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**Adjutant:** Thank you to those 150 members who have paid their membership dues. Let's see if we can make it to 100% before the beginning of next year!

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice: UNSUNG VOLUNTEERS!** Some of you understand the great need Post 21 has for volunteers. Not often enough are they recognized for what they contribute. As will become apparent the recognition in this article will be from my perspective. Ever wonder why we can park in the field between us and the card lock station? Ron Woodard (a Legion member) knows Mr. Charlie Laughlin (not a Legion member) who owns the property and gets permission for us to park there.

Bob Berweger – First Vice.

"Volunteers aren't paid, not  
because they are worthless,  
but because they are  
priceless."

- Anonymous

**What a busy July it was!** As happens too often things get overlooked, though not mentioned in the July newsletter things were bustling at The American Legion Post 21.

So many things were going on, the Fourth of July, 6 AM a hardy group of volunteers led by Angel Mendoza adorned the Three Mile bridge with Old Glory. 9:30 AM meet at the Eagles Nest, in Whiteson and escort the Iwo Jima statue to *Willamina's Old Fashioned 4th of July*. Between Noon and 4 PM it was all hands-on deck, cranking out hamburgers and hot dogs till they ran out. Not to mention taking the flags on the bridge down and storing them in the afternoon. Then also going to the Volcanos game in Salem. Damn it's only the 5<sup>th</sup>, what next?

July 13<sup>th</sup>; a good number of American Legion Riders took part in the Powwow hosted by the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. Additional Legion Riders, other Legionnaires and Auxiliary ladies made the trip to Albany to congratulate Post 10 for completing their 100<sup>th</sup> year as a Post.

July 17<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting was addressed by Michel Warrens, the Senior Vice President of Ground Operations for the Oregon International Air Show. July 24<sup>th</sup> Mr. Michel Warrens addressed the American Legion Riders.



**The Air Show is coming to McMinnville** and American Legion Post 21 has been invited to participate in the Air Show. The United Veteran's Honor Guard will be presenting the colors, The American Legion Riders have been invited to attend on their motorcycles for the opening ceremonies.

The challenge we face is time sensitive. We need committed volunteers to help build a fence starting September 17<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, the job consists of driving about 200 T-posts about 1 foot into the ground and attaching a fence fabric to them, they are allowing about 2 days to complete the fence construction. This project includes the removal of the fence, which is required to be removed in 1/2 day, on Sunday September 22, and additional jobs.

- Saturday Sept. 14 - help mark out the fence. (2 people)
- Tuesday, Sept. 17 -, Through Friday Sept. 20, time 8:30am – 3pm. (8-10 people)
- Saturday & Sunday, Sept 21 & 22 during the show 8:30am – 4pm. (4-6 people)

Please sign up at the Post or contact me only if you are committed to helping on that time and date. We have till August 7 to accept this work. It will get you into the show at no charge and the Post will receive a donation from the Airshow.

Bob Berweger - First Vice

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## YOU ARE INVITED!

**Don't wait!** Military Personnel - you are invited to receive up to four FREE tickets to our 2019 Walmart Veterans' Chalet on the Friday, Saturday or Sunday Air Show!

Go to the air show website: [oregonairshow.com](http://oregonairshow.com) and click PURCHASE TICKET bar at the top.

- 1) Choose our preferred day to attend and click the corresponding red Air Show Buttons.
- 2) Click the Green Tickets button, click the Enter Promotional Code at the top and use the All-Caps code AMERICANHERO in the field provided. Don't forget to choose how many tickets you will use.

Seating is limited; please select only the number of tickets that you know you will use. Please show your military ID, along with your tickets at the Admissions Gate. Veterans' Chalet tickets and code are intended for service members and their family ONLY and are not to be shared with the public.

Thanks to Walmart for sponsoring the 2019 Veterans' Chalet!



**Auxiliary:** It's membership time again!

We will be holding our Annual Yard Sale August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.



## LADIES AUXILIARY GARAGE SALE

Convention has come and gone. We had a great time and learned a lot. The American Legion Auxiliary will be celebrating their 100 Year Anniversary in November.

Please renew your membership as soon as possible

Debra Godwin – President

**Riders:** It has been a busy summer for all. I am so very proud of our Riders. They represent so well. I have spoken with many other Posts throughout this Great State of Oregon in my travels and I hear them say that you have a great bunch of people and Riders in that Post 21. I have seen many pictures on Social Media of our riders in many different states with their ALR Vests and hats proudly displaying Post 21 McMinnville Oregon. Veterans helping Veterans, that's what it's all about and I believe we as a Post and Riders do.

I want to take this time to thank them for representing us at the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes game on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and hope they had a good time. Thank You Paul and LeAnn Schnell for taking the ball and running with that one. Also, Gale Sears for taking the lead on the Tribal Veterans Pow-Wow and helping getting people out to Grand Ronde for that event.

