiliary Updates:

We hope everyone had a wonderful August and are ready for September. This month the Auxiliary hosted our Veteran's Lunch. We're very proud to have been able to serve 24 Veteran's a delicious meatloaf and mashed potatoes lunch. We hope to continue that growth. The next Veteran's Lunch is September 12th from 11:00am - 1:00pm.

We are working with Brookdale to have a Veteran's Coffee Klatch here at Post 21. This will be the third Wednesday of each month starting with September 18th at 9:00am. Please come and enjoy coffee and donuts.

We are looking forward to the Crab Fishing Drawing during the ALR Poker Run on September 7th. We will be there helping our ALRs however we can.

Jennie Ludwig
Auxiliary Member



Legion
Historian,
Leroy
Brown
shared
some

photos with us. **Top Photo:** 3 teams of Sea Cadets and Blue Angels prior to touring the USS John McCain.

Middle Photo: McMinnville Sea Cadets at the 2023 Fleet Week. **Bottom Photo:** The USS John McCain.

Sergeant At Arms Reminder:

Just a simple reminder, PLEASE do not interrupt who is speaking, raise your hand and WAIT to be called on. Respect goes more than two ways.... I appreciate you all at post 21. Ms. Mike reminded us what FAM is supposed to look like.

Fun Fact:

The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) has maintained a tradition since 1955 of "tracking Santa" as he travels around the world on Christmas Eve. Today, you can even download apps to follow along on your smartphone. (via We Are The Mighty)

Robert Andrade
Sergeant At Arms



Legion Riders:

As many are aware our annual Scholarship Poker run is scheduled 7 September. Many of our members Legion, Auxiliary and Son's have devoted much of their time to ensure its success. Bill Lindemann of Juliette's House and a Rider was asked to assist in the entire coordination and has done an outstanding Job. Thank you, Bill, and everyone else involved. Additionally, we have these sponsors adding to our ability to support our local scholarship recipients: Sweeny's Bar and Grill in Dallas, Oregon, Carlton Corners, First Federal Bank, Newberg Ford and Alibi Bar and Grill in West Salem.

Those of us who were able to support the setup, opening ceremonies and tear down, Thank you so very much for representing the riders and Post 21. Post 21 has been selected as the location for the next State ALR meeting; September 28, 2024 at 12:00pm. Please consider your participation as a strong Oregon Chapter.

Gale Sears

Director, Legion Riders



American Legion Post 21 has a NEW Facebook

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If you have a Legion event that needs to be promoted on Facebook please send a copy of your flyer to: post21newsletter@gmail.com and Jennie will be sure to get it posted. We'd be happy to post birthday wishes and help celebrate anniversaries.

We'd like to say a BIG thank you to our Post 21 Family for being so patient and understanding while we are getting our social media presence and newsletter back up and running.

Post 21's ALR Rider of the Year 2024

Our recipient for Rider of the years is Mr. Jerry George. Jerry is a past Post 21 ALR Director, Post 21 Chaplain, the state ORALR Chaplain.

Jerry continues to display leadership achieving great notoriety in the last two years through his organization of the Toy Teddy Bear Run, making this a great success for children with our community and state. As a member of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, he has secured charitable items from the tribe for donations and sales securing items for our scholarship poker run. Also ensuring our involvement in the Honor Parade in the annual Veterans Pow Wow.

He assists with so many other things with a smile. Jerry is the type of person who supports the Post whenever needed. Thank you Jerry, its an honor to have you with us.



Sons of the American Legion hosted a Korean War Breakfast on July 28th. Thank you to everyone who came out to support this great event. We look forward to next years breakfast.



Pictured above: Mija and David Feist. Mija is wearing her traditional Hanbok (Haan-bow)



Pictured below: Auxiliary ladies came to lend a hand.



High School Liaison

The new post 21 Facebook page is now live. If you wish to see the new page search for American Legion Post 21 Oregon. Hopefully we can utilize that social media to get more information to the general public about all our Legion Family events here at Post 21.

