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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

**Commander:** We were finally allowed to have our first general meeting this month. We had our first round of nominations and with 2nd round next month and third round and elections in May. We need everyone's participation to keep our post operating at a high level. So any Legion member that is interested in running for an office and spot on the executive board please let us know and plan on attending our next meeting. Our first PPP loan has been 100% forgiven with funds being used many things including keeping the post open and running during the pandemic while our income is so low.

Remember we need members to step up and help the post move forward. Without members willing to hold offices and with several offices needing to be filled including Commander we need you to step forward and serve.

*Steve Farley, Commander Post 21*

**Riders:** Very thankful for all the Riders that (safely) came out for our first monthly meeting since October. Just in time for officer nominations to begin, we had a nice turnout and a purposeful business meeting. A reminder to all Riders, if you're interested in being an officer or wish to nominate someone for a position, please reach out to Jim "Coach" Connelly via email at [coachconn@hotmail.com](mailto:coachconn@hotmail.com). Or make your nominations in person at our next Rider meeting on April 28th.

Riders Purpose: "Our purpose is to support the objective of the American Legion by participation in events, parades, and ceremonies in service to our community, state and nation, and to use our association to promote and support American Legion programs."

With our purpose in mind and Oregon weather becoming more favorable, it's time to get out and RIDE in support of Veterans, the Legion, and our communities. On any given weekend from April through September, there are great opportunities for us to represent! If you are aware of any upcoming events that Post 21 Riders should participate in, please share those with the rest of the group or send to one of the officers so we can share them.

*Paul Schnell, Director*

**Chaplain:** It's a great day for all Legion members as we start to open once again at the Post. It has been a long time of hardship for all, and I hope that everyone has stayed safe. My prayers have been going out for all of the members that the good Lord would watch over each and everyone.

Time has come to get back to the work at hand at the post. Our meetings have once again started. The Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Legion Riders. All have been hard at work for the Post. I want to ask that everyone will once again come out and support our Post in the way that we all know how to. Please pray for the Ward family at this time. We have lost some members this past few months but please keep their families in your prayers also.

On another note, it is that time of year that we call for people to step up and become a member of the E-Board. If you know of anyone that would be a great fit for an officer on the board, please put their name in or if you would like to be a part of the leadership for the post. please step up. We need new minds to help with this leadership.

In closing as always if you need prayer, please let me know by calling me at 503-550-8044.

May God Bless,

*Chaplain Clayton, Chaplain*

### SOME OF WHAT THE AMERICAN LEGION DOES

Provides cash assistance to needy Military and Veterans families with children at home; Delivers, free of charge, all U.S. flags for the graves of American military personnel laid to rest at overseas cemeteries; provides relief, support, shelter, training and compassion for homeless veterans; distributes urgent cash assistance to veterans whose homes have been badly damaged or destroyed by natural disasters; provides volunteer hours and services at VA medical facilities at an estimated annual value of \$20 million; fulfills needs and provides firsthand support for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury through a variety of therapeutic programs that are not dependent on prescription drugs.





The most recent identified POW/MIA.

## World War II

**Army Pfc. Juan Gutierrez – 26.** Lost after the Bataan Death at Camp O'Donnell Prisoner of War Camp in May 1942. Accounted for February 24, 2021. Announced March 3, 2021.

**Seaman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Michael Malek – 17.** Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for February 24, 2021. Announced March 10, 2021.

**Signalman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Austin Hesler – 21.** Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for February 24, 2021. Announced March 10, 2021.

**Army Air Forces 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Robert Parker – 23.** Lost November 15, 1943 when his plane was shot down over New Guinea. Accounted for March 9, 2021. Announced March 15, 2021.

**Navy Fireman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Denis Hiskett – 20.** Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for February 17, 2021. Announced March 16, 2021.

**Navy Fireman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Carl Bradley – 19.** Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for February 5, 2021. Announced March 16, 2021.

**Navy Electrician's Mate 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Leslie Delles – 21.** Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for February 5, 2021. Announced March 16, 2021.

**Marine Pfc. Jack Hill – 21.** Lost on the small island of Bioto in the Tarawa Atoll during intense fighting to secure the island. Accounted for June 26, 2020. Announced March 18, 2021.

