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**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY**

**Commander:** Good news now that the Governor has lifted some of the restrictions we are now open again with limited hours and limited days. Our hours are 0800 to 2200hrs Wednesday through Sunday hours are dependent on business closing could be earlier. We have moved tables to make sure that social distancing is being observed there will be no seating or standing at the bar until further restrictions are lifted. We are working on getting back to full staff and as soon as we can we will go back to normal days of operation.

With the reduced regulations we will also be having our regular Legion meetings in June please check with your family branch for information on family meetings. Our Executive Board voted to go with National and Department suggestions to suspend the bylaws for this voting cycle and have all officers remain in place for the coming year. This will be pending the individual officer and their ability to continue in place. If for any reason an officer cannot or does not wish to continue, they will be thanked for their service to the post and the e-board will work on a replacement. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in the near future.

*Steve Farley, Commander*



**Auxiliary:** Not much going on with Auxiliary. We were asked to visit some of our Veterans in an assisted living home for Veterans Day. It was nice to go and visit even with strict guidelines in place for social distancing. We have been asked to put together a drive by parade for Father's Day, at Fir Crest assisted living. They would love to have several motorcycle rides and cars as we can get together. I am calling on all Legion Families to help me make this happen. If you would like to participate please let me know. You can usually find me at the post. I can't wait to get back to normal and start holding meetings again, stay safe my legion family!

Congratulations to Goya "Gregoria" Hernandez your 2020-2021 District 2 Auxiliary President and Glenna Smith the new 2020-2021 District 2 Vice President. Debra is running for Department of Oregon Vice President. Good Luck to all!

*Debra Godwin, President.*

**Sons:** The Sons will be having their meeting at the Post on June 3 at 6:30. This is the regular monthly meeting and hope to see everyone there.

Everyone, please stay healthy and be safe.

*Terry Naig - Commander*

## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO LOCAL STUDENTS



In 2017-2018 Post 21, The American Legion Riders broke away from the National Legacy Run after being told the Foundation was self-supporting. Throughout 2018 and 2019, the American Legion Riders rode in numerous Poker Runs, held functions such as BBQ's and Raffles, to bolster the War Chest of our "newly" established Scholarship Fund.



We looked at the funds that would have gone to National, voted to start a "Scholarship Fund" essentially addressing the purpose of the "National Legacy Run," and determined that we would support local students.

Our main criteria to apply had to be that the student has or had a family member, including grandparents, that served in the military. If not, then the student may not apply. We voted to support local students of Amity, Dayton, McMinnville, Perrydale, Sheridan, and Willamina.

Last year The Legion Riders awarded two \$500.00 scholarships to Kyle McGlee – McMinnville; and Hailey Meyers – Dayton.

There were four Scholarship recipients this year

*Paul Morris – Willamina;  
Libby Glassley – Dayton;  
Jakob Jarvis – Yamhill Carlton;  
Madeline Smith – McMinnville.*



Each student received a scholarship of \$1,000. Proud parents and happy students stood in the Rose Garden on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to receive a token of our appreciation.

*Coach - Jim Connelley*





Following is a summary of News Stories of the most recent identified POW/MIA members from World War II, Korean War and Vietnam.

## World War II

**Marine Corps Pfc. Robert Jenks – 20.** Lost November 22, 1943 after several days of intense fighting with Japanese forces at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for February 4, 2020. Announced May 5, 2020.

**Marine Corps Pfc. Thomas Johnson – 18.** Lost November 23, 1943 after several days of intense fighting with Japanese forces at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for May 6, 2020.

**Army Pfc. Charles Andrews – 25.** Lost December 4, 1944 when his unit was engaged in battle with German forces in the Hürtgen Forest, Germany. Accounted for May 6, 2020.

**Navy Seaman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Floyd Helton, 18 –** Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for April 23, 2020. Accounted for May 15, 2020.

**Marine Corps Pfc. Mervin Galland – 24.** Lost November 22, 1943 after several days of intense fighting with Japanese forces at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands Accounted for May 6, 2020.

**Navy Metalsmith 1<sup>st</sup> Class Leonard Smith, 29 –** Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for April 16, 2020. Accounted May 19, 2020.

**Navy Fireman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Louis Tushla, 25 –** Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for March 27, 2020. Accounted May 19, 2020.

**Marine Corps Pfc. Charles Miller – 19.** Lost November 22, 1943 after several days of intense fighting at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for May 19, 2020.

## Korean War

**Army Cpl. R. B. Cherry – 19.** Reported missing November 27, 1950 near Anju, North Korea. It has been determined that he had been a Prisoner of War in Camp 5 and died of pneumonia in the winter of 1950. Accounted for May 19, 2020.

**Army Sgt. William Cavender – 20.** Lost November 28, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. May 19, 2020.

