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SEPTEMBER

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

SCHOLARSHIP POKER RUN, BBQ, and RAFFLE Rain or Shine ! Saturday, September 12, 2020

Poker Run 8:30 – 3 PM

Registration 8:30 AM under awning in front of Post 21
Breakfast burritos on sale
\$15 1st hand, \$5 for an additional hand
First bike out @ 9 AM
Last bike out @ 10 AM
Mid-point of run is in Tillamook
Expected that bikes will return between 2 and 4 PM
Winning hands will be awarded at the start of the raffle at 4 PM
We will also have bug targets and 50/50 drawing

BBQ & Raffle 3 PM - 5 PM

Patio and backyard at Post 21
Hamburger or Hot Dog meal for \$8 that includes potato salad, baked beans, chips and condiments
Meal will be served by volunteers with COVID precautions in place
Raffle begins at 4 PM

There will be 3 large tables of awesome raffle prizes with a bucket at each for your tickets. Winners will be drawn for each table on a first-announced, first-choice basis. We also have door prizes to award!

While some prizes are motorcycle related - including helmets, outerwear, and gift cards - most are not. There are prize baskets with wine, jam, and cocktail supplies. We have a roaster oven, Pendleton blanket, 4 rounds of golf (with a new bag!), and a wonderful prize package from Carlton Winery Lofts. More tickets mean more winning!

Volunteer assistance is still needed! Please contact Gale Sears if you can help for any part of the day.

Adjutant: Membership renewals are now at 53%, remember the 2021 membership year started on July 1st. If your membership card doesn't look like this then your membership has expired. Please renew sooner rather than later.

Adjutant, Shirley Brown



Riders: Rider membership set a new benchmark this month as new Riders, Evan, Ed and Dan were welcomed to the group. The largest American Legion Riders chapter in the state has now grown to over 60 Riders!

Please make plans to join us on Saturday, September 12, for our Riders Scholarship Fund events. More details elsewhere in this newsletter but here's a quick overview: There are 2 parts to the day: The Poker Run and then the BBQ & Raffle. The run is open to ALL vehicles so please join us for a lovely drive out to Tillamook and back by registering at 8:30 am at Post 21. The Post will be serving breakfast burritos for a nice grab-and-go meal.

Then, at 3 PM, as Riders and drivers make their way back from the coast to Post 21, we will begin serving hamburgers & hot dogs and fixins while you decide which raffle items dazzle you most. We will begin calling ticket numbers about 4 PM and **you must be present to win.**

We will of course be observing COVID-19 protocols to keep everyone safe. Masks are *required* for admittance to the club! If you are available to volunteer in any capacity during the day on the day of our event — at the Post and/or out on the route — please contact Gale Sears. We need assistance from sun-up to sundown so even if you can only pitch in for an hour or two, we'd love to hear from you.

We also received some attention from National recently for our Riders Scholarship Fund. They were particularly interested in sharing our fund-raising ideas and scholarship awards all across the country so other Posts can do the same. It's quite a testament to this group that we've been recognized for doing great work for veterans and their families in our community. The article was posted in all the American Legion social media spaces and on their website.

Of course, our fund-raising efforts are dead in the water without all of the great support we get from all the non-Rider Legion members and families. Thank you all for making this such a high priority here at the Post. We are all beyond thankful for your help.
Paul Schnell, Director.

Auxiliary: We had our first in person Auxiliary meeting since the pandemic on August 18th. It was great to see all the faces!

The Auxiliary will be helping the riders with their poker run on September 12th. We are moving ahead very slowly on our projects but are big on spirit and energy!!

In anticipation of a greater need for assistance this holiday season the auxiliary will be starting the annual Toy & Food drive a little earlier this year. Hopefully we will have flyers posted soon.

Tracy Wittrock, Secretary



Pull for the
House.

Wanted: Pull tabs

We are collecting pull tabs to send to the Ronald McDonald House. We also need three pound coffee cans to put the tabs in.

