

# AMERICAN LEGION

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

**Commander:** HELLO Legionaries,

I see that the Lord has keep you safe and out of harm's way. Thank you, Lord.

The club room has been busy with people. People eating and kids having a good time. The Honor Room being used for events.

Our Post is ahead of schedule on the American Legion 2023 State Convention. We have received several paid ads and commitment of money. There is still a lot of hard work ahead of us. If you want to volunteer on a committee, please let me know so I can place you on a committee that you want.

There are several events coming up, please give a helping hand if you can. The reward for volunteering is greater than money. Gives you a sense of satisfaction and well-being. A little bit helps. Let's keep our Post shining.

We have to watch our behavior when we are at the Post. We want people coming back knowing it is a safe and friendly establishment.

Also, we have to remember that we are not in the military and at the base club. People come to our Post to support us. They do not want to listen to us yelling with foul language or rude comments. Sometimes there are children present. So please let's be careful.

A lot of people do not know how HOT it is in the kitchen. The kitchen has a small grill to cook on. The cook has to cook and wash the dishes. So, we hired two new people and have to train them. But it's a good thing.

I see a lot of members helping in policing their table when they are done. They place their dishes in one spot or take them to counter. You do not know how helpful this is. The staff is grateful for the help especially when it is busy. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!!

Let's be careful in the heat and be safe. May the Good Lord keep you and your family safe.

Do you know what Semper Fi means? It's short for Semper fidelis which is a Latin phrase that means "always faithful" or "always loyal." What a great word all the way around.

So, Semper Fi my friends.

*Juan Palacios, Commander*



**Riders:** The riders have been busy with poker runs, escorts for Veterans and enjoying the great weather.

We help out with Friday night dinners and other events at the post.

The Riders have been asked to do a flag escort for the International Air Show the weekend of August 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Riders will have their annual Scholarship poker run on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for donations for raffle and auction items. If you have something you would like to donate, please get in touch with me or any of the riders.

It is great seeing everyone at the post having a good time and enjoying the good food.

*Terry Naig, Director*



**Chaplain:** To all my vet friends here come to another month that has come and gone. It's so nice to see members coming out to the meetings each month. Remember you are important to the way our post grows and in the way we move as a post.

It is with my sad duty to say that we lost another one of our members this month. Randy Webb passed away. He has gone on to his reward into the sky and what God has called him to be. Remember to keep his family in your prayers.

Our legion family has always been a moving force in the community that we live in. All of them in their own way works for Veterans in whatever they do. I have been watching that even today many vets that were lost in the wars past are even today are still coming home to their families. We are a people that don't forget their service that they have given to our country.

In closing let me say "Let's be safe out there" and I hope to see you at our next meeting. May God keep his hand on you as you walk each day. Keep cool in these hot days that come on us.

Chaplain Thomas, [armynavy6782@gmail.com](mailto:armynavy6782@gmail.com)  
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**Sons:** Hello everyone, I would like to thank all that attended the Korean War breakfast. We had 3 Korean war veterans and 2 World War II veterans that attended, everyone was pleased with a nourishing, hearty breakfast.

The Sons will continue to help with functions at the Legion.

I would like to invite all SAL members to attend our meetings. The August meeting is on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30. Have a good month and always help some.

*Terry Naig, Commander*



**Auxiliary:** Unit 21 was the recipient of 2 awards during The American Legion Department of Oregon 2022 Convention:

- 1) 100% Membership
- 2) Public Relations Report, Unit 21 is also truly fortunate to have members who continue to be involved at the State and District levels of the Auxiliary. Debra Godwin was re-elected as Auxiliary Department of Oregon President. Gregoria Hernandez is now the Auxiliary Department of Oregon Chaplin and Glenda Smith continues as District 2 Vice-President. Congratulations ladies and we applaud your willingness to step-up and serve.

Here at Post 21 Auxiliary members were busy helping with the following:

- ☞ 4<sup>th</sup> of July Car show and BBQ
- ☞ Prime Rib Night
- ☞ Stuffing Golf Tournament gift bags
- ☞ July 23<sup>rd</sup> Golf Tournament
- ☞ Operating the Yard Sale Donations drop-off site.

Speaking of the Yard Sale – Thank You to all who have donated items and/or their time. The weather has been severe to work in, but things are taking shape and both the Red Conex and the Auxiliary storage are full. What is needed now is enough VOLUNTEERS to set-up canopies, tables, shelving, transport items from storage to the Legion back yard, unbox, price and work at the sale. PLEASE HELP!!! Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> VOLUNTEERS NEEDED EVERY DAY!!!

