## THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 21

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**Commander:** This has not been a good time here at the post we have lost two members and have others facing health challenges. Please keep Don Watts one of our founding members in your prayers with the passing of his wife Toni. We also lost Randy Miller and Terry Ward as of this letter is at the VA hospital let's all pray for Terry's quick recovery. Also keep Linda Ward and Carrie Miller in your prayers as they deal with their day to day life.

Thank you, Steve Farley.

**House Committee:** We are looking at the 22nd of September for out next cleanup day and we will be looking for volunteers.

One of our freezers went out and had to be replaced, we were able to save the frozen food that was stored in it thanks to the quick thinking of the staff. We have replaced two of the window blinds and are working on replacing more in the future.

If you have any signs or adds that you would like displayed, please take them to the club manager for placement. We have  $8 \times 11.5$  magnetic sign holders for the doors, no more tape.

We are still looking for members for the house committee. If you are interested, please contact me.

Remember this is your post so help keep it up.
We are having the bell put back on the bar so if the Bartender is out of the room they will know they have a customer. PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE IT.

Thank you

Ted Campbell, Chair House Committee.

#### Son's:

The Sons of American Legion it is time for the annual dues and they are \$30 for a SAL member, \$20 for a dual member. I would like everyone to help grow our membership by getting qualified people to join. The basic is to be son of a veteran but you can also join if a grandfather, a great grandfather or a step father was a veteran with an honorable discharge. This will help Post 2 Son's to grow and help our veterans. Thanks to everyone for the help and remember to come to a meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

## **Adjutant Terry Naig**



Service Officer: ITS RACE TIME AGAIN!! The American Legion Second Annual Derby Race. Derby cars are available at the post, see the bartender or call Jeanne at 503-550-2095. Last year was a real fun day full of cheers and laughter! I could use help with setting the track up Friday September 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

This race is for all post families and their families, so feel free to get your grandkids and family involved. We have a limited number of cars so the sooner you purchase your car the better chance you'll have to get the style you like. There will be a BBQ of hotdogs chips and trimmings for 5 dollars. Winner circle and awards will follow the race and after participants have eaten.

There is a junior division 12 and under everyone else is in the senior division. Rules are in each car kit, if you lose a part it's up to you to find a replacement. See You at the Races

Thanks everyone
Jeanne Clayton Service Officer

**Chaplain:** Well here we go another month has come and gone. Many visits to members that were in the hospital. I'm sad to say that we lost one of our members on August 2nd. James (Jim) I. Mayes passed away. Please remember his wife and children.

Jim was a Navy Veteran serving during Viet Nam. He will be missed. Also remember "Toni Watts" who also passed. Remember her husband Don.

On another note in Feb. is the time that we honor four Chaplains that died in WWII. They gave their lives to save others. I hope to have a service at the Post in February to Honor them. Until next time go with God and be safe out there.

## Chaplain, Thomas Clayton

**Honor Guard:** On September  $18^{th} - 11:00$  there will be a Memorial dedication Ceremony for Veterans & First Responders at the

Evergreen Cemetery in McMinnville. The memorial depicts all military branches, police, fire and EMTs along with The American Legion Symbol.



*Riders:* Summer is slowly leaving us, disappearing into the changing of colors. Soon we will be looking at our bikes wishing the weather to change so we can dust them off and hear the roar of the engine. It has been a busy summer and some of us were fortunate to take some time off and explore new territory and meet and make friends with other Legion members from different states and visit their Posts and organizations.

Post 21 Riders had the honor of escorting the Iwo Jima carving, which belonged to Gunny Brandon and now resides with his daughter, from Post 21 to Chinook Winds Casino for a military function from late August to the beginning of September. A huge shout out to Frosty who organized this event. There were about 17 bikes that escorted along with Angel Mendoza of the Honor Guard and Leroy Brown who is our Post Historian and photographer, they were a great help in the escort and traffic control, thank you.

In August the Riders hosted the annual "Poker Run" fund raiser. A lot of work went into organizing this event. I want to personally thank the Post 21 Family for helping make this event a Family event, we could not do this without you.

Lastly school is getting ready to start up again, another indicator that summer is concluding. Let us be mindful of the children that are out there walking, talking, and playing with their friends and may not be paying attention to their surroundings. Let us help be an extra set of ears and eyes for them.

It is with great pride to be member of the Post 21 Family and Post 21 ALR member.