I am amazed and humbled by the talents of our Riders. I wish those of you that have been through some personal trials of late to heal and get better. Debra JuShae -Sieber and Big Gene come to mind. Remain strong. Rod Moore with some family that recently passed on. Know that you are loved each and every one of you. By that I mean Riders and members of Post 21. We are Family.

Our Scholarship Fund ride is coming upon us soon, September 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be finalizing this event and will be seeking help to make this event special for everyone and the families of the Post. Stay tuned.

Post 21 is a great opportunity to make things better for all of us and to those that have proudly served or had a family member serve this great nation. Ask yourself, what can I do to help. Get involved. Don't sit there and belly ache, do something about it, get involved, join a committee, let your voice be heard, get others involved and let's get others to join our Post and be heard in this area and community.

Jerry George - ALR Post 21 Director

## Can you Help?



## WILL YOU HELP?

**International Air Show**  
please sign-up prior to August 7<sup>th</sup>  
Help is needed Sept. 17 through 22.  
See club Staff for sign-up sheets

**Historian:** Last fall after the Veterans Day Parade I was asked if I'd be interested in working with a group of Sea Cadets at Camp Rilea for their week of training. I didn't know anything about Sea Cadets other than they'd come in and help us out during our Legion Events

I did some research into what the Sea Cadets are all about. The more I learned the more intrigued I became. But nothing could match what it was actually like to work with these kids in this program. To say that I enjoyed it and had a lot of fun would be an understatement.

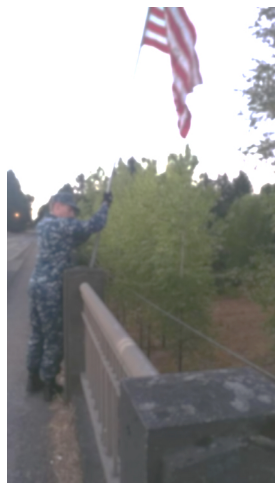
There were four students in my group, two from Washington one from New Jersey and one from here in McMinnville. They were enthusiastic and eager to learn. I spent 5 days teaching them photography, photojournalism and writing.

I would encourage other members to take some time and get with Angel Uscanga, the CO of our Sea Cadets and volunteer some time to help these kids get a step up in life

Leroy P. Brown - Historian

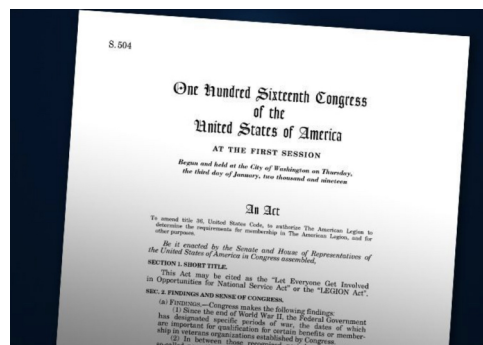


## U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS



Did you know that the Sea Cadets are the ones who put the flags out on the Three Mile Bridge? Yes, it is the Ironside Division of the local Sea Cadets.

**Thank You Sea Cadets!**



### LEGION Act Signed into law – July 30, 2019.

Congress and the White House agree to expand the definition of war eras to include all who served since December 7, 1941. More than 1,600 members of the U.S. Armed forces were killed or wounded in periods of time not designated as war eras since the end of World War II. The newly signed "Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for the National Services Act of 2019 – The Legion Act – honors those veterans, their spouses and descendants, extending membership eligibility in The American Legion Family to hundreds of thousands who had previously been excluded.

The Legion Act offers American Legion membership eligibility to any U.S. military veteran who served at least on day of active military duty since Dec. 7, 1941, and who was honorably discharged or is serving now. The act also affects membership in the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion, expanding eligibility for those groups as well.

### Things you need to know about the LEGION Act.

**Question:** How does this change the eligibility requirements for the American Legion? **Answer:** The only change is that Congress has reduced the number of eligibility periods from seven to two. They are April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 and Dec. 7, 1941 and continuing.

**Question:** What is the impact on Veterans who previously were not eligible for American Legion Membership? **Answer:** Veterans who were honorably discharged but whose service did not fall into previously defined war eras may now join.

**Question:** How does this affect the Sons of the American Legion? **Answer:** Previous ineligible veterans who are now eligible to join the American Legion, their Sons' and grandsons are now also eligible to join the Sons'.

**Question:** How does this affect eligibility for the American Legion Auxiliary? **Answer:** This follows the same concept as the SAL, membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is currently open to grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and adopted female descendants of eligible veterans.

**Question:** I am among the veterans who were not eligible, so why do you want me now? **Answer:** We always wanted you! It took an act of Congress and a Presidential signature to increase eligibility and make that happen. **WELCOME ABOARD!**





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. Connie Cagle** – Lost November 22, 1942 while his unit was engaged with enemy forces in Papua New Guinea, accounted for July 8, 2019.

**Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Paul Cybowski** – Lost September 15, 1943 as a gunner aboard a B-24D aircraft on a bombing mission over Haiphong, French Indochina (present-day Vietnam.) Accounted for July 8, 2019.

