

# AMERICAN LEGION

**McMINNVILLE POST 21 - 126 NE ATLANTIC STREET – McMINNVILLE, OREGON 97128 – 503 435-2218**

**Commander:** Hello Legionaries, I see that the Lord has kept us safe and out of harm's way. Thank you, LORD.

Our Post has finished the year of 2021-2022 with great success and accomplishments. Our membership is over 100% PLUS. This was accomplished by more Veterans coming to the Post and seeing what we are about and what we are accomplishing. Also contacting them to renew their membership. Our Adjutant Shirley Brown has done a GREART JOB in getting members to renew their dues.

Also, our Post FAMILIES membership was well over 100%. This is a great accomplishment. The Post is solid and rocks. Congratulations to Unit 21 Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Riders. GREAT JOB AND THANK YOU. WE ROCK!!!!!!!!!!

Our Post held its elections with three new officers.

Terry Ward – First Vice  
Robert Andrade – Service Officer  
Dan Brown – At Large

Thank you for stepping up and making a difference. I was re-elected as YOUR Post Commander. It is a great honor and privilege to be your Post Commander. Thank you very much.

We are always upgrading our Post to the best standards. I am making a Commanders project to get the front door more handicap accessible with an electric door opener. This will help our handicap Veterans and guests' easier access to our Post. The cost is around \$2,000. I will NOT use Post funds for this project. I know that we can do it for our disabled Veterans. YES, we can!!!

I will end here with GOD will keep you and your family safe. God Bless.

*Juan M. Palacios, Post 21 Commander, Semper Fi*

**Riders:** Elections are over, and Terry Naig is now the Director of the Riders.

I would like to thank Paul Schnell for his leadership in the past years. I am looking forward to working with everyone to make things advance into the future and be a great group of people. *Thank you, Paul Schnell!*

New Riders Officers are:

Terry Naig – Director  
Bill Linndeman – Assistant Director  
Leanne Schnell – Secretary  
Simm Sears – Treasurer  
Tony Amodeo – Road Captain  
Robert DeKar – Sgt at Arms  
Jim Connelly – Historian/Chaplain  
Steve Randles – Membership

*Terry Naig, Riders Director*

**From outgoing Director Paul Schnell:** Thank you to everyone at the Post and within the Riders for supporting my growth and leadership with Post 21 ALR over the last few years. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve our veterans, our Post, our Riders, and our community. Congratulations to Post 21 Rider of the Year, Tony Amodeo, for another great year supporting our members! Thank you to the Rider officers who've served our group with pride this past year: Assistant Director Gale Sears, Secretary Leanne Schnell, Treasurer Tammy De Kar, Road Captain/Safety Coordinator Tony Amodeo, Sgt at Arms Robert De Kar, Membership Coordinator Steve Randles, and Historian/Chaplain Jim "Coach" Connelly. Everything positive that happens in ALR is a team success, and we had a lot of positive happenings thanks to these wonderful teammates.

Finally, please allow me to introduce your new Post 21 American Legion Riders Director, Terry Naig!

*Paul Schnell, Past Riders Director*

## ONE, TWO, THREE STRIKES YOU'RE OUT!

I hope everyone remembers The Legion and Riders support McMinnville Youth baseball in a very big way, between the riders and the Post we sponsor 3 teams.

Opening day will be June 4<sup>th</sup> with the first pitch is scheduled for 9:15 a.m.

This is the first time in two years we will have the opportunity to attend opening day.

Please try to make yourself visible as a Legionnaire a Son or Auxiliary.

Regrettably the ALR has a conflict so the number of riders will be fewer at Joe Dancer Park.



Legion Family supporting Youth Baseball on opening Day 2019



## Coming Home

It's not easy coming home,  
It's not easy fitting back in,  
It's not easy taking off the uniform,  
It's not easy to start things new again.