**Navy Machinist's Mate 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Everett Stewart – 22.** Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for December 8, 2020. Announced March 18, 2021.

**Pharmacist's Mate 3<sup>rd</sup> Class George Paradis – 23.** Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for February 24, 2021. Announced March 22, 2021.

**Signalman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Eugene Skaggs – 33.** Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for February 12, 2021. Announced February 12, 2021.

**Navy Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Elmer Lawrence – 25.** Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for December 8, 2020. Announced March 18, 2021.

**Navy Fireman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Harold Bates – 27.** Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for February 1, 2021. Announced March 24, 2021.

**Navy Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Wilbur Balance – 20.** Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for March 1, 2021. Announced March 30, 2021.

**Water Tender 1<sup>st</sup> Class Milo Phillips – 26.** Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for March 1, 2021. Announced March 30, 2021.

## Korean War

**Army Chaplain & Catholic Priest (Capt.) Emil J. Kapaun – 35.** Lost November 2, 1950 as a Prisoner of War at Camp 5 on the Yalu River, North Korea. Accounted for March 2, 2021.

**Army Cpl. Walter Smead – 24.** Lost December 2, 1950. When his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir. Accounted for March 16, 2021.

**Army Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Nicholas Valentine – 22.** Lost December 6, 1950. When his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir. Accounted for March 16, 2021.



*The USAF Thunderbirds return to the area for the first time in nine years, and the U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor is coming back to scorch the skies and rattle the windows!*

Take a break from the cold with the hot excitement that's building for the 2021 Oregon International Air Show at McMinnville!

Taking place July 30 thru August 1st, this show is ready to rock and bring us all a little closer to the sun.

**Be there!**

**House Committee:** The heaters are installed on the back patio, with a little work left to make them both functional. As we enjoyed the camaraderie on the patio, a vision to make it more useful year-round has been developing. This vision includes upgraded storage sheds, some wind blockage, a more attractive and removable screen to the backyard, and fans to remove smoke during bar-b-ques. We will need to have some fundraisers to accomplish all this. I look forward to any ideas you might have.

*Dan Brown*  
House Committee Chair

## WEEKDAY SPECIALS

**Meatloaf-Monday**  
(served with mashed potatoes and green beans)  
**\$7.50**



**Taco-Tuesday**  
(all you can eat)  
**\$8.50**



**Western Burger-Wednesday**  
(your choice of side)  
**\$9.50**



**Turkey Club – Thursday**  
(your choice of side)  
**\$8.50**



**Clam Chowder – Friday**  
(served in bread bowl when available)  
**\$7.50 Bread Bowl**  
**\$5.05 – Bowl**  
**\$4.00 Cup**



**Join us for Lunch !**

### Meeting Dates & Times

AMVETS – April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30  
Son's – April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30  
Honor Guard – April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30  
Finance Committee – April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00  
Executive Board – April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00  
Auxiliary – April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00  
Legion Membership – April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30  
Honor Guard – April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30  
Riders – April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00

## Thank You!

I want to send out the biggest thank you to **"Wednesday Wine"**, Connie, and Florian. And the community that supported our Post, Friday, March 19th. The community wanted to help our post out with a silent auction, raffle items, and Dinner purchases. What a night it was. With the help of volunteers, the dinner went smooth. Everyone was served, and people loved their meals, and we gained new customers. We broke records of dinners sold on a Friday night. Old record was 83, we served 89!! The money donated to our Post that night was just over \$1600, and we sold \$1648 in dinners. It is so heartfelt to see the community step up and want to support us through the COVID. Thank you, Jeanie Clayton, John Mohamed, Randy Web, Glenna Smith, Adam, Ryan, and Marcelle for the most amazing teamwork and dedication to make the night go smoothly.

*Debra Godwin*

### CREED OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP CARD:

The card which you hold in The American Legion is a sacred heritage; your inherent right to its possession was achieved when you offered your life in the service of your country. The American Legion is unique in that you cannot be born into it. Neither a king by an edict, a dictator by a command, nor a president by proclamation, can demand admission. A man with millions cannot purchase a right to membership. Its members are chosen from a group whose numbers will never increase but whose ranks are thinning with the passing of each day.

