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Commander: Hello Legionaries and Families,

Thank the Good Lord for bringing us out of 2022 and into 2023. The Post is doing ok with membership, but we still have a way to go. I was wondering about membership, not just us but everybody else as to why they joined. There was a reason for joining at first. Was it that a friend asked you to join and help an organization? There is a reason, why.

We need to find that reason. It could be, it was not what they thought it was or they talked to the wrong person. In most cases they talked to a wrong person. There are serval types of members. One that will support the Post by being a member in good standing. Maybe this member cannot help because of health reason. Still, they are active members.

The second type is they only wants to complain without solution. They only want it their way.

The third type are the volunteers. They are the ones that will work all the time and not make it an issue. They are the ones that are always there to help and it's always the same ones. They are dedicated members that only want the Post to excel.

WE HAVE A GREAT POST.

It's that time of the year where we elect our Post Officers for the new year 2023. Think about becoming a Post Officer.

Our Post has come a long way. Its growing with members and events.

May the Good Lord keep you safe and happy.

Juan M. Palacios, Post 21 Commander, Semper Fi

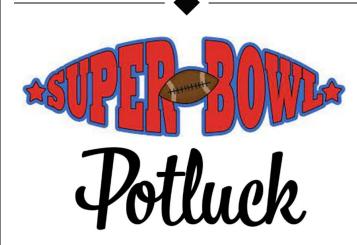




Riders: The ALR is looking forward to showing the community what the American Legion really is about. We as Riders like to help veterans look up to all the things they

did for our freedoms. We would like our unpaid members to get their dues paid up so we can assist in helping veterans , this small thing does help for supporting our efforts. The members we do have volunteer in all sorts of things that make someone a little better and helps make the person feel good for volunteering. We hope to see you out at the legion enjoying a meal or function that help veterans of all ages.

Terry Naig, Riders Director



FEBRUARY 12, 2023 KICKOFF 3:30

Come on in!

Bring your favorite dish to share

and cheer on your Team!



Sons: The Sons are starting out the new year by trying to get all the unpaid members to get their dues paid, this is how we help veterans.

We, The Sons of The American Legion help out where and when we can by volunteering to make things better around the Legion and to have a nice place for veterans to come and relax.

We are looking forward to working at the different Battle of the Branches Breakfasts this year in March and April. The people who come and eat are always fun to see and talk with, so come in and enjoy.

I would like to thank all those now serving in the Armed Forces and hope you come home to your families.

Terry Naig, Commander



BATTLE OF BRANCHES BREAKFAST

Coming Spring 2023



JUDGE ADVOCATE

NOTICE: To all Legion Members, there will be a vote on the amended bylaws at the General Membership Meeting on **March 15 2023** if approved by the Executive Board on February 13, 2023.

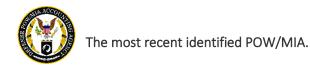
Nominations are coming in March & April. With installation in April Below are the procedures for election. Please consider running for Office in 2023.

Article 3: Elections

Section #1. Nominations

- After the Commander appoints the Nomination Committee chairman in January), the chairman will appoint 2 more members (in good standing) to the Nomination Committee before the February American Legion Post 21 general meeting. During the committee reports the Nomination Committee chairman will report to the general membership who the committee consists of as well as the procedure for nominating a member for office.
- Nominations shall be at the beginning of the March & April General Meetings.
- The Nomination Committee chairman is also tasked with appointing "vote counters" for American Legion Post 21 officer elections in April. In addition, the chairman is responsible for coordinating with Department for the installation ceremony.
- Members may be nominated for office without being present at the meeting in which nominations take place. Individuals nominated for office must acknowledge acceptance of the nomination in person at a future pre-election general meeting, or acknowledge said nomination through the Nominations
 Committee, Post Commander, or Post Adjutant.
- Preferably, if nominee is absent, a letter of acceptance to the Commander on pending nomination should be sent prior to a nomination meeting.





World War II

Navy Ordnanceman First Class Anthony DiPetta – 24. Lost September 10, 1944 when the TBM-1D Avenger he was on was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire and crashed into the water near Palu Islands. Accounted for January 3, 2023.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Carl Nesbitt – 23. Lost May 29, 1944 when the B-17G Flying Fortress bomber he was piloting was attacked by enemy fighters and the plane was shot down. Six of the 10 crew members were able to escape the plane before it crashed, while the rest of the crew, including Nesbett, were killed. Accounted for September 9, 2022 – Announced for January 12, 2023.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Melvin Meyer – 25. Lost May 29, 1944 when the B-17G Flying Fortress bomber he was the bombadier on was attacked by enemy fighters and the plane was shot down. Six of the 10 crew members were able to escape the plane before it crashed, while the rest of the crew, including Meyer, were killed. Accounted for September 9, 2022 – Announced for January 17, 2023.

Army Pfc. Mark Wilson – 20. Lost November 8, 1944 while his Batalion was holding the town of Komerscheidt, Germany, in the Hürtgen Forest, when he was reported missing in action. His body was unable to be recovered and the Germans never reported him as a prisoner of war. Accounted for September 12, 2022 – Announced for January 18, 2023.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. James A. Deeds – 23. Lost August 1, 1943when the B-24 Liberator bomber he was piloting was hit bty enemy anti-aircraft fire and crashed during Operation TIDAL WAVE. Accounted for January 3, 2023.

Army Air Vorces 1st Lt. George Reuter – 25. Lost August 1, 1943when the B-24 Liberator bomber he was the Navigator on was hit bty enemy anti-aircraft firc and crashed during Operation TIDAL WAVE. Accounted for January 10, 2023.