We are also in the process of developing a "Volunteer of the Quarter/Volunteer of the year" promotion in order to recognize those who give selflessly of themselves and volunteer to help others out. As we develop the program we will have more information on the program as well as seek input for ideas!

School is starting back up and I will be having a new group of students in the Criminal Justice Pathway at McMinnville High School. I will be laying the foundation and hopefully generating interest for the Jim Willis Law Enforcement Career Camp next summer. I will also re-connect with teachers who have students who may be interested in the Girls State and Boys State programs as well.

Russ Ludwig

Member At Large

McMinnville High School Criminal Justice Teacher



September 10, 2024
National Suicide
Awareness Day

You are
not alone



At-Large

Service Dog Veterinary Health Insurance Benefit, online at <https://www.prosthetics.va.gov/ServiceAndGuideDogs.asp>, is provided for an accredited service dog through Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service (PSAS). The dog and Veteran must have successfully completed a training program offered by an organization accredited by Assistance Dogs International or the International Guide Dog Federation. The Veterinary benefits are designed to maximize the life and utility of these specialized dogs. The following are organizations in Washington and Oregon providing accredited mobility service dogs for people living with disabilities in the Pacific Northwest.

Paws for Purple Hearts; Tacoma, WA. <https://www.pawsforpurplehearts.org/tacoma-wa> (360) 712-0453

Brigadoon Service Dogs; Bellingham, WA. <https://www.brigadoondogs.org/> (360) 733-5388

Summit Assistance Dogs; Anacortes, WA. <https://summitdogs.org/> (360) 293-5609

Assistance Dogs Northwest; Bainbridge, WA. <https://www.assistedogsnorthwest.org> (206) 321-0592

PAWS Assisting Veterans Inc.; Cornelius, ORE. <https://www.paveusa.org> (503) 348-2048

Joy of Living Assistance Dogs; Salem, ORE. <https://www.joydogs.org> (503) 551-4572

Christopher Dauterman

Post 21 At-Large Officer



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Father and Son duo Jim and James Densmore meet at the Legion weekly to enjoy a meal and play a few friendly rounds of Cribbage



Post 21's ALR met up after riding at the Newberg Old Fashioned Festival



Rebecca and Juan pictured manning the booth at the Yamhill County Fair



Suicide Prevention Month

September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Month, a critical time to raise awareness about the issue of suicide, particularly among veterans. The month is dedicated to increasing understanding, providing support, and promoting resources that can help prevent suicide among those who have served in the military.

Veterans are at a higher risk for suicide than the general population due to factors such as combat-related trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, anxiety, and difficulties transitioning to civilian life. The stress of military service, combined with the challenges of reintegration, can create a complex set of circumstances that contribute to mental health struggles.

VA and Partner Programs: The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) plays a significant role in suicide prevention efforts for veterans. Programs like the Veterans Crisis Line, which provides immediate assistance through phone, text, or chat, are crucial resources. The VA also offers mental health services, including counseling and therapy, to help veterans cope with their struggles.

Outreach and Education: Throughout September, there are increased efforts to reach veterans and their families with information about available resources and support. Organizations like the VA, VFW, American Legion, and others use this month to promote suicide prevention strategies and encourage veterans to seek help.

Community Engagement: Events such as walks, talks, and workshops are often organized to bring communities together to discuss mental health and suicide prevention. These events also aim to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues and encourage open conversations.

Public Awareness Campaigns: Campaigns like "Be There," initiated by the VA, emphasize the importance of being present and supportive for veterans in your life. The message encourages people to check in with veterans, listen to them, and help them connect with resources if needed.

Know the Warning Signs: Understanding the warning signs of suicide, such as withdrawal, hopelessness, changes in behavior, or talk of self-harm, is crucial. Early intervention can make a significant difference.

