

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 21

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Commander: Welcome to fall, the chill is in the air! Supporting veterans through volunteerism is at the heart of our organization. Recently I discovered a program through First Federal that can provide a benefit for the thousands of volunteer hours that have been recorded at our Post – First Federal Community Rewards Program which will re-open April 1, 2018. For every volunteer hour spend at the Post, First Federal will contribute \$2 to the organization up to \$500 dollars. The more volunteer time you report, the more rewarding your service. For more details, you can go on line to: <https://www.firstfedweb.com/Community-Rewards.aspx#Program-Details> to download the customer registration form.

Membership renewal is fast approaching at the end of the calendar year. Post 21 is realizing a number of new members; we are one of the strongest Posts in the State. Please consider your 2018 renewal and remember it's better to renew locally rather than online or through the mail. Even if you renew locally, National will continue to send notifications for a couple of months.

I thank each of you for your support of Veterans and our Post Families.

Gale Sears, Commander

When it comes to representing the interests and well-being of veterans, The American Legion is where national, state, and local leaders turn. That's because **no one stands for veterans like we do** ... and no one has supported veterans longer.

We are your voice. We are the conscience of a nation that honors military service and patriotic values. But we can't do it without our members. [That's why it's so important that you renew your Legion membership for 2018 today.](#)

Membership: Sadly we missed the September 1st 50% goal by 14 renewals, happily we have already passed the Fall goal of 55%. Currently we are at 57% if a minimum of 30 members renew their membership by November 1st we can beat the Veterans day goal of 65%, so please send in your dues.

Last year we missed 100% goal by only 5 members, let's see if we can make 100% this year. Thank you everyone for sending in your dues.

Shirley Brown, Adjutant.



Riders: The Legacy Scholarship Fund poker ride was quite the success. This year, as in the past years we'll be making a considerable contribution to the Legacy Scholarship Fund charity. This would not have been the case if we wouldn't have had all the support and volunteerism from our American Legion Post 21 families. So, when I say THANK YOU from all of our members of our small organization it comes from the heart. We are thankful to be a part of such a giving and selflessness American Legion post. We are nothing without the gracious support and backing we receive on a more than regular basis from everyone.

Over the last month we have had some heartache dealing with sickness and passing of members here at Post 21. Let us never forget why we are here. We are here because of the young men and women that served before us, the ones serving in the present and the ones that will answer the call of duty in the future. It takes a special kind of person to sign that contract and to lay down their life for our country and their beliefs. Beliefs that many of us share. Young men and women are answering the call and we should be proud of all of them. Be proud that we live in a time when patriotism in our country is so strong. I say this because many young adults are enlisting. Like my parents and grandparents saw me I see young men and women that are not sure what they're getting into. But after putting thought into it I, myself didn't know what I was getting into. I know now one thing; it was the greatest experience of my life... hands down. I wouldn't trade it for anything. The life experiences I had and the places I have been made me who I am today and the experience will shape their young lives also.

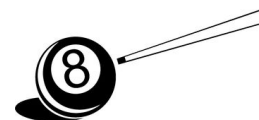
God bless our country and God bless our future leaders and heroes.

Jerry Perry,
STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!!!



Want to play some pool and have some fun?

Invitation to play pool representing American Legion, Post 21. The games are usually held on Wednesdays. Information regarding the League is posted on the bulletin board along with a sign-up sheet. Come on down, play some pool, have some fun and represent your Post.



Auxiliary: What a busy month!!! We are getting a lot accomplished and striving for a great year here at post 21!!! We are heading into the holidays with great plans in place. We have our Oktoberfest Dinner on 10/28/17, from 6 - 8pm, then following the dinner will be the Post 21 Halloween party!!!!

We will hold our annual Christmas Bazar December 2nd, tables will be \$15.00. We will begin Christmas basket applications starting 11/12/17 through 12/10/17. I want to thank my amazing ladies that have already went above and beyond to help me get things accomplished. I must say we have a great SISTERHOOD happening at unit 21!! I would also like to thank Gale Sears and Steve Randle for all the support and advice!

Debra Godwin, President



October 28, 2017

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

\$15 per plate



▪ *Menu* ▪

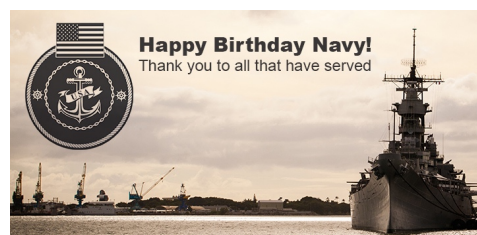
*Wursts & Kraut
German Potato Pancakes
Root Veggies
Rye Toast
German Chocolate Cake*

Halloween Party to follow Oktoberfest Dinner:



The American Legion – Post 21 Halloween Costume Party! Following Oktoberfest!

