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Commander: Last month was very busy. Especially during the General Legion meeting, thanks to each of you who found the time and interest to attend. The value that you provide to the issues presented keeps the American Legion on a path for success. Through your support we are moving forward with the purchase of an AED (Automated External Deliberator) and training within the facility along with improving our lighting system to 100% LED.

Congratulations and thank you to the Auxiliary for their chartering and sponsorship of two local Scout troops and to Tony Meeker who this year celebrates his 50th year as a Legionnaire. Both big wins for our post!



Reminder: Nominations are still being accepted for Executive Board posts. Contact Steve Farley at: spfarley@aol.com

Gale Sears Commander

1st Vice: I want to again remind everyone we have the Vietnam Era Veterans pins as well now we have the surviving spouses pin.

Surviving spouse, at time of death, of a veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period 1 November 1955-15 May 1975 regardless of location of service. **Larry Brown**

2nd Vice: Do you have an idea for a fund raiser, would you like to see an event happen at your post? Come share your ideas! Everyone is invited to attend the Activities meetings. They are held on the third Wednesday of every month before the General Membership meeting starting at 5:30. **Terry Ward**

Adjutant: Thank you everyone we did it, we have reached the 100% goal set by National. Remember National is about six months behind in posting dues so if you have a 2018 card you have paid your dues. If you get a Past Due notice from National, please disregard the notice.

Auxiliary: Nominations are still being take for Auxiliary officers – contact Sim Sears.

Thank you all who helped and supported the St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

Special thanks to Clara Abrams and Ted Campbell.

Glena Smith, Secretary

★ BATTLE OF THE BRANCHES ★

United States Navy/Coast Guard – April 8, 2018
United States Army – April 22, 2018

Good luck to all and may the best branch win.

SUPPORT OUR POST!!



Centennial Celebration: The American Legion will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2019. Our Historian Leroy Brown has asked all members past if they have any historical photo's or memorabilia they would like to loan for the 100th Anniversary to contact him. He would like to complete a photo book for the event. His email is mstrleroi317@gmail.com



Club Manager/Employee Appreciation:

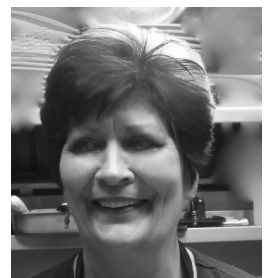
We are so fortunate to have the best cook in McMinnville! Not only is Donna a Fantastic Cook, she is also hard working, dedicated and so much fun!



Donna's soups are the best in McMinnville, but

our patrons say her Clam Chowder is legendary!

Donna Reed, I just want to say Thank You for all you do and Thank You for being here!! Thank you from us all. And thank you from Gina.



Legion Riders: Hello fellow Riders and Legion Family Members, April brings us into Spring and hopefully the start of our riding season. If you're like me, I'm itching for the time to get back on the bike and get some riding in.



April also brings us to our first round of nominations for our upcoming elections. Talking with the Riders leadership, we will be having some members stepping down, if you're interested in being a part of our membership team, don't hesitate to speak up, put your thinking cap on and put some thought into who you think would be a good fit for the upcoming open positions.

The Oregon State **R.O.M.P. (Riding on Military Pride)** is now being held in Tigard, hosted by Post #158; August 10, 11, and 12, 2018. More info to come.

Thanks to ALL for your volunteer hours that you put in for our post, I believe, if I counted correctly, the first quarter of the year, the Riders had over 280 volunteer hours. AWESOME, thank you for all you are doing to keep our post going strong.

Have an AWESOME Spring Break, be safe out there on your scooters and we will see you around the post. **Chris Sieber**

House Committee: We have been busy. We now have 220 on both sides of the building. The food slicer went bad and we have replaced it with a new one that works well. We are working on the mail box issue one of our members, Gene Hamilton has submitted a plan that we hope will please all. We are also looking to replace the shelves in the walk-in cooler. As you can guess this all takes time and labor. We will accept all the help we can get. We are looking at the problems with the flooring in the post. Now that spring is here we will be looking at projects on the outside. As you can see if you have not noticed the American Legion sign is back! A big Thank You to Gene for repairing and repainting it. We are still working on the parking lot issue to keep the fire lanes open.