It takes patience and kindness,  
It takes support and understanding,  
It takes love and friendship,  
The road back is harsh and demanding.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**TAKE A SOLDIER FISHING:** Registration is now closed, but volunteers with or without boats are in high demand. To register to be a volunteer go to [takeasoldierfishing.org](http://takeasoldierfishing.org). For more information contact Terry Ward.

**JULY 4TH - CAR & BIKE SHOW:** Open to the public, registration starts at 10:00 am. - \$15.00 entry fee. Trophies will be awarded for top finishers. There will also be a BBQ from 11:00 – 2:00 (or sold out).

### 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SALUTE TO VETERANS GOLF

**TOURNAMENT:** Saturday, July 23rd at Michelbook Country Club, cost is \$75 per player, \$300 for a team of 4. Open to the public. Tee time is 1:00 p.m. Players will be limited this year so register early to insure you have a spot.

**The Oregon International Airshow August 19-21.** The Post has no commitments to help at the Airshow yet.

**Legion Riders Scholarship Poker Run:** The Annual Legion Riders Scholarship Poker Run is scheduled for Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed along with raffle items. Come on out for a good time and support the local youth. Last year the riders gave away \$4,000 in scholarships to five Yamhill County High School Seniors.

**Veterans Day Parade:** The Post has verbal approval from the City to have a parade Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM, the day after Veterans Day. Imagine a float for Post 21 in the Parade.





The most recent identified POW/MIA.

## World War II

**Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. William Teaff – 26.** Lost July 10, 1944, as a prisoner of war at Stalag Luft 6 prisoner of war camp in Heydekrug, Germany. Leaf was one of only three Americans who died in the POW Camp. Accounted for April 10, 2022.

**Army Air Forces Lt. Col. Addison Baker – 36.** Lost when the B-24 Liberator he was flying in a bombing run during Operation Tidal Wave was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire and crashed, but not before he dropped his bombs on the target and avoided crashing into the other B-24s in his formation. Lt. Col. Baker was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. Accounted for April 8, 2022. Announced April 28, 2022.

**Army Air Forces 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Newell Mills – 22.** Lost April 7, 1945 when he was flying a P-51D Mustang escorting B-24 Liberator bomber to a target in Germany. Prior to reaching their target, the formation encountered German fighters, the escorting pilots turned to engage the Germans. Following the mission, Mills and his wingman never returned to base. Accounted for March 7, 2022.

**Army Pvt. Walter Wildman – 20.** Lost November 13, 1944 when his unit was part of the Hürtgen Forest offensive when he was reported killed in action. Because of the fighting, his body was unable to be recovered. Accounted for January 26, 2022. Announced May 5, 2022.

**Navy Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class John Melton – 23.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor – USS Virginia. Accounted for February 1, 2021. Announced May 11, 2022.

**Army Pfc. Merl Holm – 22.** Lost November 26, 1942 when his unit attempted to flank the enemy defensive lines in northern Papua. Holm was reported as killed in action. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star. Accounted for April 15, 2022. Announced May 13, 2022.

**Army Air Force Staff Sgt. William Wood – 25.** Lost August 1, 1943 while serving as a gunner on a B-24 Liberator crashed as a result of enemy anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave. Accounted for May 12, 2022.

**Marine Cpl. Jack Brown – 22.** Lost July 8, 1944 when his Division was part of the invasion force of the island of Saipan in a larger effort to capture the Mariana Islands. Brown was killed in action but his body was not able to be recovered.

Brown was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Accounted for May 11, 2022.

**Army Air Force 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. David Lewis – 20.** Lost August 1, 1943 when the B-24 Liberator he was piloting crashed as a result of enemy anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave. Accounted for May 11, 2022.

**Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Michael Uhrin – 21.** Lost October 14, 1943 when the B-17F bomber he was serving as the radio operator was shot down by enemy fighters. Accounted for May 12, 2022.

**Army Air Force Staff Sgt. Adolph (Leonard) Olenik – 19.** Lost August 1, 1943. when the B-24 Liberator he was serving as a gunner on crashed as a result of enemy anti-aircraft fire crashed during Operation Tidal Wave. Accounted for January 26, 2022. Announced May 19, 2022.