Pull the tabs from your soda or other beverage cans, soup cans, pet food cans, tennis ball containers, etc.

Ronald McDonald House Charities® provides a "home away from home" for families and their seriously ill or injured children who travel far to receive medical treatment. Portland's two Houses provide a setting in which families connect with other families, and children can meet other children going through a similar experience. During their visit, guests stay in comfortable and lovingly decorated private rooms where they can get a peaceful night's rest, knowing their child is close by.

Why Pull tabs and not the entire can? Ronald McDonald House Charities® collects pull tabs instead of entire aluminum cans because the tabs are pure high-quality aluminum, unlike cans, which consist of aluminum and other alloys. Tabs are also easier to store than whole cans.

How are pull tabs turned into money? After the tabs are collected, a recycling company picks them up and takes them to a local recycling center, where they are weighed to determine their value (varies from 30-50 cents a pound). The recycling center then sends RMHC a check for the total value.

Any questions contact Mike Gregory!

Did You Know?

1 inch = 1 pull tab
1 foot = 12 pull tabs
1 mile = 63,360 pull tabs
1 pound = 1,267 pull tabs
1 million tabs = 730 pounds
730 pounds = Approx. \$219 - \$365



Each year, the Pull Tab program raises nearly three thousand dollars which is used towards the operating budget and helps defer the cost for families staying at the houses.



Ronald McDonald
House Charities®
Oregon & SW Washington

Chaplain: What do you get when you stay away from our Vets? You miss out on all the things that are going on at Post 21.

We had a very good time at the last meeting for the post. It was good to see all that could come out to the post. Keeping in prayer all the ones that have requested prayer. The good Lord is great when he answers prayer.

Please we need someone that can work on QuickBooks. If you can do this for the post, please talk to any officer at the post.

People are starting to move around more and hopefully they are going back to work. Please stay safe.

Please if you need prayer for anything call me.

Chaplain Thomas

American Legion Riders Scholarship Internet Auction

The first Legion Rider Scholarship Internet Auction will end at 10:00 pm on September 1st.

As this is only the first edition, other campaigns will follow. If anyone has items that they would like to donate for future Scholarship Auctions, please contact (Coach) Jim Connelly or Steve Randles. Let's see if we can provide more in scholarship funding for our local youth!



ONLINE AUCTION

*From CSM Jim R. Brown,
Oregon Army National Guard*

To the American Legion - Post 21, on behalf of the Klass family, thank you for the tremendous support yesterday. I really don't think it could have been coordinated any better, truly an amazing job. The plane side honors were very emotional and moving but what you did in support of the family was incredible. They were blown away by all the support, all the first responders on the over passes and the overwhelming support from the community. Being with the family and listening to the joy and amazement of it all, and the heartfelt tears of appreciation go beyond words as to what it meant to them. Please pass on the appreciation from all the family to all that helped support this great event.

*Sincerely,
CSM Jim Brown*





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 Pfc Frank Athon, Jr. – 29. Lost November 22, 1943 after several days of intense fighting at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for July 15, 2020.

Army Air Force Staff Sgt., Charles G. McMackin – 26. Lost on August 1, 1943 when the aircraft he was serving as a bombardier crashed as a result of enemy anti-aircraft fire during Operation TIDAL WAVE. Accounted for August 19, 2020.

Army Sgt., John E. Hurlburt – 26. Lost July 7, 1944 when his unit underwent a massive attack by the Japanese on the island of Saipan. Accounted for August 20, 2020.

USN Fire Controlman 2nd Class, George Gilbert. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for August 24, 2020.

Navy Seaman 1st Class Carl S. Johnson – 20. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS West Virginia. Accounted for August 19, 2020.

Korean War

Army Sgt., James N. Stryker – 20. Lost May 18, 1951, when his unit was attacked near Han'gye, South Korea. Accounted for August 5, 2020.



POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

Friday, September 18

You Are Not Forgotten – that's the central phrase behind the POW/MIA remembrance movement which honors America's prisoners of war, those who are still missing in action and their families.

Many of our service members suffered as prisoners of war during several decades of varying conflicts. While some of them made it home, tens of thousands more never did.

In order to comprehend the importance of this movement, all you need to do is look at the sheer number of Americans who have been listed as POW/MIAs.

- 130,201 World War II service members were imprisoned; 14,072 them died
- 7,140 Korean War service members were imprisoned; 2,701 of them died
- 725 Vietnam War service members were imprisoned; 64 of them died
- 37 service members were imprisoned during conflicts since 1991, including both Gulf wars; none are still in captivity

According to the [Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency](#), 83,114 Americans who fought in those wars are still missing, including:

- 73,515 from World War II (an approximate number due to limited or conflicting data)
- 7,841 from the Korean War
- 1,626 from Vietnam
- 126 from the Cold War
- 6 from conflicts since 1991

The DPAA said about 75 percent of those missing Americans are somewhere in the Asia-Pacific. More than 41,000 have been presumed lost at sea.

Efforts to find those men, identify them and bring them home are constant. For example, the DPAA said that in the past year it has accounted for 41 men missing during the Korean War: 10 had been previously buried as unknowns, 26 were from remains turned over by North Korea in the 1990s, one was from a recovery operation, and four were combinations of remains and recovery operations.

Wreckage of WWII-Era Aircraft Carrier USS Wasp (CV-7) Discovered after 77 years



In January 2019 Paul Allen's research team set out to find *USS Wasp* once more. After several dives, a patch of rough weather, and some expert sleuthing, they found her in 14,000 feet of water, miles from the best estimate of her final position. Video and images show the heavy damage that she sustained, and the surprisingly unchanged condition of her hull and equipment after 77 years underwater.

American aircraft carrier *USS Wasp* (CV 7), went down in September 1942 after she was fatally damaged by Japanese torpedoes.

On her final voyage, *Wasp* was under way in the Coral Sea, escorting transports carrying the Seventh Marine Regiment to reinforce U.S. troops on Guadalcanal, where Japanese forces were pushing back against American efforts to seize the Solomon Islands. On September 15, 1942, she encountered the Japanese submarine *I-19*, which launched a spread of six torpedoes. Japanese torpedoes of that era ran just below the surface and had large explosive warheads that detonated on contact with their target. Three struck the *Wasp* and multiple explosions ripped through the flight deck forward as her ammunition magazines and aviation gas stores caught fire and began to consume the ship from the inside out. Fuel and gas spilled into the water, creating a burning pool on the surface.



The U.S. aircraft carrier *USS Wasp* (CV-7) burning after receiving three torpedo hits from a Japanese submarine.

Unable to save the ship, the order to abandon ship was given and the *Wasp's* crew abandoned the still-floating aircraft carrier, knowing that it would most likely sink on its own within hours. The crew boarded rafts and 1,946 survivors were rescued by the convoy's destroyer escorts. 193 were dead or missing, and 333 of the survivors were wounded.

USS Wasp remained crippled but afloat, and the destroyer *USS Lansdowne* received the order to scuttle her. After three torpedo hits from *Lansdowne*, she went below at 2100 hours.

"*Wasp's* pilots and her aircrew, with their courage and sacrifice, were the ones that held the line against the Japanese. Those who served at that time deserve the gratitude of our nation for holding the Japanese back."

The memory of USS Wasp is carried on by the amphib LHD 1, the tenth U.S. Navy vessel to bear the name. "The crew of the WWII Wasp exhibited the bravery, toughness and resolve that our crew today strives to emulate. We are humbled by the sacrifice of those Wasp sailors, especially those who paid for our freedom with their lives," said Capt. Colby Howard, commanding officer of the current USS Wasp LHD 1 (landing helicopter deck) in a statement. "We hope this discovery gives remaining survivors and their families some degree of closure."