The right to membership is a sacred privilege which belongs to you alone...rich or poor, regardless of race, color, or creed. Always cherish that bit of pasteboard which you so proudly carry. Let no influence or circumstance interrupt your continuity of service in the Legion, whose doors swung open to you because of your faithful service to your country.

The Legion knows no predecessor; it can have no successor, or when the last comrade, entitled to wear its insignia, shall have been called to his Eternal Rest by the Great Commander, The American Legion will pass out forever, but its traditions, its achievements and the spirit of service to which it was dedicated, will live on through the ages as a lasting tribute and memorial to you, as a member of an organization that has fought to preserve the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy. **American Legion News Service,**

April 26, 1963,  
Charles A. Learned



## What was A Victory Garden?

As the war waged on, Europe's ability to keep its soldiers and general population fed was becoming more and more difficult. As a result, the United States was called upon to shoulder the demand for mass quantities of food that was desperately needed overseas.

March was the 104th anniversary of the development of the National War Garden Commission. Created 1917, the commission was developed in response to the food crisis that raged in Europe.

The commission proposed that food production could be greatly increased simply by having people grow their own foods at home. By doing this, families would be self-sufficient and thus reduce the demand on the public food supply, which was desperately needed to keep soldiers and European civilians fed.

Victory gardens, as they were called, were heavily pushed by the United States in an effort to get people to grow their own food as a means of fighting the food shortage. The U.S. urged its civilians to cultivate gardens in their own back yards, as well as in their local community parks.

In the months following, newspapers across the United States were rapidly spreading the news and pleading for people to grow their own food wherever possible, and for farmers to do their part by complying with the government's request to plant specific crops, such as corn.

Newspapers at the time had a variety of advertisements and articles dedicated to the cultivation of gardens, and the need for substituting certain foods, such as corn for wheat in cooking. From competitions on which gardens could grow the best produce to the officials calling on the youth to do their part by tending to gardens, our country was fully committed to the effort.



# FIRST COLORS CEREMONY

## NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL

The United States World War I Centennial Commission is sponsoring a major event to celebrate the inaugural raising of the American flag over the nation's soon to open World War I Memorial in Washington, DC on Friday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m. EDT / 7:00 a.m. PDT.

"A century ago, 4.7 million Americans sent their sons and daughters off to fight a war that would change the world. They traveled to a country they had never visited, to fight in a war they didn't start, to achieve peace and liberty for a people they didn't know.

The FIRST COLORS Ceremony is designed to "bring our history home." It marks the final leg of a journey that began with an American flag that first flew over our nation's capital on April 6, 2017, commemorating the Centennial Day that the United States went to war in 1917. This Commemorative Flag has since flown over American battlefield cemeteries in Europe, honoring those who gave their all during the war. The colors will now return home to their final destination, forever flying above the new National World War I Memorial.

The extraordinary sacrifice made by Americans to conclusively end a world war is more than worthy of this recognition; one that is long overdue. This event will honor their sacrifices and renew the pledge: To protect our future by remembering our past.

All are invited to be a part of American history and watch the free live-broadcast event. To register to watch and learn more about the Memorial and the FIRST COLORS Ceremony, please visit [www.ww1cc.org/firstcolors](http://www.ww1cc.org/firstcolors).

# April 2021

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
				1	2 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM	3
4	5	6 AMVETS 6:30 PM	7 SON's 6:30 PM	8	9 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM	10
11	12 United Veterans Honor Guard 5:30 PM	13 House Committee 5:00 PM	14	15	16 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM	17
18	19 Finance Committee 5:00 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	20 Auxiliary 6:00 PM	21 General Membership 6:30 PM	22	23 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM	24
25	26 United Veterans Honor Guard 5:30 PM	27	28 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM	29	30 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM	



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At Large – Jeanne Clayton  
At Large – Dan Brown

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## Be a Part of History



### National WWI Memorial First Colors Ceremony

A Live Broadcast Event

[www.1cc.org/firstcolors](http://www.1cc.org/firstcolors)

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Please help us by leaving a great review for our restaurant and lounge. Visit <https://g.page/Legion21/review?rc> or just search for American Legion Post 21 on Google Maps and click "write a review."