Reach Out: If you know a veteran who might be struggling, reach out to them. Let them know they are not alone and that help is available.

Provide Resources: Share information about the Veterans Crisis Line (1-800-273-8255, Press 1), the VA's mental health services, and local support groups.

Resources for Veterans

Veterans Crisis Line: Available 24/7 by calling 1-800-273-8255 (Press 1), texting 838255, or chatting online.

VA Mental Health Services: The VA provides a range of mental health services, including counseling, treatment for PTSD, and substance abuse programs.

Nonprofit Organizations: Groups like the Wounded Warrior Project, Mission 22, and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention offer additional resources and support.



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Gold Star Mother's Day is a U.S. observance that honors mothers who have lost a son or daughter in military service. This day is observed on the last Sunday of September each year.

The term "Gold Star" comes from the custom of military families displaying service flags with a blue star for each family member serving in the Armed Forces. If that family member died in service, the blue star was replaced with a gold star, symbolizing the family's sacrifice.



Patriot Day, observed on September 11th each year, is a national day of remembrance in the United States to honor the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. This day is often referred to simply as "9/11" and serves as a solemn reminder of the tragic events that occurred on that day.



National VFW Day is observed annually on September 29th in the United States to honor the contributions and service of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), a prominent organization for U.S. military veterans. This day celebrates the organization's history, its members, and its ongoing commitment to supporting veterans and their families.

The VFW's mission is to support veterans by advocating for their rights, assisting them in obtaining benefits, and

providing a network of camaraderie. The organization also focuses on community service, patriotism, and ensuring that the contributions of veterans are recognized and remembered.

September is National Service Dog Month

Service dogs have a profound impact on the lives of military veterans, offering both practical assistance and emotional support that can be life-changing. For veterans with physical disabilities, service dogs are trained to perform tasks such as retrieving items, opening doors, and providing stability. These tasks help veterans regain independence and reduce their reliance on others for daily activities.

Beyond physical assistance, service dogs play a crucial role in supporting veterans with mental health challenges like post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, and depression. These dogs are trained to recognize signs of distress in their handlers and respond in ways that can calm anxiety or interrupt panic attacks. The constant companionship of a service dog can provide a sense of safety and security, helping veterans manage their symptoms more effectively.

Service dogs also help veterans reintegrate into society by reducing social isolation. Their presence can make veterans feel more confident in public spaces, and often serve as a bridge to social interaction, helping them rebuild their social connections.

The bond between a veteran and their service dog is deeply therapeutic, offering unconditional love and companionship. This relationship can alleviate feelings of loneliness and despair, contributing to a higher quality of life.

Overall, service dogs have a transformative impact on veterans, helping them regain independence, manage their mental health, and reconnect with society. The powerful bond they share highlights the significant role these animals play in the healing process.

Supporting veteran service dogs is a meaningful way to give back to those who have served and sacrificed for their country. Many non-profit organizations specialize in training and providing service dogs to veterans. Donations help cover the costs of training, veterinary care, and supplies. Some well-known organizations include:

K9s For Warriors: Provides service dogs to veterans with PTSD, traumatic brain injury, and other service-related issues.

Patriot PAWS: Trains and provides service dogs to disabled veterans to help restore their physical and emotional independence.

The Warrior Dog Foundation: Focuses on providing service dogs to veterans and also offers resources for those retiring from military service.





Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency— July Announcements

World War II

U.S. Army Technician Fifth Grade (Tech5) Harold D. Pittis, 21 Announced on August 1, 2024; Accounted for on March 20, 2024: In February 1945, Pittis was assigned to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division. His regiment was engaged in fierce fighting near the town of Biesdorf, Germany, when he was reported killed in action by small arms fire on Feb. 8. His body was unable to be recovered due to intense fighting against heavily reinforced German forces on an elevated position.

