

# AMERICAN LEGION

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

**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 several 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 want 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*



## Potluck

**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.





The most recent identified POW/MIA.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Nesbitt, were killed. Accounted for September 9, 2022 – Announced for January 12, 2023.

**Army Air Forces 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Melvin Meyer – 25.** Lost May 29, 1944 when the B-17G Flying Fortress bomber he was the bombardier 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 Battalion 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 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James A. Deeds – 23.** Lost August 1, 1943 when the B-24 Liberator bomber he was piloting was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire and crashed during Operation TIDAL WAVE. Accounted for January 3, 2023.

**Army Air Forces 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. George Reuter – 25.** Lost August 1, 1943 when the B-24 Liberator bomber he was the Navigator on was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire 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 Chocí'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@mcminnvilleregon.gov](mailto:susan.muir@mcminnvilleregon.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	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> Bingo	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> House Committee 5:00 AM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Prime Rib Dinner Special - Auxiliary KP 5:00 PM	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Bingo Superbowl Pot Luck 3:30 PM	<b>13</b> Activities Committee 5:00 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	<b>14</b> Valentines Day Dinner 4:30 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>
<b>19</b> Bingo	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 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> Bingo	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>				

**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  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Joe Gallagher  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
At Large – Rich Pimm

### AUXILIARY

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  
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 – 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

## Join us for Valentine's Day Dinner

**February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 – 7:00**

**\$15.00 Plate**

**\$4.00 Mimosas**

### ENTRÉE 1

Scallop & Shrimp Pasta  
Green Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Strawberry Royale Dessert

### ENTRÉE 2

Beef Brisket  
Roasted Baby Potatoes  
Carrots  
Green Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Strawberry Royale Dessert

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