

126 Atlantic Street
McMinnville, OR 97128
503-435-2218 vetsclub.org
vetsclub21@gmail.com

Commander: Members, during these trying times we are doing our best to keep things going while adhering to all state requirements. We are still offering to-go orders from the club from 11am until 6pm if there are enough orders to stay open. If not, we will close after 3pm based on the number of orders, closing times may vary please call to make sure.

The Executive Board met on the 28th of April and voted to hold all officers in place for this coming term, based on recommendation from Department and National. We will address this after we are allowed to meet again as Legion members.

Any officers that do not wish to continue or cannot continue will be thanked for their service and we will vote on a replacement. We also have been working hard to make sure we stay financially stable. Mr. Gale Sears and I have applied for two local grants and as of April 30th we had our Paycheck Protection Program loan approved and sent on for approval from the Feds. Thank you all and stay safe.

Steve Farley, Commander

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.

*Respectfully,
Gale Sears, Finance Officer*

McMinnville Post 21 is open for take-out Tuesday – Saturday,
11:00 – 6:00.

You can also preorder our legendary Prime Rib dinner for Friday night take-out. Call 503-435-218 and order before 6 pm on Thursday so we know how much we will need.

Auxiliary: The Auxiliary has cancelled any upcoming events due to COVID-19. We miss everyone so much. Hope you are all staying home and safe.

We are hoping we will be able to hold our annual yard sale in August.

The Post is open for take-out Tuesday – Saturday at 11:00 am – and if we are busy enough, we stay open until 6:00.

We are keeping the same officers in place, but there will be changes in the appointed positions. As soon as we can hold a meeting new positions will be announced.

Please stay safe.

Debra Godwin, President.

Sons: The Sons of The American Legion meeting in May is cancelled due to COVID-19. Commander Terry Naig will be in touch through email if there is any business to be brought forth. The State Convention is still on at this time but could be changed later.

Please stay healthy and help someone whenever possible.

Terry Naig, Sons Commander

McMinnville Youth Baseball/Softball COVID-19 Update – 4/15/20

No decision has been made regarding the youth softball and baseball season at this time. Online registration will remain open. We will continue to monitor Federal, State and Local authorities' recommendations on public gatherings and social distancing in deciding how to proceed with the season. An update about the season will be posted on the McMinnville Parks and Rec website and on their Facebook page on May 12. If we are not able to play, all registrations will be refunded minus a \$3.00 online processing fee.



The Battle of Hamburger Hill Vietnam War - May 11-20, 1969

The Battle of Hamburger Hill was a battle of the Vietnam War which was fought between the United States and South Vietnam against the North Vietnamese forces from May 10-20, 1969. Although Hill 937 was of little strategic value, U.S. command ordered its capture by direct assault.



The battle took place on Dong Ap Bia (Ap Bia Mountain) in the rugged, jungle-shrouded mountains of South Vietnam, 1.2 miles from the Laotian border. Rising from the floor of the western A Shau Valley, Ap Bia Mountain is a looming, solitary massif, unconnected

to the ridges of the surrounding range. It dominates the northern valley, towering some 937 meters above sea level. The entire mountain is a rugged, uninviting wilderness blanketed in double- and triple-canopy jungle, dense thickets of bamboo, and waist-high elephant grass that in some cases was taller than an M113 Armored Personnel Carrier. Local Montagnard tribesmen called Ap Bia "the mountain of the crouching beast." Official histories of the engagement refer to it as Hill 937, but the American soldiers who fought there dubbed it "Hamburger Hill", suggesting that those who fought on the hill were "chewed up like a hamburger" This also pays homage to a similar fight during the Korean War known as the Battle of Pork Chop Hill.



The U.S. lost 56 men and had 420 wounded during the Battle of Hamburger Hill; the North Vietnamese lost over 600 men. After a long and difficult battle, the U.S. and South Vietnamese were victorious and Hill 937 was secured. However less than fifteen days later orders were given to abandon Hamburger Hill. The sacrifices had provided no advantage.