U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Alvin R. Scarborough, 22 Announced on August 9, 2024; Accounted for on September 21, 2023: In late 1942, Scarborough was a member of 454th Ordnance Company (Aviation), when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of the Bataan peninsula on April 9, 1942, and of Corregidor Island on May 6, 1942. Thousands of U.S. and Filipino service members were captured and interned at POW camps. Scarborough was among those reported captured when U.S. forces in Bataan surrendered to the Japanese.

U.S. Army Air Forces Private 1st Class Harry M. Seiff, 23 Announced on August 9, 2024; Accounted for on December 18, 2023: In summer 1942, Seiff was a member of the 20th Pursuit Squadron, 24th Pursuit Group, U.S. Army Air Forces, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of the Bataan peninsula on April 9, 1942, and of Corregidor Island on May 6, 1942.

U.S. Army Air Force 2nd Lt. Francis E. Callahan, 22 Announced on August 12, 2024; Accounted for on June 20, 2024: In spring 1944, Callahan was assigned to the 732nd Bombardment Squadron, 453rd Bombardment Group, 2nd Combat Bomb Wing, 2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force in the European Theater. On April 8, Callahan, the navigator onboard a B-24H "Liberator" Little Joe, was killed in action when his plane was shot down by enemy fighter aircraft fire while on a bombing mission to Brunswick, Germany. Airmen aboard other aircraft flying in formation with Little Joe did not report seeing any crewmembers exiting the aircraft before it crashed in the vicinity of Salzwedel.

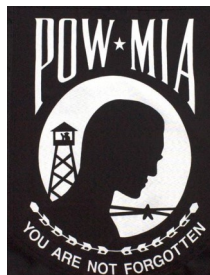
World War II

U.S. Navy Reserve Lieutenant Jay R. Manown Jr., 26 Announced on August 12, 2024; Accounted for on May 23, 2024: In the fall of 1944, Manown was an aviator assigned to Navy Torpedo Squadron 20 (VT-20), USS Enterprise. On Sept. 10, Manown and two other crew members aboard a TBM-1C Avenger (Bureau Number 17018), took off from the USS Enterprise on a mission to conduct air strikes against enemy targets in Malakal Naval District, Palau Islands. Witnesses from other aircraft in the formation saw Manown's plane struck by enemy anti-aircraft fire and crash into water near Malakal. Manown will be buried on October 29, 2024, in Kingwood, West Virginia.

U.S. Army Private William E. Calkins, 20 Announced on August 15, 2024; Accounted for on April 17, 2024: In late 1942, Calkins was a member of Company B, 31st Infantry Regiment, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of the Bataan peninsula on April 9, 1942, and of Corregidor Island on May 6, 1942. Calkins will be buried in Hillsboro, Oregon, on Sept. 13, 2024.

U.S. Army Air Forces Private Robert W. Cash, 20 Announced on August 15, 2024; Accounted for on April 3, 2024: In summer 1942, Cash was a member of the 28th Materiel Squadron, 20th Air Base Group, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of the Bataan peninsula on April 9, 1942, and of Corregidor Island on May 6, 1942.

U.S. Army Pvt. Kwack K. Woo, 31 Announced on August August 19, 2024; Accounted for on March 13, 2024: In February 1945, Woo was assigned to Company E, 2nd Battalion, 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division. His regiment was engaged in fierce fighting near the town of Biesdorf, Germany, when he was reported killed in action by small arms fire on Feb. 9. His body was unable to be recovered due to intense fighting against heavily reinforced German forces on an elevated position. Woo will be buried in Agawam, Massachusetts, on Sept. 28, 2024.





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World War II

U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Clossie D. Brown, 36

Announced on August 15, 2024; Accounted for on April 25, 2024: Brown was assigned to Company F, 2nd Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division in the European Theater during World War II. Shortly before midnight on New Year's Eve 1944, German forces launched a major offensive operation in the Vosges Mountains in Alsace-Lorraine, France, known as Operation NORDWIND. The German attack surged through Allied defenses along the Franco-German border, and the ensuing battle enveloped two U.S. Corps along a 40-mile-wide front. In the following few weeks, Company F found itself assigned to a 7-mile sector at Reipertswiller and Wildenguth, France. At some point on Jan 21, Brown was killed, but due to the intensity of the fighting his body was unable to be recovered. Brown will be buried in Frankfort, Indiana, on Sept. 24, 2024.