Navy Commander Frederick Schrader – 31. Lost October 13, 1944 when his F6F-5 Hellcat fighter was shot down during the Battle of Formosa. No rescue attempt was possible because the crash happened in enemy territory. Accounted for September 27, 2022 – Announced January 20, 2023.

Korea

Army Cpl. Daniel De Anda – 22. Lost March 1951 lost after his unit was attempting to withdraw from Kuni-ri, North Korea, he was reported missing in Action. He died as a Prisoner of War at Camp 5. Accounted for January 10, 2023.

Army Sgt. Charles Garrigus – 24. Lost December 1, 1950 when his Company was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. Accounted for August 2, 2022 – Announced January 20, 2023.

Army Pfc. Ithiel Whatley – 19. Lost July 12, 1950 when he was reported missing in action after his unit was engaged in a fighting withdrawal south of Choci'won, South Korea toward the Kum River. Whatley died as a prisoner of war. Accounted for September 2022 – Announced January 20, 2023.

Army Cpl. Alton Christie -18. Lost July 5, 1950 when he was reported missing when his unit was engaged with the Korean People's Army near Osan, South Korea.

Announced July 28, 2022 – Accounted for January 20, 2023.

Vietnam

Army Pfc. Thomas Green – 19. Lost October 26, 1971 when the CH47B Chinook helicopter went down over water in bad weather. Remains of four of the 10 Soldiers on board recovered during the search and rescue operations following the crash, but Green was not recovered Announced August 23, 2022 – Announced January 6, 2023.





Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update

City of McMinnville Parks and Recreation is working on our Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces (PROS) plan, which is the master plan for outdoor spaces in McMinnville.

This could be new parks, upgrades to current parks, hiking/walking trails, athletic fields/courts, or other things the community thinks we may need. We would love the input from the American Legion members and American Legion Riders.

This 15 minute survey is intended to gather the **COMMUNITY'S VISION** for a more equitable and inclusive park and recreation system that best serves McMinnville for years to come! To take the survey go to Parks & Rec Program Survey | McMinnville Oregon.

Feel free to contact the Recreation Sport Manager, Steve Ganzer at 503.474.4930 or Parks and Recreation Director Susan Muir susan.muir@mcminnvilleoregon.gov.



Auxiliary: The New Year has just started, and it feels like it's going fast...January is already gone. The Auxiliary meet for the monthly meeting on January 17th and those members attending voted to support the following organizations.

 Juliette's House. Juliette's House is a Child Abuse Intervention Center (CAIC) that for 20 years has provided service to Yamhill, Polk and surrounding counties of northwest Oregon.

Their mission is to compassionately assess and provide support to abused or neglected children. The Auxiliary donated \$500 to become a part of our communities working together with those at Juliette's House to fight against child abuse.

MVP Softball. MVP Softball is a spring & summer program that is made up of 5 teams at the 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U levels with girls from all over Yamhill County (Dayton, McMinnville, Yamhill, Carlton, Willamina and Sheridan). The Auxiliary voted to continue our Silver Sponsorship level at \$250.

Paid Membership is at 69 – please remember to pay your dues.

We were also reminded that it is time to be thinking of the coming 2023 election of Auxiliary Officers. New Board members provide fresh ideas and keep our Auxiliary strong.

Please consider running for one of the positions or nominate someone who you feel has the talents and skills to help us support our veterans and communities.

Please contact Auxiliary Chaplin Susan Haley at 503-348-7703 if you know of any Auxiliary members who are sick or in need of assistance.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be on February 21, 2023 at 6:00pm





Su	M	Т	W	Th	F	Sat
			1 SON's 6:30 PM	2	3 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion KP 5:00 PM	4 Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
5 Bingo	6	7 House Committee 5:00 AM	8	9	Prime Rib Dinner Special - Auxiliary KP 5:00 PM	11
Bingo Superbowl Pot Luck 3:30 PM	Activities Committee 5:00 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	14 Valentines Day Dinner 4:30 PM	15 General Membership 6:30 PM	16	Prime Rib Dinner Special - Sons KP 5:00 PM	18
19 Bingo	20	21	Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM	23	Prime Rib Dinner Special - Riders KP 5:00 PM	25
26 Bingo	27	28				

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Roger Aaron, Victor Banke, Rufus "Butch" Clason, Chris Crossley, James Densmore, William Ellis, Gerald Evers, Rick Goodman, Clair Hutton, Dan Jones, Keith Kirkman, Stan Kosmicki, Steven Kossman, Richard Lund, Don McInnis, Thomas Miller, John Mohammed, Michael Morris, Leonard Pardue, Dennis Parr, Craig Pubols, Richard Skeffington, Andrea Smother, Jon Stensland, Dennis Strutz, Keith Urban, Roland Voratth, James Wagner, Mickey Wood

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OFFICERS

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander – Juan Palacios

1st Vice – Joe Gallagher

2nd Vice – Jim Connelly

JAG – Steve Randles

Finance – Gale Sears

Adjutant – Shirley Brown

Sgt at Arms – Robert De Kar

Historian – Leroy Brown

Chaplain – Thomas Clayton

Service Officer – Armond Pilotte

At Large – Bob Berweger

At Large – Dan Brown

AUXILIARY

At Large – Rich Pimm

President – Goya Hernandez Vice/Treasurer – Becky Berweger Secretary – Diane Heaton Membership – Sim Sears Historian – Glena Smith Service Officer – Carol Doege Chaplain – Susan Haley Sgt at Arms – Gail Wilson

Sons of the American Legion

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

The American Legion Riders

Director – Terry Naig
Asst. Director – Bill Linndeman
Secretary – Leanne Schnell
Treasurer – Sim Sears
Sgt at Arms – Robert De Kar
Road Capt. – Tony Amodeo
Historian – Jim Connelly

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