There are a lot of things that need doing and as I said we can use the help. Anyone interested in helping or becoming a member of the house committee please join us at the next meeting on April 2nd at 4 pm at the post
Thanks **Ted Campbell**

Air Force Breakfast - Thank You! Thank you everyone who helped with the Air Force Breakfast, I must say it really feels like a family when everyone pitches in. And thank you to those who came in for The Best Breakfast in town to show your support for the Air Force



It's not who we are,

It's what we do.....

THE OFFICIAL FLOWER OF THE MILITARY CHILD IS THE DANDELION. WHY?



Dandelions put down roots almost anywhere and it's almost impossible to destroy. It's an unpretentious plant, yet good looking. It's a survivor in a broad range of climates.

Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them. They are hardy and upright. Their roots are strong. Cultivated deeply in the culture of the armed forces.... Planted swiftly and surely. They're ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends.

Military children are well-rounded, culturally aware, tolerant and extremely resilient, they have learned from an early age that home is where the hearts are, that a good friend can be found in every corner of the world.

They learn that to survive means to adapt, that the door that closes one chapter in their life opens to a new and exciting adventure full of new friends and new experiences.

APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD APRIL 30TH IS MILITARY BRATS DAY

**The American Legion – Post 21
Nominations are Open
2018 – 2019
Officers & Executive Committee
Join the team and support Post 21.**



April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday	2	3	4 Sons Meeting 6:30	5	6 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	7
8 NAVY – Battle of Branches Breakfast Lil Farley Spaghetti Feed	9 House Committee 4:00 pm	10 Rambling Rejects 6:00 pm	11 Legal Committee 5:30 DAV/DAVA 6:30	12 Equestrians 6:00	13 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	14
15	16 Executive Committee 6:30	17 Auxiliary 6:30	18 Activities 5:30 General Membership 6:30	19 Hunters 6:00	20 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	21
22 ARMY Battle of Branches Breakfast	23	24 AmVets 6:30	25 Legion Riders Meeting 7:00	26	27 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April Birthdays: Peggy Barnes; Kim Brown; Alana Christensen; Lillian Farley; Ellen Hamel; Kelli Telling; Brooke Zimmerman, Karen Walker; Cheryl Bassham; Lonnie Seizer; Mike Whelan, Steve Sinclair; Jim Ellis; Stevie Landeverde; Dave Smith; Odessa Lemke, Roberta Larmouth.

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.

APRIL THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

April is known as the Month of the Military Child. In that same vein, Military Brats Day is observed on April 30th. Military Brats become accustomed to changing circumstances, moving from base to base, both around the United States and internationally. Answering the often-asked question “Where are you from,” isn’t always an easy task.

Military children are invited to sacrifice but are not given a choice. They go months at a time without seeing a parent who is serving. Frequently leaving friends behind and having to forge new relationships in new towns, military brats can be quick to adapt.

The Military Brats motto is “Children of the world, blown to all corners of the world, we bloom anywhere!” The Dandelion is the symbol of their silent tribe.

Their time as a child will not last forever, however. At some point, they grow to adulthood, though they will forever be, honorably, military brats. When considering the sacrifices of military personnel, don’t forget the sacrifices of the youngest military members, their children.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April

8 – Navy Breakfast
– Lil Farley Birthday Spaghetti Feed.
22 – Army Breakfast

May

5 – Cinco De Mayo Dinner Special
19 – Take a Soldier Fishing – Haag
Lake
13 – Mother's Day Brunch
28 – Memorial Day BBQ

Military children
will say good-bye to
more significant
people by the age
of 18 than the average
person will in their
entire lifetime.



NATIONAL MILITARY BRATS DAY
APRIL 30TH

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