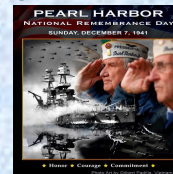


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**Commander:** Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all. It's been a very busy year for Post 21 and its many volunteers. You have accomplished a great deal for our Post and the many Veterans in our area. I thank everyone so very much for all that you do.

Remember to renew your membership so you can continue to be part of this fantastic Legion family.

Wishing you the best in the coming new year. Commander Sears

*Gale Sears*, Commander

**Membership:** Thank you everyone. We made the 65% goal for November, and are on our way to meet the 75% goal for December.

It would be amazing if we could reach 90% by January. So please send in your renewals. And again, if you have paid your dues and received your card, please disregard the late notices you receive. These notices come from National in Illinois and the post has no control over when they get sent.

Thank you everyone for sending in your dues.

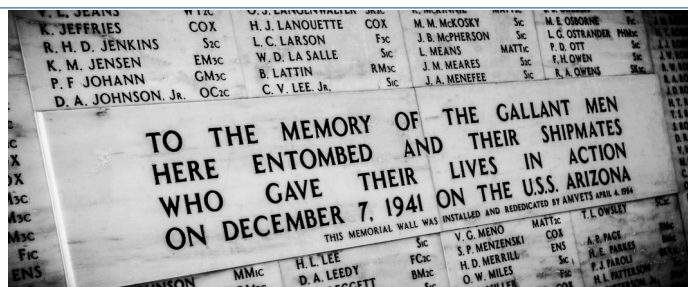
*Shirley Brown*, Adjutant.

**Service Officer:** As I stop to reflect on the last year, I learned a lot about myself and those in the post.

Post 21 has a membership of big hearts, and always pull together to get a job done.

Special thanks to all the folks that help me on our Veterans projects. Looking forward to Christmas at the post.

*Jeanne Clayton*, Service Officer.



**Inscription on the wall at the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial**

## OH, CHRISTMAS TREE,

### Oh Christmas Tree!

**YES! WE DO HAVE CHRISTMAS TREES.** 'Tis the Season and we have the most beautiful Christmas Trees in town. Stop in and pick out your Tree today! Trees are 5-7 feet tall and cost \$20 each. All profits from Christmas tree sales benefit Veterans in



the local area.

**Auxiliary:** The Holidays are here, and the Auxiliary is as busy as ever! We will be having our Christmas Bizarre December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are currently taking donations for our Christmas Baskets. Donations must be turned in to the Legion no later than December 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would love to help shop, sort, fill, or hand out the baskets please contact me at the post. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Jerry Perry won the Red, White and Blue quilt that was raffled off. CONGRAT'S JERRY!!!

I have to brag a little about the most amazing group of ladies I know at Unit 21. As a team, we are heading in the right direction, getting things accomplished, getting programs in place, making good choices. Without the help from all the ladies we could not have gotten it done.

I need to say a great big Thank You to Becky Berweger. and Simm Sears. They went above and beyond to get things fixed and get new programs in place. With that being said they were both presented with the Commanders Challenge Coin, and well deserved I must say!

Our Auxiliary meetings continue to grow. It's nice to see so many attending and getting involved!! I would love to challenge my Ladies to bring a guest, and I challenge the other Family's to increase their attendance!!!! LET THE CHALLENGE BEGIN!!!! Our meeting for December will be held on December 12th at 6pm, at this meeting we will be stuffing the stockings for the Christmas Baskets. I must say I am Honored to represent the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 21.

Merry Christmas to you all.

*Debra Godwin*, President.

**Honor Guard:** A friendly reminder from the Honor Guard. We don't ask for money for Military Honors for our Fallen Veterans. Thanks to everyone for the overwhelming support and



participation for our Veteran & First Responders Parade.