Coming events that volunteers are needed: Annual Auxiliary Yard Sale – Contact (PIC) Dianne Heaton at 971-237-4122

Air Show – 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sign-up sheet at Legion.  
Riders Scholarship Poker Run – Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.

REMINDERS – It's time to pay Annual Auxiliary Membership Dues.

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 August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

*Becky Berweger, Vice President*



The most recent identified POW/MIA.

## World War II

**Marine Corps Sgt. Arthur Ervin – 22.** Lost July 5, 1944 when he was shot by a sniper while trying to assist a wounded comrade during the invasion of the island of Saipan. Due to the chaos surrounding the battle and its aftermath, his body was unable to be recovered. Announced June 21, 2022.

**Army Pfc. John Ferguson – 20.** Lost December 10, 1942 after surviving the Bataan Death March and being held as a prisoner of war at the Cabanatuan POW camp, where he perished. Accounted for July 14, 2022.

**Army Pfc. John Gordon – 32.** Lost January 17, 1945 when his unit was engaged with German forces during the Battle of Reipertswiller in France. Gordon was killed when his company was subjected to a German counter attack. Accounted for July 13, 2022.

**U.S. Army Air Forces Sgt. Zelwood Gravlin – 21.** Lost August 1, 1943 when the B-24 Liberator he was serving on as the armorer-gunner was hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed during Operation Tidal Wave. Accounted for July 12, 2022.

**Army Pfc. Donald Hofman – 19** Lost January 20, 1945 when his unit was surrounded by German forces while being pounded by artillery and mortar fire. Only two men made it through German lines. The rest were either captured or killed. Hofman was among those killed. Accounted for July 8, 2022.

**Navy Machinist's Mate 1<sup>st</sup> Class Keith Tipsword – 27.** Lost December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor – USS Virginia. Accounted for July 12, 2022.

**Army Pfc. Lowell Smith – 24.** Lost January 21, 1945 when his rifle squad attacked German forces surrounding several companies in an attempt to help them break out. His squad came under enemy artillery and mortar fire followed by sniper and machine gun fire and was forced to withdraw. When the unit reassembled, Smith was missing. German records discovered a death report for Smith dated the day he went missing. Accounted for June 21, 2022.

**U.S. Army Air Forces Sgt. Herald Boyd– 25.** Lost February 3, 1945 when the B-17G Flying Fortress bomber he was serving as a gunner was struck by a ground rocket immediately after dropping its bombs, the plane crashed in a residential area of Berlin. Boyd was killed in the crash. Accounted for July 8, 2022.

**Marine Corps Cpl. Jack Brown – 22.** Lost July 8, 1944 during the invasion of the island of Saipan. Brown was reported killed in action but his body was not able to be recovered. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Announced July 14, 2022

**U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Moses Tate – 23.** Lost August 1, 1943 when the B-24 Liberator on which Tate was a gunner was hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed during Operation TIDAL WAVE. Accounted for July 12, 2022.

**U.S. Army Air Forces 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Pharis Weekley – 21.** Lost August 1, 1943 when the B-24 Liberator on which he was serving as navigator was hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed during Operation TIDAL WAVE. Accounted for July 12, 2022.

## Korea

**Army Pfc. Edward Reiter – 27.** Lost July 7, 1950 when his unit sustained heavy casualties while defending against the North Korean army's advance near Ch'onan, South Korea. His body was not recovered because his unit was forced to retreat. Accounted for June 21, 2022.

**Army Pfc. Donald Born – 19.** Lost July 30, 1950 when his unit came under attack by the North Korean People's Army causing his unit to withdraw to a new position. Born went missing during the attack and was never listed as a prisoner of war. Accounted for June 21, 2022.

**Army Pfc. Melvin Little Bear – 21.** Lost July 21, 1951 when his unit was attacked by the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces. He was captured and was a prisoner of war at POW Camp No. 1 in North Korea, Little Bear died in captivity. Accounted for July 13, 2022.

**Army Private Felix Yanez – 19.** Lost July 16, 1950 when his Unit came under attack by the North Korean People's Army along the Kum River, north of Taejon, South Korea. Accounted for July 13, 2022.





## What is the history of the three-rifle volley during a Military funeral?

The three-rifle volley consists of no less than three and no more than seven rifles firing three volleys in memory of the fallen. The original history comes from the Roman era that at the end of the day of battle when the field of battle was cleared, if the soldier removing the slain soldier knew the name of the soldier, then they would call his name three times into the night as a form of remembering their sacrifice.