**Dress up in your favorite scary costume,
come on down and let's have some fun!**



The U.S. Navy traces its roots back to the privateers that were employed to attack British commerce in the early days of the revolution. On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established a naval force, hoping that a small fleet would be able to offset the uncontested exercise of British sea power. Some important firsts in Naval history:

1. First use of Submarines: While the Navy's first commissioned designs for a submarine were handed over in 1875, it wasn't until 1898 that the first Holland submarine launched successfully.
2. First use of modern battleships: While America had battleships before the 1908 South Carolina class dreadnought, which started with the USS Michigan and was based on British ships, these were the first in the new era of battleships.
3. First use of Naval aircraft: In 1911, the U.S. Navy bought its first airplane, the Curtiss A-1 Triad.
4. First aircraft carrier: The first flight from the deck of a U.S. Navy cruiser in 1910 led to the 1927 Lexington-class aircraft carriers, the first operational aircraft carriers in the U.S. Navy.
5. First use of Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat: Introduced in 1992, these rubber boats were originally meant for life boats in the 1960s, but the Navy now uses them for SEALs due to their lightweight, high speed, all-weather specifications.

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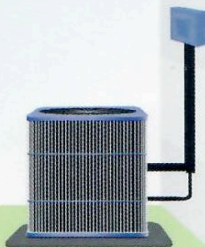
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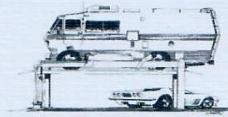
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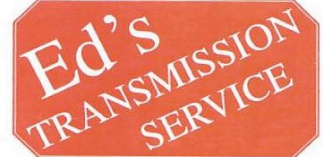
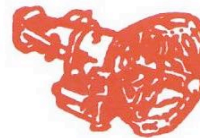
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October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SALUTE TO VETERANS GOLF CLASSIC	2 House 4:00	3 Rambling Rejects 6:00	4 Sons – 6:30	5 Equestrians 6:00	6 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	7 Cancer Bingo 1:00
8	9	10	11 Legal Committee 5:00 DAV. 6:30	12 Hunters	13 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	14
15	16 Activities – 5:00 House – 4:00 Executive 6:30	17 Auxiliary – 6:00	18 Genera Mbshp 6:30	19	20 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	21
22	23	24 AMVETS 6:30	25 Riders 7:00	26 NATIONAL DAY of the DEPLOYED	27 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	28 Oktoberfest & Halloween Party
29	30	31 AMVETS 6:30	1	2	3	4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

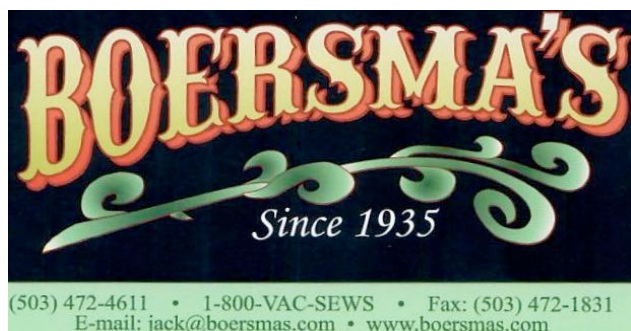
Happy Birthday
To all the Opal babies.



October Birthdays: Colleen Fuller, Mike Morris, John Richards, Mike Balcombe, Steve Smith, Ken Skinner, Marty Dodd, Shannon Sizer, Vaida Slaughter, Fay White, Gracie Smith.

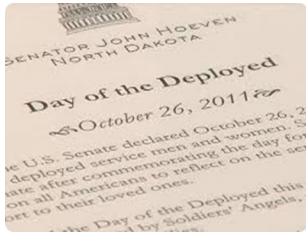
May you all have many more!

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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National Day of the Deployed

October 26, 2017 honors all of the brave men and woman who have been deployed, are sacrificing, or have sacrificed their lives to defend our country.

The day also acknowledges their families who are separated from them during deployment and the sacrifices they make in order for their family members to serve our country.

Newsletter Articles: Remember to submit your Newsletter Articles before the 20th day of the month to be included in the next month's issue. Please send your articles via e-mail to vetsclub21@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 1 – Salute to Veterans Golf Classic
- 13 – Navy Birthday
- 28 – Octoberfest/Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

- 4 – Post 21 Awards Banquet
- 11 – Veterans Day Parade, Veterans Day Dinner.

Think about volunteering for some of the events. Thanksgiving has not been decided as volunteers are desperately needed to make this happen.



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