**Riders:** All, the weather has turned and is not very friendly to us that like to get out and ride. With that being said, I feel we had a very successful riding year. Together, as a group, we have logged over 40,000 miles of riding together. The best part of this? We did it SAFELY, as far as I know, we've had zero injuries or crashes. That's phenomenal. That's not to say we haven't had a few bumped or bruised bikes or mechanic failures, but we were all safe. All of our riders that trekked down to San Louis Obispo and back did it safely. That's awesome considering having to ride through California and back. Awesome year riding and I look forward to what 2018 has to offer for riding. The holidays can be a very stressful time for some, we know each other like family and we also know if someone isn't just their normal self. Please, if you see someone that's struggling, have the courage to see if they're ok. There are resources available to Veterans to get them some help. Don't let one of our brothers and sisters struggle, your intervention, no matter how small you think it is, may save life.

I believe we had a successful Thanksgiving Potluck dinner and there was some very tasty food. Thanks to all that participated.

Remember we have our next meeting November 29th and we will not be meeting in the month of December.

1st Gear Out, *Chris Sieber*



### U.S. Battleships Destroyed December 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor



**USS Arizona:** hit by an armor-piercing bomb, exploded; total loss. 1,177 dead.

**USS Oklahoma:** hit by five torpedoes, capsized: total loss. 429 dead. Refloated November 1943; capsized and lost while under tow to the mainland May 1947.

**USS West Virginia:** hit by two bombs, seven torpedoes, sunk; returned to service July 1944. 106 dead.

**USS California:** hit by two bombs, two torpedoes, sunk; returned to service January 1944. 100 dead.

**USS Nevada:** hit by six bombs, one torpedo, beached; returned to service October 1942. 60 dead.

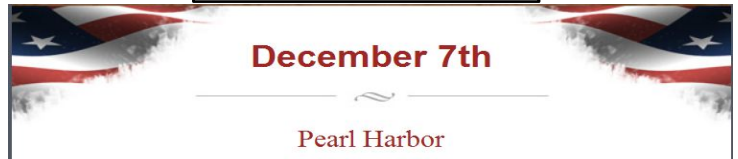
**USS Tennessee:** hit by two bombs; returned to service February 1942. 5 dead

**USS Maryland:** hit by two bombs; returned to service February 1942. 4 dead (including floatplane pilot shot down).

**USS Pennsylvania** (Kimmel's flagship): in dry-dock with Cassin and Downes, hit by one bomb and debris from USS Cassin: remained in service 9 dead.

**USS Utah:** hit by two torpedoes, capsized: total loss. 64 dead.

*Pearl Harbor Breakfast  
December 10 7am – 11 am  
\$7.00 per plate.*

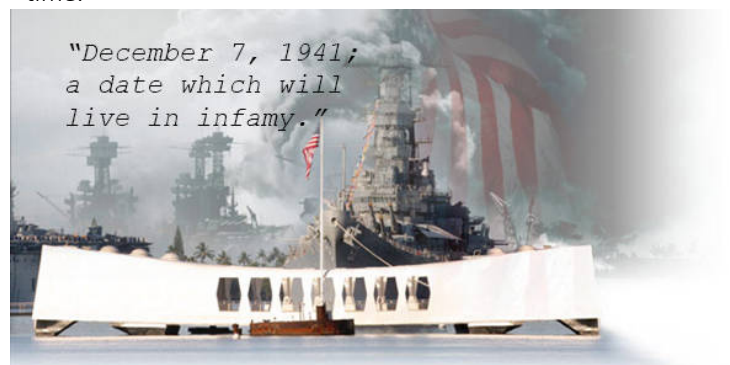


### *"a day which will live in infamy"*

On Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, the American Army and Navy base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy. The attack came as a surprise to the American Army and Navy and lead to great losses of life and equipment. More than 2000 American citizens were killed and more than 1000 were injured. The Americans also lost a large proportion of their battle ships and nearly 200 aircraft that were stationed in the Pacific region. More than 60 Japanese servicemen were killed, injured or captured. The Japanese Navy also lost five midget submarines and 29 aircraft.

The Japanese military had hoped that the attack on Pearl Harbor would prevent the United States of America from increasing her influence in the Pacific. However, the events in Pearl Harbor actually led to the escalation of World War II. The day after the attack, the United States declared war on Japan and so entered World War II. President Franklin Roosevelt in a speech to Congress stated that the bombing of Pearl Harbor was "a date which will live in infamy". Shortly afterwards, Germany also declared war on the United States. In the months that followed the attack, the slogan "Remember Pearl Harbor" swept the United States and radio stations repeatedly played a song of the same name.

