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APRIL

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Commander: In these trying times I want to thank everyone for their understanding and support. While we continue to offer to-go food orders on a limited schedule and menu we are trying to take care of our employees and volunteers. With the stimulus package being signed today we will do our best to get monetary help to them as soon as possible. Our e-board will work to get these benefits to our people as quickly as we can.

On a more positive note we have had members volunteering to do repairs and clean-up while we are closed, Bob Berweger in the Rose Garden and Dan Brown, Adam F. and Terry Naig doing clean-up and repairs. Debra Godwin and other auxiliary members cleaning the dining room and kitchen just to name a few. Thank you to all of our family members that have donated your time. Without everyone's help we will not make it through this hard time for all of us.

Steve Farley, Commander

1st Vice: HOPE ALL ARE WELL, I just returned home from the Post 21 Memorial Rose Garden, fertilizing the Roses. I am hopeful that the first roses of the year will coincide with the end of the orders to stay home (I had no closer contact than 21 feet).

Many of you already know the order to stay home also upset nominations, and possibly election of officers. My point, to date, no nominations have been made.

Please remember you can't nominate yourself and the nominee must accept the nomination.

As you know, The E-Board is doing its best to communicate with all the members electronically, many of our members don't have that luxury. If you know of someone, we should be mailing please let Shirley Brown, our adjutant, know so that we can use U.S. mail in a few cases.

With the last email from the post was a form to use for nominations and it is intended to be filled out and given to Commander Farley as he is head of the nomination Committee.

In closing I wish you all good health and remember stay home.

Bob Berweger, First Vice

**"REMEMBER THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A
SMALL ACT OF KINDNESS.**

EVERY ACT CREATES A RIPPLE

WITH NO LOGICAL END."

WHAT IS GOING ON AT POST 21?

As Shultz says, "I know NOTHING!"

That is not exactly true. I am sure the E-Board will meet soon and extend the time the Post will be closed.

Here is something I do know. There are people doing a great job keeping to-go orders from the Post working. Debra Godwin, Crystal Wilson, Adam Finnicum and there may be more.

I saw Dan Brown, Adam Finnicum, Rick Farris and Steve from the trailer park, working on the trailer park area. I saw Terry Naig working in the Kitchen, along with Debra Godwin, Crystal Wilson cleaning. O.K. I'll toot my own horn, I got all the roses fertilized.

Sunday being **National Vietnam War Veterans Day**, Becky and I will be reinstalling the 6 flags on the building, including two honoring Police and First responders.

In some small way all of this is saying we believe there is and will be an end to this Pandemic and we are looking forward to a great CELEBRATION at its end.

Bob Berweger, First Vice Commander

Finance Officer: As with many other posts with food service we are doing what we can to keep management and our employees financially supported though diligent resource management and a donation, this unforeseen generosity is much more than we ever expected. Thank you so very much.

Gale Sears, Finance Officer

Nominations: As a result of COVID-19 nominations for Post Officers **MUST** be done via email. If you would like to nominate someone for office, or if you would like to serve, please email the adjutant at vetsclub21@gmail.com

MARCH NOMINATIONS

Commander - _____

1st Vice - _____

2nd Vice - Terry Ward

Finance Officer - Gale Sears

Adjutant - Shirley Brown

Judge Advocate - Steve Randles

Historian - Leroy Brown

Chaplain - Thomas Clayton

Sgt at Arms - Jim Connelly

Sons: The Sons of The American Legion will not have a meeting in April, instead they will conduct business over the internet on items that need to be taken care of. Terry Naig will put everything together that needs a vote. When everyone returns their vote Terry will send out the results. If you are not on the email list, please contact Terry Naig.

Would like to see everyone vote! You can just vote for those who are nominated if you prefer but would like to see everyone vote!

These are rough times for all so if you can help others out, please do. But remember to stay healthy.

Terry Naig, Sons Commander

**The American Legion
Law Enforcement Career Camp News
July 25-30, 2020**

COVID-19 has us monitoring the situation for the American Legion Law Enforcement Career Camp daily for the safety and health of our student applicants. However currently we are going forward with accepting applications starting on April 1st. Because of our current status of group gatherings, we will contact American Legion Families Commanders, and President and Director via email or phone to help sponsor student applicants for LECC.