The media covered the Battle of Hamburger Hill and the subsequent withdrawal extensively and questioned why the battle was necessary. The loss of life, cost in resources and number of wounded at Hamburger Hill made it a key moment in the political arguments that eventually led to the U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam.



Veterans Benefits

Many veterans don't realize that their military service entitles them to be interred in a National Cemetery at no cost to them or their families. Even if you never received disability or any other benefit from the VA, if you served on active duty and were honorably discharged you are eligible. Most veterans and families don't take advantage of this benefit, which would save them thousands of dollars. The most effective way to ensure you get the burial or memorial benefits you and your spouse have earned from military service is through the VA program entitled "Pre-Need Eligibility."

Pre-need establishes eligibility for VA burial and memorial benefits before you die, so your family doesn't have to go searching for documents. Go to www.cem.va.gov/pre-need, fill out the *Application for Pre-Need determination of eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery*, VA Form 40-10007 and fax or mail it to the address indicated on the website.

VA encourages all veterans to take advantage of Pre-Need eligibility to ensure they, and their families know their eligibility status in advance.

The VA will review your application, and you will get a letter confirming or denying eligibility. If approved, place the letter in a safe location, inform your family and rest easy.

MEMORIAL DAY

Honoring Those Who Died in Service to the Nation

- Established in 1868 as Decoration Day by the Grand Army of the Republic, a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead.
- A crowd of about 5 thousand people attended the first large celebration at Arlington National Cemetery in 1868.
- Waterloo, New York, was declared the official birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in 1966.
- Declared a federal holiday in 1971 and observed on the last Monday in May conforming to the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968.
- The National Moment of Remembrance Act of 2010 encourages a moment of silence at 3 pm local time to honor those who died in service to the nation.





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

Army Pvt. Wayne E. Evans – 21. Lost April 9, 1942 after being taken Prisoner after the surrender of Corregidor and held at Cabanatuan POW camp died June 19, 1942, Cabanatuan Prison Camp, Philippines. Accounted for March 30, 2020. Announced April 6, 2020.

Marine Corps Sgt. Donald D. Stoddard – 22. Lost November 22, 1943 after several days of intense fighting at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for March 16, 2020. Announced April 6, 2020.

Army Pfc. Anthony F. Mendonca, 28 . Lost June 28, 1944 at the battle of Saipan. Accounted for April 9, 2020 – Announced April 13, 2020.

Marine Corps Pvt. Jack R. Stambaugh – 20. Lost November 22, 1943 after several days of intense fighting at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for April 9, 2020. Announced April 15, 2020.

Marine Corps Pfc. John W. Hoffman – 21. Lost November 23, 1943 after several days of intense fighting at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for April 9, 2020. Announced April 16, 2020.

Marine Corps Sgt. George R. Reeser – 25. Lost November 22, 1943 after several days of intense fighting at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for March 27, 2020. Announced April 16, 2020.

Marine Corps Pfc. Elden R. Baumbach – 19. Lost November 22, 1943 after several days of intense fighting at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for February 4, 2020. Announced April 16, 2020.

Marine Corps Pvt. Jacob Cruz – 18. Lost November 22, 1943 after several days of intense fighting at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for April 14, 2020. Announced April 17, 2020.

Marine Corps Sgt. Fred Farris – 19. Lost November 20, 1943 after several days of intense fighting at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for April 14, 2020. Announced April 17, 2020.

Army Pfc. Oliver Jeffers – 31. Lost November 10, 1944 when his unit was engaged in battle in the Hürtgen Forest, Germany. Accounted for April 23, 2020. Announced April 24, 2020.

Army Pfc. Clarence W. Brotherton – 20. Lost October 14, 1944 when his unit was engaged in battle in the Raffelsbrand Forest, Germany. Accounted for April 23, 2020. Announced April 24, 2020.