**Army Air Force 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Louis Girard – 20.** Lost August 1, 1943 when the B-24 Liberator he was serving as the co-pilot crashed as a result of enemy anti-aircraft fire crashed during Operation Tidal Wave. Accounted for March 28, 2022. Announced May 23, 2022.

**Navy Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class William Brooks - 19.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for April 22, 2021. Announced May 23, 2022.

**Navy Fire Controlman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Jack Breedlove - 19.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for April 22, 2021. Announced May 23, 2022.

### REMAINS OF OKLAHOMA CREW EXHUMED

Remains of up to nearly 400 unaccounted for service members tied to the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor were exhumed in 2014. The hope is that most of the battleship's sailors and Marines can be identified.

The USS Oklahoma sank when it was hit by torpedoes on December 7, 1941, during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. A total of 429 sailors and Marines on the ship were killed.

Thirty-five crew members were positively identified and buried in the years immediately after the attack, according to the Defense Department. By 1950, all unidentified remains were laid to rest as unknowns at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, known as the punchbowl.



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## Korea

**Army Pfc. Jack Lilley – 19.** Lost July 20, 1950 after his unit was forced to retreat from the vicinity of Taejon, South Korea. He was never found, nor were any remains recovered that could be identified as Lilley. Accounted for November 5, 2021. Announced May 2, 2022.

**Army Pfc. Chauncey (William) Sharp – 18.** Lost July 24, 1950 after his unit sustained heavy casualties while defending against the North Korean army's advance near Hwanggon, South Korea. He was not recovered because his unit was forced to retreat. Accounted for December 22, 2020. Announced May 2, 2022.

**Army Cpl. Lawrence Brown – 21.** Lost November 26, 1950 when his unit was attacked by the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces. Following the war returning American Prisoners reported that Brown had died at Prisoner of War Camp #5. Accounted for February 14, 2022. Announced May 10, 2022.



### Honoring our Korean War Veterans.

The Sons of The American Legion Post 21 will be honoring Korean War Veterans on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> with breakfast 8:00 – 11:00 am. Breakfast is free to Korean War Veterans.



## The Korean War 1950-1953

The Korean war began on June 25, 1950, when some 75,000 soldiers from the North Korean People's Army poured across the 38th parallel, the boundary between the Soviet-backed Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the north and the pro-Western Republic of Korea to the south. This invasion was the first military action of the Cold War. By July, American troops had entered the war on South Korea's behalf. As far as American officials were concerned, it was a war against the forces of international communism itself. After some early back-and-forth across the 38th parallel, the fighting stalled, and casualties mounted with nothing to show for them. Meanwhile, American officials worked anxiously to fashion some sort of armistice with the North Koreans. Finally, in July 1953, the Korean War came to an end. In all, some 5 million soldiers and civilians lost their lives in what many in the U.S. refer to as "the Forgotten War" for the lack of attention it received compared to more well-known conflicts like World War I and II and the Vietnam War.

Did you know? Unlike World War II and Vietnam, the Korean War did not get much media attention in the United States. The most famous representation of the war in popular culture is the television series "M\*A\*S\*H," which was set in a field hospital in South Korea. The series ran from 1972 until 1983, and its final episode was the most watched in television history.

Finally, after more than two years of negotiations, the adversaries signed an armistice on July 27, 1953. The agreement allowed the POWs to stay where they liked; drew a new boundary near the 38th parallel that gave South Korea an extra 1,500 square miles of territory; and created a 2-mile-wide "demilitarized zone" that still exists today.

The Korean War was relatively short but exceptionally bloody. Nearly 5 million people died. More than half of these—about 10 percent of Korea's prewar population—were civilians. (This rate of civilian casualties was higher than World War II's and the Vietnam War's.) Almost 40,000 Americans died in action in Korea, and more than 100,000 were wounded. Today, they are remembered at the Korean War Veterans Memorial near the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., a series of 19 steel statues of servicemen, and the Korean War memorial in Fullerton, California, the first on the West Coast to include the names of the more than 30,000 Americans who died in the war.