The Law Enforcement Career Camp is scheduled for July 25th thru July 31st. Our American Legion Post 21 has been sponsoring three to four students per year. Please, let's continue to help the well deserving applicants to reach their goal of LECC. Please contact me for any questions anytime.

For information go to: <https://orlegion.com/programs/law-enforcement-career-camp/>

Angel Mendoza

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This poem is written by Troy Jenkins during his Senior year in High School. Troy lost his life in Iraq in April 2003.

Auxiliary: I must say this is a tough time for all our members at Post 21. Crystal, Gina and I have been working hard to get the post cleaned up and takeout orders going out the door. I need to thank our member's, and community for all the support they have shown our post so far. We will post on Facebook everyday what we are having for specials, so please share.

All members should know that all meetings are canceled until further notice. I miss everyone so much and cannot wait for normal again. These are trying times, so stay positive, call and check on each other, send a message, email, just hearing hey I am thinking about you and checking to see if you need anything, and I love and miss you, can make someone's day so much better. We have an amazing American Legion Family and together we can get through this. Stay strong my Legion Peeps, remember we have each other, please reach out to each other, let them know you care.

We are doing takeout orders Tuesday through Saturday from 11am until 6pm. If we do not get enough orders in the afternoon to keep the volunteers at the post, we will go back to 4pm. We take pre-orders for Prime Rib, NY Steak, and each week we will offer another dinner also starting Tuesday until close on Thursdays. We are volunteering our time to keep our Post above water, so please support our post!!!

Remember we are doing nominations for Auxiliary Officers, if there is someone you would like to nominate please get a hold of Sim Sears. Hold your heads high my Legion Family, stay strong, and know you are loved and not alone!!! We will all be together again soon!!

Debra Godwin, President

Take out Menu!

Call in your order and it will be ready for pick-up.

Burger Prime beef with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles and mayo	\$ 6.50
Cheese Burger , with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles and mayo	\$ 7.50
Bacon Cheese Burger , with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles and mayo	\$ 8.50
Mushroom Swiss Burger , with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles and mayo	\$ 8.50
Chili Burger , w/cheese & onion on request	\$ 8.50
Patty Melt , grilled onions, swiss cheese with 1,000 Island on grilled rye	\$ 7.75
Fish Filets , 3 battered fish filets (extra fish \$1.00 per piece)	\$ 7.50
Chicken Strips With fries or Tots	\$ 7.50
Boasted Chicken (When available)	\$8.50
Sandwiches on Sour Dough, Whole wheat, White or Rye	
All sandwiches are served with a side	
B.L.T. Toasted	\$ 6.50
Club Sandwich Toasted	\$ 8.00
Ham or Turkey Sandwich	\$ 6.00
Grilled Cheese with cheddar (with Ham + \$1.00)	\$ 5.00
Fish Sandwich , cheese, lettuce, tartar sauce on a bun	\$ 7.50
Ruben Sandwich , Corn beef, swiss cheese, sauerkraut, 1000 island dr. on grilled rye	\$ 7.75
Crispy or Grilled Chicken Sandwich , cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, and mayo	\$ 7.50

We are also preparing our legendary Prime Rib dinner for Fridays night take-out. Order before 6 pm on Thursday so we know how much we will need.

DONNA REED WHAT A GREAT PERSON TO KNOW.

In other American Legion Newsletters, I have praised the things this lady has done. Like arranging flower taken from the Memorial Rose garden and her own and providing them to the Willamette Valley Cancer Institute, on a weekly basis, for the last year.

As it happens a couple of months ago Donna was diagnosed with a type of Cancer that many of us thought would be the end for her. She has and is, undergoing Chemo treatments and hope is positive that she has a chance to beat this ugly thing.

Many of you know that undergoing Chemo compromises your immune system and so are more susceptible to infections. Now think about the addition of the Coronavirus to her.



Donna being a long time cook, and loving it, cooking for The Blue Moon, The McMinnville Elks and most recently The American Legion Post 21 McMinnville, is doing very well but is bored.

Did I mention that she also loves people? I'm not sure when she started cooking from home to share food with older

friends, who may not have the ability to get good healthy food, but she does. And in some cases, delivering it to them, further increasing her chances to be exposed to the Virus.

Not really knowing how to close this, to me it's one of those selfless stories that needs to be told. It just doesn't seem to be enough to say thank you.