Memorials have been built to remember or to symbolize the day. For example, the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor is a marble memorial built over the sunken USS Arizona, which was dedicated in 1962. The memorial remembers all military personnel who were killed in the Pearl Harbor attack. The memorial was designed by architect Alfred Preis, an Austrian-born resident who lived in Honolulu and was placed at a detainment camp after the Pearl Harbor attack as part of the internment policy of Japanese and German Americans at the time.







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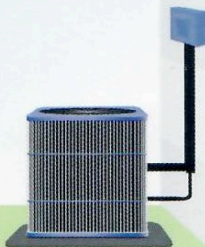
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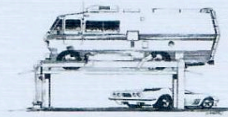
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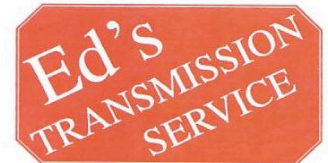
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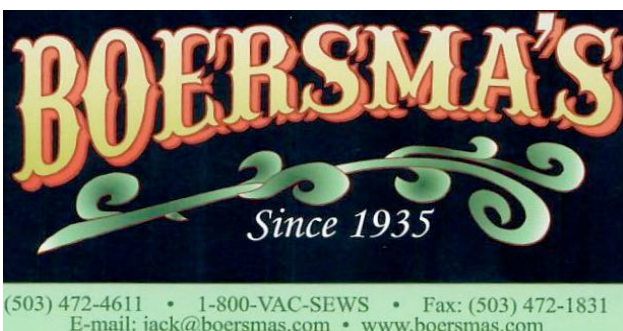
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29 Legion Riders 7:00 pm	30	1	2 Auxiliary Bazaar 10:00 am
3 Combat Veterans Meeting 10:00	4 House Committee 4:00 pm	5 Rambling Rejects 6:00 pm	6 Chamber of Commerce 11:00 Son's Meeting 6:30	7 KYLC Dave Adams - Live Veteran's Broadcast Equestrians 6:00	8 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	9
10 SAL Pearl Harbor Breakfast	11	12 Ladies Auxiliary – 6:00 By-Laws 5:30	13 Legal Committee 5:30 DAV/DAVA 6:30	14 Hunters 6:00	15 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	16
17	18 House Committee 4:00 Executive Committee 6:30	19	20 General Membership 6:30 pm	21	22 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	23 White Elephant Christmas Gift Exchange & Potluck 6:00 pm.
24	25 <b>Merry Christmas</b>	26 AM Vets 6:30	27	28	29 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	30
31 New Year's Eve Party 9:00 pm.	1	2	3	4	5	6

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

*To all the December babies.*

December Birthdays: Kathleen Ardon, Joey Japel, Roberta Nourse, Pam Parkhurst, Rich Pimm, Jesse Brown, "Bear" Mettling, Wanda Tillotson, Alice Blakely, Debra Jushae Sieber, Jeri Paul, Patty Jackson

May you all have many more!



If you would like your Birthday listed, please leave a note at the Bar for Darla Gregory so we can make sure we get Birthday Wishes to everyone.



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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### **DECMBER**

2 – Auxiliary Christmas Bazar  
3 – Combat Veterans Meeting  
6 – Post 21 to Host  
McMinnville Chamber of  
Commerce.  
7 – KLYC Broadcasting Live  
from Post 21  
10 – Pearl Harbor Breakfast  
7-11 sponsored by SAL.  
23 – White Elephant Christmas  
exchange & Potluck 6:00 pm  
31 – New Year's Party  
9pm – Midnight.

**HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR**

**Come join us for New Year's Celebration.  
Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 9 – 12 p.m.**



**Remember our fallen U.S. Veterans.  
Honor those who serve.  
Teach your children the value of freedom.**

On December 16<sup>th</sup> at Arlington National Cemetery and all across America volunteers will place wreaths on the graves of our American Heroes buried in cemeteries across the Nation. Volunteers placing wreaths are encouraged to say the veteran's name aloud and to thank them for their service.

*A person dies twice: once when they take their final breath, and later, the last time their name is spoken.*

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