Korean

U.S. Army Master Sgt. David P. Sluder, 33

Announced on August 2, 2024; Accounted for on September 27, 2023: In July 1950, Sluder was a member of Battery B, 63rd Field Artillery Battalion, 24th Infantry Division during the Korean War. He went missing in action after his unit was attacked by enemy ground forces in the vicinity of Samgyo-ri along the Kum River, South Korea, on July 14.

U.S. Army Corporal Frederick A. Higgins, 20

Announced on August 14, 2024; Accounted for on June 22, 2023: In June 1950, Higgins was a member of Medical Detachment, 15th Anti-aircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons Battalion, 7th Infantry Division, Eighth U.S. Army in the Korean theatre. Higgins was captured as a prisoner of war (POW) after his unit was forced to retreat from Hagaru-ri in the vicinity of Jangjin, North Korea. In 1953, several POWs returned during Operation Big Switch reported Higgins had been a prisoner of war and died in July 1951, at Prisoner of War Camp #1. Higgins will be buried in Kent, Washington, on Sept. 20, 2024.

U.S. Army Corporal Waymon Slaten

Announced on August 15, 2024; Accounted for on August 14, 2024: In September 1950, Slaten was a member of Baker Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action after his unit engaged in combat actions with the enemy on Hill 209, west of Yongsan, South Korea, on Sept. 1, 1950. Due to intense fighting in the area, his body could not be recovered at that

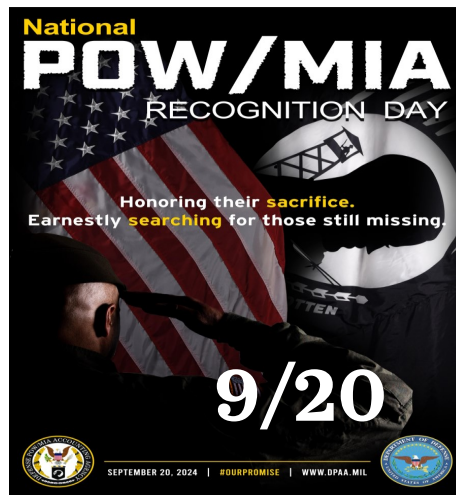
Korean

U.S. Army Sgt. Kester B. Hardman, 22

Announced on August 16, 2024; Accounted for on May 2, 2024: In Dec. 1950, Hardman was assigned to M Company, 3rd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action after his unit engaged in intensive combat actions in the vicinity of Sunchon, Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Following the armistice in 1953, North Korean forces claimed Hardman died in the spring of 1951 while in captivity at POW Camp 5, on the Pyoktong Peninsula.

U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Arlie P. Barrett, 19

Announced on August 22, 2024; Accounted for on June 7, 2024. In August 1950, Barrett was a member of Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He went missing in action after his unit engaged in combat actions with the North Korean People's Army along the Naktong River west of Yongsan, South Korea, on Aug. 10, 1950. Barrett will be buried in Mountain Home, Tennessee, on Sept. 27, 2024.



POW/MIA Recognition Day

is a U.S. observance dedicated to honoring the sacrifices of American prisoners of war

(POWs) and those who are still missing in action (MIA). It is observed annually on the third Friday of September.