USS Wasp LHD-1 with MV-22 Osprey



September

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
		1	2 SON's 6:30 PM	3	4 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM	5 Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
6 Bingo 1:00 PM	7 Labor Day Holiday	8 AMVETS 6:30 PM	9	10	11 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM	12 Post 21 - Rider's Scholarship Poker Run 8:30 AM
13 Bingo 1:00 PM Dist 2 Meeting - Carlton 2:00 PM	14 Finance Committee 5:00 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	15 Auxiliary 6:00 PM	16 Activities Committee 5:00 PM General Membership 6:30 PM	17	18 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM	19
20 Bingo 1:00 PM	21	22	23 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM	24	25 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM	26
27 Bingo 1:00 PM	28	29	30			



Eric Abrams, Jacqueline Bellwood, James Black, Troy Blair, Dan Brown, Rod Brown, Robin Burnett, Teresa Butler, Thomas Butler, Garth Confer, Cassandra Crossman, Charles Digsby, Thomas Donohue, Kevin Garber, Jerry George, Lynne Harrell, Sharon Haas, Charles Helvie, Boyd Hinson, Dwayne Jackson, Vera James, Sally Kennedy, Francis Laughlin, Richard Leipfert, Stan Lepkowski, Jared Miller, Terry Olson, Casey Ott, Lori Paddock, Larry Pedersbeck, Gerald Perica, Paul Pristavec, Eric Redlin, Riley Sanders, Leanne Schnell, Misty Scott, Daniel Smith, Glenna Smith, Torrey Smith, Richard VanDyke, Darwin Wilde, Marvin Worden, Tracy Wittrock

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Chaplain – Thomas Clayton
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At Large – Jeanne Clayton
At Large – Vacant

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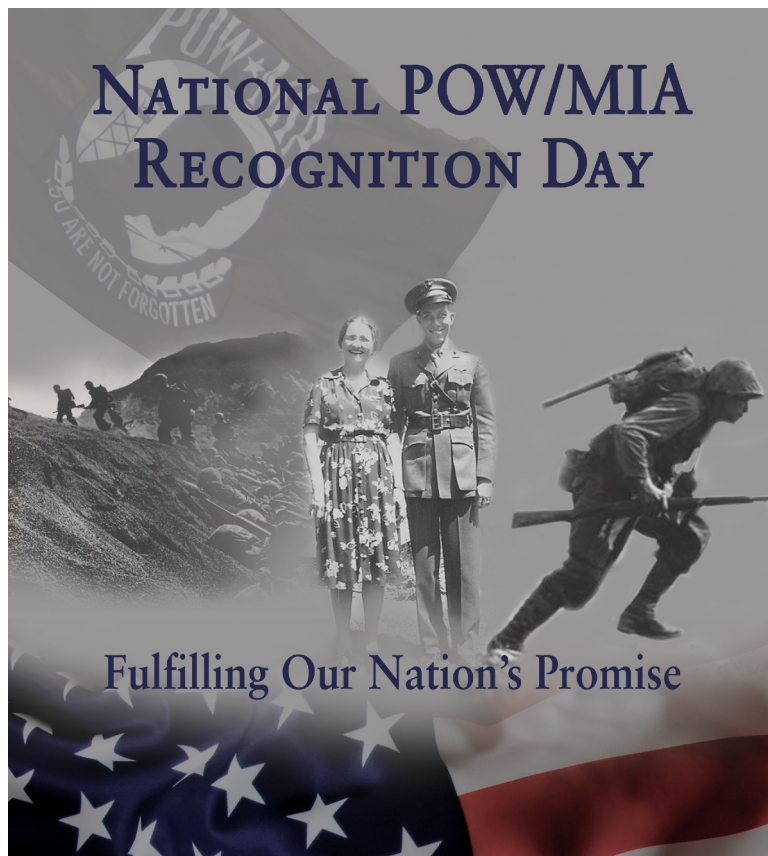
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come out and support our youth!

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