**Army Sgt. Jesse Hill– 20.** Lost December 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. May 19, 2020.



**Historian:** As many of you know I was planning to have a special recognition for the Post Centennial. The Post Centennial is this coming August 20th. My goal was to raise enough money to present each member with a Centennial Challenge coin and a hat. The coin would be a custom coin and I wanted the members to vote on the design. Well that probably won't happen. At least not the voting part. But I'd like to still get hats and coins for each member. I'll need to get pretty busy when we return next week to start raising money. Some input from the membership would be greatly appreciated

*Leroy Brown, Historian.*

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Cash Management

*Post 21 is accepting applications for experienced cash management and QuickBooks personnel.*

*In order to support veterans' outreach, local youth sports programs, Christmas food Donations and educational scholarships, it is imperative that we manage our assets to the fullest extent possible.*

*Experience has proven that without trustworthy, capable cash management and accounting personnel our assets cannot be managed with confidence. Please consider your personal experiences or through known contacts to help us fill these positions. If you are interested, please contact Gale Sears at [searsjng@yahoo.com](mailto:searsjng@yahoo.com)*

**Chaplain:** At this time, I hope that all is well with all our Legion members. I know that it has been hard with the lock down. But as we come out of the lock down please be careful and stay safe. As your chaplain I have been praying for all of you and for the post. Give a big "thank-you" to the ones that have been working so hard to keep things going at the post. We have some very great workers that worked hard on the takeout orders. Thank-you.

Moving forward we can use all the help that you can give. Remember that this is your Legion Post. I'm here to pray for anyone that is in need. We have some great E-Board members that would be thankful for all your help. If you can stand up and take on a job with the board, please talk to a board member. They have given so much in running the post. I pray all the time that somebody will step up and be there as a part of the board.

*Thomas Clayton, Chaplain*



## THE KOREAN WAR

### A 'Forgotten' Conflict That Shaped the Modern World.

The Korean War has been called "the Forgotten War" in the United States, where coverage was censored, and its memory decades later is often overshadowed by World War II and the Vietnam War.

The three-year conflict in Korea, which pitted communist and capitalist forces against each other, set the stage for decades of tension among North Korea, South Korea and the United States. It also helped set the tone for Soviet-American rivalry during the Cold War, profoundly shaping the world we live in today

The Korean War began when North Korean troops pushed into South Korea along the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel on June 25, 1950. The war pitted South Korea and the United States, fighting under the auspices of the United Nations, against North Korea and China. Other nations contributed troops, too, but American forces did most of the fighting. The Soviet Union supported North Korea at the beginning of the war, giving it arms, tanks and strategic advice. But China soon emerged as its most important ally, sending soldiers to fight in Korea as a way to keep the conflict away from its border.

The war ended up being a see-saw affair that saw the UN forces retreat from North Korea to the Pusan perimeter in southeastern Korean and then forge forward again across the 38th parallel only to be driven south once more by the Chinese forces.

The human cost of the war was catastrophic. In the first month of their operation alone, the Strategic Air Command groups dropped 4,000 tons of bombs. Besides high explosives, the bombers used napalm. In retirement, USAF Chief of Staff, General Curtis LeMay described the devastation saying, "we eventually burned down every town in North Korea... and some in South Korea too. We even burned down [the South Korean city of] Pusan -- an accident, but we burned it down anyway." Estimates of the casualties vary widely, but there is reason to believe that besides the three and a half million military dead, wounded and missing on both sides, more than two million civilians died in North Korea. In the end the border dividing the two countries remained exactly where it had been before the North Korean invasion.

Technically, the Korean War did not end. The fighting stopped when North Korea, China and the United States reached an armistice in 1953. But South Korea did not agree to the armistice, and no formal peace treaty was ever signed.

"There is still a technical state of war between the combatants." Neither North nor South Korea had achieved its goal: the destruction of the opposing regime and reunification of the divided peninsula.

## D-DAY – THE 101<sup>ST</sup> AIRBORNE CRICKET



Shortly after midnight in the early hours of June 6, 1944 Operation Overlord was launched and nearly 20,000 paratroopers dropped behind enemy lines in Normandy to be the first soldiers on the ground on D-Day. Conditions were terrible. Thick cloud cover and fog made it nearly impossible to spot their landing targets, and the night sky was pierced with heavy Nazi anti-aircraft rounds and sniper fire.

For those paratroopers who made it to the ground, many were separated from their units and unsure of their locations. Alone in enemy-held territory, they had to find their comrades in the fog-blanketed dark without tipping off the enemy. Good thing they had their clickers.

Hours earlier, when boarding the aircraft members of the United States 101st Airborne Division were each handed a small metal box that would serve as a low-tech emergency communication device. By pushing down on the lid of the box with the thumb and releasing, it made a sharp clicking sound.

Their instructions were simple. If you're on the ground and hear someone approaching, click once. Two clicks in reply means a friend. No click could mean trouble.

The intention was to discard the cricket (or clicker) twenty-four hours after landing. Allied commanders were worried that the devices would fall into Nazi hands and be used to trick soldiers into thinking that an approaching foe was friendly. The D-Day clickers were only in action for 24 hours, but who knows how many lives were saved by this simple ingenuity.