I saw her today and donated some Navy beans and rice, things that are difficult to get right now so she can carry on which she plans to do.

If you have some beans or rice or nonperishable items in small quantities, you wish to donate, so she can carry on her mission, contact her, or contact me and I will be the go between. I am so proud to call you, MY FRIEND.

Bob Berweger, 1st Vice Commander



"A day without a Friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey left inside."

Winnie the Pooh



A Navy warship went down in World War II with 49 crew members aboard. Divers finally found it after 75 years!



USS Eagle PE-56 - 1945

The USS Eagle PE-56 (a submarine chaser) was supporting Navy training exercises off the coast of Maine when an explosion tore it in half on April 23, 1945. Only 13 people survived, and 4 officers and 45 crew members went down with the ship.

For 75 years, no one knew exactly where the crew and the submarine hunter came to rest on the ocean floor. But in June 2018, a team of divers working with the Smithsonian Channel located it about six miles from Maine's shore.

The divers spent four years searching for the Eagle PE-56. The divers said that when they saw a four-inch deck gun, they were in absolute awe. The ship was also equipped with anti-submarine gear, not just guns, there was a rack of 15–20 depth charges. They said they had an incredible amount of respect for the sailors who are still entombed with the Eagle 56.

The wreckage sits more than 250 feet below the surface, the ship's steel plating is starting to rust away, but the site has been designated a war grave and has all the protections associated with that.

Finding the shipwreck was a challenge because diving off the coast of Maine is cold and visibility is often less than 20 feet. It's significantly deeper than recreational diving, decompression on these dives will last 1.5 to 2 hours, sometimes longer. The sinking was originally thought to be an accident the USS Eagle PE-56 was the last American warship sunk off the East Coast during World War II.

The US Navy originally dubbed the April 23, 1945, sinking an accident from a boiler explosion, but many survivors reported seeing a Nazi U-boat at the time. Naval historian Paul Lawton and archivist Bernard Cavalcante's research proved the initial assessment inaccurate, and in 2003, the Navy reclassified the sinking as a combat loss.

It also recommended that Purple Hearts be awarded to the 49 dead and 13 survivors. The reclassification made the USS Eagle PE-56 the Navy's largest single combat loss **in New England waters**.





Following is a summary of News Stories of the most recent identified POW/MIA members from World War II, Korean War and Vietnam.

World War II

Duane Cole, 23 – Marine Sgt. – Lost November 20, 1943 during the second day of battle on Betio Island, Tarawa, during an intense confrontation with enemy forces. Accounted for September 3, 2019 – Announced March 11, 2020.

Alton Whitson, 22 – Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for January 23, 2019. Announced March 11, 2020.

Russell Roach, 22 – Navy Seaman 1st Class. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for October 17, 2019. Announced March 11, 2020.

Clarence A. Blaylock, 20 – Navy Fireman 3rd Class. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for October 17, 2019. Announced March 11, 2020.

Patrick Chess, 24 – Navy Shipfitter 3rd Class. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for September 17, 2019. Announced February 4, 2020.

Ballard McCurley, 34 – Army Pvt. Lost November 29, 1944 while engaged in a fierce battle with German Forces in the Hürtgen Forest near Vossenack, Germany. Accounted for January 29, 2020. Announced February 11, 2020.

Jerome Morris, 22 – Marine Sgt. Lost November 22, 1943 during a battle with the Japanese resistance in an attempt to secure the Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for September 27, 2019. Announced March 16, 2020.

Earl Smith, 22 – Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. – Lost August 20, 1943 when the P-38 Lightning fighter he was piloting crashed into the harbor off of Paga Point, Papua. Accounted for March 23, 2020.

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Troy lost his life in Iraq in April 2003.

THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH

APRIL 1942

Following three months of brutal fighting the island of Bataan surrendered to the Japanese Army in April 1942 leading to the capture of 75,000 Americans and Filipino troops. Following the capture, the Japanese began the forced transfer of these POWs to the O'Donnell Prison camp over 65 miles north of Bataan. Leading to what became known as The Bataan Death March.

The captured soldiers were already in rough shape after fighting a great number of Japanese soldiers for over three months. In doing so they were left with scarce supplies and inadequate food, water and medical aid. The Japanese provided



very little food and water, the water they did supply was from the side of the road they were marching on.