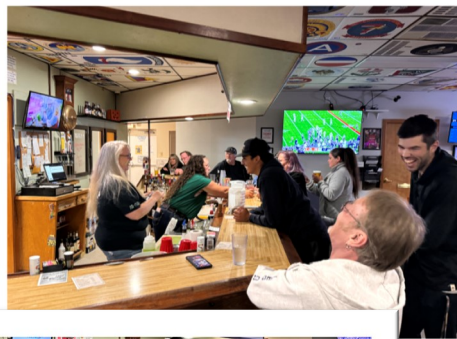
POW/MIA Flag: The black-and-white POW/MIA flag, featuring a silhouette of a man, a watchtower, and a barbed-wire fence with the words "You Are Not Forgotten," is a significant symbol of this day. The flag is flown at many government buildings, military installations, and veterans' organizations across the country.

LEGION AFTER DARK



Cheers to a successful first event!

August 24th was the first ever Legion After Dark Event. There was free Touch Tunes play, dancing, drinks and, of course, NACHOS! There was a great turnout. People were all having such a great time. We were thrilled to see people taking advantage of our makeshift dance floor! Be sure to come to the next Legion After Dark on September 28th we have a LIVE BAND - Half Step Down. Come here some great music and enjoy yourself with friends old and new. We'd love to have you! Legion Members be sure to bring you Membership Card - Proof of membership is required for discount drink prices.



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Generously donated by Captain Crustacean

CRAB FISHING TRIP FOR FOUR

\$20 Each Ticket

Tickets still available

**Drawing to be held on September 7th at ALR Scholarship Poker Run.
**Your chances of winning are great—Maximum 200 tickets to be sold
**Proceeds go toward the Auxiliary's ongoing commitment to our Veteran's & local community.
**Winners and guests must possess valid Oregon Crustacean License
**Trip includes cleaning and cooking of crab.
(Note: Cpt Crustacean is not a commercial fishing boat. He is an avid crab fisherman who generously donated his time, boat and expertise)

Legion Riders need your help!

**Annual Riders Scholarship and
Community Support Poker Run**

September 7th—Looking for
volunteers. Please contact the
Riders for more information on what
you can do to help!

**Volunteering is the cornerstone to
our great organization as stated in
the preamble to the American
Legion Constitution....”to
consecrate and sanctify our
comradeship by our devotion to
mutual Helpfulness.”**

**We encourage everyone to reach out
and volunteer what ever small
amount of time you have, it makes a
big difference.**

**We are looking for newsletter
sponsors. If you know of a business
that would like to help sponsor please
get them in touch with Jennie Ludwig
for more information. Email at:
post21newsletter@gmail.com**

How to place a classified:

Does your event need volunteers? Just
send an email to the newsletter at:

Post21newsletter@gmail.com

Please include: Event, date, time, and PIC
and we will post it in the next months
newsletter.

**Commander is looking for someone who
would like to be the PIC (Person-in-
Charge) for the Veteran's Day Parade. If
this is something you'd be interested in
please contact Commander Palacios.**

ADVERTISE WITH US

Proceeds go towards newsletter printing. Thank you for your support!

Your business card here

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Veteran Coffee Klatch

JOIN BROOKDALE AND
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 21
FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS

3rd Wednesday of each
Month
At 9:00 AM



American Legion
126 NE Atlantic St
McMinnville, OR
97128

LEGION AFTER DARK

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 21 AND OVER
126 NE ATLANTIC ST. McMINNVILLE, OR 97128

September 28, 2024
8:00p-1:00am

DRINK SPECIALS
Legion member drinks discounts will be honored

Half Step Down
The Ultimate Three Piece Band

DANCE FLOOR

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN

Sponsored Designated Driver will be available - Tips Appreciated

Hosted by: McMinnville's Best Kept Secret.... **Post 21** **AMERICAN LEGION**

AMERICAN LEGION UNIT 21 AUXILIARY

Is Hosting:

What: Free Veteran's Lunch
When: 2nd Thursday of each Month
Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm
Where: American Legion Post 21
126 NE Atlantic St,
McMinnville, OR 97128
Contact for Info: Deb Godwin
503-435-2218


District 2 Annual Picnic

September 21st
12 - 4pm
Red Oak Farm
7698 Champoeg Road NE
St Paul, Oregon

UPCOMING Community EVENTS

9-22-2024

ABBEY ROAD FARM



1PM-5PM

WEINFEST

A GERMANIC TASTING EVENT

McMinnville American Legion Riders #21
126 NE Atlantic, McMinnville, OR

Scholarship Poker Run

All Bikes, Passengers & Cars Welcome !!!