## Jerry George, Director

Gone but never forgotten

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced in August that the remains of the following list U.S. servicemen, have been accounted-for and are being returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

Name	Lost	Accounted for
Albert Kane – USN – Pearl Harbor	12/7/41	8/24/19
Bert McKeeman – USN – Pearl Harbor	12/7/41	8/24/18
Archie T. Miles – USN – Pearl Harbor	12/7/41	8/24/18
William Blancheri – USN – Tarawa	11/20/43	8/24/18
Eugene Eberhardt – USN – Peral Harbor	12/7/41	8/20/18
Kenneth Williams – USA – N. Korea	12/2/80	8/17/18
William Boegli – USA – Palau	9/30/44	8/17/18
Morris Worrell – USA – Phillipines	9/27/42	8/16/18
George Spangenberg – USA – N. Korea	11/2/50	8/15/18
Mathis Ball – USA – N. Korea	7/12/50	8/15/18
Richard Kibbey – USAF – Vietnam	2/6/67	8/13/18
Leo Duquette – USA – S. Korea	7/11/50	8/8/18
Otis Ingram – USN – Palau	7/27/44	8/7/18
John Taylor – USA – S. Korea	8/12/50	8/7/18
Wilbur Barrett – Pearl Harbor	12/7/41	8/2/18

**Auxiliary:** First off! I want to remind everyone that the Post Bar will be closed September 9th from 12:30 - 3:30 due to the District 2 meeting being held at our post.

The annual yard sale was a hit!!!! We raised a little over \$2500. I need to give a shout out to Darla Gregory for making it happen. The Auxiliary would also like to thank Terry Ward, Leroy Brown, and Jim Baker and all the Auxiliary Ladies for your help! Jeanne Clayton and I delivered the clothes that we didn't sell at the yard sale, and donated food to the Gospel Rescue Mission in McMinnville, what a great opportunity to see what they do, and the growth of their shelter!! I learned that YCAP has a Vet's program, so I made a few phone calls wanting to know more. I met with Aaron Orta who runs all the Vet programs, I learned that we have 27 documented homeless vets' in our area, and with the undocumented vet's approximately 200.

Unbelievable!! The Auxiliary will be working very close with Aaron to get OUR Vet's whatever they might need.

The Auxiliary Calendar for the year is filling up!!

9/9/18 - District 2 Meeting

9/18/18 - Auxiliary Membership Open House "Bring a Friend" We have a lot planned that night!!! 10/19/18 - Oktoberfest Dinner ----More info to follow 11/1/18 - The start of the Auxiliary Christmas Basket Donations.

Cold weather is coming. Let's all think about our Vets who live under the bridges, in some doorway, under a tarp, by the river, or in the bushes!! I believe every American Legion Family can make a difference!!!

Our Veteran's and their Families are our focus.

Debra Godwin, President District 2, Unit 21

## **POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony**



# September 2018

Su	M	Т	W	Th	F	Sat
						1 Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
<b>2</b> Bingo 1:00 PM	3 Labor Day House Committee Mtg 4:00 PM	4	Sons Meeting 6:30 PM	6	Prime Rib Dinner 6:00 PM	8
Legion Sponsored Softball Tournament - Salem District 2 Meeting - Bar Closed 12:30 - 3:30 1:00 PM	10	9/11 Rememberance Day 9:00 AM	12 DAV/DAVA 6:30 PM	13	Pinewood Derby Prep Prime Rib Dinner 6:00 PM	15 Pinewood Derby
Bingo 1:00 PM	Executive Committee 6:30 PM	Veterans & First Responders Memorial Dedication 11:00 AM Auxiliary 6:00 PM	Activities Committee 5:30 PM General Membership 6:30 PM	20	POW/MIA Ceremony 5:30 PM Prime Rib Dinner 6:00 PM	22
Bingo 1:00 PM	24	25 AMVETS 6:30 PM	26 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM	27	28 Prime Rib Dinner 6:00 PM	29
<b>30</b> Bingo 1:00 PM						



Joan Bernard, Marie Booner, Teri Eggers, Glenna Smith, Debra Pennington, Tracy Wittrock, Taylor Sanders, Crystall Prescott, Morganne Larmouth, Casey Ott, Jerry George, James Black, Riley Sanders, Kevin Garber, Richard VanDyke, Larry Pedersbeck, Steve Day, Jon Dorrell, Dwayne Jackson, Marvin Worden, Robert Urwin, Thomas Donahue, Eric Abrams, Charles Digsby, John Kincaid, Francis Laughlin, Boyd Hinson, Rod Brown, Stanley Lepkowki, Lynne Harrell, Richard Leipfert, Terry Olson, Garth Confer, Paul Pristavec, Darwin Wilde, Dan Brown, Jerrell Kiess, William Hugelman

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## September

9 – District 2 meeting *(bar closed 2pm-4pm)* 

- 11 Patriot Day
- 15 Pinewood Derby
- 21 POW/MIA Ceremony

### September

13 – Legion Social BBQ

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

Vetsclub.org









This is our solemn pledge, however long it takes, whatever it takes, whatever it cost. And this is our pledge to the families of the missing and to you their comrades, that your government will not rest until all come home.