**Army Pvt. Laurel Ebert** – Lost November 26, 1942 while on patrol to find and silence an enemy machine gun near Cape Killerton, Papua New Guinea, accounted for July 1, 2019.

**Army Pvt. Penn Franks** – Lost February 10, 1945 while his unit was engaged in battle on the Gothic line in the northern Apennine Mountains near Strettoia, Italy. Accounted for June 24, 2019.

**Army Air Forces Sgt. Howard Gotts** – Lost August 1, 1943 during the bombing mission know as, Operation Tidal Wave, as a member of “the Flying 8-Ball”s against oil fields and refineries at Ploiesti Romania. Accounted for June 24, 2019.

**Navy Mess Attendant 1<sup>st</sup> Class Johnnie Laurie** – Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma, accounted for May 15, 2019.

**Marine Pfc. Kenneth Likens** – Lost November 20, 1943 in an attempt to secure the Betio Island during a battle with the Japanese resistance Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for June 26, 2019

**Army Pfc. Eugene Lochowicz** – Lost February 23, 1945 while his unit was attempting to cross the Roer River in Germany, accounted for July 24, 2019.

**Navy Fire Controlman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Adolph Loebach** - Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma, accounted for July 2, 2019.

**Army Sgt. Robert McCarville** – Lost December 5, 1942 during an assault against enemy positions near Cape Edaiadere, Durpoa Plantation, Paupua New Guinea, accounted for July 10, 2019.

**USMC Pvt. William Rambo** – Lost November 20, 1943 in an attempt to secure the Betio Island during a battle with the Japanese resistance Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for July 13, 2019.

**Army Pvt. James Tick** – Lost November 4, 1944 in a battle against enemy forces in Hürtgen Forest near Germeter, Germany, accounted for June 17, 2019.

**Army Pvt. Charlie Waid**, - Lost November 19, 1942, after being taken prisoner after the fall of Bataan, accounted for July 24, 2019.

**Navy Radioman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Floyd Wells** – Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941 – USS Arizona, accounted for July 2, 2019.

## Korean War

**Army Cpl. Donald Angle** – Lost July 25, 1950 while fighting a battle in the vicinity of Yongdong, South Korea. Accounted for July 2, 2019.

**Marine Pfc. Grady Crawford** – Lost December 1, 1950 while his Division was engaged in combat operations at Ydam-ni, West Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, accounted for May 17, 2019.

**Army Sgt. Vernon Judd** – Lost November 28, 1950 after being captured by enemy forces and imprisoned at Hofong Prisoner of War camp. Accounted for June 24, 2019.

**Army Pfc. David Wilkes** – Lost December 2, 1950 during an attack of overwhelming numbers by the Chinese forces at Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, Accounted for June 28, 2019.

## Vietnam War

**Air Force Major Neal Ward** – Lost June 13, 1969 after leading an armed reconnaissance mission in Lao People’s Democratic Republic, accounted for July 19, 2019.

### Missing in Action

There is no plot I can visit  
Where my tears can fall.  
There is no stone with a name  
To remind me he made it home.

For Me there is only silence,  
Broke by mother’s sorrowful cry.  
If only god will let me know,  
Is he suffering or did he die?

I can see the flags brightly waving,  
As tearful veterans salute as they stand.  
Each with their own painful memories,  
Each remembering a fallen friend.

But for me there is no plot I can visit  
To pay respect to my son that is gone.  
One more rose I toss in the ocean,  
One more tear as I weep alone.

By: Jose Garica Acosta  
For MIA&POW

# August 2019

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



## August Birthday's

Bob Allen, Scott Allen, James Baker, Harley Bowlin, Carol Brown, Teddy Campbell, Robert Cox, Donald Cronin, Alan French, Walter Fuller, James Galbreath, Gregory Richard, Edwin Harris, Jack Hathaway, Dorothy Henderson, Steve Hessling, Gary Jewett, Rory Lay, Terry MacLean, Chester McDonough, Richard McJunkin, Vernon Mediros, Wallace Mekkers, Richard Moffitt, Jeffrey Monahan, Irving Neeld, Juan Palacios, Christopher Parks, Chuck Pattishall, Bruce Petersen, Phil Prater, Richard Randall, Robert Rapp, Lyman Reed, Douglas Ridgeway, Kenneth Rogers, Allen Schmidt, Thomas Self, Mike Slipper, Curtis Talmadge, Rudy Taron, Austin Warner, Jonni Whitney, Jay Wilson

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### Historic Events

8/2/1990 – Iraq invades Kuwait, leading to Desert Storm.  
8/6/1945 – The Enola Gay drops the first atomic bomb on Japan.  
8/13/1961 – Construction of the Berlin Wall begins.  
8/14/1935 – President Roosevelt signs the Social Security Act.  
8/14/1945 – Japan surrenders – ending WWII  
8/18/1920 – Women are granted the right to vote by the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.  
8/21/1959 – Hawaii became the 50<sup>th</sup> State  
8/23/1861 – The first black man to fight for the Union during the Civil war enlists.  
8/29/1991 – Soviet Communist Party ended.

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