Saturday Sept. 7th, 2024

First Bike Out 8:00 am/Last Bike Out 10:00 am

\$15.00 -1st hand, optional \$5.00 add-on (Other additional hands \$15.00 each)

"\$750 High Hand Payout Prize"
\$500 2nd Place Prize \$250 3rd Place Prize
\$150 Low Hand Prize

Food Available After the Ride
Please Support Our Amazing Event Sponsors:

Sweeney's Pub & Lotto **Alibi** **CARLTON CORNERS** **NEWBERG Ford** **First Federal**

SOTER VINEYARDS
A FUNDRAISER FOR CARLTON OBSERVATORY
FEATURING OUR 1st EVER

ADULT SCIENCE NIGHT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
6:30PM - 9:30PM




Mount Angel Oktoberfest
SEPTEMBER 13, 14 & 15, 2024

die Schlauberger
Alpine Thunder

BRING YOUR OWN

Yamhill County Historical Society presents

Vintage Base Ball

McMinnville Gristmills vs. The Portland Pioneers

Saturday Sept. 14, 2024
12pm-2pm

Cheer on the teams... Be a "Crank" and politely hassle the "Arbitrator." Watch baseball as it was played in the 1880s.

Relish ball park food... Popcorn, hot dogs & rootbeer floats available to purchase.

Admission \$5 per car

No pets. Service animals welcome.

YAMHILL COUNTY Historical Society & Museums

503-472-2942
YamhillCountyHistory.org
Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
11275 SW Durham Ln, McMinnville, OR

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	2	3	4 YCAP Food Truck 2:00pm-3:00pm Son's Mtg 6:30pm	5	6 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Legion KP 5:00pm	7 Cancer Bingo 1:00pm ALR—Poker Run
8 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	9	10	11 YCAP Food Truck 2:00pm-3:00pm	12 Veteran's Lunch 11:00am - 1:00pm	13 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Auxiliary KP 5:00pm	14
15 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	16 Activity Committee Mtg 5:00pm Executive Mtg 6:00pm	17 Auxiliary Mtg 6:00pm	18 Coffee Klatch 9:00a YCAP Food Truck 2:00pm-3:00pm General Member- ship Mtg 6:00pm	19	20 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Sons KP 5:00pm	21 District 2 Annual Picnic 12 - 4p @ Red Oak Farm in St. Paul
22 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	23	24	25 YCAP Food Truck 2:00pm-3:00pm Legion Riders Mtg 7:00pm	26	27 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Riders KP 5:00pm	28 State ALR Meeting 12:00pm6 After Dark 8p-1a`
29 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	30					

Glena Smith, Eric Abrams, Jacqueline Bellwood, Bruce Billett, James Black, Aaron Brooks, Dan Brown, Leroy Brown, Robin Burnett, Theresa Butler, Garth Confer, Chris Dauterman, Rodney Evers, Kevin Foss, Jerry George, Scott Gonzales, Lynne Harrell, Charles Helvie, Arnie Hollander, Shannon Jacks, Dwayne Jackson, Francis Laughlin, Richard Leipfert, Ken Marlow, Debbie McKee, Terry Olson, Liri Paddock-Read, Larry Pedersbeck, Gerald Perica, Paul Pristavec, Patrick Reed, David Reyes, Jose Romero, Riley Sanders, Robert Schenk, Leanne Schnell, Misty Scott, Torry Smith, Sonia Uscanga, Richard Vandyke, Cliff Watts, Darwin Wilde, Tracy Wittrock, Larry Wood