Typically, three fired cartridges are placed into the folded flag prior to presentation to the next of kin; the cartridges signify "duty, honor, and sacrifice."



## END OF THE BASEBALL SEASON CELEBRATION!

Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup>, Post 21 hosted and provided a free meal to the 2 McMinnville Parks and Rec. baseball teams we sponsored.

There were about 52 players and parents who came for the event. The Post provided hamburgers, hot dogs and watermelon for the parents and kids.

The Legionnaires, Sons Riders, Auxiliary that helped were: Dan Brown, cooking the burgers and dogs. Helping serve the parents and kids were Terry Naig, Dr. Kenneth Schmidt, Jim Van Scoyk, Steve Kindel, Jim Connelly and Randy Whithorn!

Bob Berweger, had the best job, serving watermelon, as desert, which was very well received.

Debra Godwin as always, helped the volunteers for what and where questions, and helped keeping the soda pitchers and water filled.

Also at the celebration was Commander Juan Palacios, both teams provided the Commander with a memento of this year's season and a hearty thank you!



## PLEASE GIVE US A HAND!

Many of you know our Post 21 will be helping the International Air Show with setup and tear down. The Air show runs from August 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.

The dates we have been asked to help are Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 8:00 AM, which may change because of heat.

Those that help will be able to attend the show at no charge. We need 10-12 people the first 3 days and more on call if needed.

Sunday is the BIG DAY. If you are available for only one of these days, please make it Sunday at about 4PM.

At the end of the show, we will tear down what was done before the air show. We go till we are done, or the cows come home. This day is ALL HANDS-ON DECK.

Recommended are gloves, work boots, any type of cooling gear you may have, and a hat.

The Show organizers are particularly good about providing water and meals while we work.

If you have additional questions, please speak with Bob Berweger 503 583-0773 or John Mohammed 916 612-1815.



# August

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
	1	2	3 SON's 6:30 PM	4	5 Auxiliary Garage Sale 9:00 AM Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion KP 5:00 PM	6 Auxiliary Garage Sale 9:00 AM Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
7 Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	8	9 House Committee 5:00 PM	10	11	12 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Auxiliary KP 5:00 PM	13
14 Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	15 Activities Committee 5:30 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	16 Auxiliary 6:00 PM	17 General Membership 6:30 PM	18	19 Air Show 12:00 PM Prime Rib Dinner Special - Sons KP 5:00 PM	20 Air Show 9:00 AM
21 Air Show 9:00 AM Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	22	23	24 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM	25	26 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Riders KP 5:00 PM	27
28 Legion Bingo 1:00 PM	29	30	31			

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Timothy Anderson, Al Arguedas, Bob Berweger, Thomas Campos, Steve Carey, Cheryl Groves, Alex Clements, Larry Cutter, James Densmore, Darrel Dierck, Willard Dodds, Jerry Druery, Acie Dunlap, Robert Elder, Bill Ellington, Albert Endres, Edwin Errand, Daniel Gomes, Thomas Hamilton, Kathryn Hunter, Ralph Juda, Earl Lassador, Edward McCallen, Gary Perkins, Gordon Pratt, Sarge Riha, Don Ruffner, Brian Russell, Gale Sears, Chris Sieber, Larry Smith, Cade Stahl, Doug Tunde, Seth Urban, James Vanice, Leon Weatherman, Emily Yoder, Russell Young

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Sgt at Arms – Robert De Kar  
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At Large – Dan Brown  
At Large – Rich Pimm

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President – Goya Hernandez  
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### Sons of the American Legion

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Director – Terry Naig  
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Secretary – Leanne Schnell  
Treasurer – Sim Sears  
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Historian – Jim Connelly

## VALENTINES WEEK 2023!



## WORLD MARK DEPOE BAY



## RAFFLE TICKETS \$20.00



One week stay for 4 in a 2-  
bedroom 2-bath Condo.

**February 10-17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Raffle tickets are on sale now  
through November 16th.

## IF YOU CAN'T GO, WHAT A WONDERFUL GIFT TO GIVE!

Enjoy doing nothing, just watching the  
Ocean, and if you're real lucky see a  
Whale spout!

Go for a swim in one of the 3 pools or  
relax in one of the 3 hot tubs.

Only 200 tickets will be sold.



Proceeds will be shared by the Legion and Auxiliary.

Call Bob Berweger 503 583-0773 or Becky Berweger 503 434-1834.



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