Marine Corps 1st Lt. Hugh D. Fricks – 22. Lost November 20, 1943 after several days of intense fighting at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for March 16, 2020. Announced April 27, 2020.

Marine Cpl. Raymond J. Tuhey – 24. Lost November 23, 1943 after several days of intense fighting at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for April 20, 2020. Announced April 27, 2020.

Marine Pfc. Harold W. Hayden – 19. Lost November 22, 1943 after several days of intense fighting at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for March 30, 2020. Announced April 27, 2020.

Marine Pfc. John E. Gillen – 20. Lost November 22, 1943 after several days of intense fighting at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for April 16, 2020. Announced April 27, 2020.

Army Staff Sgt. Raymond C. Blanton – 19. Lost October 14, 1944 when his unit was engaged in battle in the Raffelsbrand Forest, Germany. Accounted for April 23, 2020. Announced April 28, 2020.

Navy Seaman 1st Class Maurice V. Spangler, 20 – Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for March 27, 2019. Announced May 1, 2020.

Navy Seaman 1st Class James Williams, 20 – Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for March 23, 2019. Announced May 1, 2020.

Navy Fireman 1st Class Samuel C. Steiner, 20 – Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for April 16, 2020. Announced May 1, 2020.

MAY HISTORICAL EVENTS

- 05/01/1960 – U2 pilot Gary Powers shot down by Russia
- 05/02/2011 – US Special Forces kill Osama bin Laden during raid on his secret bunker.
- 05/05/1865 – Decoration Day (Memorial Day) first observed.
- 05/05/1961 – Alan Shepard became the first American in space.
- 05/06/1937 – German Airship Hindenburg burst into flames.
- 05/07/1915 – British passenger ship Lusitania torpedoed by German submarine.
- 05/07/1945 Germany signs unconditional surrender ending World War II in Europe.
- 05/08/1942 – Battle of Coral Sea began, Japans first defeat.
- 05/11/1969 – Battle of “Hamburger Hill” – Vietnam
- 5/14/1942 – Congress allows women to enlist (noncombat)
- 5/18/1980 – Mt. St. Helens erupts.
- 5/20/1927 – Charles Lindberg flies the “Spirit of St. Louis” from New York to Paris.
- 5/20/1932 – Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.
- 05/21/1881 – Red Cross was founded.
- 5/26/1940 – Dunkirk evacuation, saving British forces trapped by advancing German troops.
- 5/27/1937 – Golden Gate Bridge Opens.
- 5/30/1922 – Lincoln Memorial was dedicated.

Korean War

Army Sgt. Billy V. Rodgers – 19. Lost December 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for April 9, 2020. Announced April 10, 2020.

Army Cpl. Eldert J. Beek – 20. Lost December 1, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, accounted for April 14, 2020. Announced April 16, 2020.

Army Cpl. David B. Milano – 17. Lost December 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for April 14, 2020. Announced April 16, 2020.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Redgate – 24. Lost December 11, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, accounted for April 16, 2020. Announced April 17, 2020.

Army Cpl. Henry L. Helms – 24. Lost December 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for April 16, 2020. Announced April 17, 2020.

Army Sgt 1st Class Frank G. Vejar – 19. Lost November 30, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for April 14, 2020. Announced April 20, 2020.

Army Cpl. Benjamin R. Bazzell – 18. Lost November 30, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, accounted for April 16, 2020. Announced April 20, 2020.

Army Cpl. Ralph S. Boughman – 21. Lost December 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for April 20, 2020. Announced April 20, 2020.

Army Cpl. Clifford S. Johnson – 20. Lost December 6, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for April 16, 2020. Announced April 21, 2020.

Army Cpl. Charles E. Hiltibran – 19. Lost December 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for April 20, 2020. Announced April 22, 2020.

Army Pfc. Luis N. Crosby – 19. Lost December 1, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for April 21, 2020. Announced April 22, 2020.