The prisoners were brutalized during the march those who dropped from exhaustion or sickness, fell behind, or tried to escape were bayoneted,



shot, or beheaded. Those who could not rise the next morning were often buried alive or beaten to death.

No one knows the exact number of deaths that occurred during the march and during the internment at Camp O'Donnell. Of the 22,000 American prisoners of war on Bataan only about 15,000 survived.

America avenged its defeat in the Philippines when General Douglas MacArthur, who in 1942 had famously promised to return to the Philippines, made good on his word. In February 1945, U.S.-Filipino forces recaptured the Bataan Peninsula.

After the war, an American military tribunal tried Lieutenant General Homma Masaharu, commander of the Japanese invasion forces in the Philippines. He was held responsible for the Death March, a war crime, and was executed by firing squad on April 3, 1946.



HAPPY EASTER

April 2020

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
			1 SON's - Cancelled 6:30 PM	2	3 Spring DEC - Lapine - Cancelled Prime Rib Dinner Special - Cancelled 6:00 PM	4 Spring DEC - Lapine - Cancelled Cancer Bingo - Cancelled 1:00 PM
5 Spring DEC - Lapine - Cancelled Bingo Cancelled 1:00 PM	6	7 AMVETS - Cancelled 6:30 PM	8	9	10 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Cancelled 6:00 PM	11
12 Easter Sunday Bingo Cancelled 1:00 PM	13 Finance Committee - Canceled 5:00 PM Executive Committee - Cancelled 6:30 PM	14	15 Activities Committee - Cancelled 5:00 PM General Membership - Cancelled 6:30 PM 2nd Round Nominations - By Email 6:30 PM	16	17 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Cancelled 6:00 PM	18
19 Bingo Potluck - Cancelled 1:00 PM	20	21 Auxiliary - Cancelled 6:00 PM	22 Legion Rider Meeting - Cancelled 7:00 PM	23	24 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Cancelled 6:00 PM	25
26 Bingo Cancelled 1:00 PM	27	28	29	30		



Gerald Bailey, Donald Barnett, Angie Bauer, William Boyce, Donald Buckner, Chester Cain,
 Troy Crafton, Sam Fields, Michael Gillespie, Ron Grose, Eldon Holdapp, Wendy Hyde,
 Kevin Keister, Robert Laddusaw, Stephanie "Stevie" Landaverde, Terrill Lane,
 Roberta Larmouth, Bobby Laron, Lonnie Lembke, Brandon Lepowski, Margaret Lutz,
 Tony Mariana, Marty Martenson, Robert McMillan, Carlos Neitch, Jerome Paul,
 Debra Pennington, William Post, Steve Randles, Mark Rathburn, Mack Reid,
 Monica Graves Robertson, Lonnie Seizer, Glenn Smith, Eugene Smith, Morris Spawn,
 Alan Tiskus, Lee Vasquez, Richard Wilson, Cheryl Whitlow, Bob Wittrock

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APRIL HISTORY

4/2/1982 – Falkland Island War
4/4/1949 – NATO was created.
4/4/1968 – Martin Luther King assassinated.
4/6/1917 – US entered World War 1
4/9/1865 – End of U.S. Civil War.
4/10/1942 – The Bataan Death March
4/10/1945 – Buchenwald concentration camp liberated.
4/11/1970 – Apollo 13 Launched.
4/12/1861 – U.S. Civil War began.
4/12/1981 – First space shuttle “Columbia” was launched.
4/14/1865 – President Abraham Lincoln assassinated.
4/15/1912 – Titanic sinks.
4/17/1961 – Bay of Pigs invasion.
4/18/1942 – Doolittle Raid on Japan.
4/18/1775 – Midnight Ride of Paul Revere.
4/19/1775 – American Revolution began.
4/19/1995 – Oklahoma City bombing.
4/22/1889 – “In God We Trust” was included on all newly minted U.S. coins.
4/23/1945 – Sinking of USS Eagle PE-56.
4/26/1986 – Chernobyl Nuclear disaster.
4/30/1789 – George Washington became 1st U.S. President.



American Legion Rider's Scholarship Update

The deadline to submit an application and required materials has been extended to **May 22nd**. If you have questions, please contact Jim Connelly (503) 550-7451, Mike Paull (971) 237-2826 or Terry Naig (371) 312-2252.

For information go to <http://vetsclub.org/index.php?id=134>

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