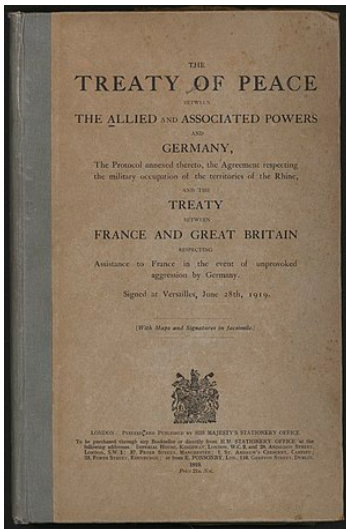
Many of the troops retained their crickets long after the war and have since become iconic symbols to the men of the U.S Airborne and the memory of D-Day.

Where in the World Are the D-Day Clickers?



## JUNE MOMENTS IN HISTORY

06/04/1944 – WWII Europe, Rome is liberated.  
 06/04/1989 – Tiananmen Square massacre.  
 06/05/1968 – Robert Kennedy was assassinated.  
 06/06/1944 – D-Day starts  
 06/11/1994 – After 49 years, the Soviet military occupation of East Germany ended.  
 06/13/1966 – Miranda (constitutional) rights become law.  
 06/14/1775 – The first U.S. Military service, The Continental Army was established.  
 06/15/1215 – King John signed the Magna Carta.  
 06/18/1812 – The U.S. declares war against Great Britain thus starting the War of 1812.  
 06/18/1815 – The Battle of Waterloo ending 23 years of warfare between France and the other powers of Europe.  
 06/18/1983 – Sally Ride became the first American woman in space.  
 06/20/1782 – Congress officially adopted the Great Seal of the United States.  
 06/24/1948 - The Berlin Airlift began.  
 06/25/1876 – The Battle of Little Bighorn.  
 06/25/1950 – The Korean War began.  
 06/26/1945 – The United Nations Charter was signed.  
 06/28/1914 – The Prince of Austria and his wife were assassinated at Sarajevo leading to WWI.  
 06/28/1919 – The Treaty of Versailles formerly ended WWI.  
 06/30/1971 – The 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment was enacted – changing the voting age to 18.



The Treaty of Versailles, signed in June 1919 at the Palace of Versailles in Paris at the end of World War I, codified peace terms between the victorious Allies and Germany. The Treaty of Versailles held Germany responsible for starting the war and imposed harsh penalties in terms of loss of territory, massive reparations payments and demilitarization.

WWI  
THE WAR  
TO  
END ALL WARS



## RIDERS WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO 93 WWII VETERAN

### AND END SAYING FARWELL.

We often get wonderful opportunities to serve and honor veterans and although we're not in it for the proud feelings it returns to us, it can be a nice side benefit. Such was the case on Memorial Day weekend this year.

Charlie McCarthy from Post 10 in Albany recently put out a request for available Legion Riders and Friends to help honor a veteran. Many times, these assemblies are to escort a hero to their final resting place, but this one was different. This was "just" a Happy Birthday drive-by on Sunday, the day before Memorial Day.

World War II US Navy Veteran Charlie Cornelious has been spending his days lately surrounded by loving family in hospice care in Albany. Charlie's family was putting the final touches on what would likely be his last birthday celebration.

In the style of many COVID-era parties, Charlie Cornelious's birthday would be highlighted by a parade. So, several Riders from Post 21 (and 57) made the trek to Albany for this event. As we assembled nearby for the short ride to Mr. Cornelious's viewing stand, it became clear that this thing was bigger than we'd expected.

Fire trucks, police cruisers, classic roadsters, and a whole lot of motorcycles snaked through the small housing development; we slowed, saluted and smiled as Mr. Cornelious did the same. He only saw each of us for a few seconds, but it was clear it was a pretty great day for him. It was definitely a great day for us.

Charlie McCarthy thanked us publicly on behalf of the family of this veteran and we all enjoyed seeing the photos and videos that got posted afterwards.

We got this note the next day from the Cornelious family: "We wanted to share with you folks that sadly Grandpa passed on early this morning. He went to sleep, and it was very peaceful. He had such a wonderful final day. Thank you to all who made it great!!

"Got to celebrate Grandpa's Birthday in such a unique way this year! Getting old is a privilege we should all be so lucky to live a long happy loved life. Thank you to everyone who came out to make this day special!! Special shout out to Albany Police Department, Albany Fire Department and The Legion Riders!"

The honor was ours.

*Paul Schnell, Assistant Director*



# June 2020

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



Stan Amundson, Brittany Brenhaug, Jeffrey Brockett, Todd Burt, Mandy Castro, Marcelle Christie, Consuelo Christianson, Joseph Clements, Wayne Clemmer, Dale Conley, Ronnie Denney, Glen Doty, Brady Elliott, Adam Finnicum, Karen Fisk, Jan Fourier, Midi Henderson, Pat Hermans, Mike Hinds, Robert Huson, Robert Hyde, Darrell Jackson, Albert Laughlin, George Loving, Gerald Lundt, Sue Mariana, Donald McBride, Shannon Miller, Marie Morris, Mike Olson, Marie Ordaz, Frank Pucci, Donald Rue, Paul Schaecher, Thornton Smith, Michael Sweeney, Robert Sweitzer, Jack Williams.

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