**Auxiliary:** It was a **Marvelous May** for the Auxiliary. Lots of events full giving, laughter, camaraderie, and support from other Legion Family members.

The following happened during the month:

The Awesome BINGO LADIES, Darla Gregory - Chris Trudo - Randi Douglas, presented a check for \$2371 to the Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation. The funds had been collected throughout the last 2 years during the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month CANCER BINGO sessions. These ladies do a great job and deserve an ENORMOUS round of applause for all they do.

Sim Sears, Glenna Smith, and Becky Berweger presented \$1000 in gift cards from Harbor Freight to Willamina High School's ETC teacher, TJ Wilson. These cards will be used to purchase auto tools and supplies for "Willamina Kustoms" a student ran enterprise that has a goal of returning to the Grand National Roadster Show in 2023 with a custom 1937 Lincoln Zephyr.

PIC and Head Chef Gregoria (Goya) Hernandez, with the help of her daughter and 7 Auxiliary members, produced an excellent CINCO de MAYO Chicken Enchilada dinner. Special Thanks went out to Mazatlán Restaurant for the donation of Rice and Beans, Glenna Smith for the delicious dessert cake and to Bob Wilson for doing all those dishes.

Thankfully, 6 Auxiliary members responded to the call for help on Friday's Auxiliary Prime Rib Night. Believe me when I say ... **we were needed!** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month is Auxiliary Night – Please mark your calendar to lend a hand.

On a sad note, Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> a "Celebration of Life" for Unit 21 member Sue Davis was held in the Honor Room. 3 representatives from the Auxiliary were on hand to offer our condolences with flowers and a short presentation read by Gregoria Hernandez.

May 16<sup>th</sup> very special dinner event was held in the Post 21 Honor Room. The Guest of Honor was Kathy Daudistel, The National Auxiliary President. Many other Legion/Auxiliary VIPs were also in attendance. It was the 1<sup>st</sup> time our Post has ever had a National Auxiliary Presidential visit. Auxiliary volunteers were at hand to help with set up, serving and clean up.

Much Appreciation and a heartfelt Thank You goes out to....

- David Reidman – for donating 36 Tomato plants for Veterans and families.
- Sam Fields – for donating the 2 Gorgeous flowers for the Auxiliary Flower Raffle.
- Bob and Gail Wilson – for taking the can pull-tabs to be recycled for a donation to the Ronald McDonald House.

And finally... Congratulations to the New Officers for 2022 -2023 Auxiliary Unit 21.

President – Gregoria Hernandez  
Vice-President – Becky Berweger  
Secretary – Dianne Heaton  
Treasurer – Becky Berweger  
Historian – Glenna Smith  
Chaplin – Susan Haley  
Sergeant at Arms – Gretchen Jones  
Service Officer – Carol Doege  
Membership – Sim Sears

## The American Legion Family



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## **USS Oregon SSN793 to be commissioned May 28, 2022**



The USS Oregon was named to honor the long-standing history the State of Oregon has had with the Navy. The USS Oregon is a Virginia-class nuclear-powered fast attack submarine. It is the Navy's newest undersea warfare platform and incorporates the latest in stealth, intelligence gathering and weapons systems technology.

SSN 793 will be the second naval ship to bear the name Oregon. The first USS Oregon was a battleship (BB 3) best known for its roles in the Spanish American War when it helped destroy Admiral Cervera's fleet and in the Philippine-American War in 1899. BB 3 known as the "Bulldog of the Navy", set a record of 66 days to sail from San Francisco to Havana, Cuba in response to the sinking of the USS Maine (ACR 1) in 1898.

The next-generation attack submarines will provide the Navy with the capabilities required to maintain the nation's undersea supremacy well into the 21st century. They will have enhanced stealth, sophisticated surveillance capabilities and special warfare enhancements that will enable them to meet the Navy's multi-mission requirements.