Army Pfc. Bill F. Hobbs – 20. Lost November 30, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for April 20, 2020. Announced April 22, 2020.

Army Sgt. Lloyd A. Alumbaugh – 21. Lost November 28, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for April 21, 2020. Announced April 23, 2020.

Army Cpl. Burl Mullins – 23. Lost November 30, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for April 23, 2020. Announced April 27, 2020.

Army Cpl. Dale Wright – 19. Lost December 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for April 23, 2020. Announced April 27, 2020.

Army Pfc. Glenn E. Collins – 21. Lost December 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for April 23, 2020. Announced April 28, 2020.

Army Pvt. Howard Miller – 22. Lost November 22, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for April 20, 2020. Announced April 30, 2020.



American Legion Rider's Scholarship Update

The deadline to submit an application and required materials has been extended to **May 22nd**.

If you have questions, please contact one of the following: Jim Connelly (503) 550-7451, Mike Paull (971) 237-2826 or Terry Naig (371) 312-2252.

For information go to

<http://vetsclub.org/index.php?id=134>

May 2020

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
					1 Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	2 Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
3 Bingo 1:00 PM	4	5	6 SON's 6:30 PM	7	8 Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	9
10 Bingo 1:00 PM	11	12 AMVETS 6:30 PM	13	14	15 Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	16 Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM
17 Bingo 1:00 PM	18 Finance Committee 5:30 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	19 Auxiliary 6:00 PM	20 Activities Committee 5:00 PM 3 Round & Elections 6:30 PM General Membership 6:30 PM	21	22 Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	23
24 Bingo 1:00 PM	25 Memorial Day BBQ 12:00 PM	26	27 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM	28	29 Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	30
31 Bingo 1:00 PM						

CANCELED

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eric Aberg, William Allen, Tony Amadeo, Garry Angus, Gary Arnold, Steve Bradley, John Carter, Rebecca Christensen, Wayne Clevenger, Harold Crocker, Gary Dawson, Earl James, Dennis Frasier, Joe Garcia, Jay Gautney, Peter Granger, Martha Knapp, Morrie Hantze, John Hatch, Jim Hollard, Dean Krieger, Jim Letourneau, James Lewis, Roswitha Lewis, Juanita Lucht, Laurence Lutz, Peter Martinez, Angel Mendoza, Douglas Morehead, Terry Murrell, Erika Nickolisen, Christopher Nielsen, Bill Nourse, Patrick O'Leary, Erwin Penrose, Anthony Privatsky, Gerald Rima, Michael Ryan, Kay Sadler, David Sleeth, Jim Smith, Jerry Terry, Larry Terry, Terry Ward, Dion Wood, Andrew Worden, Ronda Yeaman.

AMERICAN LEGION – POST 21
126 ATLANTIC STREET
MCMINNVILLE, OR 97128
503-435-2218
VETSCLUB21@GMAIL.COM

OFFICERS

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander – Steve Farley
1st Vice – Bob Berweger
2nd Vice – Terry Ward
JAG – Steve Randles
Finance – Gale Sears
Adjutant – Shirley Brown
Sgt at Arms – Jim Connelly
Historian – Leroy Brown
Chaplain – Thomas Clayton
At Large – Sam Fields
At Large – Cody Pankey
At Large – Paul Schnell

AUXILIARY

President – Debra Godwin
Vice – Glenna Smith
Treasurer – Becky Berweger
Secretary – Tracy Wittrock
Chaplain – Jeanne Clayton
Historian - Goya Hernandez
Sgt at Arms – BJ Wilgus
Membership – Sim Sears

Sons of the American Legion

Commander – Terry Naig
1st Vice - Vacant
2nd Vice – Steve Kindel
Adjutant/Finance: Vacant
Sgt at Arms – Brandon Lepkowski
Chaplain – Pete Jenson



We're on the Web!
Visit us at:
Vetsclub21.org