Each Virginia-class submarine is 7,800-tons and 377 feet in length, has a beam of 34 feet, and can operate at more than 25 knots submerged. It is designed with a reactor plant that will not require refueling during the planned life of the ship, reducing lifecycle costs while increasing underway time.



### **The Ships Crest**

Latin "ALIS VOLAT PROPIIS" -- The official English version of the motto is "She flies with her own wings". This is the state motto of Oregon.

Salmon -- This is the Chinook salmon, which is the official state fish; these also double a unique take on the Submarine warfare badge, gold for officers and silver for enlisted.

The mountain range in the background is the border for Crater Lake National Park. Formed 7,700 years ago after the violent volcanic eruption of Mt. Mazama, it is the deepest lake in the United States at 1,949 feet deep. The island inside the crater "Wizard Island" was formed after a series of smaller eruptions.

Silhouette BB-3 -- This is the 1st and only previous USS OREGON.

Gold Star -- This has dual symbolism; it is another reference to BB-3 and the Oregon Trail, overlaid on the state, ends at the gold star representative of the Oregon Trail, Oregon City.

Eagle -- This is derived from the state seal. The eagle also features 33 discernible feathers; this aligns with Oregon being the 33rd state admitted to the union.



# JUNE

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
			<b>1</b> SON'S 6:30 PM 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion KP 5:00 PM	<b>4</b> Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM 
<b>5</b> Legion Bingo 1:00 PM 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Auxiliary KP 5:00 PM	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Legion Bingo 1:00 PM 	<b>13</b> Activities Committee 5:30 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	<b>14</b> Auxiliary 6:00 PM 	<b>15</b> General Membership 6:30 PM 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Sons KP 5:00 PM	<b>18</b> Take a Soldier Fishing - Fagg Lake 
<b>19</b> Legion Bingo 1:00 PM 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> AMERICAN Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Riders KP 5:00 PM	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Legion Bingo 1:00 PM 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jeffrey Brockett, Todd Burt, Stephanie Bush, Mandy Castro, Marcelle Christie, Consuelo Christianson, Joseph Clements, Wayne Clemmer, James Colburn, Dale Conley, Jim Davis, Ronnie Denney, Richard Dowty, Brady Elliott, Midi Henderson, Pat Hermans, Robert Huson, Albert Laughlin, Donald Libby, George Loving, Gerald Lundt, Donald McBride, Shannon Miller, Bryan Mitchell, Mari Morris, Mike Olson, Marie Ordaz, George Piper, Franck Pucci, Lilly Riha, Ben Reddaway, Donald Rue, Paul "Chris" Schaecher, Alexis Scott, Walter Simmons, Thornton Smith, Michael Sweeney, Robert Sweitzer, Jack Williams,



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## OFFICERS

### THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander – Juan Palacios  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Terry Ward  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Jim Connelly  
JAG – Steve Randles  
Finance – Gale Sears  
Adjutant – Shirley Brown  
Sgt at Arms – Robert De Kar  
Historian – Vacant  
Chaplain – Thomas Clayton  
Service Officer – Robert Andrade  
At Large – Bob Berweger  
At Large – Dan Brown  
At Large – Rich Pimm

### AUXILIARY

President – Goya Hernandez  
Vice/Treasurer – Becky Berweger  
Secretary – Diane Heaton  
Membership – Simm Sears  
Historian – Glenna Smith  
Service Officer – Carol Doege  
Chaplain – Susan Haley  
Sgt at Arms – Gretchen Jones

### Sons of the American Legion

Commander/Finance – Terry Naig  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Bill Lindeman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Jim VanSoyck  
Adjutant – Del White  
Sgt at Arms – Brandon Lepkowski  
Chaplain – Pete Jenson

### The American Legion Riders

Director – Paul Schnell  
Asst. Director – Gale Sears  
Secretary – Leanne Schnell  
Treasurer – Tammy De Kar  
Sgt at Arms – Robert De Kar  
Road Capt. – Tony Amodeo  
Historian – Jim Connelly



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